

ADVANCE PREDICTIVE WEATHER INDICATORS 1<sup>st</sup> APRIL  
to 30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2013.

Welcome to my advance predictive weather indicators for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> September 30<sup>th</sup> 2013.

In simple terms what I predict what the weather will be between the above dates.

I can say without any fear of contradiction that the summer of the 2013 will not be a BBQ summer, there is nothing in the reams of data I collate that shows any settled period of fine dry sunny weather longer than 10 days for the whole period above, it might be easier to recall the summer of 2012 and say that it might be similar, except that June will not be so damp this year.

There are some sayings that become very pertinent as the year progresses, one of which is 'wet Christmas gives empty fruit barrels and empty granary.'

As you look through the weather you will have an indication of why and how this saying came be made, and why I use it.

Another is 'As 1<sup>st</sup> January was a Tuesday it will be a rainy year, 'look no further than the following for that saying.

The 25<sup>th</sup> January was a cold grey dull damp frosty sunless day, all these conditions point to a poor grain crop to come – as goes the saying attached to this day.

Another concerns apples and cider, which requires sun on the 12<sup>th</sup> February – of which there was none, to give a good crop.

However, since February was cold. this indicates a good hay crop to come.

The twelve days of Christmas indicated a wet year to come - nearly proven below.

The 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012 blew with a SW wind the saying being 'Wind SW good for milk and fish,' which interprets as a wet year - good for grass – hence the milk, and water for the fish.

Thorns were dropping on 2nd February which gives rise to 'A good pea crop if thorns be adrop 2<sup>nd</sup> February.' As June shows the chances of a good pea crop are good.

These sayings are treated by some as pure 'hocus-pocus,' with no validity; it is a free world and everyone is entitled to their views. My only comment is, that if you do not know the subject, then learn about it, you will be wiser, and as result not be so ready to give such uninformed and baseless comments.

I will detail each month separately later, but a brief précis for this period is that:

April will be changeable, damp and quite possibly cold too, there are some interesting weather conditions from 19<sup>th</sup> to the end of the month. I do not think that this cold weather will affect the South East, but anywhere north of the Watford Gap might feel an unseasonably cold period. It is not rare to have snow on St George's day 23<sup>rd</sup>.

May has one the rare fair and dry moon periods in this sequence, and that is from 10<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup>, but this comes with a warning, especially to fruit farmers, nurserymen and those who have tender plants to nurture – whilst this period may well be dry, fair, sunny and warm during the day, the danger comes from the Ice Maidens 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

These nights give vicious severe frosts that will decimate all fruit blossoms and tender plants - not might, but will – I cannot reiterate the danger from this period. In 1991 these frost destroyed in excess of 80% of the French wine crop. It will kill fruit blossoms too.

And if this frost causes damage, then the rain to finish the month will not be welcome either. There is a perigee/full moon warning too 25-26<sup>th</sup> May the implications of which are in the June précis.

June will not be wet as in 2012, in fact arguably I think that June may well be the best month of the summer, indeed a good year for peas this year, the first week will be fair, dry sunny and warm, the next two weeks I have classified as 'changeable,' for my data is inconclusive from the 9<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup>, it will not be wet per se, but neither will it be fair and dry, hence the changeable prediction. The month will end in rain.

There is warning note in June.

When a full moon and a perigee are within 24 hours of each other, then propensity for a natural disaster somewhere in the world, will occur, not may, will. A natural catastrophe can include, volcanic eruption, tsunami, acute flooding, landslide, but a natural disaster. For those by tidal waters – abnormally high spring tides. Forearmed is forewarned.

July starts with rain for the first few days, but this is the norm, there is a Buchan Cold period that promotes this rain (which is why it invariably rains for Wimbledon tennis), however I am back to changeable for the second week, for the same reasons as above, but I am confident that 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> will give us among the warmest days of the year.

Rain in third week, but to end the month, the second fair, dry and sunny moon will bring some true summer weather – not a lot, but some.

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August - This will be, as is often the case in August, a changeable month, with a real mixture of weather, there is sadly no evidence at all of a prolonged dry and/or warm summer period. The only hope is that the established warm period 10<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> (remember 2003) will give some heat and sunshine, will materialise, but do not hold your breath. I cannot give any indication from the data here of a hot August.

September, when the children go back to school the good weather arrives, dry warm sunny and settled, alas 2013 may not be the same up to the equinox (21<sup>st</sup>), and whilst all the evidence points to anti-cyclonic conditions, the moon forecasts do not back this up. A wet stormy end to the month is pretty normal.

For those who work the land: as the grass was growing on 1<sup>st</sup> January there will only be one hay harvest this year – a reliable saying. This first day of the year saying is then backed up with the weather conditions during the year – none of which are (again) backed up by anything that gives hope for two hay harvests. So when do you harvest?

Not being a farmer, and not wishing to be impertinent either, but maybe early June or the last week of July may be the best periods for hay making this year.

That completes the quick précis of the period. If it is not to your flavour, then it is the best I can do with what nature and the other data here has provided me with, and I have given it my best shot.



## AUGUST 2013

Last Quarter moon 1<sup>st</sup> = changeable.                      New moon 6<sup>th</sup> = Changeable.  
First Quarter moon 14<sup>th</sup> = frequent rain showers.      Full moon 21<sup>st</sup> = changeable.  
Last Quarter moon 28<sup>th</sup> = Changeable.

A Buchan cold period 6<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> is followed by a Buchan warm period 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>.

The warm period also dovetails with the period, 10<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> that has the highest mean temperature of the year (remember 2003).

Storms can be expected from 20<sup>th</sup> to the end of the month.

## SEPTEMBER 2013

Last Quarter moon 1<sup>st</sup> = Changeable.                      New moon 5<sup>th</sup> = Rain showers.  
First Quarter moon 12<sup>th</sup> = Changeable.                      Full moon 19<sup>th</sup> = rain.  
Last Quarter 27<sup>th</sup> = rain.

There is a Met Office quiet period 1<sup>st</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> and this coincides with a proven anti-cyclonic period also the same dates.

The period 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> can also be stormy, with the 20-22<sup>nd</sup> giving a windier period known as the barley set winds.

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The above concludes my advance predictive forecast for the summer of 2013. It is not too hopeful of bright, sunny, hot or even warm dry weather, but I can only use the hands that nature deals me.

It will be interesting to see how near this prediction is the actual weather.

Thank you for taking the time to peruse my efforts.

@ David King

Edenbridge – 8<sup>th</sup> March 2013.