

I just place all this before you to show how confusing UK weather and interpretations can be, and are. So how accurate were the headlines then? It is for you to analyse your local conditions.

Having read the above headlines how did the methodology work in October? On the whole quite well, the first moon was a snow/rain moon. The temperature dropped 15 degrees from the 1st to the 3rd as the moon took effect, with some early frosts too, then came the rains – as predicted.

Then Hurricane Gonzalo intervened about the time of St Luke's little summer – which again came in on schedule, or the methodology a good month; for the headliners – not so good.

To answer the question at the start of this preamble, I will issue them advance December to March prediction in November – which should satisfy the needs. However I maintain the very cold February theme – it will be cold in February.

Very interesting this autumn to see how the leaves are, for the greater part, still green and remain on the trees – look at the saws and see what they say about this...again, interesting.

On 7th October six different species of migrating ducks from northern latitudes arrived here in Edenbridge, followed within two days by four different geese varieties, all very early this year, indicating some colder weather in their normal habitat. Sure enough within days the first really heavy snowfalls of the winter fell across northern Europe. It is nature that sends out the signs of impending weather changes and the effect it has. So what has the winter in store for us here in the UK? Time will tell.

Radio York – for the interested ones, my next appearance will be Sunday 9th November – The Paul Hudson Weather Show. Not a big contribution, but justifying the wind direction on September 29th as it affects the coming winter.

What are the chances of a white Christmas this year? I think not very good, there are no snow moons pertinent to this period, there is a Buchan Warm period 4th to 14th December. Fair and frosty moon for Christmas will give us dry Christmas day, some sun (2 hours) and a cold frosty night. However after this day expect the winter storms to arrive (Met office stormy period too).

The upside of sun on Christmas Day is the near promise of both a good fruit and grain harvest to come in 2015 – backed up with then oak apple results and the Christmas day saws. The downside is that with two hour sunshine at least two heavy snowfalls to come after Christmas.

Finally – watch the wind direction on 11th November – St Martin's Day – this will be a firm indicator of the predominant wind direction through at least to 21st March 2015.

NOVEMBER 2014

NEW MOON = 22nd @ 1232hrs = Snow & rain
1st QUARTER MOON = 29th @ 1007hrs = Cold & high winds
FULL MOON 6th @ 2223hrs = Fair & frosty
LAST QUARTER MOON 14th @ 1517hrs = Fair & mild

DoP = 11th St Martin

HIGHEST SPRING TIDES 7th to 9th.

- 1st All Saints On November 1st 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.
- 3rd Perigee 0022hrs
- 10th Martinmass Eve Where the wind blows on Martinmass Eve, there 'twill be for the rest of winter.
- 11th St Martin DoP. The weather is said (reliably) to foretell the weather for three months (2/2) and so for the rest of winter. The onset of winter. Martlemass day.
- 15th Apogee 0157hrs
- 21st As this day so the winter.
- 23rd St Clement St Clement gives the winter - a fairly accurate quote.
- 25th St Catherine As St Catherine, foul or fair, so 'twill be next February. Laurel tree flowers about this time.
- 27th Perigee 2312hrs
- 30th Advent Sunday and St Andrew

MET OFFICE NOTES: 24th October to 13th stormy. 15th to 21st quiet. 24th to 14th December stormy.

BUCHAN NOTES: 6th to 13th cold period.

Name of full moon for month is Fog moon.

Tree of the month up to 23th is Reed, thereafter the Elder.

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 Re3ed Thereafter the Elder.

MONTHLY AVERAGES FOR EDENBRIDGE (USING 1981-2010 FIGURES)

*Mean Max: 11.1C Mean Min: 3.4C Mean Avg: 7.25C
Rainfall: 85.1mm Sunshine: 87.8hrs (day = 2.93hrs)*

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.

<i>1st</i>	<i>11.4C</i>	<i>10.8C</i>
<i>31st</i>	<i>8C</i>	<i>7.4C</i>

date	day	moon	Weather	DoP	Saint/holy day	Other day	Quarter day	Apogee Perigee	Equinox Eclipse	Met Office	Buchan	Supermoon
Nov 2014												
1	S		snowy/stormy		All Saints					stormy to 13th		
2	S					All Souls				"		
3	M							perigee 00.22hrs		"		
4	T									"		
5	W									"		
6	T	full	fair/frosty							"	cold 6-13th	
7	F	22.23hrs							highest spring tides	"	"	
8	S								7th to 9th	"	"	
9	S									"	"	
10	M					Martinmass eve				"	"	
11	T			YES	St Martin					"	"	
12	W									"	"	
13	T									"	"	
14	F	last Q	fair & mild									
15	S	15.17hrs						apogee 01.57hrs		Quiet 15-21st		
16	S									"		
17	M									"		
18	T									"		
19	W									"		
20	T									"		
21	F									"		
22	S	new	snow/rain									
23	S	12.32hrs				St Clement						
24	M									stormy 24 -14th Dec		
25	T					St Catherine				"		
26	W									"		
27	T							perigee 23.12hrs		"		
28	F									"		
29	S	1st Q								"		
30	S	10.07hrs	cold/high winds		Advent Sunday	St Andrew				"		

DATE	Chandler & Gregory Barry & Perry	Brooks	Lamb	Buchan	Met Office	Season
01/11/2014		24th - 13th Nov stormy	24th-13th Nov. Late Autumn rains & frequent storms		stormy period	10/9 - 19/11 autumn
02/11/2014						
03/11/2014			1st & 2nd cold northerly			
04/11/2014						
05/11/2014						
06/11/2014				6th - 13th cold period		
07/11/2014						
08/11/2014						
09/11/2014		peak day	9th - 12th peak period			
10/11/2014			9th - 12th peak period			
11/11/2014			9th - 12th peak period			
12/11/2014		peak day	9th - 12th peak period			
13/11/2014						
14/11/2014						
15/11/2014		15th - 21st anti-cyclonic	15th - 24th quiet with anti-cyclonic and fog.		15th - 21st quiet period	
16/11/2014						
17/11/2014	17th - 20th dry. Fog central and southern England		peak days 17th - 19th			
18/11/2014		peak day	peak days 17th - 19th			10/9 - 19/11 autumn
19/11/2014			peak days 17th - 19th			
20/11/2014		peak day				20/11 -19/1 early winter
21/11/2014						
22/11/2014						
23/11/2014						
24/11/2014		24th - 14th Dec stormy			24th - 14th	
25/11/2014		peak day	25th-10th Dec early winter storms & rains		stormy period	
26/11/2014			25th - 29th peak days			
27/11/2014			25th - 29th peak days			
28/11/2014			25th - 29th peak days			
29/11/2014			25th - 29th peak days			
30/11/2014						20/11 -19/1 early winter