

February 2015 Preamble.

So, what does 2015 weather have in store for us? I see the poor old 'jet-stream' has been dumped for the 'weather bomb,' by the popular press. What will be the next 'buss word' then? Sadly too despite all these dire warnings a correct weather forecast is still sadly lacking - plus la change! Found it 'Storm Rachel!!!'

The most popular/common requests I get are: Will it snow at Christmas? What will the weather be at Easter? What will the summer be like?

I will now attempt to answer the last two of the above, but before I do, for the sceptics out there, please, who else or what weather organisation gave a 100% correct Christmas Day forecast? and who also gave it two months ahead too? I cannot find any organisation that did so. Nature told me months ahead.

This year I interpreted exactly what nature told me and gave the exact weather, not only that but that Boxing day would be colder and stormy, with in places, some snow. All the signs were there, from the humble oak apple through to the abundance of hips, haws, nuts and seeds, the onion skins and dead nettles. I am not 'bragging,' I am trying to demonstrate how by carefully by assessing what nature tells us, it is possible, as our forefathers did, to be pretty accurate at least one and quite possibly two growing seasons ahead. A growing season is about 90 days/ 3months.

The interested readers will now have a pretty good idea of the year ahead, simply by noting the saws/sayings from October to the end of December - all this will be compounded by the January data.

The sunshine on Christmas Day (6.6hrs here) indicated a good fruit harvest - therefore very few hard frosts to damage the blossoms in May, good news for the fruit farmers. It also indicated a good grain harvest, so good weather in August for harvest - but a wet July, since with two full moons in the month (the second a Blue Moon) it is always wetter than normal, but this of course will assist the growing fruit and grain. Sunshine on Christmas Day means that Easter Day (6th April) will be cold and wet - a true banker.

The sunshine also forewarned of snow to come - since snow is necessary to protect the winter wheat from frosts - and maybe too some late snow again this year.

Boxing Day was not windy as such, a fairly good omen for a good grape harvest too.

Which brings me onto New Year's Day, 1st January. Milder than average, though in some parts the ground was just cold enough to inhibit the growth of grass, but in the unaffected parts, the grass was indeed growing (as in 2014); which of course indicates (6 months ahead again) that there will be a good hay crop in June, plus a good pea crop, June will be as good as 2014 - hot dry sunny; but, there is always a but there will only be one hay crop - again as in 2014. No second hay crop again.

The fine dry weather from the August grain harvest will extend into September and give us parlous little rain again, certainly not enough for a second hay crop in September. Therefore drought conditions (as in 2014).

The above data all comes from the correctly forecast Christmas Day - which was taken from moon data, oak apple data and other such tried, tested and reliable sources, sayings proven literally hundreds of years ago and they still work now - and please note too, that all these are running six months head.

In the December preamble I ventured outside my 'safe area,' to suggest a three way split in the UK winter weather. So far, this has proven correct.

However since I was away on 21st December, I make comment here concerning the wind direction that day; the wind was westerly - contrary to the September 29th direction, and as result the western side of the UK has had extremely wet and blustery, though relatively mild conditions since. It is fair to say that whilst some of this has reached the eastern UK, the east still is dominated by the cold coming off the near continent; this relatively warmer westerly airstream did nothing to diminish the cold period after Christmas either. I therefore continue with easterly prediction for the rest of winter into 2015.

Candlemass, 2nd February, an important day weather-wise, well worth some study concerning the saws and sayings, for this will determine the coming month into March up to 21st - the next quarter day.

The January days from 8th to 16th will give the local weather for the next 6 months too, whilst the sayings might look 'mumbo-jumbo/hocus pocus,' as I am often reminded by meteorological persons, all I say is, such 'hocus pocus etc,' correctly forecast Christmas Day et al, when all the expertise failed. QED.

In mid-February I will publish the advance predictions - with of course all the supporting data and reasons why - from March through spring to the start of June (Meteorological spring is March to end of May). Of course there is already much of this above, but I will expand on this as more data is provided by nature - which with good fortune I will able to interpret accurately.

I know there are some readers out there who are beginning to get the hang of this methodology; please, if you have questions do not be afraid to use the section on the website to contact me. I will always reply. I hope those that study this, now are beginning to realise that nature and these old sayings are really very good and with some effort you can begin to work out your localised weather.

Tree of the month up to 17th is Rowan, thereafter, the Ash - seen here.



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January 2015.

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

1st	St Brigid	If white every ditch full.
2nd	Candlemass weather at before.	aka as Purification Day of BVM. Day of Prediction. Cold Candlemass means colder weather after the feast than Snow drop blossom day.
6th	St Dorothea	Gives most snow. Apogee 06.27hrs.
12th	St Eulalies below.	If sun today, then good for apples and cider. 12th to 14th see
14th	St Valentine	Crocus blossom time.
17th	Shrove Tuesday every store of peas	So as the sun shines on Pancake Tuesday, the like will shine day in Lent. Thunder on Shrove Tuesday foretelleth wind, fruit and plenty. When the sun is shining on Shrovetide day it is meant well for and rye
18th	Ash Wednesday spells	Where the wind lies today it will remain for all Lent. A dry Lent a fertile year.
19th		Perigee 07.31hrs.
22nd	St Peter	If cold will last longer - the night gives 40 days weather. 1st Sunday in Lent
24th	St Mathias If	St Mattee send sap up tree (usually indicates an early spring). freezing today so for a month.
28th	St Romanus	Bright and clear indicates a good year.

MET OFFICE NOTES: 24th to 28th stormy.

BUCHAN NOTES: 7th to 14th cold period.

The full moon this month is known as the Snow moon.

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General Notes and Comments

Shortest and worst of all months.

If Candlemass Day be clear and bright, winter will have another flight.

But if it be dark with clouds and rain, winter has gone and will not come again.

If Candlemass be mild and gay, go saddle your horse and buy them hay as half the winter's to come this year.

This day is a very reliable day for wind up to the end of May. This Quarter Day is not however a true 90 day span as are the other three such Quarter days. Therefore as a Quarter Day it requires more caution.

Where-ever the wind on Candlemass Day, there 'twill stay to the end of May.

A snow cover in February protects the land from the worst excesses of frost and snow, and a slow thaw gently releases the water into the ground. A sudden thaw accompanied by heavy rain is one of the most damaging of weather combinations. [causing at times sever flooding]

February always brings the rain and the thaws the frozen lakes again.

Much February snow, April summer doth show. [yes 4/5 times true]

A month with snow means spring will be fine.

If freezing on the 24th - will continue for a month, St Mathias breaks the ice, if none, he breaks it.

A sunny February brings wet and stormy summer.

February filldyke, be it black or be it white, but if it be white, 'tis better to like.

[regardless of snow or rain, the ditches will usually fill during February.]

In February if thou hearest thunder, thou shalt see a summer wonder.

Dry February, dry summer.

A warm day in February is a dream of summer.

February spring ain't worth a pin.

On Candlemass Day if thorns be a-drop you can be sure of a good pea crop.

[peas are picked in June which implies a good period]

When drops hang on the fence at Candlemass, icicles will hang on 25th March.

When the wind's in the east, it will stay to the 2nd of May.

If a storm then spring is near, but if bright and clear then spring is late.

If Candlemass Day do bluster and blow, winter is over, as all do know.

All the months of the year curse a fair Februair.

If February brings no rain, 'tis neither good for grass or grain.

February makes a bridge (of ice) and March breaks it.

As the days lengthen so the cold strengthens.

Warm February gives light hay crop, cold February gives heavy hay crop.

Snow in February puts wheat in the granary.

February snow burns the corn.

If the last 18 days of February are wet and the first 10 days of March are mainly rainy, then spring quarter and summer too, will prove wet too. If dry then watch out for drought conditions in the summer.

AND

From local figures of the above February and march dates if the combined rainfall is less than 100mms, then the drought possibility is much higher, A refined calculation.

There will be a deficiency of rain up to Midsummer day.

Fogs in February means frosts in May.

There will be as many frosts in June as fogs in February.

*February is a damp month, not because of high rainfall, but because of low evaporation rate.
Often a month of intense cold, as the thermometer falls and the crimson sun sits in an open sky.
A time of burst pipes, and, in a good year, of skating.*

So, if you are to have a good summer, alas, February will need to be a cold wet miserable month.

*See reference to St Catherine - 25th November.
[At St Catherine, foul or fair, so 'twill be next Februir.]*

When hottest in June - coldest in the following February.[check June readings]

*In August, so next February. [check August readings - but what relevance?]
Warm October - cold February. [check readings]*

If late October and early November be warm and rainy, then January and February will be frosty and cold. [check previous readings.]

With every thunder with rain in February, there will be a cold spell in May.

Isolated fine days in February are considered as certain to be followed by a storm.

A dry Lent spells a fertile year.

**THE FULL MOON THIS MONTH IS KNOWN AS THE SNOW MOON.
ROWAN is the tree of the month up to 17th. Then ASH takes over.**

MONTHLY AVERAGES FOR EDENBRIDGE (USING 1981-2010 FIGURES)

Mean Max:	8.7C	Mean Min:	0.2C	Mean Avg:	4.45C
	Rainfall:	54.1mm	Sunshine:	87.9hrs (day = 3.14hrs)	

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	5.7C	5.2C
31 st	7.6C	8.8C

2015											
Febry											
Date	Day	Moon	Weather	DoP	Saint/Holy day	Other day	Apogee Perigee	Equinox Eclipse	Met Office	Buchan	Supermoon
1	Su					St Brigid					
2	Mon			YES	Candlemass						
3	Tu	Full 23.09	Rain/Snow								
4	Wed										
5	Th										
6	Fr					St Dorothea	Apogee06.27				
7	Sa									Cold period	
8	Su									7th - 14th	
9	Mon									}	
10	Tu									}	
11	Wed									}	
12	Th	Last Q 03.50	snow/stormy			St Eulalies				}	
13	Fr									}	
14	Sa					St Valentine				}	
15	Su										
16	Mon										
17	Tu					Shrove Tuesday					
18	Wed	New 23.47	Fair & frosty		Ash Wednesday						yes 23.48hrs
19	Th						Perigee 0731				
20	Fr							highest spring			
21	Sa							tides			
22	Su				1st in Lent	St Peter		20th - 24th			
23	Mo										
24	Tu								Stormy		
25	Wed	First Q 17.14	Fair						24th - 28th		
26	Th								}		
27	Fr								}		
28	Sa					St Romanus			}		

DATE	Chandler & Gregory Barry & Perry	Brooks	Lamb	Buchan	Met Office	Season
01/02/2015		Stormy	24th Jan - 3rd			20/1 - 29/3
02/02/2015			rain & snow			late winter
03/02/2015						
04/02/2015						
05/02/2015						
06/02/2015						
07/02/2015				7th -14th		
08/02/2015		8th - 16th Anti-	8th - 13th Anti-cyclonic.	cold		
09/02/2015		cyclonic	Fog probable	period		
10/02/2015						
11/02/2015						
12/02/2015						
13/02/2015		peak day				
14/02/2015						
15/02/2015						
16/02/2015						
17/02/2015						
18/02/2015						
19/02/2015						
20/02/2015						
21/02/2015		21st - 25th Cold spell				
22/02/2015		peak day				
23/02/2015						
24/02/2015					24th - 28th	
25/02/2015					stormy	
26/02/2015		26th - 9th March	26th - 9th March		period	
27/02/2015		stormy	stormy			20/1 - 29/3
28/02/2015						late winter