

ADVANCE PREDICTION JANUARY 2014 TO MARCH 2014

My earlier advance predictions of weather up to the end of March 2014 stopped short on 31st December 2013, as fully explained in the previous September to March information.

I will now attempt to complete this data from 1st January to 31st March 2013.

The previous caveats concerning weather on 11th November and 21st December remain.

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, but with a cold October, and the numerous cold winter warnings, I think an easterly wind is more likely.

11th November, I think that this may well be an easterly 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 62/3 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;

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.

It is necessary to commence with the last moon of December 2013, on the 26th which is a Last Quarter moon giving snow and rain. Here I make the assumption that the wind on 21st December Quarter day will blow from the east, based mainly, on snow normally, in this SE part of England derives from a cold easterly airstream that deposits, in due course snow over this region – not a strictly meteorological explanation, but simple terminology.

There is however another factor here, in that from 25th to 31st December, it is a Met Office 'Stormy,' period, an accepted period when gales and storms are regularly present, therefore, should it snow, this snow hard and heavy, this snow could well be blown into drifts, and helped by a cold easterly wind start the severe winter of which I have been warning of for the last six months. So with the above final week of December in mind I turn to January 2014.

JANUARY 2014

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

As seen above the first moon on 1st is a 'new' moon with a cold and high wind warning, which of course will compound the problems caused by the previous moon and winds.

This is followed by a 1st Quarter moon on 8th which indicates snow and stormy weather. This stormy weather dovetails perfectly with a further Met Office 'stormy period,' that runs from 5th to 17th January, which then indicates that the snow, as above, if hard and heavy will be driven by strong easterly winds, leading to further drifting and some road problems ensuing.

At this stage, I would like to add some of the saws from earlier months pertinent to the winter months and all indicate that the winter will be cold, a severe winter, with plenty of snow; the sources for this coming from fogs on 27th and 28th August (look at August saws).

A second such saw also comes from August; a hot August following a hot July gives an early and severe winter.

Thirdly, if the first week of August was exceptionally warm this indicates a long white winter and finally, a dry warm August means a snowy winter. [There are those that will say that August wetter than average in places – true – but had the 43mm or so not fallen 24th/25th August it would have been the third below average rainfall month in a row]

So cross referencing the January data with the four saws above and then dovetailing these into the moon weather, you are able too see how very good nature is at advance warnings.

To continue, the third moon of the month is a Full moon on the 16th giving rain. So some respite then? I think not, for it is still within the stormy period, with easterly winds and such rain will be cold and falling onto very cold, snowy ground and with wind easing from storm to quiet – there is a Met Office 'Quiet period' 18th to 24th January – if cold enough frost will be problem, and with snow packed roads and rain on top, ice and black ice.

The third moon of the month Last Quarter on 24th is more rain, and a warning here that the previous paragraph applies still, with a change a couple of days into this moon in that there is another Met Office 'stormy period 25th to 31st January, still no respite from the weather then.

Finally, the last moon of the month is a new moon on the 30th and this will give a combination of rain and or snow, plus of course the storm winds from the east which will generate for sure, more cold conditions, maybe even more night frosts when the wind eases.

Therefore January as a month, without any fear of contradiction or doubt will be cold, snowy, with icy conditions and drifting snow, which of course will lie, for there are no ameliorating circumstances.

FEBRUARY 2014

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

It does not get any better does it, a glance at the above tells you immediately that the snow (and ice) will remain with cold nights and days, albeit dry and sunny – but never warm enough in February (the coldest of all months) to melt the ice; there is also an established saying that to clear existing snow, there needs to be another such snowfall – that is unlikely this month, therefore the snow will remain.

As for the previous month I will also add saw from preceding months warning of this weather. In addition to the four mentioned and still pertinent for this month, in January, there is another well established saw. That states, unfailingly too, that the warmest days in the preceding June give the coldest days in the following February.

June 2013 was sunny and warm, albeit with a persistent cold easterly wind, and for these purposes I have included the highest temperatures only – though are several through the month above 23C. The 19th at 28.4C was the highest followed by end of the month with 24C and 27C respectively. So from the above we can safely expect a cold month overall with coldest being around the middle of the month and at the end of the month.

Now back to the moons, we commence with the last moon of January, being rain and or snow into the first five days. The first moon of the month is the 1st Quarter on the 6th as fair and frosty, which I indicate as dry, sunny, cold but pleasant days with hard frosts at night, which gives no respite to the laying snow at all, sun not hot enough to melt it.

Before we arrive at the second moon there is an established Buchan cold period from 7th to 14th February, a period of colder than average temperatures, which of course dovetails nearly perfectly with the middle of the month – as the June saw predicted.

The second moon on 14th, a full moon gives us more fair and frosty weather, as the previous moon, with added bite of the Buchan cold period – and still the snow and ice remains and it is colder than earlier too.

The last moon of the month is a Last Quarter moon on the 22nd which is fair, so slightly warmer (relative) dry, bright days and not quite so cold nights – but the snow and ice remains. As a month, February is cold but not unpleasant, relatively dry and sunny, but frosty and cold at night, and still with lying snow and ice.

MARCH 2014

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

Technically the first month of spring, but please do not let that fool you, winter is still here and grips us firmly. I think the previous saws from January will remain for a while.

I return to the June saw that states that the hottest days give the coldest in the following February, and since the final two hottest days were 29/30th June, these carry over to the 1st and 2nd of March, therefore a cold start to the month, regardless.

First moon, a new moon on the 1st with cold rain, again, nature warned of this in the saw, and this will continue through to second moon, 1st Quarter moon on the 8th.

I mentioned previously that to clear a snow scene, it was necessary for another snowfall to come, this moon is a snow and or rain moon, therefore hopefully, a snowfall to start (with no Met Office or Buchan periods this month) and maybe, just maybe some slight amelioration to rainfall, but cold rain falling onto very cold ground, therefore beware, nothing is certain.

The next moon on the 16th is a full moon with fair, dry settled brighter conditions, maybe marginally warmer too, and hopefully some of the less densely packed snow will disappear.

The Last Quarter moon on the 24th is a frosty moon, indicating back to cold nights again, though maybe some pleasant days, just maybe.

Finally the end of the month on the 30th gives a new moon but a fair and frosty moon; which indicates dry sunny days but cold frosty nights (again).

Some comment here, BST commences on the 30th March; the 21st (St Benedict) is a Quarter Day which will give the wind direction through to June 24th (St John) Midsummer's day, and I think it may well remain blowing from the east – the simple reason for this being that April commences with fair and frosty moon followed by the rest of the month from 7th onwards as cold and rainy, so whilst less cold, still cold – as in the spring of 2013, and the cold wind will remain well into June. There is also the period 11th to 14th April which is the Blackthorn winter compounded by a Buchan Cold Period for the same days, good reason to say why I think the wind will remain from the east.

I conclude March 2013 with the comment of a continuing cold month with snow laying at first, and hopefully some melting after the 16th, but a cold end to the month; Hopefully the end of the cold winter approached with the end of the month, not quite the end, but getting there.

SOME PERTINENT COMMENTS FOR THIS PERIOD

I have warned for months that nature has been leaving signs of a hard, long, cold, severe and snowy winter. The reasons are already given in the monthly summaries for September and October, and by reading those and going out and discovering for yourselves what fruits, berries, hips and haws etc that are on the trees a better perspective is apparent.

A couple of long-shots here from saws: the first concerns Lent, if the weather is fine and dry on Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday (4/5th March) then it will be fertile year, and the weather on Ash Wednesday will be the same through Lent to Palm Sunday (13th April).

The second concerns Christmas Day and Easter, look at the December data and see the saw concerning the sun on Christmas Day – vital for fruit growers and farmers and very accurate too. If the sun shines on Christmas it indicates a cold Easter (20th April), and by looking at the moons for the Easter period (full moon on 15th April with cold rain) I think it might well be the case that Christmas Day 2013 will see some sunshine, and here in the SE no snow. However, further north, north of the Watford Gap snow may well be present on Christmas Day.

That of course, here in the SE, that my prediction of snow falling on or about 26th December (Boxing Day) I think will hold up very well and the cold. Maybe snow in places will remain until at least Palm Sunday 13th April; so a long cold white snowy winter ahead.

I reiterate the caveats concerning November 11th (St Martin), 21st December (St Thomas and Equinox), 2nd February (Candlemass) and 21st March (St Benedict & Equinox), that affect the wind direction. I will make any comment or alteration concerning these dates in the relevant monthly bulletins to follow.

We now sit back and see just how accurate nature is in forewarning us humans.

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