

**ADVANCE PREDICTION MARCH 2015 TO MAY 2015 (spring)
[BUT PARTLY EXTENDING INTO JUNE & JULY] (summer)**

This prediction continues from previous prediction December 2014 to February 2015.

I sit here on February 3rd 2015 trying very hard to give some idea of what the next season (spring) will be, which is not the easiest of challenges; I say this because above you will see that I have extended this, partially, to include June & July these both being summer months, since I have much data already to cover the months June through to and including September; more of that later; Oh that I had such data for this spring period!

Yesterday was Candlemass, and there is much lore, most of it extremely reliable that extends through to the end of May, and a couple to cover the early June period covering the pea crop and hay harvest - there is however, also the remains of Christmas Day 2014 and the sunshine on that day, which encompassed the distinct possibility of snow periods into March & April. This same sunshine also indicated the weather for Easter (April 5th).

The grass was growing on 1st January 2015 which indicates a sole hay harvest for the coming year - that of course being in June - which also gives good data for June, and also for August into September.

Normally I would look back and compare my prediction with what actually happened, however this session I will try to avoid this, since there are so many micro-climates that what might have been correct in one area might not have been correct in another, and as such, any comparison is pointless.

Having said that an interesting feature arose during the previous prediction. The wind direction was on September 29th South/South East, which normally gives the same direction through the winter season and into spring. However the wind on 21st December was South Westerly - which might well have put all my calculations of no value.

However I noticed that the end of 2014 into 2015 was likely to give different weather air masses than normal too. So in the December 2014 preamble I 'honed' my predictions down into three air-mass sections. The extreme west of the UK, up through Wales to the river Mersey being predominantly stormy with rain and south westerly winds; Scotland including the highlands, central plain, down across the north of England to the lake district including what was Cumberland and Northumberland but not the extreme east; this region I thought would have a lot of cold snowy stormy weather and be affected by Arctic weather to a great degree.

The third section was eastern coastal Scotland down the whole eastern coastline of England to the tip of Kent and working inland for about 30 miles, which would not be as wet as the western side, nor quite as cold as the Scottish region (or to be more exact - not affected so much by the arctic air mass) but most likely would be affected by cold air from Scandinavia and later from eastern Europe (Russia to the Urals).

By and large I am quite content with such delineation as above for this has been the weather pattern; and today (3/2/2015) I think this eastern cold airstream will arrive on the eastern seaboard of the UK later this week. So despite the persistent south westerly winds

during January the easterly winds of the 29th September, not quite as prominent in January as I anticipated, but were there several such days - with more to come. I will not deviate from the methodology, despite contrary indicators, to do that ruins everything.

OK, back to the previous predictions, I warned of cold weather from the end of January through February and into March months ago, it would appear that this prediction is now fulfilling itself, since we are currently in the throes of a cold period with still more, and dare I say it, 'even more cold' to come. Look at the Candlemass saw for 2nd February.

Christmas Day, was, as predicted, sunny, dry pleasant and cold overnight, and that was given as such four months ahead, some will luck, some will say fluke. Some even call me 'Robertson.' Why Robertson? Because Robertson make jam - see the connection - jammy b.....d.

Think what you like, the methodology was correct - and there was no snow either - again trust your methodology. Forget the bookies, the 'weather experts,' and their ilk, just follow and keep to the methodology.

As I have pointed out elsewhere I get asked three questions year in year out:

1. Will it snow at Christmas?
2. What will Easter be like?
3. When do I go on holiday in UK - when will summer be here?

If I can answer with 90% accuracy then it proves the methodology works.

So Christmas (and no white Christmas either) was as predicted. (interestingly too no snow on Christmas day over the whole of mainland UK).

Easter will be dampish and cold.

Summer holidays in UK: June will be good, July damp, August from 6th to 20th excellent and September pretty good too.

To sum up similar to 2013 for these periods.

A new vocabulary spurned itself this winter too - 'Thunder snow,' 'weather bombs,' and 'storm Rachel.' Sadly the poor old 'jet stream,' got rather neglected too. I make no further comment.

One interesting article appeared in the Daily Telegraph on 27th January 2015 concerning 'Super tides,' which seems to have been overlooked by everyone with weather interests. A most interesting article that, to paraphrase, stated that an unusual positioning of the sun, moon and earth this year (2015) due to a planetary phenomenon will reach a particular point in the 18.5 year cycle, meaning that the gravitational pull will increase significantly as it swings towards earth producing some very high tides. Maybe now the reason for highest spring tides appear in each monthly data sheet. I will watch with interest.

So now to the predictions:

March 2015

NEW MOON = 20th @ 0936hrs = Cold rain
1st QUARTER MOON = 27th @ 0743hrs = Stormy
FULL MOON 5th @ 18.06hrs = Fair & frosty + Micro moon.
LAST QUARTER MOON 13th @ 1748hrs = Fair.

DoP = 21st St Benedict AND Quarter Day 21st

VERNAL EQUINOX = 20th.

SOLAR ECLIPSE = 20th.

Highest spring tides 22nd to 24th

The bare bones for March appear above, I will use accumulated data from previous months here to indicate how the methodology helps to formulate the month;

September 2014 will indicate March 2015 weather: We all remember September 2014 as a very dry month indeed.

Dry March from a wet October 2014 - yes it was a very wet October 2014.

March 2015 will be colder than average from a warmer than average October 2014

Maybe, just maybe some late snow this month from the Christmas Day sunshine.

A lot of sunshine in January 2015 (record breaking year for sunshine) = March & April will pay full dear!

March in January = January in March.

Therefore from the above a real mixed bag, now to try to knock it into shape:
February will be bitterly cold and it is foolish to expect such coldness to dissipate very quickly.
First two moons are dry, fair and frosty, therefore dry calm days with sunshine and frosts at night.
The third week cold wet rain and the last week stormy.

To summarise the month:

A dry first two weeks albeit with some night frosts.

Third week cold rain - and note the weather on the 21st (St Benedict) quarter day where the wind blows this day there it will remain until 24th June (St John).

Last week stormy -which of course gives an indication of poor weather at Easter - as predicted from the Christmas Day sunshine.

A dry start to the month but colder than average, maybe some late snow into the third and fourth weeks. A wet stormy end to the month, leading into a poor Easter period.

You can now see, using the moon weather phases, how these old tried and tested saws from months ahead dove-tail into quite a reasonable advance forecast, that is quite reliable - please note, it is not a weather forecast per se, it is an advance predictor of weather to come - and, as such fulfils its purpose admirably.

APRIL 2015

NEW MOON = 18th @ 1957hrs = Fair
1st QUARTER MOON = 25th @ 00.55hrs = Fair
FULL MOON 4th @ 13.06hrs = Snow/rain + Lunar Eclipse
LAST QUARTER MOON 12th @ 04.44hrs = Rain.

DoP = 3rd Good Friday.

Highest spring tides 19th - 21st.

Above the bare bones for April 2015.

Immediately you see a wet and possibly cold start to the month - do not forget the Christmas Day snow warning for late snowfalls.

The last two weeks of the month, much better, dry and sunny with warmth too.

Again I will use previous monthly data to try to evaluate the month - by so doing, everything becomes clear and open, no smoke - no mirrors, no mumbo-jumbo either.

Easter (5th) will be cold and wet from Christmas day 2014 - maybe, just maybe even some snow!! Precious little snow in January too gives a good indicator of snow this period. However, it is not all gloom and doom for Easter, since clover may be cut this day since ice was hanging on the Willow on Christmas Day.

The warning as last month of a sunny January 2015 that March & April will pay full dear might be appropriate for the first two weeks of the month.

To summarise the month:

Cold & wet first two weeks, the possibility of snow must not be discounted, cold Easter.

Last two weeks much better, some real spring-like weather, dry sunny calm and warmer.

MAY 2015

NEW MOON = 18th @ 0513hrs = Rain
1st QUARTER MOON = 25th @ 1819hrs = Fair
FULL MOON 4th @ 0442hrs = Rainy
LAST QUARTER MOON 11th @ 1136hrs = Rain showers.

DoP = 25th St Urban

Highest spring tides 17th to 20th.

The bare bones above - what a dismal story to tell too. Only the third week of the month with no rain.

OK so what can we salvage from the above?

For the fruit farmers good news - whilst it is raining there can be no damaging frosts for the fruit blossoms, so precious few frosts and the signs look good for a good fruit harvest - as the Christmas Day sun indicated.

Fog in January indicates a wet spring - there was fog in January - and the rain above would tend to back this saw up.

To summarise the month:

Wet rainy first three weeks. Last week much drier, sun and some warmth, no damaging frosts either. I do not think any late snow either.

THE ABOVE FINISHES THE SPRING MONTHS OF 2015. HOWEVER I WILL ENCROACH, BRIEFLY IN BOTH JUNE AND JULY, TO INDICATE THE OUTLINE OF WEATHER FOR THOSE MONTHS.
A FULL ADVANCE PREDICTION WILL APPEAR IN MAY AS NORMAL.

JUNE 2015

NEW MOON = 16th @ 07.05hrs = Wind & Rain
1st QUARTER MOON = 24th @ 0403hrs = Rain
FULL MOON 2nd @ 09.19hrs = Changeable
LAST QUARTER MOON 9th @ 08.42hrs = Changeable.

DoP = 15th St Vitus AND 24th St John.

Highest Spring tides = 18th to 19th.

The bare bones are above - good start to the month but not such a good ending.
What data from the previous months saws and sayings affect the above?

Good pea harvest (early June) from sunny Christmas Day.

Single hay harvest at beginning of month in excellent dry hot calm sunny weather from grass growing on 1st January 2015.

Good grape harvest to come from no storms on Boxing Day (26th December 2014); no devastating May frosts; and from the Autumnal equinox (23rd September 2014) all indicators of good grape harvest.

So the rain May gave good nurturing to the grass for the single hay harvest this year - so nature prepares all!

To summarise the month:

*Dry hot sunny calm first two weeks (holiday time). Dampish - wet, third week with some winds.
Wet last week (Normal for last week in June - Buchan cold period).*

JULY 2015

NEW MOON = 16th @ 02.25hrs = Cold rain showers
1st QUARTER MOON = 24th @ 05.05hrs = Rainy
FULL MOON 2nd @ 03.20hrs Cold rain showers AND
FULL MOON 31st @ 11.43hrs = Rain showers + BLUE MOON
LAST QUARTER MOON 8th @ 21.24hrs = Rainy.

DoP = 15th St Swithun

Highest Spring Tides 4th to 6th AND 31st to 7/8th

There is a tried and tested saying in France that a month with two full moons in it will be a wet month - and that the second full moon will be known as a 'Blue Moon', hence the saying 'once in a blue moon.' Never was a saying more apt.

The bare bones for the month are for a wet month with a lot of rain indeed.

This rain will swell the grapes - and hopefully a good August will ripen them.

For a good grain harvest (August) one needs moisture in July - a good grain harvest was predicted from the Christmas day sunshine - together with a good fruit harvest.

To summarise the month;

A wet month with not too much to commend itself - but you cannot win them all - all of the time - but it is a true challenge trying!