

WEATHER WITHOUT TECHNOLOGY

JANUARY 2015

A somewhat different preamble this month since this is being written in early December.

For those that contact me via the website enquiry line, this will be closed from 15th December 2014 until the 20th January 2015 whilst the Editor takes a break.

However on return all such enquiries will be answered in due course and, hopefully normal service will resume.

The Quarter Day of 21st December I fully expect to continue to be a South East to Easterly air-stream, therefore confirming the cold winter predicted months ago, since this cold air-stream will bring (as in most of November colder) easterly winds off the continental mainland.

The warnings of snow highlighted in November preamble remain – I cannot be wrong two years running – surely??

For December watch the saws, especially those around Christmas for they are remarkably accurate, and as in December, the January saws will give much forward data for the coming year.

Nothing has changed in the methodology to change my predictions, and for all those that doubted, or questioned, the prediction of easterly winds from 29th September onwards quite possibly too, to at least 25th May, and maybe too, as in 2013 & 2014 well into June 2015, you are now able to see how the methodology truly works.

So, I take bric-brats, adverse comment and other such comments on the possibility of predicting so far ahead, when not even the most modern computers can do this; the simple answer to this is, as with human body, medicine finds new answers and solutions every day, and, in the same vein nature provides the answers. It is the analysis of what nature provides that improves with knowledge and understanding. Hopefully, slowly but surely using these old tried, tested and proven reliable saws and sayings the reader will be better to appreciate that by going out into the countryside one can actually look and see what is happening on the ground and around you.

As I have said many times before and keep repeating, it is all very well having the best computers in the world, and using the vast knowledge that pours into them, if you cannot actually feel the wind or your face, smell the air or see what is happening outside the double glazed, air-conditioned, carpeted office, then you are missing the most important element of this subject.

I wish everyone who reads this website, every good wish that they aspire to for the year 2015 and that it is a good year in every sense for everyone.

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Tree of the month up to the 15th is the Birch

Tree of the month after the 15th is the Rowan.



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NEW MOON 20th @ 13.14hrs = Snow & rain + Supermoon
1st QUARTER MOON = 27th @ 0449hrs = Rain
FULL MOON 5th @ 0454 = Rain
LAST QUARTER MOON 13th @ 0947hrs = Cold rain.

DoP = 25th St Paul.

HIGHEST SPRING TIDES 21st to 24th

1st	Calends the Calends of	If Janiver Calends be summerly gay, wintery weather will continue to May.
3rd	Christmas.	It will be the same weather for 9 weeks as it is the ninth day after
5th		Twelfth night.
6th	Epiphany	The days are lengthened a cocks stride. Plough Monday
8th		Weather before noon foretells June, weather after noon that of May.
9th		Weather before noon foretells August, weather after noon that of July. Apogee 18.18hrs
10th		Weather before noon foretells October, weather after noon that of September.
11th		Weather before noon foretells that of December, weather afternoon that of November.
12th		If the sun shines today it foretells much wind.
13th	St Hilary	Foretells the weather for the whole year - often considered the coldest and/or the wettest day of the year (reliable). Homage day to the apple tree.
15th	St Paul the Hermit	If rain or snow this day there will be a blessing on the year.
17th	St Sulphicius	Frost augers well for the spring.
19th - 31st		See rhyme below.
21st		Perigee 20.07hrs
22 nd	St Vincent	If the sky is clear, more water than wine will crown the year. If the sun shines today (it foreshadows much wind), prosperous weather all year.
25 th	St Paul	aka as St Annanias. It is said to predict the weather for the whole year ahead (it is good for 6 months - but tails off after that - Ed) DAY OF PREDICTION.

Also known as Egyptian Day. Burns Night. Arguably the most important day of the year.

31st Hazel Tree in flower.

MET OFFICE NOTES: 5th to 17th Stormy. 18th to 24th Quiet. 25th to 31st Stormy again.

BUCHAN NOTES: NONE.

Tree of the month is the Birch up to the 16th, thereafter the Rowan.

General Notes and Comments

As days lengthen so cold strengthens. The blackest month of the year.

In winter, after the prevalence of easterly winds, if the barometer begins to fall and the thermometer to rise, a gale which starts to blow from the SE will veer to the SW, whilst the barometer falls constantly.

As soon as the wind passes the SW point the barometer begins to rise, a heavy shower of rain falls, and a strong W/NW or NE wind may follow, after which, the sky clears and the weather becomes colder.

[This is an exact UK weather pattern and true]

A January spring is worth nothing.

If no snow before the end of January there will be more in March & April.

1st - If this be a Sunday, winter will be cold and moist, spring windy, the summer hot, and, at harvest time wind and rain with abundance of corn and other grain.

If this be a Monday, severe and confused winter, good spring and windy summer.

If this be a Tuesday, dreary and severe winter. windy spring, rainy summer.

If this a Wednesday, hard winter, bad spring, good summer.

If this be a Thursday, good winter, windy spring, good summer.

If this be a Friday, variable winter, good spring and summer.

If this be a Saturday, snowy winter, blowing spring, wet summer.

Summerish January gives winterish spring.

January commits the fault and May bears the blame.

If January the sun appear, March and April will pay full dear.

When Oak trees bend with snow in January, good crops may be expected.

March in January, January in March.

If grass do grow in Janiveer, ' twill grow the worse for all the year.

If grain grows in January, a year of great need.

If birds begin to whistle, frosts to come.

Dry January plenty of wine. Wet January no wine.

Fog in January brings a wet spring.

Hoar frost and no snow is hurtful to fields, trees and grain.

Wet January, wet spring.

If January is wet the barrels stay empty (wine).

January freeze, the pot on the fire.

Gale force winds are quite common in January.

*Remember on St Vincent' s Day (22nd), if the sun his beams display,
'Tis a token bright and clear, of prosperous weather throughout the year,
More wine than water, much rye and wine.*

St Vincent' s is normally a good weather day.

If the birds start singing on St Vincent' s day 'twill be an early spring.

St Paul' s day is also St Annanias' s day (25th).

*If the sunshine on St Paul' s Day it betokens a good year; if snow or rain an indifferent year. (a
bad crop of grain) If cloudy & misty a great dearth and beasts and birds will die, if
Thunder great winds are predicted and unrest will vex us all and cold will blow the great
winds of January.*

Clouds on St Annanias Day portend floods.

*St Paul' s Day - It is necessary to observe and note down the phases of the day, hour by hour,
or, even half an hourly, throughout the day from 6am to 6pm. This is due to the belief
that the hours of the day will reflect the weather, month by month throughout the year.*

Generally these signs are dependable up to the end of July. However there is much truth in the above and 90% accuracy is quite normal - with 100% one year.

Snow usually falls in the third week of January. If it doesn't fall then, then it won't fall at all. For farmers it is wise to plan your hay crop now. If the grass is already starting to grow, then do not look for two hay crops this year for the worse it will be later on, and vice-versa.

The first three days of January rule the coming first three months.

Warm January, cold May.

There will certainly be at least one very cold snap, very likely with snow too. It has been known to arrive as early as Boxing Day (26th December) and as late as the 30th January. It will come and will probably be the worst cold snap of the year. There is much truth in the saying that the hardest winters are those that start around twelfth night (6th), following a dry December. On snow - it is generally unknown, that if snow lies for three days it will require another fall to take it away.

If late October and early November be warm and rainy, then January and February shall be frosty and cold. [check readings from previous year]

When the months of July, August and September are exceptionally hot, January will be the coldest month. [check previous readings]

Windy October - dry January. [check previous readings]

A dry and frosty Janiveer is like to make a plenteous year - a very dependable saying.

19th-31st. These last twelve days of the month rule the weather for the whole year.

Tree of the month is Birch up-to 15th. Thereafter the Rowan.

MONTHLY AVERAGES FOR EDENBRIDGE (USING 1981-2010 FIGURES)

*Mean Max: 7.8C Mean Min: 1.C Mean Avg: 4.4C
Rainfall: 83.6mm Sunshine: 69.3hrs (day = 2.23hrs)*

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>5.8C</i>	<i>5.8C</i>
<i>31st</i>	<i>5.7C</i>	<i>5.1C</i>

DATE	Chandler & Gregory Barry & Perry	Brooks	Lamb	Buchan	Met Office	Season	
01/01/2015	31st Dec - 6th = First winter minimum cold period	25th Dec - 1st Jan				20/11 - 19/1 early winter	
02/01/2015							
03/01/2015							
04/01/2015							
05/01/2015		5th - 17th Stormy	5th - 11th Storminess of early January		5th - 17th stormy period		
06/01/2015							
07/01/2015							
08/01/2015		peak day					
09/01/2015							
10/01/2015							
11/01/2015							
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13/01/2015							
14/01/2015							
15/01/2015							
16/01/2015							
17/01/2015							
18/01/2015		18th - 24th Anti-cyclonic			18th - 24th	20/11 - 19/1	
19/01/2015					quiet	early winter	
20/01/2015	20th - 23rd Generally dry & sunny in central and southern England	peak day	20th - 23rd Anti-cyclone period		period	20/1 - 29/3	
21/01/2015		peak day	South & East England			late winter	
22/01/2015							
23/01/2015							
24/01/2015		24th - 1st Feb Stormy					
25/01/2015					25th - 31st		
26/01/2015					stormy		
27/01/2015			24th - 3rd Feb Renewed storminess of early January		period		
28/01/2015							
29/01/2015							
30/01/2015			Gales + rain or Snow			20/1 - 29/3	
31/01/2015		peak day				late winter	