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ADVANCE PREDICTIONS MARCH TO MAY 2016 (SPRING) WITH SHORT INCURSION INTO JUNE 2016.

Welcome to my advance predictions for spring 2016, March to May, with a short incursion into June 2016. I fear sadly not a happy read for the sun-seekers, but I go with the methodology.

I start with an old saying that works when conditions are as they are now; 2016 will be a 'cheesy year!' A cheesy year is one where there is much dampness/wet, that makes the grass (and silage) grow, therefore good grass for the cows and much milk (if there are any dairy farmers left!), therefore much cheese and ergo = a cheesy year, a wet year in short.

None of the dry June and September conditions that gave superb hay, pea, beet, grain and fruit harvests of 2015. So far the winter is running identical to both 1997 and 2001 and both gave us the wettest summers for many a year, therefore slowly all the old sayings slowly start to fall into place and the jig saw starts to look more complete. True there are several more pieces of data to be entered, but the main framework is in place and this gives the above result.

The last quarterly prediction December to February was dominated by rain, storms, some of the most severe flooding for many years in parts of the UK and to end the quarter, severe cold. It is fair to say that, although the flooding was more severe than anticipated, it was warned of loud and clear. When all the elements; perigee, full moon, highest spring tides, stormy and/or wet conditions and adverse winds all coincide within a 24 hour period the a natural catastrophe somewhere in the world will occur; alas this time is was parts of the UK that also suffered [earthquakes in northern Afghanistan, Nepal and parts of China also had such events at the same time].

I do however give fair warning that September, October, November and December 2016, all contain such identical features plus lunar eclipses too, therefore, even this early in the year such events are inevitable –the methodology is now very good and I am quite confident that this information is correct. I will give greater detail in due course, and hope that authorities will listen to such warnings, it is far better to be prepared than hope that the data is incorrect – and then face the consequences – as happened ion York in December.

Should any reader require the detail of the September to December dates and the reasons for such an announcement then just ask and you shall have all the detail.

This spring will be dominated by the weather, at the start, of the wind direction on 21st December 2015, which was an underlying NNE wind, therefore a very cold dry situation for the eastern parts of the UK, which will bring cold dry sunny calm days and bitterly cold frosty nights, with at times freezing fog day and night for the greater part. Snow in the extreme East should not be a major problem. This is nature's way of recovering and rejuvenating the saturated ground after the flooding – then when dryer, farmers and others can replant and re-seed the soil.

Spring will be cold certainly through to at least the second week of April since there are near consecutive frosty moons until then, however, as in both 2014 & 2015 the cold spring may well continue well in May and indeed into June 2016.

March 21st is the next quarter day, and the wind on this day will be the predominant wind through to June 24th – the following such quarter day and I expect that the wind on 21st March (St Benedict/Equinox) to continue from the NE direction – which is why I suggest that the cold will last well into June this year again.

There are two periods of maybe exceptional cold to watch for, the first being the Blackthorn winter 11th to 14th April (when the white blossom on the hedgerows begins to shine,) which is also a Buchan cold period.

The second, and this of particular interest to fruit growers is the 11th to 14th and 19th May, the Ice-maidens, when acute severe frost descend about midnight and effectively kill all fruit blossoms within an hour. This is particularly prevalent this year for two reasons and I suggest that those that have frost damage prevention measures in place make sure they are working. This too is Buchan cold period 9th to the 14th.

There was no sunshine at all on Christmas day, therefore the promise of a good grain and fruit harvest never materialised, which to me and the methodology here means, for the spring, a distinct possibility of overnight frosts during the above periods – the moons are fair, which mean dry sunny days and no wind, but this also brings the danger of overnight frosts;

[for the grain harvest, a really wet year – compounded by the fact that many of you have had to reseed after the floods, so lower yields in any case].

I go back to the old lore, which still works very well, the oak apples I dissected on 29th September all warned of a poor summer, a poor fruit and grain harvest, when this data is added to the rest of the facts here, it becomes even more real!

Furthermore the cherry farmers, in parts of the UK had blossoming in December, six months ahead of normal, therefore no fruit in June 2016.

Last year was a good single hay harvest, this year back to normal, pea harvest too not so good, again the same for beet and grain, the reasons above for all to see, and two mediocre hay harvests.

All in all a wet cold spring, Easter (27th March + start of BST) will be dry but cold – being still within the frosty moon periods.

So how will summer will be 2016? None too clever I am sorry to say. I think the summer will be identical to 1997 and 2001 – really wet and cold. But look at the last paragraph of this prediction – I have saved the best to last!

The best periods will be from the last week of July through too the second week of August – nothing spectacular but some warmth and heat – maybe punctuated by short sharp thunderstorms – but that is an English summer; three hot days and a thunderstorm.

However if any major changes – certainly forget any ideas of a baking BBQ summer – then I will inform on the website, but the above is pretty well a done deal; For the interested coming at it from another angle, type 'Piers Corbin' into a search engine and see what he says about the summer to come – and the trends for the following summers – makes interesting reading – sadly both he and me are 'oddballs,' as designated by 'experts,' so we know nothing!; strange how both Piers and me both using basically the same forces of nature, he the sun, me the moon.

I write this in January, therefore February is still to come, but the warning for a severe February still holds, as a raw bitterly cold month.

MONTHS IN SOME DETAIL now follows. Any pertinent comments and/or suggestions are more than welcome, just use the contact page on the main

website, I will always reply – provided you give me the correct e-mail reply address – yes it does sometimes happen!

March 2016

The first and second moons are frosty cold moons, the third not quite so cold, the fourth with snow/rain and the last moon fair again, a lunar eclipse on the full moon.

The cold NNE wind from December will predominate and I see no reason why the wind on the 21st March will be any different.

A cold, mainly dry month with raw bitter night frosts, precious little precipitation in the SE (but not the other parts of the UK I divided last year which will have their own problems. Any snow in fourth moon will be inconsequential.

To summarise: It will remain basically a winter month.

March 2016

NEW MOON = 9th @ 0155hrs = Frost

1st QUARTER MOON = 15th @ 1740hrs = Fair

FULL MOON 23rd @ 1201hrs = Snow & rain + Lunar eclipse.

LAST QUARTER MOON 1st @ 2312hrs = Fair & frosty AND

31st @ 1618hrs = Fair

DoP = 21st St Benedict AND Quarter Day 21st

VERNAL EQUINOX = 20th.

SOLAR ECLIPSE = 8th.

LUNAR ECLIPSE = 23rd

Highest spring tides 8th to 14th

Perigee 10^h @ 0730hrs: Apogee 25th @ 1417hrs

APRIL 2016

A glance at the moon weather predictions immediately a stormy wet month, first and last moons both rainy with maybe snow on the first moon, doubtless a 'carry over' from the eleven frosty moons previously this year, with stormy conditions across the middle of the month ending with rain again.

Since January 2016 was wet, the reliable saying that a wet January give a wet spring, seems to be active this year, and sadly the weather on the 3rd and 10th will reinforce this wet prediction.

Cold period is the Blackthorn winter (11th to the 14th) easily recognisable by the flowering of the white flowers on the hedgerows, therefore expect some colder weather here, since it coincides with the snow moon of the 7th.

This is the month when the cuckoo, swallow and other migratory birds return from Africa, but as in 2015 when it was also cold, I fear that such arrivals will be later this year – sadly not the sign of a good summer either, slowly the parts of the jigsaw start to fall into place to complete the final picture. I think the cuckoo will be nearer the 25th than the 14th on its arrival.

So to summarise April 2016, a cold wet stormy month.

APRIL 2016

NEW MOON = 7th @ 1225hrs = Snow/rain

1st QUARTER MOON = 14th @ 0500hrs = Stormy

FULL MOON 22nd @ 0625hrs = Stormy

LAST QUARTER MOON 30th @ 04.30hrs = Rain.

DoP = 3rd Good Friday.

Highest spring tides 7th to 11th

Apogee 21st @ 1606hrs: Perigee 7th @ 1737hrs

BUCHAN COLD PERIOD 11TH TO 14th

MAY 2016

The previous month's indicators of a wet month shows a small sign of easing, the first moon rainy but the middle two both dry sunny and warm, but that comes with the danger of night frosts, and for the fruit growers, all the dangers of severe frosts 11th to 14th and again on the 19th. This is also a Buchan Cold period 9th to 14th. All the warning signs therefore for frost are present this year.

No sun at Christmas day rang all the warning bells for a frosty period during the above period, known as the Ice Maidens, when short sharp severe night frosts will decimate fruit blossoms – and other tender garden plants – so keep the bedding plants in the greenhouse for all May!

However, since the sun will shine at Easter so will it shine at Pentecost(whitsun) on 15th May.

To summarise, May 2016 a dryer (marginally) month, with some reasonable settled days in the middle of the month giving good spring like weather – but beware the night frosts, for sure, maybe one of the best months of the year.

MAY 2016

NEW MOON = 6th @ 2031hrs = Rainy

1st QUARTER MOON = 13th @ 1803hrs = Fair

FULL MOON 21st @ 2216hrs = Fair

LAST QUARTER MOON 29th @ 1313hrs = Changeable.

DoP = 25th St Urban

Highest spring tides 5th to 10th.

APOGEE 18th @ 2207hrs: PERIGEE 6th @ 0415hrs

BUCHAN COLD PERIOD 9TH TO 14th.

JUNE 2016

I will now give a short incursion into June, with some bad news; it is going to be a really wet June 2016. There are four moons and all are rain moons, one very rainy, one frequent shower and two just rainy. So goodbye BBQ June!

I attach the June data here for you to see what I mean. A sobering thought – which brings me back to the reasons why you should read, digest and think long and hard about what Piers Corbin tells the UK.

JUNE 2016

NEW MOON = 5th @ 2031hrs = Rainy

1st QUARTER MOON = 12th @ 0910hrs = Frequent showers

FULL MOON 20th @ 1204hrs = Very rainy.

LAST QUARTER MOON 27th @ 1920hrs = Rainy

DoP = 15th St Vitus AND 24th St John.

Highest Spring tides = 4th to 8th

APOGEE 15th @ 1201hrs: PERIGEE 3rd @ 1056hrs

BUCHAN COLD PERIOD 26th JUNE – 4th JULY.

WHICH NOW PROMPTS THE QUESTION, 'WHEN WILL SEE SUMMER 2016?'

July 2016 starts with even more rain for the first two moons, no real surprise since all the data points in the same direction. However do not despair for nature always look after its own, and in order for the grain harvest to be harvested and what of the fruit crop that survives the wet frosty year, nature gives from 19th July through to the 9th August, dry, sunny bright weather – I would not say a heatwave, but certainly some heat and sunshine – which of course brings its own problems – hot weather at this time of the year generates thunderstorms (an English summer – three days and a thunderstorm), but hey, why complain, the sun is shining after a cold winter and spring and a wet spring, be thankful for what nature provides.