

Welcome to the November edition of the website.

The Quarter Day on 29th September was dry, fine sunny and warm with a W/SW wind, this wind direction will therefore be the predominant wind direction up to 21st December (St Thomas) the next Quarter Day. This also indicates a fine autumn season to come, by fine I suggest a none too cold, warm autumn, a benign, quite autumn, excepting of course the regular seasonal storms at this time of the year, and as suggested last month, some fog and frost, this being indicated on the November data sheet.

As the wind on Boxing Day (26th December) last year gave a what I call a 'primary saw,' ie: a saying that for the greater part is accurate most of the time, and will certainly be backed up later in the year by what I call 'secondary saw,' these are indirect but equally as compelling, if used correctly, sayings that will confirm the original primary saw [the primary saw above was that it would be a poor grape harvest for 2012 – so bad that Nyetimber Vineyard abandoned the 2012 harvest]; so there is a primary saw for the 29th September, it being that there will be a good wine harvest 2013. As the following months progress I will highlight the secondary/ancillary saws that will back up this primary saw.

The September data sheet, amongst other such facts and information gave the 'Oak Apple,' task. Collect and cut open oak apples on this day and the interior will divulge one of seven conditions within; the sceptics here will realise that we are now well into the 'hocus-pocus,' theme; I continue; the oak apples this year, due to the severe drought here in the SE were not the easiest to discover and were in fact quite scarce, those that were found were in fact very hard, and, as a result, not easy to open. I did in fact collect seven and the results are here:

1. Fair coloured exterior, with fair and clear interior = summer shall be fair and corn good too.
2. Dark coloured exterior, with flies inside = a meetly good year.
3. Dark coloured exterior, fair and clear interior = same result as in 1 above.
4. Fair coloured exterior, fair and clear interior = same result as in 1 above.
5. Fair coloured exterior, fair and clear interior = same result as 1 above.
6. Fair coloured exterior, fair and clear interior = same result as 1 above.
7. Dark coloured exterior, flies in interior = same as 2 above.

So, the result is near unanimous, summer shall be fair and corn good together with a meetly good year.

A piece of the jigsaw now drops into place, 'one day telleth another,' to have a reasonable grape harvest a good summer is essential, notice how the saw from 29th September indicating a good grape harvest, now conjoins with a the forecasts from the oak apples, the good grape harvest 2013 looks promising already.

VANDALISM: Pesticides generally get a bad press when farming and nature are mentioned, however, I think the most inexplicable farm related activity that causes so much damage, destruction and plain wanton vandalism is the use of the tractor and flail cutter. Severe criticism of this practice comes from the really rural communities for numerous reasons, none good.

Alas the dreaded tractor and cutter descended upon my territory recently; for all those of you who have taken walks with me, the access is always down a lane and then into the fields, along hedgerows at least 600 years old, and possibly even older, comprising of all the trees, shrubs, plants etc that comprise such ancient hedgerows, and as such, they provide cover, food, protection, nesting places, multicoloured flora in all seasons and beautiful on the eye. This year due to the drought situation here, there is a shortage all of all types of nuts, leaves are falling fast from many trees, but as nature does, alternative food to nuts was provided in the form of numerous berries, hips and haws. At this time of the year, these berries provide a colourful vista of primary and secondary colours and when intermingled with the varying shades of greens and autumn colours of the leaves, a true show of colour and beauty.

Alas no more, the 1000 metre lane was, within 4 hours, brutally shorn and vandalised by this most indiscriminate wanton destructive machine, in that the hedge was reduced in height from 3 metres to 2 metres and from reduced in width by half a metre, leaving a desolate mangled graveyard of bare wood, severed branches and boughs, absolutely no flowers, berries, hips, haws or indeed any other cover, be it grasses or plants. So, all the winter food and fruits laid down by nature for birds, animals and insects was eliminated in one foul swoop; winter cover for birds and some animals too was reduced to virtually nothing. There are no hawthorn, sloe, whitethorn, spindle, blackberry, ivy, honeysuckle, red and yellow bryony, black bryony, elder, woody nightshade, lords and ladies, beech or cob nuts - such as survived the drought - of the berry domain, plus crab apples, wild apples, prunelles, rose hips, haws, holly, butchers broom, gorse and other such foods provided by nature, all gone. The teasel, burdock, sowthistle, sedges, mint plants, many grasses and other such seed bearing plants also disappeared under the wheel tracks of the tractor.

What was a beautiful country lane full of colour and interest is now a scarred desert of mangled branches, twisted plants and vandalised countryside. To those who walk this lane it is nothing less than vandalism, and to what result? For while all the hedges from a distance are prim and proper, in all honesty a very heavy price to pay for uniformity. It is so sad that the uncaring can cause so much un-necessary vandalism to something they do not comprehend. End of rant.

ADVANCE WEATHER PREDICTION JANUARY TO END OF MARCH.

I was going to leave this until the December bulletin, however, with all the dire warnings of the coldest winter to come for years - from my prospective on the very slimmest of pretexts too, but it does make headlines - I have brought this forward. There are however two major caveats that need to be heeded.

The first is wind direction on 11th November/St Martin's day; read of the data sheet for November will show why this day is so important for future weather.

The second is the wind direction on 21st December/St Thomas/Equinox and Quarter day, the direction of the wind this day is very important too. From the east it will indicate a cold winter with frost and dryness, from the south west a milder period with less frost and wetter conditions. As is seen from the weather beside each moon these alternatives are indicated, however in the January bulletin I will clarify what I think, from all my data, what will happen.

Having said this, just how cold is it going to be this winter? Well, from all the notes I have given earlier and the reasons too, the chances of a very cold winter are extremely slim, the chances of a cold winter as last year are considerably reduced. As you can see from the moons, there is some frost forecast, but no periods of continuous snow - there is not one period of two consecutive snow moons. If we return to nature, nature has made no provision at all for a severe winter.

A really easy way of confirming this is to watch where the squirrels are hiding the acorns this year, you will notice that they are in fact burying them in the ground, which indicates a lack of snow (how do you find a hole in snow covered ground?) and also not a deadening frost of last winter - else how can the squirrel retrieve food from a frozen hole? If you observe nature, then nature will give the answer.

The second easier way of telling of hard winter is to see if the Robin is sitting adjacent to your kitchen door yet - where the food is - certainly not at this house; the Robin will stake its territory earlier in the event of a hard winter.

I really do not expect a hard winter, as suggested in some publications, yes, frost at times, maybe a very small snowfall of no consequence at worst, but nothing to get excited about.

The advanced predictions are contained separately under each month. The period April to the end of August will be published in February.

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NOVEMBER 2012

Last Quarter moon: 7th @ 00.35hrs = Frost unless wind SW.
New moon: 13th @ 2210hrs = Fair and frosty
First Quarter moon: 20th @ 1430hrs = Fair & mild.
Full moon: 28th @ 1445hrs = Fair & mild.

DAY OF PREDICTION: St Martin = 11th
ECLIPSE: Partial solar 25th@0620hrs
MET OFFICE: 24th Oct to 14th. Stormy. 15th to 21st Quiet. 24th to 14th December =
stormy.
BUCHAN: 6th to 13th = Cold.
TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE: 13th @ 1023hrs.
PENUMBRAL LUNAR ECLIPSE: 28th.

1 st	All Saints	On November 1 st if weather be clear, 'tis the end of sowing you'll do this year, weather will deteriorate thereafter with rain or frost
2nd	All Souls Day	If wind SE it will stay until Candlemass (2/2) and winter will be mild with little snow.
8th	Apogee 1321hrs	
10th	Martinmass Eve	Where the wind blows on Martinmass Eve, there 'twill be for the rest of winter.
11 th	St Martin	The weather on this day is said to fortell the weather for the next three months (2/2) and so for the winter. Day of Prediction. The onset of winter.
21st		As this day so the winter.
23rd	St Clement Perigee 2325hrs	St Clement gives the winter, a fairly accurate quote.
25th	St Catherine	As St Catherine, foul or fair, so 'twill be next Februaire. Laurel tree flowers about this time.
27th	Advent Sunday	1 st Sunday in Advent
30th	St Andrew's Day	

General Notes and Comments.

The Black month. Drab foggy depressing weather.
The month when the sun loses its power. The first month of the winter quarter.

The weather St Martins Day (11th) will fortell the weather for 3 months AND where the wind blows on the 10th it will remain for the winter. REINFORCED by wind at NW on Martinmass and severe winter to come.

The above sayings and observations need heeding for they often add up to a very very accurate picture.

Any time of St Martins Day expect a short spell of fine weather 'St Martins Summer', lasting three days and a bit.

11th - Leaves on trees and grape vines this day indicate a hard winter (proven). WNW wind this day indicates a severe winter (proven). If a SW wind this day it will remain until old Candlemass (2/2) with a

mild winter up to then and no snow to speak of.

If dry fair and cold on Martinmass, the cold in winter will not last long.

If All Saints Day (1st) brings out winter then St Martins will bring Indian summer. If a beech nut be found dry, a hard winter - If wet and not light, expect a wet winter.

Flowers in bloom indicate a hard winter.

As November, so the following March. [no real proof of this]

St Clements (23rd) is the first day of winter, and is said to give the weather for February.

If new moon on 13th and full moon on the 28th - look for a change in the weather.

Expect both rain and frost after the 1st.

If ice in November will bear a duck, then the rest of winter is slush and muck.

If late October and early November be warm and rainy, then January and February shall be frosty and cold.

If leaves not fall by Martinmass then a cruel winter's on its way.

Sybil of months and worshipper of winds I love thee, rude and boisterous as thou art.

November cold, Christmas warm. - wistful

Ice in November brings slush in December.

If the water freezes in November, January will be all the wetter.

No warmth, no cheerfulness, no healthful ease, no comfortable feeling in any member, no shade, no sun, no butterflies, no bees, no fruit, no flowers, no leaves, November.

When in November the water (table) rises, it will show itself the whole winter.

A miserable month.

Thunder in November, a fertile year to come.

MET OFFICE NOTES:-

Carried forward from

THE NAME OF THE FULL MOON THIS MONTH IS FOG MOON.

The tree of the month up-to 24th is the Noetal. Thereafter the Elder.

FUTURE NOTES:-

MONTHLY AVERAGES FOR EDENBRIDGE (USING 1981-2010 FIGURES)

Mean maximum = 11.1C
7.25C

Mean minimum = 3.4C

Mean average =

Rainfall = 85.1 mm

Sunshine = 87.8 hours

Average temperature at 12 noon and again at 4pm taken at the beginning and end of the month:

1 st	11.4C	10.8C
30 th	8C	7.4C

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

NOVEMBER 2012 (easy reference sheet)

Date	Day	Moon/weather	Met Off	Buchan	DoP	Other day	Singularities	Eclipse
1	Thur	<i>FULL</i> /Fair	24/10-13/11			All Saints	Stormy	
2	Fri	fair	Stormy			All Souls		
3	Sat	fair	Stormy					
4	Sun	fair	Stormy					
5	Mon	fair	Stormy					
6	Tue	fair	Stormy	Cold 6-13 th				
7	Wed	<i>LAST QUARTER</i>	Stormy		cold			
8	Thur	fair & frosty	Stormy	cold				
9	Fri	fair & frosty	Stormy	cold			Peak Stormy	
10	Sat	fair & frosty	Stormy	cold			Peak Stormy	
11	Sun	fair & frosty	Stormy	cold	YES	ST Martin	Peak Stormy	
12	Mon	fair & frosty	Stormy	cold			Peak stormy	
13	Tue	<i>NEW</i>	Stormy	cold				
14	Wed	fair & frosty				Perigee		
15	Thur	fair & frosty	Quiet 15-21 st				Quiet & foggy	
16	Fri	fair & frosty	Quiet				Quiet & foggy	
17	Sat	fair & frosty	Quiet				Quiet & foggy	
18	Sun	fair & frosty	Quiet				Quiet & foggy	
19	Mon	fair & frosty	Quiet				Quiet & foggy	
20	Tue	<i>FIRST QUARTER</i>	Quiet				Quiet & foggy	
21	Wed	Fair & mild	Quiet					
22	Thur	fair & mild						
23	Fri	fair & mild				St Clement		
24	Sat	fair & mild	Stormy 24-13/12				Stormy	
25	Sun	fair & mild	Stormy			St Catherine	Stormy	
26	Mon	fair & mild	Stormy				Stormy	
27	Tue	fair & mild	Stormy				Stormy	
28	Wed	<i>FULL</i>	Stormy			Apogee	Stormy	
29	Thur	fair & mild	Stormy				Stormy	
30	Fri	fair & mild	Stormy			St Andrew	Stormy	

NB:- Solar eclipse 13th. Lunar eclipse 28th.

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