

Huws muse : Autumn 2019.



And so the Autumn season is upon us , with winter on the way . Personally I enjoy all the seasons and the difference they bring to our country . Each one has it's own distinct feel and this brings variety to our landscape and climate . As a nation we must enjoy it as it's often all we talk about !

Autumn is characterised by the changing colour of our trees and the amazing show they put on for us . They are preparing to shut down for the winter months and many changes are taking place inside them . by a very clever chemical process they are shutting down and shedding the leaves that have sustained them through the year . It is estimated that an oak tree may shed up to a quarter of a million leaves (which is why in America they call it ' the Fall ') . these fallen leaves will rot down to provide food for the following year . The leaf fall also makes the tree less resistant to the winter winds and therefore less likely to sustain damage .

The trees also shed their nuts and seeds at this time of year providing wildlife with a food store for the winter . The squirrels often forget where they've hidden them (I know the feeling !) and so can germinate to produce new trees for the future .

The whole process of the Autumn change is about nature slowing down and preparing to hibernate for the winter . We are grateful for their spring and summer show and wish them a nice few months sleep .



So get your wellies and bobble hat on and get out there !

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