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Welcome to the August 2013 preamble, and so far, as suggested, not quite the BBQ summer, a few odd couple of days, which are always welcome, but I did suggest that there would be such days, but nothing lasting. So enjoy while we can.

The June (came after I submitted the July data) climate and 'what has gone wrong with it?' meeting at the Met Office in Exeter, I think, came out with the conclusion that the next ten summers or so would be wet, or that is what I understood from their statements; theories for this abounded, but nothing conclusive – work in progress might be an apt description.

I pointedly make no comment upon these conclusions, for as I have been told on numerous occasions, that I am not a scientist, I have no scientific training and therefore not qualified to make any comment. Having said that, my research leads me in one direction concerning this problem and, without prejudice to any theory/theories the answer lies in the moon, I make no apology for saying this, it is a purely personal observation, but is based on solid scientific fact, which is published, for I have read it, and there is much of it too, and I think that 10 years is an over-estimate. I think that 7 years is a far more accurate estimation, it is not a guess, nor a notion, nor a theory, it is based upon scientific fact, and, since I am not a scientist, (neither do I have the experience, knowledge or training on this subject) I will just say that, as far as my research and methodology is concerned, the answer is already written loud and clear, I have seen it, and yes, it is working.

It concerns the position of the moon and is related to the perigee and apogee detail. That is my only comment on the matter...except to say that, Piers Corbin and Ulric Lyons, both good in their own spheres were not offered audience either, which is a shame, for both offers a viewpoint to be added to the discussion, with, albeit different, but valid arguments.

Concerning the moon and perigees and the correlation relative to natural disasters – three this year two proven, the last the end of this month.

For the Quarter Day sceptics – so when did the cold easterly wind, blowing since 21st March – ease? Well a couple of days later than my 10th-12th Prediction, but near enough to prove the point. The wind is predominantly as predicted now south westerly. Having said that the 1st few hot dry sunny days have all had easterly winds!

For those of you that doubt my convictions of a hard severe winter to come, I make a suggestion to see for yourself. Take yourself out to an open countryside area, fields hedges etc. Walk along the hedges and note the abundance of hawthorn hips and buds. The rose hips, whitethorn berries, spindle berries, sloes, elder berries, then look at the trees bearing seeds, ash, alder, chestnut, hazel, crab apples, prunelles etc all are full of fruits and berries, thousands of acorns too – always a sign of a severe winter.

Blackberries are now beginning to form on the bushes now, and finally, look at the seed bearing wild flowers, sow thistles, burdock, teasel, meadowsweet, knapweed, thistle all are bearing seeds for birds already, add also the seed bearing sedges and grasses too full of seed. The importance of these plants and many others cannot be over-emphasised. Just look at the abundance and ask, why?

The 'missing' smaller tortoiseshell butterflies are now re-appearing – but why the mystery as to their absence? They lay their eggs in stinging nettles among other places, and when the flail machines decimate their nesting places and cutters remove nettles from the fields, is it any wonder there is a shortage – however with a severe winter to come and abundance of nettles – irrespective of countryside vandals and their flails, there will be many more such beautiful things about next year.

And nearer home, the domestic fruit trees, apples, plums, greengages, pears, the currant bushes all with magnificent loads of fruit, nature is preparing for a severe winter, the warnings are all there, I am just trying to help you see why I give such dire warnings.

How many of you have vegetables in the garden that have bolted, but, also giving magnificent great seed pods? Why?

I wish you all a good August, and enjoy walking in our beautiful English countryside to see what I am talking about as above. It is fascinating what nature tells you.

@David King.

Edenbridge, July 2013.

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DAY OF PREDICTION: 6th AND 24th

NEW: 6th = 20.13 hrs = Rainy

1st Quarter: 14th = 10.57 hrs = rain showers

FULL: 21st = 01.45 hrs = changeable

LAST QUARTER: 28th = 09.36 hrs = Changeable

1st	Lammastide	(Loafmass) - after Lammass the corn ripens as much by night as by day. First grain harvest of year. Camomile flowering day.
3 rd	Apogee	08.45 hrs
6th	Transfiguration	As the weather is on the day of Transfiguration, so it will be for the rest of the year. This is inclined to be an over-ambitious, unreliable and out of rhythm with the Days of Prediction, and therefore extreme caution is advisable in application. [It can however be reliable] (Of the Blessed Virgin Mary)
10th	St Lawrence	If sunshine and fine, good autumn and much wine. Virgins Bower flowering day.
12th	St Clare	
15th	St Mary (Assumption Day of Blessed Virgin Mary).	If sunshine, much and good wine.
18th	St Filbert	Harvest day for Cob-nuts.
19th	Perigee	01.27 hrs
24th	St Bartholomew	Day of Prediction (see below for amended date). 1st day of Autumn. Maybe, (on experience) 5th September is a better Day of Prediction. Sunflower flowering day.
26 th	August BHL	
28th		End of Dog Days.
30 th	Apogee	23.47 hrs

General Notes and Comments

The harvest month.

Statistically, August, in this area, is the wettest month of the year.

If two full moons then sure to be wet.

A cold August after a warm July is said to signify the approach of a hard dry winter.

When a hot dry August follows a hot dry July it portends an early and cold winter.

Can also be a 'Disaster' month. Lynmouth Flooding 1952 (15-16th). Fastnet Yacht Race Storm (1979). Folkestone Flooding 1996 (12th). East Devon Floods 1997 (8th).

Boscastle Flooding (2004) 17th.

Quite cold and sunless 2007

Dog-Days - the moist sultry days in a period of 20 days before and 20 days after the rising of the Dog-Star Sirius. If we are to have a summer at all, this is the most likely time. Roughly from mid-July to the end of August, or, corn harvest time. Sirius is the brightest star in the heavens, and is one of those in the southern constellation Canis Major. As the Dog-days commence so they end. Bright and clear indicate a happy year, but accompanied by rain, for better times our hopes are vain.

Observe on what day the first heavy fog occurs, and expect a hard frost on the same day in October.

A fog in August also indicates a severe winter and plenty of snow. [very reliable and proven]

As August. so next February.

So many August fogs, so many winter mists.

In the first week of August is unusually warm, the winter will be white and long. [reliable and proven]

All the tears that St Swithun (15th July) can cry St Bartelmys (24th) mantle WILL dry up.

[be warned however that this can be out by as much as +/- 3 days]

If St Swithuns is dry:- If Bartholomews be fine and clear, then hope for a prosperous Autumn that year. [after this day expect dull or fine weather, but not, as a rule, much rain]

August fills the barn and September the loft.

Dry August and warm does the farmer no harm.

A wet rainy August makes hard bread crust.

St Bartholomews Day - a most important day. Brings cold dew (campers beware). The day to start collecting honey, and the day delicate flowers should be brought indoors. If the weather is settled this day, a fine Autumn is promised. If however it rains this day, then it will rain for 40 days thereafter (to 3rd October). If misty and a morning hoar frost, the cold weather will come soon with a hard winter too.

There is however a distinct possibility that 5th September will be a better Day of Prediction than 24th August, and, by experience is a better predilicter.

A warm dry August surely means a snowy winter.

August thunder promises fat grapes and fine vintages. [fairly shaky for hail will damage the grapes]

Late August, when 3 kestrels fly - 'twill be dry. [reliable]

Too much August sun disappoints the maid, the priest and the host, for it scorches up the vegetables.

A warm Autumn is usually followed by a long winter.

A poor forecast for wheat indicates wet weather in July and August.

A heavy apple crop points to a fine August and September.

When the dew is heavy in August, the weather generally remains fair. Thunderstorms in the beginning of August will generally be followed by others all the month.

Thunderstorms after the 24th are generally violent.

NO MET OFFICE NOTES

BUCHAN NOTES:- 6th – 11th = cool period

12th – 15th = warm period

FULL MOON FOR THIS MONTH IS CALLED STURGEON/CORN MOON.

Tree of the month up-to 4th is Holly. Thereafter is Hazel.

MONTHLY AVERAGES FOR EDENBRIDGE (USING 1981-2010 FIGURES)

Mean Max:	24C	Mean Min:	12.1C	Mean Avg:	18.15C
	Rainfall:	66.1mm	Sunshine:	198.2hrs	

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	21.94C	23.27C
31 st	20.01C	21.29C

AUGUST 2013 (easy reference spreadsheet)

DATE		Moon/weather	Met Off	Buchan	Other Day	Singularities
			None this month.			
1	Thur	<i>last quarter/rainy</i>			Lammastide	
2	Fri	rainy				
3	Sat	rainy				Apogee 0845hrs
4	Sun	rainy				
5	Mon	rainy				
6	Tue	<i>New/rainy</i>		6 th to 11 th cool period		Transfiguration day
7	Wed	rainy		cool		
8	Thu	rainy		cool		
9	Fri	rainy		cool		
10	Sat	rainy		cool		
11	Sun	rainy		cool		St Lawrence
12	Mon	rainy		12 th – 15 th warm period		
13	Tue	rainy		warm		
14	Wed	<i>First quarter/rain showers</i>		warm		
15	Thu	rain showers		warm		St Mary
16	Fri	rain showers				
17	Sat	rain showers				
18	Sun	rain showers				St Filbert
19	Mon	rain showers				Perigee 0127hrs
20	Tue	rain showers				
21	Wed	<i>Full/changeable</i>				
22	Thu	changeable				
23	Fri	changeable				
24	Sat	Changeable				St Bartholomew
25	Sun	changeable				
26	Mon	changeable				
27	Tue	changeable				
28	Wed	<i>Last Quarter/changeable</i>				<i>End of Dog days</i>
29	Thu	changeable				
30	Fri	changeable				Apogee 23.47hrs.
31	Sat	changeable				