

WEATHER WITHOUT TECHNOLOGY

JANUARY 2017

PREAMBLE



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Welcome to the January 2017 website and I send all my good wishes to every reader for a happy, healthy 2017 with everything you aspire to being fulfilled.

1st - If this be a Sunday, winter will be cold and moist, spring windy, the summer hot, and, at harvest time wind and rain with abundance of corn and other grain.

17th January, Old Twelfth Night – an old English cider country custom is ‘wassailing night,’ Wassail is derived from the Middle English *waes hael*, meaning good health. In ‘orchard wassailing’, one has a drink with one’s neighbours, and the apples trees are awoken by being beaten with sticks, a piece of toast placed in the branches, and cider sprinkled around the roots; All to ensure a good crop in the year ahead, ideally a suitable wassail song should be sung; ‘Wassail the trees, that they may bear you many a plum, and many a pear.’ [Meadowland pp22)

Confession time – I half (you will see why) apologise to the readership north of Norwich who listens to The Paul Hudson Weather Show. In September I warned of a big storm on 14th November some 70 days in advance. Sadly I was too early, if as Paul pointed out to me, if I had said around the 14th, then I would have been spot on. It was in fact Storm Angus on the 19th, but was predicted by the methodology here even before the storm names for 2016/7 had been published. In future the phraseology will encompass a wider time span, but, on the upside, most of you marked it down and made arrangements, therefore the object to forewarn was achieved. I now also know that since the catastrophes last year you now have flood sirens in places – that go off in the middle of the night. However the rest of the prediction for the autumn was pretty accurate, therefore my knowledge of your diverse region improves. Thank you too to all of you who send me data, every little helps, even to the fact that some of you had snow on 1st November too.

Following from the above I sit here on the 20th December with news reports of a severe storm and gales to hit the parts of the UK Friday 23rd, maybe strong enough to get Storm Barbara headlines. Other newspapers tell of a 3 day /snow blizzard bomb!’ – forget that, snow not lay on wet rain soaked ground. 21st is the Quarter day which gives the predominant wind direction for the next 90 days up to 21st March. Since December has been a NNE wind I see no reason to change that prediction. If there is a storm then the rule is to let the storm abate and then see the wind direction. However, the methodology here did not point to a storm before Christmas day, and being the ever optimist I think some of us will still get a dry sunny Christmas day. Boxing Day is always the start of a stormy period which is why I suggested a stormy day from then up to the New Year. But I cannot win them all, all the time.

For those in North Yorks I suggested a 'double whammy' with winds from both NW and NE, looking at current weather charts I think that is indeed a possibility even more so. It may well be stormy in the run up to Christmas but nothing on the scale of Storm Angus or the storms of last year. I hope the above answers some of the recent enquiries, and I suggest that some enquirers look at a dictionary and read the definition of 'predominantly.'

No more ITV shows, obviously I have blotted my copy book somewhere along the line, such is life, and no more 'eccentric weatherman' comments, but I do know I gave a lot of entertainment to a lot of viewers; but I also got the weather 100% correct – which pleased me. Such is TV – a fickle medium, but I crop quite regularly across the radio waves and often in print too. I do not advertise, promote myself and speak only when spoken to, but I always reply to every mail and enquiry.

The Met Office issued a press release on 28th November stating that the coming winter is likely to be colder than in recent years. Wise minds think alike?

The 'hot period' in the second week of December was of course, pretty normal, and a Buchan warm period too, but not as warm as in previous years, despite newspaper headlines –but the same warm air here that gave such temperatures here caused torrential rain over parts of Spain. The high pressure left some of with a lot of fog too, some of it freezing, but the prediction was pretty correct.

Advance notice for cyclists in Yorkshire. The World Championships at the end of April 2017 will be a period of dry sunny calm weather – definitely no snow- that was the case (and predicted) last year for the Great Yorkshire cycle race. I wish the event well too.

I wish you all a safe, happy, enjoyable and pleasant Christmas 2016.

JANUARY 2017

NEW MOON 28th @ 0819hrs = Frost
1st QUARTER MOON = 5th @ 1947hrs = Fair & frosty
FULL MOON 12th @ 1135hrs = Cold & high winds
LAST QUARTER MOON 19th @ 2214hrs = Fair & frosty.

DoP = 25th St Paul.

HIGHEST SPRING TIDES 13th to 15th

Apogee 22nd @ 0115hrs. Perigee 10th @ 0608hrs

1st	Calends	If Janiver Calends be summerly gay, wintery weather will continue to the Calends of May.
3rd		It will be the same weather for 9 weeks as it is the ninth day after Christmas.
5th		Twelfth night.
6th	Epiphany	The days are lengthened a cocks stride.
8th		Weather before noon foretells June, weather after noon that of May. Plough Sunday
9th		Weather before noon foretells August, weather after noon that of July. Plough Monday
10th		Weather before noon foretells October, weather after noon that of September. Perigee 0608hrs
11th		Weather before noon foretells that of December, weather afternoon that of November.
12th		If the sun shines today it foretells much wind.
13th	St Hilary	Foretells the weather for the whole year - often considered the coldest and/or the wettest day of the year (reliable). Homage day to the apple tree.
15th	St Paul the Hermit	If rain or snow this day there will be a blessing on the year.
17th	St Sulphicius	Frost augers well for the spring.
19th - 31st		See rhyme below.
22nd	St Vincent	If the sky is clear, more water than wine will crown the year. If the sun shines today (it foreshadows much wind), prosperous weather all year. Apogee 0015hrs.

25th St Paul aka as St Annanias. It is said to predict the weather for the whole year ahead (it is good for 6 months - but tails off after that - Ed)
DAY OF PREDICTION.
Also known as Egyptian Day. Burns Night. Arguably the most important day of the year.

31st Hazel Tree in flower.

MET OFFICE NOTES: 5th to 17th Stormy. 18th to 24th Quiet.
25th to 31st Stormy again.

BUCHAN NOTES: NONE.

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General Notes and Comments

As days lengthen so cold strengthens. The blackest month of the year.

In winter, after the prevalence of easterly winds, if the barometer begins to fall and the thermometer to rise, a gale which starts to blow from the SE will veer to the SW, whilst the barometer falls constantly.

*As soon as the wind passes the SW point the barometer begins to rise, a heavy shower of rain falls, and a strong W/NW or NE wind may follow, after which, the sky clears and the weather becomes colder.
[This is an exact UK weather pattern and true]*

A January spring is worth nothing.

If no snow before the end of January there will be more in March & April.

1st - If this be a Sunday, winter will be cold and moist, spring windy, the summer hot, and, at harvest time wind and rain with abundance of corn and other grain.

If this be a Monday, severe and confused winter, good spring and windy summer.

If this be a Tuesday, dreary and severe winter. windy spring, rainy summer.

If this a Wednesday, hard winter, bad spring, good summer.

If this be a Thursday, good winter, windy spring, good summer.

If this be a Friday, variable winter, good spring and summer.

If this be a Saturday, snowy winter, blowing spring, wet summer.

Summerish January gives winterish spring.

January commits the fault and May bears the blame.

If January the sun appear, March and April will pay full dear.

When Oak trees bend with snow in January, good crops may be expected.

March in January, January in March.

If grass do grow in Janiveer, 'twill grow the worse for all the year.

If grain grows in January, a year of great need.

If birds begin to whistle, frosts to come.

*Dry January plenty of wine. Wet January no wine.
Fog in January brings a wet spring.*

Hoar frost and no snow is hurtful to fields, trees and grain.

Wet January, wet spring.

If January is wet the barrels stay empty (wine).

*January freeze, the pot on the fire.
Gale force winds are quite common in January.*

*Remember on St Vincent's Day (22nd), if the sun his beams display,
'Tis a token bright and clear, of prosperous weather throughout the year,
More wine than water, much rye and wine.*

St Vincent's is normally a good weather day.

If the birds start singing on St Vincent's day 'twill be an early spring.

St Paul's day is also St Annanias's day (25th).

*If the sunshine on St Paul's Day it betokens a good year; if snow or rain an indifferent
year. (a bad crop of grain) If cloudy & misty a great dearth and beasts and
birds will die, if Thunder great winds are predicted and unrest will vex us all and
cold will blow the great winds of January.*

Clouds on St Annanias Day portend floods.

*St Paul's Day - It is necessary to observe and note down the phases of the day, hour
by hour, or, even half an hourly, throughout the day from 6am to 6pm. This is
due to the belief that the hours of the day will reflect the weather, month by
month throughout the year.*

*Generally these signs are dependable up to the end of July. However there is much
truth in the above and 90% accuracy is quite normal - with 100% one year.*

*Snow usually falls in the third week of January. If it doesn't fall then, then it won't fall
at all.*

*For farmers it is wise to plan your hay crop now. If the grass is already starting to
grow, then do not look for two hay crops this year for the worse it will be later
on, and vice-versa.*

The first three days of January rule the coming first three months.

Warm January, cold May.

*There will certainly be at least one very cold snap, very likely with snow too. It has
been known to arrive as early as Boxing Day (26th December) and as late as
the 30th January. It will come and will probably be the worst cold snap of the
year. There is much truth in the saying that the hardest winters are those that
start around twelfth night (6th), following a dry December. On snow - it is
generally unknown, that if snow lies for three days it will require another fall to
take it away.*

*If late October and early November be warm and rainy, then January and February shall be frosty and cold. [check readings from previous year]
When the months of July, August and September are exceptionally hot, January will be the coldest month. [check previous readings]*

Windy October - dry January. [check previous readings]

A dry and frosty Janiveer is like to make a plenteous year - a very dependable saying.

19th-31st. These last twelve days of the month rule the weather for the whole year.

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MONTHLY AVERAGES FOR EDENBRIDGE (USING 1981-2010 FIGURES)

Mean Max: 7.8C Mean Min: 1.C Mean Avg: 4.4C
Rainfall: 83.6mm Sunshine: 69.3hrs (day = 2.23hrs)

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	5.8C	5.8C
31 st	5.7C	5.1C

DATE	Chandler & Gregory Barry & Perry	Brooks	Lamb	Buchan	Met Office	Season
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January 01	31st Dec - 6th = First winter minimum cold period	25th Dec - 1st Jan				20/11 -19/1 early winter
January 02						
January 03						
January 04						
January 05		5th - 17th Stormy	5th - 11th Storminess of early January		5th - 17th stormy period	
January 06						
January 07						
January 08		peak day				
January 09						
January 10						
January 11						
January 12						
January 13						
January 14						
January 15						
January 16						
January 17						
January 18	20th - 23rd Generally dry & sunny in central and southern England	18th - 24th anti-cyclonic			18th - 24th quiet period	20/11 -19/1 early winter
January 19		peak day	20th - 23rd Anti-cyclone period South & East England			
January 20			peak day			20/1 - 29/3 late winter
January 21						
January 22						
January 23						
January 24		24th - 1st Feb Stormy				
January 25					25th - 31st stormy period	
January 26						
January 27			24th - 3rd Feb Renewed storminess of early January			
January 28			Gales + rain or Snow			
January 29						
January 30						20/1 - 29/3 late winter
January 31		peak day				

