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“As the days lengthen, so the cold strengthens” – this has certainly been true following the mildness of February. This year March came in ‘like a lion’ but did not ‘go out like a lamb’! However, we are now truly into Spring which is a long gradual process and not something that happens overnight. There are so many wonderful changes to the countryside and our gardens at this time of year with a lot of things starting to burst back into life again and creating such a dramatic background to our daily lives. The birds have started to sing their songs again, the hedges are already greening-up, the fields of grass and corn are starting to grow again, the fields of oilseed Rape are turning bright yellow but the recent display of white blossom in the hedgerows and the late reminder of wintry weather has heralded in the blackthorn winter. It is to be hoped that the frosts will not have ruined the plum blossom which is very vulnerable. Hopefully it will be that the ‘March winds & April showers bring forth May flowers’.

The sheep returned to their fields with their new lambs a few weeks back and now that the lambs are getting stronger they can be seen gathering in the early evening for their daily routine of racing each other around the field !

Although the oak trees are very much in bud at present it is difficult to know if it will be ‘oak before ash we shall only have a splash’ as normal or whether it will be a repeat of last year when the ash won the contest and we certainly ‘had a soak’ !!

