

NOVEMBER 2015 PREAMBLE



Tree of the month up to 24th (see previous month) thereafter Elder (above).

Welcome to the November 2015 website entry.

The weather up to 21st December (next Quarter day/wind day) will be controlled by the N/NE wind on 29th September (quarter day/wind day), in simple terms a cold dry wind for the SE the predominant region of this website – the caveat here is that, as stated in the October preamble, other parts of the UK may well have different conditions, which is why I have split the UK into three distinct weather areas for the coming winter – brave or foolhardy only time will tell, but the methodology is tried and tested. Remarkably too the last two days in September and the first 20 days in October were consecutive NNE winds, a truly unique event in my records.

As in the two previous months yet another bad weather warning for those that are affected by tidal waters, at the end of the month, but certainly not as dire as October. Perigee 23rd; highest spring tides 25th to 29th; Met Office stormy period 24th to 14th December; full moon on 25th (fair and frosty); therefore a situation that needs some consideration.

On the upside an interesting and important day on 11th – St Martin, two well tested, tried and reliable sayings for this period too. St Martin's is a day of prediction up to 21st December, but the wind direction on St Martin's eve (10th) will remain the same for the next 45 days – the rest of winter (up to 2nd February – Candlemass), and though not a recognised

quarter day for the wind direction is nearly always correct. The 11th itself will determine the weather for the rest of winter, certainly up to 2nd February.
Another facet of St Martin's day is that it gives us three and bit days of fair dry pleasant calm weather know as St Martin's little summer – and a quick look at the moon weather for this period will confirm this.

November the month of fogs and frosts, a mellow month, with the first frosts of winter arriving around 26th.

Two interesting forward pointers to Spring 2016 – yes already – the white dead nettles harbour the eggs of the tortoiseshell butterfly and are abundant his autumn – a winter fore-warning; however a sign of a good dry spring to come.

*As I keep saying, nature is excellent at telling the weather two seasons ahead, and to this end I have been warning of a long hard very cold winter for months now (much to continued amusement/disbelief/chagrin of The Experts); therefore how pleasing, on the one hand, but not so good on the other, to see that the Bewick swans have arrived at Slimbridge Wildlife Trust earliest ever, due to temperatures in Russia being 5 to 10C below average. When nature sends out such loud notices then the time to sit up and take note is upon us.
(13/10/2015)*

Here in Edenbridge, the Scandinavian wheatear was the first arrival a month ago, but now the winter starlings, brambling the first fieldfare, redwings and goldcrests too are here; plus too a goodly selection of overwintering ducks and a few brent geese plus greylags too, so winter is truly upon us. Each day the flocks of migrating geese arrive for the winter here, a lovely sight too to see a skein of these visitors flying out in the morning to feed and returning in the evening.

Having said that I saw some pink campion flowering quite happily this last week on an adjacent railway bank and these are frost adverse too – so not quite frosts yet in this part of the UK.

**“One swan does not a cold winter make.” States Prof Adam Scaife, a leading climate scientist who is head of monthly to decadal prediction at Met Office; who also stated (The Times 17/10/2015 – Will Humphries), that late autumn and early winter are more likely to be milder and wetter than average. ‘Predictions of the coldest winter for years were based on the earlier than usual arrival at a lake in Gloucester of a single Bewick swan from Siberia, in recent days we had had easterly winds which could have easily helped this migration. That is more simple explanation rather than it having any long term weather forecasting powers.’
The Met Office has developed the world's best long term weather forecasting model capable of predicting the average temperature for a three month winter period to 70% accuracy.’**

However two days later on 19th, 'UK set for white Christmas with winter hell on way with 36 days of severe ice and snow to batter the whole country, with bone chilling -16C as a freezing front sweeps in from the north across the whole country from as

early as November until March;’ and another headline ‘ Four months of heavy snow – shock UK long-range weather forecast for this winter, with advances weather models now predicting months of heavy snowfalls, and cold polar air bringing the sceptre of 62/63 or even 1947 winters back this winter.’

So take choice from the esteemed climate expert or national newspaper headlines; or just follow the website and nature, only 100% will suffice for nature.

Then again on the 21st – the first winter snows will arrive in Scotland this weekend coming on the bitter arctic winds – main newspaper headlines again.

Forewarning/advance information the BBC and RmetS will be announcing a public participating joint weather project early this month of which full details will emerge in due course. Suffice here to say that the author is part of this project – along with numerous other weather orientated amateurs – and if there are any questions concerning this please use the website contact form and I will reply.

NOVEMBER 2015

NEW MOON = 11th @ 17.48hrs = Fair
1st QUARTER MOON = 19th @ 06.28hrs = Stormy
FULL MOON 25th @ 22.45hrs = Fair & frosty
LAST QUARTER MOON 3rd @ 12.24hrs = Snow/rain

DoP = 11th St Martin

Highest spring tides 25th to 29th

- 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.
- 7th Apogee 21.50hrs
- 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.
- 21st As this day so the winter.
- 23rd St Clement St Clement gives the winter - a fairly accurate quote. Perigee 20.07hrs
- 25th St Catherine As St Catherine, foul or fair, so 'twill be next February. Laurel tree flowers about this time.
- 29th Advent Sunday
- 30th 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 24th is Neotal, 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 worshipping 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 Noetal. 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>30th</i>	<i>8C</i>	<i>7.4C</i>

2015											
November											
Date	Day	Moon	Weather	DoP	Saint/Holy day	Other day	Apogee Perigee	Equinox Eclipse	Met Office	Buchan	Supermoon
1	Su					All Saints			Stormy		
2	Mo					All Souls			24th to		
3	Tu	Last Q 12.24	Snow/rain						13th		
4	Wed								Novembr		
5	Th								}		
6	Fr								}	Cold period	
7	Sa						Apogee21.50		}	6th - 13th	
8	Su								}	}	
9	Mon								}	}	
10	Tu					Martinmass eve			}	}	
11	Wed	New 17.48	Fair	YES	St Martin				}	}	
12	Th								}	}	
13	Fr								}	}	
14	Sa										
15	Sun								Quiet		
16	Mon								15th - 21st		
17	Tu								}		
18	Wed								}		
19	Th	First Q 06.28	Stormy						}		
20	Fr								}		
21	Sa								}		
22	Su										
23	Mon				St Clement		Perigee20.07				
24	Tu								Stormy		
25	Wed	Full 22.45	Fair & frosty		St Catherine			highest spring	24th		
26	Th							tides	to 14th		
27	Fri							25th	Decembr		
28	Sa							to	}		
29	Su				Advent Sunday			29th	}		
30	Mon					St Andrew			}		

