

OKells Garden Centre, Duddon - January 10th.

Andy's ride to Okells was officially cancelled due to the weather conditions. Is this a first?

What's all the fuss about? It was far worse in 1947. Bread, milk and coal were delivered by sledge from the main road half a mile away and I did not miss one day at school!

Our road remains ungritted



and **our daughter's car** is still marooned outside our house since her 4 hour drive home from Liverpool on Tuesday night.



Here, the bird bath remains unvisited,

the horses wait for their food,





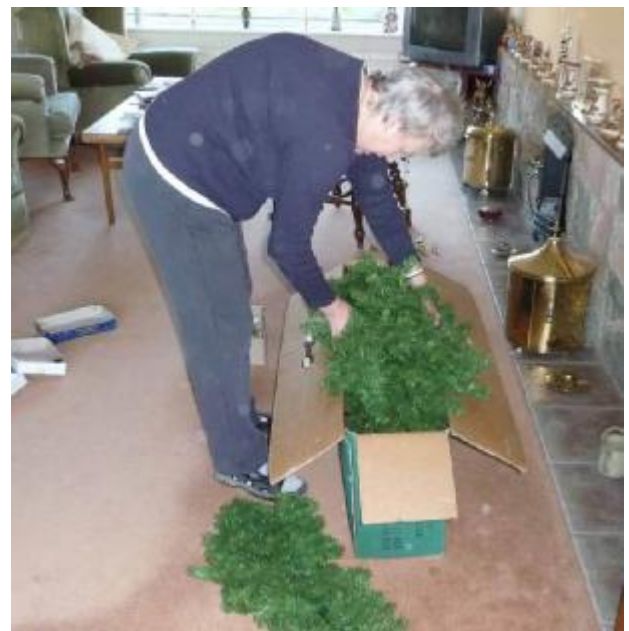
and the plants struggle to survive.



So, what to do?

1. The bikes have already been cleaned and oiled following their last ride to the Xmas Lunch on December 16th 2009.
2. Put the Xmas tree back in its box.
3. Make more soup.
4. Eat warming food.
5. Continue trying to book B&B accommodation in France.
6. Study the weather.

To this end, I have been, like Robert the Bruce (1276-1329),



studying our indoor spider for some clue as to a possible long range weather forecast.

Regrettably, not much luck there. She seems to have killed her mate, cocooned him for a possible snack latter, and retreated to look for another victim. Such is life!

Bob Witton.