

AUGUST 2016

PREAMBLE



Tree of the month up to the 4th is Holly - see previous month, thereafter the hazel above.

Welcome to the August website entry.

Very pleased the June predictions were spot on - and the better truer summer weather did not appear too until later in July - as predicted - which rather shows the methodology works, but that too , the more interested journalists are actually finding the site and thus spreading the word, every little helps since I keep a low profile and do advertise.

Thank you too the numerous new readers to the site since the recent TV performance, radio broadcasts, copious national newspaper and magazine coverage and headline item on MSN news, I always reply to website contact messages and all other e-mails, I am surprised at the interest too. Next appearance on ITV 'This Morning' will be Monday 1st August - but much more to come from ITV, who like so many readers here and viewers, find the methodology fascinating but accurate too.

On the plus side, slowly the more educated (less sceptical) journalists and weather observers are realising that 'mumbo-jumbo' used properly does actually work consistently well, nothing is ever perfect, but it is pretty good methodology now.

The Met office are appealing urgently for volunteers with acceptable weather stations to join and submit data to the Met Office WOW website - which can be found by inserting just that into a search engine. Once on the site joining is easy, and then the drop down menus are self explanatory; if any reader has problems please contact me and I will endeavour to help you. There is currently an imbalance on what the massive Met Office computer can process and the

lack of data for it to process. Details of this request were in most national newspapers the weekend of 3/4 July.

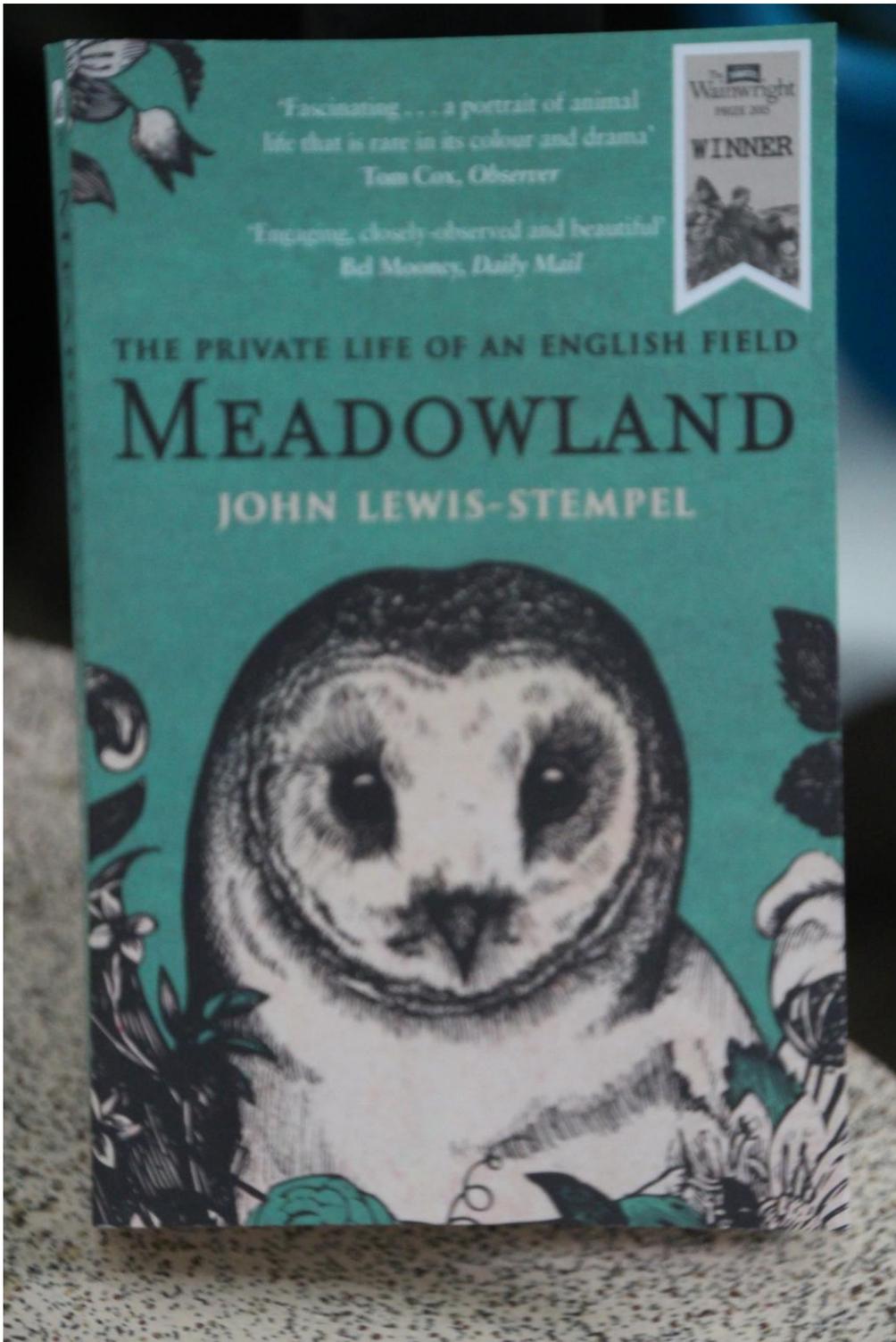
Also The Times on 2/7/2016 a scathing editorial page on the failure of any summer weather so far and how Piers Corbyn got it all wrong! - he forecasted a blazing hot June, but then who else said it was going to be 'cheesy year?' Certainly no other indications from any other weather forecasters what June was going to be like. At least he put his head above parapet too.

Amongst the requests I get - numerous - I had one from a Masters Student for a walk and film session. This has now appeared at a prestigious east end film preview weekend on 2/7/2016. Congratulations Emily. www.emilycussins.com should find the short 5 minute vignette.

I see national newspaper headlines (8/9 July) of a six week scorching summer from mid-July onwards, a comment on this, yes there is a massive heat wave in Spain which will bring warmer air to the UK, but I think six weeks is over-optimistic, I stay with the three weeks I have predicted all along - the caveat is that excessive heat brings massive thunderstorms too - with flash flooding and hail too, and August is renowned for such calamities too - be warned and prepared.

Winter 2016 - yes already - but now is the time to look and see what is happening -nature works six months ahead, therefore on your perambulations during the month look at the acorns on the oak, the sycamore, ash, hornbeam, spindle and birch seeds, the berries on the sorbus family and hawthorn; the height of the hogweed, teasel, burdock - all up off the ground indicating that the soil will be cold/wet/frozen/flooded or snow covered later in the year. Precious few sloes and wild fruits too - but this was predicted from no sun on Christmas day. Fruit is very variable but by no means good, as in the previous two summers. Even Medlar trees have failed to fruit this year and juniper with very few fruits too: Blackberries a good month late and small size too - especially in the SE with the rain shortage. The soil too currently (July) rock hard, parched and cracked; the hay harvest poor, again as predicted, but at least has started. Towards the end of the month look to see how early the martins, swallows start to flock before migrating to Africa, the earlier they flock the poorer the weather to follow.

For those readers that wish to increase their countryside knowledge, I have a book suggestion for you " Meadowland - the private life of an English field." by John Lewis-Stempel. ISBN 978-0-552-77899-2. A paperback retailing at £8.99 - but is obtainable at a lower price from internet on Wordery. Each month in detail by using eyes and improving knowledge, a superb country book - that fits into a pocket very easily.



I hope all have a pleasant month with everything you all aspire to.

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NEW MOON = 2nd @ 2146hrs = Fair
1st QUARTER MOON = 10th @ 1922hrs = Rainy
FULL MOON 18th @ 1029hrs = Frequent showers + Lunar eclipse
LAST QUARTER MOON 25th @ 0444hrs = Rain.

DoP = 6th Transfiguration Day(maybe) AND 24th St Bartholomew.

Highest spring tides 19th to 23rd

APOGEE 10th @ 0006hrs: PERIGEE 22nd @ 0122hrs

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| 1st | Lammas (loafmass) - after Lammas the crop ripens as much by night as by day.
First grain harvest of the year. Camomile flowering day. |
| 6th | Transfiguration Day ?DoP. As the weather this day of Transfiguration, so it will be for the rest of the year. This over-ambitious at best, unreliable, out of sequence, and as far as I am concerned cannot seriously be considered as a DoP. |
| 10th | St Lawrence If sunshine and fine, good autumn and much wine. Virgins Bower flowering day. Apogee @ 0006hrs. |
| 12th | St Clare |
| 18th | Assumption Day St Filbert If sunshine, much and good wine. Lunar Eclipse. Harvest day for cob-nuts. |
| 22 nd | Perigee @ 0122hrs |
| 24th | St Bartholomew DoP. 1st day of Autumn. Maybe, on experience, 5th September is a better day of prediction. Sunflower flowering day. |
| 28th | End of Dog days. |

MET OFFICE NOTES: none.

BUCHAN NOTES: 6th to 11th cool period.
12th to 15th warm period (can be very hot)

Full moon for this month is called Sturgeon/Corn Moon.

Tree of the month up to 4th is Holly, thereafter is Hazel

[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 Bartholomew's 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 predilictor.

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.

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

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MONTHLY AVERAGES FOR EDENBRIDGE (USING 1981-2010 FIGURES)

<i>Mean Max:</i>	<i>24C</i>	<i>Mean Min:</i>	<i>12.1C</i>	<i>Mean Avg:</i>	<i>18.15C</i>
<i>Rainfall:</i>	<i>66.1mm</i>	<i>Sunshine:</i>	<i>198.2hrs (day = 6.39hrs)</i>		

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>21.8.C</i>	<i>23.2C</i>
<i>31st</i>	<i>20.2C</i>	<i>21.4C</i>

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