

Notice Board

We have now drilled the maize! It was planted on 4th May, 11 days later than last year due to the cold wet weather. With a bit of luck and some good warm weather the plants should soon grow to a reasonable height for our opening day.

Growing the maze.

It all starts again after the previous maze has been harvested for cattle feed. The field is prepared by killing off any persistent weeds; it is then rested over the winter till the beginning of April, when some manure is spread on the field (smelly!), it is then ploughed in and a little bit of fertiliser is spread on top to feed the maize plants later. We then wait for the soil temperature to increase, hope for a little rain and by the last week in April we are ready to plant!

A maize drill comes along and plants a 12 metre headland around the field; the seed is planted 2 inches deep and at equidistant spacings. The drill then goes into the middle of the field, plants one way then plants the other way, this gives us a good thick crop so that you shouldn't (!) be able to see where the next path is. In total there will be 813,000 plants in the maize. We don't intend to count them all though!

Once planted we will kill off any weeds, let the plants grow a bit more and then comes the fun bit – marking out the maze! With a little bit of help we mark out the maze using GPS technology spray the paths in the fields and then chop the plants out. In all this will probably take a couple of days, so we hope we get dry weather when doing that job!

Then all we do is wait and hope that by opening day we have a crop that is high enough so you can all GET LOST!!

Halloween - keep checking here for further details closer to the time.