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PREAMBLE.



[Some Christmas colour, flower of the month = Holly & the Ivy.](#)

Welcome to the December website.

“One day tells a story to the next. One night shares knowledge with the next.”
Psalms 19 vv2.

Never was this quote more pronounced than in the month of November 2014.

A quick look back at the some of the saws for November shows this perfectly:

1st = Dry warm and sunny pleasant day, end of sowing and weather will deteriorate with rain and frost thereafter. QED.

3rd = Rain promised on the 1st arrived early with 27.4mm. QED.

9th = St Martins Little Summer arrived QED.

10th = Wind Easterly this day (as predicted three months ago). QED. Day 2 St Martin's Little summer. Martlemass Day, setting the wind direction until at least 2/2/2015. QED.

11th = St Luke. Day three of the Little Summer (as predicted) QED.

So, even from the above dates the following months are all predicted by nature, to include, and please note here with great care the combination of sayings and what they all lead up to, none of these are hand-picked to fit the script, they are as they appear on the data sheet.

1. An Easterly wind for the rest of winter = cold dry, maybe even bitter winds, blowing off the near continent on the back of Polar Continental and Arctic Maritime air masses – so a very cold east coast then, at least until 2/2/2015 and quite possibly through to 25th May (St Urban).
2. No ice on 11th, therefore a more than even chance of a dry cold sunny Christmas Day.
3. Leaves still on the trees – especially Oak and ash – indicate a cruel winter on the way.
4. Plentiful dry beech nuts on the ground indicating a hard dry winter.
5. Flowers in bloom = hard winter.
6. Many sloes = many deaths, a hard winter with poverty and suffering.
7. Trees full of nuts = large number of deaths and burials.

All the above have one loud and clear message, a cold hard winter to come – but that has been my prediction now for some months.

However amongst this small selection there is a real advance informative note; remember the Oak apple kernels in September – a meetly good summer; nature works in wonderful ways. Because (at the 12th –when this is being composed) we have had two days of thunder in the month, this indicates a fertile year to come.

With a little vision and knowledge, this can be extended to say that Christmas Day will be cold, dry with some sunshine. How come? Look at the Christmas Day moon, look at the singularities. See the above quote concerning ice on the 11th. then look at the numerous Christmas day saws.

To have a meetly good year there needs to be an absence of frost in May to preserve the fruit blossoms (as this and last year), therefore no May frosts.

To protect the winter wheat from frosts, snow is vital, therefore since the year will be fertile, expect plenty of protective snow for the wheat – and at the same time to retard the fruit buds too. The grain harvest will be good too, therefore a good grain harvest period too, and, prior to that, a reasonable June for the pea harvest and hay harvest.

So, slowly one day telleth another and night shares knowledge with the next.

Everything above is verifiable, no smoke or mirrors, no assumptions, just good knowledge and understanding, some skill in interpretation, but nothing hidden.

Of course I have also to include the staple cold winter indicators of thick English onion skins, dead nettles along the waysides, the fat garden birds, the proliferation of robins around the back door, the thickness of the sheep's fleeces, the preponderance of ivy berries this year – this plant is both wind-proof and waterproof, it has the only fruit that provided nectar in the winter – hence attracting any insects – and is the common living quarters for the smaller birds; the wren, blue tits, robins; it is a veritable full board hotel for these birds – full food and lodging.

The larger birds, Blackbirds', thrush, fieldfare, redwing, starling and their allies will use the cover of the oak leaves well into February – which again are wind proof and relatively waterproof too, some food at times too, but only B&B.

Although I have already done my winter advance prediction, I now try to hone this a little, since once again, certain newspapers are lambasting us with 'horror stories' of severe Beast winters etc; albeit with reference to many of the sources I gave months ago – but disregarded then as 'inconsequential and not proven.'

I think from all my data that we on the eastern side of the UK will have a dryer winter, albeit very cold, certainly with some severe frost and snow falls in 2015, because the cold will arrive from the arctic and mainland Europe on the Easterly wind.

I will branch out from normal predictive area here, for though I do not use technology as such, neither am I a Luddite. There is a growing mass of evidence building that indicates that parts of the extreme north and NW of Scotland and Borders will have cold conditions, very cold conditions too, which will come in on the back of both Polar Maritime and Arctic Maritime currents; already I hear the 'Jet Streams' being mentioned with increasing frequency.

For the far west and south west and western parts, your air is coming off the Atlantic on the back of Tropical maritime current, which is both warmer (relatively speaking) and wetter, therefore your conditions will be wet and stormy. However as this warmer wetter air flows eastwards it will at some point, Hampshire, Surrey, even Wiltshire meet the colder air from the east, therefore the possibility of deep snow cannot be ruled out.

I do not normally venture into 'unknown territory,' but since this winter could be interesting I have put my thoughts on paper, it will be interesting to see how it all turns out!

I hope the above gives some insight into the methodology I use impacts upon the future months, again, any questions coming in on the 'contact' website page will get answered – however there may be a short delay in such replies since the editor will be taking a short break. However they will get full attention on return.

I wish you all a happy peaceful festive season, with everything you wish yourselves for the coming year.

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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.

- 6th St Nicolas
- 7th 2nd in Advent
- 12th Apogee 2304hrs
- 14th 3rd in Advent
- 21st 4th in Advent
St Thomas DoP. Quarter Day, Shortest day of the year Winter Solstice. Weather
up to 2/2.
- 24th Perigee 1644hrs
- 25th Christmas Day Holly and Ivy flower about this time.
- 26th St Stephen Boxing Day
- 27th St John
- 28th Childermass/Innocents Day Unluckiest day of the year when no work should be
started. See notes below.
- 31st Hogmanay Celebrates the solar divinity of Hogmanay.

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/Coldmoon.

The tree of the month up to 22nd is the Elder, there is no tree on 23rd, thereafter the Birch.

General Notes and Comments

Expect gale force winds. The portents generally threaten a nasty month, but a hint of better things to come with the worst over. It ought however to be over by the end of January. 21st - 31st normally/traditionally a stormy period.

Day of Prediction (21st) portends weather until 2nd February and the direction of the prevailing wind up to the vernal equinox on 21st March. If it freezes this day the price of corn will fall - which implies a good harvest - but also a hard winter. If however mild, the price of corn will rise.

If Christmas falls on a Sunday, it shall be a warm winter, the summer hot and dry. If Christmas day and Thursday be - a windy winter will shall see.

If it rains on the first Sunday of December, before mass, it will rain for a week.

Christmas can be Green - in the old sense of 'bright' (clear/light and bright) - yielding a good harvest (proven) - a peaceful year of plenty.

Black - will bode ill for next year's weather. White - a muddy Easter. Warm - a cold Easter. Wet - empty granary and barrel. Windy - trees will bring much fruit, but if the weather grows stormy before sunset, it betokened sickness in the spring and summer quarters. Snow - good hay crop next year.

But if the Milky Way shows clear you may safely count on a fruitful year.

[This can be a good indicator]

If it snows during Christmas night, the crops will do well.

Light Christmas, light wheat sheaf - dark Christmas, heavy wheat sheaf (if full moon about Christmas Day)

If Christmas ice hangs on the willow, clover may be cut at Easter.

A windy Christmas and a calm Candle mass are signs of a good year.

Thunder in December presages fine weather.

Thunder during Christmas week indicates that there will be much snow during the winter.

A Green Christmas means a full churchyard.

If Christmas Day be on a Saturday, the weather be great with wind, snow and cold, the summer good and there shall be war in many lands. (except the last, quite accurate)

If berries on trees at Christmas, they'll stay 'til snow is down. If gone then a mild winter.

St Thomas Day is always grey. the longest night and the shortest day.

A dull Christmas with no sun, bodes ill for the harvest.

When the sun shines through the apple trees on Christmas Day, when Autumn comes, they will a load of fruit display. [reliable - also indicates a good Spring with few late frosts, frost-free May and a good Autumn.]

If ice bears before Christmas, it won't bear a goose afterwards.

Christmas in snow, Easter in mud. Easter in snow, Christmas in mud.

If much rain during the 12 days of Christmas a wet year to come.

If on a New Years Eve the winds blow south, it betokened warmth and growth.

If west, much milk and fish in the sea. If north, cold and storms there will be.

If east, the trees will bear much fruit. If north-east, then flee it man and beast.

26th - If windy, bad for next years grapes.

28th Childermass Day - if lowering and wet there will be scarcity. If fair it promises plenty.

Much rain in October. much wind in December. [check October readings]

In December, keep yourself warm, and sleep.

A winter fog will freeze a dog.

Every mile is two in winter.

25/12 to 5/1. These 12 days are said to be the keys of the weather for the whole year.

THE FULL MOON THIS MONTH IS CALLED THE HUNTING/COLD MOON.

The tree up-to the 22nd is the Elder. There is no tree on the 23rd. The Birch then becomes the monthly tree.

MONTHLY AVERAGES FOR EDENBRIDGE (USING 1981-2010 FIGURES)

Mean Max:	8.1C	Mean Min:	1.9C	Mean Avg:	5C
Rainfall:	85.8mm	Sunshine:	64.6hrs	(day = 2.08hrs)	

Whilst I appreciate the above are local figures, it will be an indication of what the averages are, and, of course there will be local variations. Such variations can be found by trawling the various weather websites, or by using the superb data found in the Climatologists Observers Link website.

The following figures are for the average temperature at 12 noon and again at 4pm, taken at the beginning and again at the end of the month.

1 st	8.2C	7.3C
31 st	5.5C	5C

date	day	moon	Weather	DoP	Saint/holy day	Other day	Quarter day	Apogee Perigee	Equinox Eclipse	Met Office	Buchan	Supermoon
Dec 2014												
1	M		cold & high winds							stormy to 14th		
2	T									"		
3	W									"	warm 3 -14th	
4	T									"	"	
5	F									"	"	
6	S	full								"	"	
7	S	12.27hrs	snow/rain		2nd in Advent					"	"	
8	M									"	"	
9	T									"	"	
10	W									"	"	
11	T									"	"	
12	F							apogee 23.04hrs		"	"	
13	S									"	"	
14	S	last Q	snow/rain		3rd in advent					"		
15	M	12.53hrs								quiet 15 - 21st		
16	T									"		
17	W									"		
18	T									"		
19	F									"		
20	S									"		
21	S			yes	St Thomas	4th in Advent	yes		winter solstice	"		
22	M	new	frost									
23	T	01.36hrs									highest spring tides	
24	W							perigee 16.44hrs				
25	T				Christmas day					stormy 25 - 31st	23rd to 25th	
26	F				St Stephen	Boxing day				"		
27	S				St John					"		
28	S	1st Q	fair/frosty		Childermass	innocents day				"		
29	M	18.32hrs								"		
30	T									"		
31	W					hogmanay				"		

DATE	Chandler & Gregory Barry & Perry	Brooks	Lamb	Buchan	Met Office	Season
01/12/2014		24th - 14th Dec stormy	25th - 10th Dec early winter storms & rains		24th - 14th stormy period	20/11 - 19/1 early winter
02/12/2014						
03/12/2014				3rd - 14th warmer period		
04/12/2014						
05/12/2014			6th - 12th cyclonic activity at peak			
06/12/2014			6th - 12th cyclonic activity at peak			
07/12/2014			6th - 12th cyclonic activity at peak			
08/12/2014			6th - 12th cyclonic activity at peak			
09/12/2014		peak day	6th - 12th cyclonic activity at peak			
10/12/2014			6th - 12th cyclonic activity at peak			
11/12/2014			6th - 12th cyclonic activity at peak			
12/12/2014			6th - 12th cyclonic activity at peak			
13/12/2014						
14/12/2014						
15/12/2014						
16/12/2014						
17/12/2014	17th - 21st generally dry calm foggy weather					
18/12/2014		18th - 24th anti-cyclonic				
19/12/2014		19th - 21st peak days	19th - 23rd quiet frosty weather over Northern Europe and continental anti-cyclonic @ time of winter solstice			
20/12/2014		19th - 21st peak days				
21/12/2014		19th - 21st peak days				
22/12/2014						
23/12/2014						
24/12/2014						
25/12/2014		25th - 1st Jan Stormy	25th - 31st Christmastide thaw and storms at the end of the year. Cyclonic very common.		25th - 31st stormy period	
26/12/2014						
27/12/2014						
28/12/2014		peak day				
29/12/2014						
30/12/2014	first winter minimum					20/11 - 19/1 early winter
31/12/2014	cold period 31st - 6th Jan					early winter