

Huw's Muse - WOOD: What would we do without it?

My Nan used to say that Wood warms us three times, once when we cut it, again when we move it, and finally when we burn it!

The woodlands and forests that surround us (especially us country folk) are such a vital part of the eco system, not only do they clean the air that we breathe but they also provide a home for millions of different sorts of creatures from tiny insects to the birds.



They are also a host for their fellow flora species e.g. Climbers such as Ivy, Mosses, Lichens, Epiphytes etc.



These in turn provide habitats for even more wildlife.

Then, as if that wasn't enough, when they are felled, they give us any number of different uses, from the building industry to boat construction, furniture to fencing, cricket bats, skittles etc. etc.

When the fallen trees are left in the woods, they rot down to provide further nutrition for the next generation of plants and trees, and while doing so give yet another habitat for invertebrates, insects and fungi etc.



But perhaps, as the summer approaches, we should be grateful for the fact that if dried out, it makes for a great method of cooking some lovely food on the barbeque accompanied by a bottle or two of wine!



HUW.