

**ADVANCE PREDICTION DECEMBER TO FEBRUARY 2015 (winter).**

This prediction continues from the previous August to November 2014.

The previous prediction was pretty well up to scratch,; August reasonable, September very dry and October wetter than anticipated, but October is a fickle month in any year.

The previous prediction contained a peculiarity in that there was much more easterly wind than normally expected, August and September (60% of the days being easterly) in particular. Whilst August was wetter than average it was also sunnier than average too. Thunder, as in July, was a feature of August.

October one expects leaf-fall, or at least the change of colour from green to reds, browns and autumnal colours, yet as I write this (25<sup>th</sup> October) the trees still have leaves and they are for the greater part still green. The retention of these leaves gives rise to some interesting saw/sayings in October and November concerning the winter weather; and, since I only use tried, tested, proven and reliable saw/sayings these needed to be heeded for they will answer the question 'will we have snow this winter?'

Precious few acorns and ash seeds this year, but a massive store of everything else, be it hips, haws, seeds, berries or fruits, there is a massive larder out for birds and animals plus the wine making humans too, for a wonderful crop of sloes this year too.

There were virtually no frosts to speak of in October then November is likely to be much frostier.

The last such advance prediction contained some the precursors I use for the methodology, this month will contain no such revelations, since there more than enough on the monthly data sheets of September to December (you can use the archived December data) to satisfy all needs.

The wind direction on September 29<sup>th</sup> was a little confusing for many, in that it was near dead calm! However at this location it was S/SE and this is the direction that will predominate here for the next few months, which would indicate colder, dryer weather than those are further west that experienced a SW wind on the 29<sup>th</sup>. For those in 'dead calm' the following days were S/SE, especially up the east coast of the UK and I suggest that that is the direction for the coming few months. Those that listen to The Paul Hudson Weather Show on Radio York will hear exactly this on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November.

I often get adverse comment that my predictions are not in line with what others normally expect in the SE. I have been doing this, and using the same methodology – always being improved too – for many years now, and here in the SE we are liable to the influence of the near continent than the rest of the UK. The higher (on the

whole) and dryer conditions in this SE corner of the UK are quite noticeable on any daily weather chart. Conversely too, when the winter takes hold and the easterly winds start to blow off the same European mainland it can also be colder too than one might expect. I write what the methodology provides, I do not write to be controversial, if the data is inconclusive (rarely) then I say so.

So the wind on 29<sup>th</sup> September was E/SE, which indicates that the wetter milder weather of last winter will not re-appear. It will be colder and dryer than last winter – and yes we will definitely see frost and snow this coming winter too. In detail the months are as follows:

#### DECEMBER 2014

NEW MOON = 22nd @ 0136hrs = Frost

1st QUARTER MOON = 28th @ 1832hrs = Fair & frosty

FULL MOON = 6th @ 1227hrs = Fair & frosty

LAST QUARTER MOON = 14th @ 1253hrs = Snow & rain.

DoP = 21st St Thomas's

HIGHEST SPRING TIDES 23rd to 25th.

MET OFFICE NOTES: Stormy carried forward from 24th November to 14th.

Quiet period 15th to 21st

Stormy 25th to 31st.

BUCHAN NOTES: 3rd to 14th warm period.

The full moon this month is called the Hunting/Cold moon.

Immediately by looking at the moon phases the word 'frost' sticks out: Fair & Frosty in my terminology is dry, sunny, calm days but with cold dry calm frosty nights. Frost on its own means just that. Snow & rain is as the first week of October was, cold to start with, if cold enough then to fall as snow, otherwise then rain.

So, the wind direction on 29<sup>th</sup> September now begins to predominate in that dry, cold frosty weather will predominate the month, the cold will come from the near continent.

There is the Buchan warm period, as above, too, for the daytime.

For those living near tidal situations please note the highest tide periods – and their nearness to the Met Office stormy periods – the warnings are there, loud and clear. December can be a very stormy month indeed – especially just after Christmas.

Shortest day of the year, plus Quarter day, plus Day of Prediction, plus Wind Day and Winter Solstice on the 21<sup>st</sup> December. This gives the wind direction up to 21<sup>st</sup> March 2015. (Expect it to be easterly).

The saw/sayings of this month are really accurate and will give an excellent foretaste of the year to come.

Will it snow at Christmas? On the easterly coastline I think not, I think a dry cold sunny (3 hours maybe) frosty conditions will prevail – which of course gives good fruit and grain harvest the following harvest – but snow, though cold, unlikely. There is so much advance data in the methodology already that backs up this prediction.

For deeper research then use the December data on the website.

A cold dry frosty month is what I predict.

JANUARY 2015

NEW MOON = 20th @ 13.14hrs = Snow & rain + Supermoon

1st QUARTER MOON = 27th @ 0449hrs = Rain

FULL MOON = 5th @ 0454 = Rain

LAST QUARTER MOON = 13th @ 0947hrs = Cold rain.

DoP = 25th St Paul.

HIGHEST SPRING TIDES 21st to 24th

MET OFFICE NOTES: 5th to 17th Stormy. 18th to 24th Quiet. 25th to 31st Stormy again.

BUCHAN NOTES: NONE.

Whereas December 2014 had frost as the influence for the month, this month shows rain, but it is also a stormy month.

I add a caveat here, the wind will be easterly, and this could, if cold enough, give rise to snow falling instead of rain. Should that be the case, then with stormy windy conditions, snow will drift and cause some travel problems.

This January will be determined by the coldness and strength of the cold from the east (off the near continent) and whilst the only real 'snow moon,' per se, is towards the back of the month, do not be surprised if snow arrives earlier.

On 7<sup>th</sup> October locally, six varieties of duck arrived from northern climes to over-winter here; the following day 4 different types of geese also arrived from the same regions. For these to arrive so early indicated some really cold weather to come, and, nature being what it is, the cold arrived two days later from where they originated – the first really heavy snowfall of the year – which co-incidentally arrived on the first 'snow moon' of the year. Nature is never wrong.

I think January will be cold, maybe, as stated above, with snow and definitely stormy conditions, since our weather here in the SE is more akin to the continent, then that will determine our January weather. The same will apply along the whole of the eastern UK coastline too.

## FEBRUARY 2015

NEW MOON = 18th @ 23.47hrs = Fair & frost.

1st QUARTER MOON = 25th @ 17.14hrs = Fair.

FULL MOON = 3rd @ 23.09hrs = Rain & snow

LAST QUARTER MOON = 12th @ 03.50hrs = Snow & stormy.

DoP = 2nd = Candlemass

Highest Spring Tides 20th to 24th

MET OFFICE NOTES: 24th to 28th stormy.

BUCHAN NOTES: 7th to 14th cold period.

There is a well tried, tested and very accurate saw/saying 'the hottest days in June will be the coldest days in the following February.' This is a most reliable saying and is 100% reliable.

Think back to June 2014 – and ask yourself not, what was the hottest day? But, did we even have a cold day in June 2014? I think 99.99% will respond 'No, it was a hot dry glorious June.'

With that most important fact in mind, now just look at the moons above and see what they predict.

The immediate significance is no rain as such, no storms, no persistent wind; but a lot of frost, sun and snow.

The months commences with cold and snow, and is followed by frost at night – maybe even during the day too – and dry cold conditions; with the easterly wind predominating then the saw from June starts to materialise. A lovely hot dry sunny flaming June gives way to a cold – maybe bitterly cold February.

Maybe now it becomes clearer why the migrating birds, ducks and geese arrive early, why there are so many seeds, hips, haws, berries and fruits on the hedgerows; why the

sheep have such thick coats, why the English onions have such thick skins, why there so many dead nettles in the roadsides.

Another thought to ponder, remember back to 1990, a beautiful hot, dry summer, not dissimilar to the summer just past, and this was followed by the winter of 1990/1 – one of the coldest February ever recorded at 1.9C as the average monthly temperature. February is always a cold month – this 2015 February may well be extremely cold – nature has prepared well – we must not ignore all these signs.

OK now look at the saws/sayings for the month – the 2<sup>nd</sup> Candlemass will set the month, follow this through with the other saws and you will see how the above begins to ring true.

There is a bitterly cold Buchan period 7<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup> – look at the moons for this period – another warning sign is highlighted.

‘The shortest and worst of all months, ‘maybe very appropriate too.

I think, with good cause, that this month will be very cold, snowy and icy. Maybe even the coldest for many years, each of you can research yourself and see why I make such a prediction. The methodology is now proven.

AND FINALLY : just to show what March follows with, just the briefest of outlines, since the March to My 2015 advance prediction will arrive in due course nearer the time.

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 @ 1749hrs = Fair.

DoP = 21st St Benedict AND Quarter Day 21st

VERNAL EQUINOX = 20th.

SOLAR ECLIPSE = 20th.

Highest spring tides 22nd to 24th

MET OFFICE NOTES: None.

BUCHAN NOTES: None.

Full moon this month is known as the Sap moon.

Tree of the month up to 17th is the Ash, thereafter is the Alder.

I hope the above will provide some interesting reading and maybe some thoughts as to what the winter will bring. Last year I predicted snow for the winter – and received floods instead – a misinterpretation of the data – with suitable apology.

Once bitten – twice shy. This prediction I put the methodology in front of you and each can draw their conclusions. Use the data above plus the archive data for December, January and February properly and see what evolves.

I wish you all a Happy Merry Festive Season with all that you wish for yourselves for the coming year 2015. Keep warm and dry too.