

ADVANCE PREDICTION SEPTEMBER 2013 TO MARCH 2014

I will now attempt to give an advance predicative forecast of the weather from September 2013 to March 2014, however, it comes with some caveats – not because I am ‘hedging the bets,’ as it were, but simply because there are in this period some major weather indicator days, that will affect the following weather for at least this whole period.

So, this prediction comes with the condition that it will be issued but with emendations following the important weather days as and when they occur (one of the problems of working so far ahead).

The important days are: Michaelmass – 29th September – this is the major wind day up to December 21st, where the wind blows this day will be the predominant wind direction to 21st December (St Thomas – Winter Solstice).

The next important day is 11th November – St Martin – where the wind blows this day will be THE predominant wind direction to at least Candlemass - 2nd February – this is a vital wind day. In effect this wind day controls the winter.

Winter Equinox on 21st December is the next date – this the shortest day of the year sets the wind direction effectively to March 21st – vernal/spring equinox.

Finally, 2nd February – Candlemass – this sets or confirms the weather through to the spring equinox.

There is of course the 21st March – equinox – Quarter Day – sets the predominant wind through to 24th June- Midsummer – St John – Quarter Day.

Having said all that I hope that the wind on 29th September will be from the SW – this is warmish wind, true it carries rain, but better at this stage than an easterly wind – which brings cold from the east, though it is a dry wind.

11th November, I think that this will be a SW wind too because I suspect with good cause that the coming winter will be harsh and severe.

21st December is the damaging wind and I suspect this will hammer in from the east bringing some quite severe and harsh cold weather behind it and the wind on 2nd February will also be from the east backing the cold weather up – or magnifying it.

All of which then makes the wind on 21st March of little or no consequence, since all the damage will already have been done by the previous winds from the east.

I will come to the reasons why I suspect a severe and harsh winter this year – how harsh? Certainly as bad as 1962/3 and maybe even harsher – for the UK north of the M25 for certain a hard winter, for us here in the SE, bad enough, later.

So a brief outline of the moon weather suggestions for the months;

September: Moons = New 5th = Frequent rain showers.
1st Quarter 12th = Rain.
Full 19th = Frequent rain showers.
Last Quarter 27th = Cold and rain showers.

October: Moons = New 5th = Frost.
1st Quarter 11th = Fair & frosty.
Full 18th = Fair and frosty.
Last quarter 26th = Fair & frosty.

November: Moons = New 3rd = Snow/rain.
1st Quarter 10th = Rain.
Full 17th = Fair & mild.
Last Quarter 25th = Fair & frosty.

December: Moons = New 3rd = Frost.
1st Quarter 9th = Fair & mild.
Full 17th = Cold rain.
Last Quarter 26th = Snow & rain.

January: Moons = New 1st = Cold & high winds.
1st Quarter 8th = Snow & stormy.
Full 16th = Rain.
Last Quarter 24th = Rain.
New 30th = Rain/snow.

February: Moons = 1st Quarter 6th = Fair & frosty.
Full 14th = Fair & frosty.
Last Quarter 22nd = Fair.

March: Moons = New 1st = Cold rain.
1st Quarter 8th = Snow/rain.
Full 16th = Fair.
Last Quarter 24th = Frost.

A cursory glance at the above will indicate a wet September: A very cold dry October. Cold beginning and end of November with milder stuff in the middle, a cold beginning and end to December with warmer stuff in the middle.

So much for the cursory glance and brief outline, now to put some meat on the bones month by month and see why there are milder and colder sections in these months.

SEPTEMBER 2013

September: Moons = New 5th = Frequent rain showers.
1st Quarter 12th = Rain.
Full 19th = Frequent rain showers.
Last Quarter 27th = Cold and rain showers.

Met Office Quiet Period 1st to 17th.
No Buchan notes this month.

Normally a month with fair weather, quiet sunny days and calmness as the harvest ends for both grain and fruit, and quiet up to the equinox on the 21st.

However, this year an indication of change, with, surprisingly a lot of dampness across the month, but then 2013 has been a year of surprises, so nothing new here. I think the remains of the fruit harvest will be of good quality for all the signs through the year indicated this, and a later than average harvest too.

Equinox on the 23rd. Quarter Day on 29th – Michaelmass – Day of Prediction, the wind direction this day will be the predominant wind direction until the next Quarter Day 21st December, it is therefore hoped that the wind direction this day will be other than from the east, for an easterly wind will indicate a very cold autumn indeed; and having said that it will make October extremely cold, especially with the frost predictions shown below.

In the second week if a the robin becomes prominent in your garden and starts to frequent your back door, it is the first true indicator of a hard winter to come, the robin is staking out its territory, and being a ground feeding bird, knows where the food will be.

OCTOBER 2013

October: Moons = New 5th = Frost.
1st Quarter 11th = Fair & frosty.
Full 18th = Fair and frosty.
Last quarter 26th = Fair & frosty.

Penumbral Lunar Eclipse 18th

Met Office quiet period 16th to 19th.
Met Office stormy period 24th to 13th November.
No Buchan notes this month.

As can be seen the omens are for a very cold dry month, with not a lot of wind, quite possibly find dry days but with intense cold at night – again, the wind direction on 29th September is paramount.

Middle of the month an established quiet period known as St Luke's little summer, St Luke's day 18th, around this date four and a bit days of dry sun

Sunny warm settled weather daytime, maybe hard frosts at night.

This settled (coincides with children's half-term holiday too) period ends on 28th – St Jude's day which is always a stormy wet day, which leads into the stormy period indicated above.

For golfers your last chance of some dry golf before the BST ends and the clocks go back.

NOVEMBER 2013

November: Moons = New 3rd = Snow/rain.
1st Quarter 10th = Rain.
Full 17th = Fair & mild.
Last Quarter 25th = Fair & frosty.

Hybrid solar eclipse 3rd.

Met Office stormy period from 24th October to 13th November. a Quiet period 15th to 21st, and a stormy period 24th to the 14th December.

A Buchan cold period 6th to 13th

The cold continues from October, however the important day of note for this month is 11th November, St Martin's day – day of Prediction, but more importantly the weather on this day will indicate quite accurately the predominant weather for the next three months up to Candlemass (2nd February). This day most years indicates the onset of winter; and where the wind blows this day, there it remains until at least 2nd February – so, whilst not a 'wind day' per se, it is a vitally important day for future weather.

If the wind this day is from the SW there is will remain until 2nd February, indicating a mild winter (as in 2012/13), however with all the indicators showing a harsh winter, if I were a betting man, then an easterly wind on this day is an absolute banker, all my dta points to this as the case too.

On the up-side however, St Martin ushers in a period of three days and a bit of dry warm settles weather known at St Martin's little summer.

If we are to have a harsh, severe winter, then St Martin's day is the day to note how many oak leaves remain on the trees and how many leaves remain on the vines, for leaves on both will indicate a harsh and sever winter, so the second true indicator of a harsh winter.

DECEMBER 2013

December: Moons = New 3rd = Frost.
1st Quarter 9th = Fair & mild.
Full 17th = Cold rain/changeable
Last Quarter 26th = Snow & rain.

Equinox 21st and winter Solstice – Quarter day for wind – shortest day of the year.

Met Office stormy period 24th November to 14th December and again 25th to the 31st. Met Office quiet period 15th to 21st.

Buchan warm period 3rd to 14th.

The cold continues into the first week, but, as one might well expect with a Buchan Warm period too, not so harshly. The two weeks in the middle are normally quite mild, the weather will change around Christmas and I expect that Boxing Day (St Stephen) 26th will herald the start of what I think will be the start of a harsh severe winter for many parts of the UK. All the evidence so far (and it is now the end of May as I write this) points to a late prolonged autumn easing into a cold harsh severe winter. As the year progresses I will give more reasons for this in detail and show how nature, when interpreted accurately, in turn, provides all the knowledge that one needs for the forthcoming months.

The particular day in this month to note is the 21st, equinox/quarter day, where the wind blows this day there it will stay until 21st March – Vernal equinox. So, with Easter on the 20th April, it might not be too far stretched to say that the hard winter I think that is to arrive around Boxing day, will remain until at least 21st March, and, as this year (2013) if the easterly wind remains then it will, as it is now (May 2013) cold well into the second week of June.

CONCLUSION

As I said at the start this prediction September to December 2013 will be subject to revision and amendment on 29th September, 11th November and 21st December, due to those three days being important weather and wind days; having said that, I do not think that there will be any material changes to the above. I will however post all and any such comments as the dates fall due.

The January to March section will follow in mid-June.

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