

ADVANCE PREDICTION JUNE TO AUGUST 2015 - SUMMER 2015.

This prediction continues from the earlier March to May 2015 prediction.

I sit here towards the end of April 2015 with newspaper headlines of a cold blustery period with polar winds and colder air sweeping from the north across the country bringing snow in places and cold nights possibly down to -6C.

Therefore not the easiest of situations - but if I were to heed newspaper headlines from the previous such advance predictions (and I note them all too), this website would not be necessary - but my methodology works well, and becomes more accurate as I learn to interpret what nature tells me. If it isn't broke then don't fix it is a good maxim.

A short recap over the previous prediction, which for the greater part was really, even if I say so myself, good, accurate and trustworthy. True, here in the SE we have not had the extremes of weather that has troubled Scotland and the north, but for all that, the prediction of long cold hard winter was good. How come? The north as I pointed out earlier in the year would, and has, suffered this year from the effects of the cold polar winds sweeping in from the north; the methodology indicated this very early on and this has been proven to be so.

However the wind on 21st March - Quarter Day/St Benedict was WNW - an unusual direction for the time of year, but sadly will continue generally, to give the northern area of the UK persistent cold conditions for a while to come - yes I appreciate that parts of Scotland have had exceptionally warm periods too, but such events do happen, but that does not detract from the general synopsis. The cold WNW wind I fear will persist to keep temperatures low well into June - very close to the next quarter day on 24th June/St John/Longest day of the year.

The data that I gave concerning the UK being split into three distinct weather areas this winter has also proved, for the greater part correct, with the effects of the westerly's from the Atlantic controlling the west, Wales and parts of the midlands. The easterly wind from the near continent affecting the SE and extreme east, and in so doing giving this region an extremely dry period, to the extent that rain is now urgently needed. The warning in the April website preamble concerning a dry/drought period in 2015 are beginning to sound even more credible - even the broadsheet national newspapers are drawing attention to possible water problems. I do not think that the current water shortage is part of that warning, maybe June, or more likely the back end on August well into September - as in 2014, is a more likely period.

There is an old saying stating that the number of hours sunshine on Christmas day will give a snowfall on a corresponding rate before June. Six hours sunshine graced Christmas day 2014, and using the saw/saying, one might reasonably expect six snowfalls - of any persuasion - we have had five so far, therefore the snowfall (?) I read of today to come in the near future is no surprise.

Just because the snow does not lay for long, does not invalidate the saying; as long as it has visible snow, then it is a snowfall.

"I do not think it has been a cold winter." This I hear often. Well if you are an early riser then for most of February, a goodly bit of March and again in April (even this last week of April too) white frost has been a prominent feature at 4am and really hard frosts at 6am too. If you rise after 8am then you missed these cold frosts - but they were there. Short memories dismiss the bitter cold winds we had in February and March too.

So the prediction of a long hard cold winter held up well - and if you still doubt this, look and see how far the plants are behind this year too, up to a week ago - before this exceptionally hot unusual spell, about four weeks behind, but now catching up fast.

Easter was as predicted cold wet and miserable. Just because the Monday was reasonable, that did not invalidate the other four days of Easter. Once again the methodology worked very well.

I am often asked three main weather questions; 1. Will it snow at Christmas? 2. What will Easter be like? 3. When is the best time for summer holidays (in the UK)?

If I can answer those three, then job done for the questioners.

Currently the first two have been successful, which now lives the summer period.

I read national headlines of BBQ summer, three months of heat wave, a scorching summer etc - but I can find no reliable source for such stories, and journalists never reply (one did reply very rudely once - but he is a member of the flat earth society) to such enquiries.

A slight variation in the methodology I give to the readers this time; besides the usual moon, high tides and other such data, I will give the data that accumulates over the preceding months - which is not the same as the monthly data sheets for individual months - and then for yourselves you can see how such notes help formulate the predictions.

I will give the detail for month under monthly headings below; however as a prediction for the period, I will remain with an excellent first three weeks of June, the last week possibly quite damp.

July remains problematic since all the moon are wet/wetter moons, but July is considered one of the wetter months in any case.

There are however two full moons; 2nd and 31st in the month and it is well established as a proven fact that any month with two full moons in it will be wet; the second of the moons being called a Blue Moon, hence the saying - once in a 'Blue Moon.'

The start of the month will continue the rain from 29th June until 4th July - a Buchan cold period

The only crumb of comfort I can offer is that one of the hottest days of the year occurs around 14th July (Bastille Day) which is part of a Buchan warm period 12th to 14th July.

All in all not really a BBQ month, not particularly cold, but not very dry either.

August I think is much better. It starts with a Buchan cold period 6th to 11th and a dampish moon too, but, I am hopeful that the previous indicators of good grain harvest will over-ride such factors. Despite the moon indicators of damp weather i think that good dry sunny weather will be present from about 7th to the 20th August - this enabling a good grain and fruit harvest to proceed.

The hottest period - as in the Olympic 2012 year - will be 12th to the 15th - again a Buchan warm period, and the indications are for a truly hot period here too.

A word of caution for those living or using tidal waters this month. There is a full moon on the 29th, a perigee on the 30th and highest tides 30th to 31st.

This a truly lethal combination of danger that must be considered, since August has a reputation of some severe weather near tidal locations, Boscastle 2004, Lynmouth 1952, Fastnet Yacht race 1979 to name but a few.

For the vine growers this year I think a good year - for what must be harvested later must first bake in August.

Sadly I cannot concur with many national newspapers of an unending hot dry scorching summer, for the above reasons; but whatever your poison I hope you enjoy the summer.

A quick look ahead to September - I think, as in 2014, a very dry period, since the conditions will not be suitable for a second hay harvest. Good vine harvest and finish to the fruit harvest. But of course the weather is always favourable when the children return to school after the summer break.

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.

Buchan cold period 29th June until 4th July.

The bare bones are above - good start to the month but not such a good ending.

So collating all the data from previous months the following picture for June appears.

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 - nature prepares all!

From January 1st and the grass growing, there will be only one hay harvest in 2015 and that will be in June. Only one hay harvest means that it will have to be excellent - as in 2014. Which tells me that June will have dry hot sunny weather, no wind for this harvest - for the first three weeks (as in 2014).

Having said that, the last week, which will encompass Glastonbury Festival and Wimbledon Tennis, stands a more than evens chance of a wet period, for two good reasons: firstly the moon is a wet moon and secondly the 29th June to 4th July is a Buchan cold period.

It will a good pea harvest again this year since peas need the same conditions as hay.

Shrove Tuesday (16/2/2015) was a lovely dry hot day which is a tried and tested reliable saying for a good rye & pea harvest. The very dry Lent period also indicates a fertile year.

A cold February will produce a good hay & pea crop. A frosty winter also produces a good pea harvest.

Precious little rain March normally indicates precious little rain in June too. These same conditions are also good for an excellent grain harvest July & August.

Low Sunday (12/4/2015) is a good indicator of a good summer, with 12.1 hours of sunshine that day.

Similarly St Georges Day (23/4/2015) was dry hot & sunny indicating another excellent cherry harvest this year.

To summarise the month:

Dry hot sunny calm first three weeks (holiday time). Dampish - wet, last week with some winds. (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

Buchan cold period 29th June until 4th July.

Buchan warm period 12th to 14th July.

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.

A good grape harvest indicated from a bright clear sunny autumnal equinox 2014 plus a good grape harvest from a dryer than average January 2015.

Good fruit & grain harvest from sunny Christmas day 2014, followed by a frosty winter.

Cold & dry March gives good harvest for farmer. No snow in March a good year for fruit & vines.

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!

AUGUST 2015

NEW MOON = 14th @ 1554hrs = Changeable
1st QUARTER MOON = 22nd @ 20.31hrs = Rainy
FULL MOON 29th @ 1936hrs = Fair + Supermoon
LAST QUARTER MOON 7th @ 03.03hrs = Cold rain showers.

DoP = 6th Transfiguration Day(maybe) AND 24th St Bartholomew.

Highest spring tides 30th -31st

Buchan cold period 6th to 11th August.
Buchan warm period 12th to 15th August.

*I expect for this month, from collated data from previous months:
a good fruit, wine & grain harvest from Christmas day sunshine; from a fine dry sunny
equinox Autumn 2014.*

*From the sayings 22nd to 25th January concerning the goodness of the following grape
harvest, which are favourable.*

A dryer than average January.

A cold & dry March giving a good grain crop for farmers.

A fertile year from a dry Lent

No snow in March favourable for fruit & vines.

Rain on 1st April foretelling good crops of corn & hay.

To summarise the month:

*Damp at first, then bright dry sunny & warm 7th to 20th, some dampness maybe later in
month, but some real heat 12th 15th.*

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