

NOVEMBER 2025

PREAMBLE



Wildflower of the month: Laurel Flower (November 25th)

Flower of the month: Chrysanthemum

Tree of the month: up to 24th is the Reed, thereafter the Elder.

Full Moon this Month: Fog Moon

“November is the most disagreeable month in the whole year.”

Louisa May Alcott

November 2025

A Warm Welcome to November.

The clocks have once again “fallen back,” the evenings are drawing in, and there’s a distinct crispness to the air that signals winter is truly on its way. Time to dust off the big coats, light the candles, and embrace that comforting glow that only November evenings can bring.

Sadly, Dave has been under the weather recently and won’t be contributing to this month’s written entry while he rests and recovers — but I’m sure you’ll all join me in wishing him a full and speedy return to health. He’s very much missed and itching to get back to his usual work as soon as he’s able.

The eagle-eyed among you will have noticed we’ve now launched a “Buy Us a Coffee” option on the Forecasts page. Thank you so much to everyone who has already contributed — your kindness and generosity never fail to blow us away.

Just to clarify, you’re not really buying us a coffee! It costs around £325 a year to keep Indigenous UK Weather running. That covers our domain name, website hosting, and the basic software we use to edit YouTube videos. We run a simple, home-built setup — just us, our phones, and a lot of love for what we do.

We’ve made a conscious choice to stay completely ad-free, because we all know how frustrating those pop-ups and autoplay videos can be! So, if you enjoy the forecasts and feel they add value, please consider contributing — even the occasional small donation really helps keep things going. And of course, only if you can comfortably afford to do so.

There are also plenty of non-financial ways to support us:

- Subscribe to our YouTube channel (it helps the algorithm share our videos more widely). [Indigenous UK Weather – YouTube](#)
- Follow us on Instagram: [Lesley Coyle \(@indigenousukweather\)](#).
- Join our friendly Facebook group — just drop us an email and we’ll add you.
- Send us an email or message. It honestly boosts morale so much when we hear from you.

I’m no tech expert, but as I understand it, engagement really does make a difference to visibility. And — said with a smile — if you’re reading this every month but not yet subscribing, following, or saying hello... perhaps now’s the perfect time to start!

I also want to say an enormous thank you to those who already email, engage online, and generally let us know you enjoy our work. I can’t tell you what a difference it makes to our mindset. You are so appreciated. ❤️

Community Updates

The standout date this month is, of course, St Martin's Day on November 11th — a vital verification wind day that helps us forecast the weather for the next three months with remarkable reliability. We'll be paying very close attention to the wind direction this year, and as always, we'll share our findings and interpretations as soon as possible afterwards.

Provided Dave has recovered, we'll also be filming our next episode of Country Signs on St Martin's Day and publishing it on YouTube shortly after. Please do subscribe (it's free!) here: [Indigenous UK Weather – YouTube](#).

As mentioned earlier, due to Dave's illness and following your feedback, we've decided to cancel this year's Christmas get-together that was planned for November 1st. Everyone who expressed interest has been informed, and we're truly sorry to disappoint anyone who was hoping to join us. We'll definitely organise something next year — and, taking your suggestions on board, we'll choose a more central location to make it easier for everyone to attend.

My apologies that the Michaelmas oak apples conclusion is a little late this year! It's been an incredibly busy time behind the scenes, but you'll find our findings included within this month's entry at last.

Finally, I know some of you are currently considering home education in the new year — a few of you have emailed to ask about content for this. Whilst home education is not my area of expertise, I've reached out to my esteemed friend Seran for a few words of advice on how to approach it, and being the amazing human being she is, she has put a parent's guide together for you! You can follow Seran for more brilliant insights here: [Growing Nurture on Instagram](#). Thank you so much as always Seran, your insights are invaluable to so many.

Whilst November has a reputation for being a gloomy month, I think it's quietly beautiful. The colours may be fading, but the landscape holds its own kind of magic — berries of every colour and size, seeds and galls galore, and the arrival of winter migrant birds. Foxes are actively hunting, as are the birds of prey, and squirrels are busy too. Even in the depths of November there is so much to see and hear — it just takes a little longer.

For those who have learned to embrace it, well done. For those not yet convinced, take heart — around November 11th, St Martin's Little Summer usually brings three days of dry, sunny weather. So, wrap up warm, take time to notice the small signs of change, and remember that even as the year darkens, nature is always whispering her stories.

With warmth and thanks,

Lesley & Dave



Sharon Conway Presents:

Photo Of the Month: Gall of Fame

Sharon took a trip to Aberystwyth and captured this fabulous photo of an oak tree that displays the spangle, silk button, marble, artichoke and cherry gall – all on one tree!

What an absolutely incredible photo, Sharon! In fact, I loved it so much I have included it within our winter forecast entry too. Thank you so much for sharing this with us.

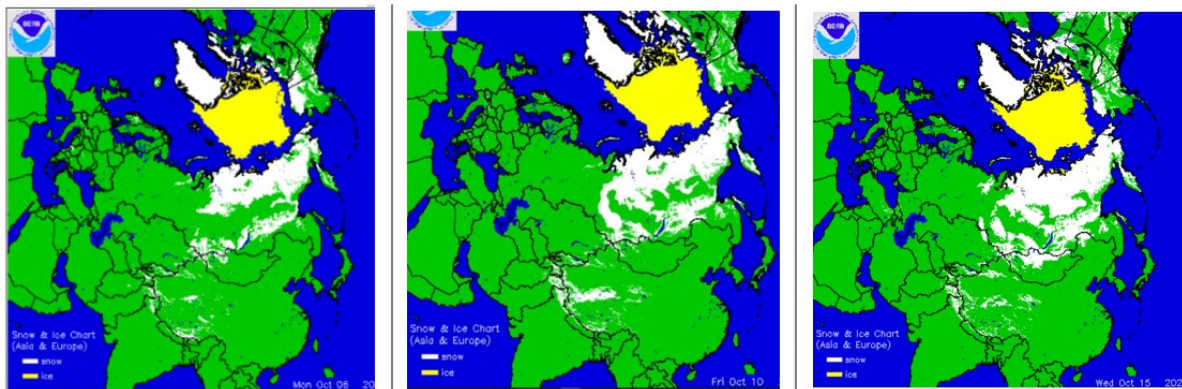
These photos make such an incredible difference for people who are unable to get outdoors, and your contributions are hugely appreciated.

Who will be our December Photographer of the Month? Along with next month's photographer, we'll also share a link for you to choose your Photographer of the Year. Once the votes are in and the winner announced, the Indigenous UK Photographer of the Year will receive a trophy, a £25 RSPB voucher, and a walk with Dave and I. Exciting times! I can't wait to announce our 2025 photographer 😊

Winter Snow Charts 2025/ 2026

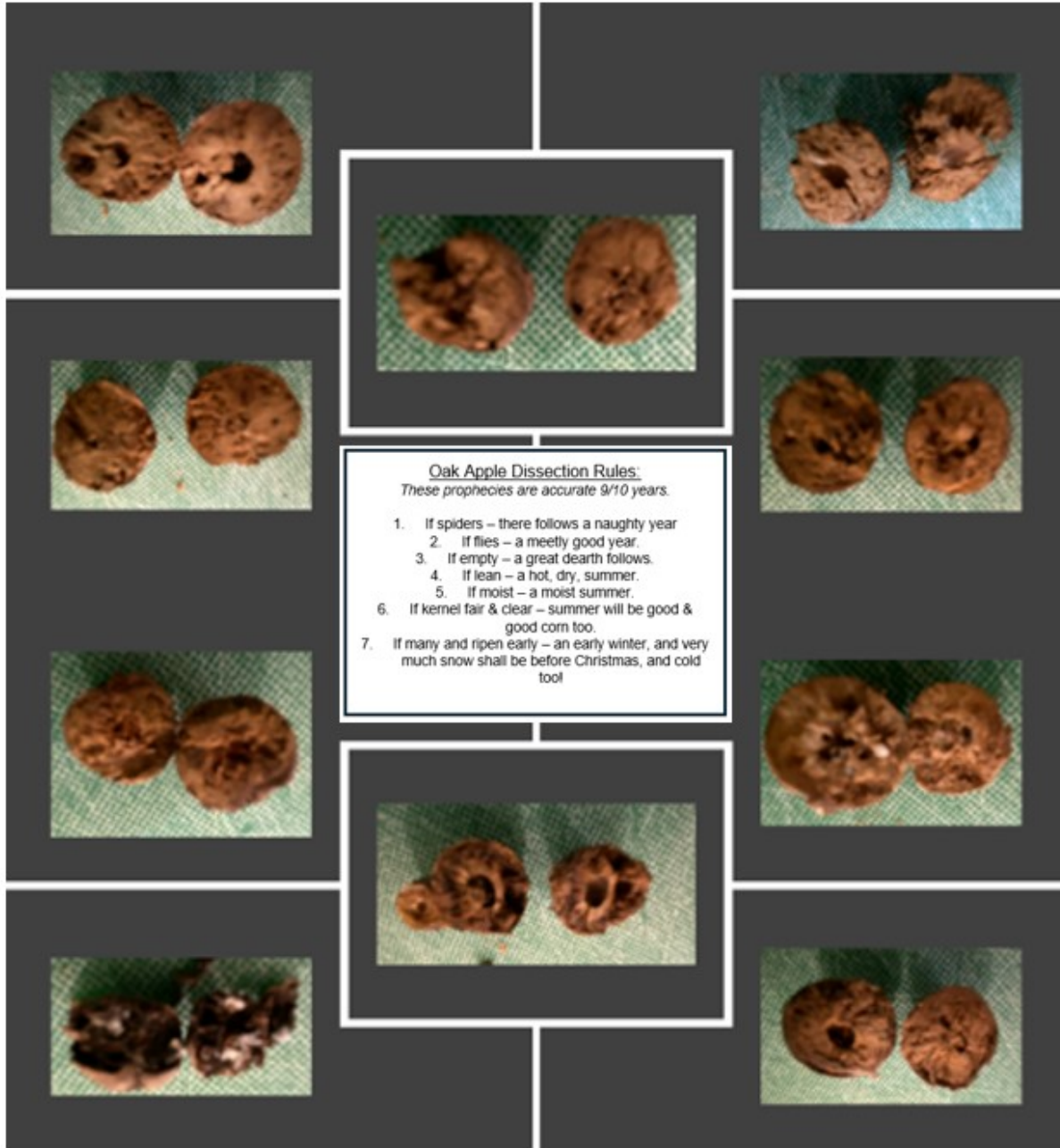
It makes sense at this time of year to keep an eye on the snow level maps from Europe and Asia, which I'll be sharing with you over the coming weeks.

All of these charts are available via www.eldoradoweather.com – an excellent site that you'll no doubt enjoy. The snow maps update daily and can become quite addictive! I'll track them once a week, which is all that's required for our purposes. We're doing very well for snow cover this year, I reckon! Check it out and let me know what you think.



Oak Apple Results – September 2025

The results below are the results of the oak apples dissection – normally on 29th September, but for convenience completed on 31st September this year due to filming and talks. Below are x10 oak apples harvested from Dorset, but Dave also harvested x10 in Kent.



Analysis:

- Firstly, there are many and they ripened early = an early winter and much snow before Christmas, and it will be cold.
- X7 are indicating a fair summer and corn will be good too.
- X1 had flies, so a meetly good year.
- X2 were lean, so a hot, dry summer.

David's results were also as above. If we get sun on Christmas Day then this will indicate a good grain harvest, which would dovetail with the above. We will keep you posted. ☺

Wildly Unexpected: Whacky Sightings from the Natural World

Because nature's weird side deserves the spotlight.

Welcome to Wildly Unexpected – a monthly feature celebrating those wonderfully odd, easily missed, or downright head scratching moments you stumble across when you slow down and really look at the world around you. Every month, you send in the most incredible photos from your walks. This feature gives us the perfect excuse to share a few more of them.

You're clearly all about the fungi this month – because we've been sent funky fungi sightings left, right, and centre! Thanks so much to everyone who sent in photos, you can check them about below. I've also included one of my own seriously spooky finds from the New Forest: Devil's Fingers – who knew that was a thing? Let me tell you – it smells pretty devilish too. Yuck!



Whether it's plants quirks, insect antics, or fungus that looks like it belongs on another planet, we're here for the weird, the wild, and the wonderful.

Got whacky sightings?

Send it in... the weirder, the better!

Little Boots' Big Adventures: November

Hello, Wind-Watchers! November sweeps in on a blustery breeze — swirling leaves, sighing trees, and that unmistakable scent of woodsmoke in the air. The world feels quieter now, but if you listen closely, there's still plenty of wild wonder out there waiting to be found...

Whoosh Day! (November 11th)

Hold onto your hats — it's Wind Day! On this blustery November date, gusts often rattle the branches and scatter the last of autumn's leaves. Step outside and feel the power of the wind. Which direction is it blowing from? Can you see how it moves through trees, fields, or clouds?

Family challenge: make your own mini weathervane or ribbon stick and see if the wind changes direction through the day.

Sky Travellers

Look up! November skies are full of movement as migrant birds head south to escape the cold. You might spot thrushes, starlings, or even redwings and fieldfares arriving from the north.

Challenge: keep a "sky log" — note which birds you see or hear and where they were flying. Bonus points if you spot a murmuration of starlings!

Fog Moon Magic

This month's full moon is known as the Fog Moon — and it often lives up to its name! Misty mornings and silvery evenings create a dreamlike world.

Try this: step outside on a foggy night and listen. What can you hear when the world is wrapped in mist? Write a few lines or draw what it feels like.

Oak Watchers' Secret

If you see oak trees still holding onto their leaves by the 11th, take note — old country lore says it's a sign of a hard winter ahead. Keep your eyes on those sturdy trees and see if nature's hint comes true this year!

Final Leaf Leap

The last of the leaves are tumbling — can you find one from each of the "big five" trees: oak, beech, birch, sycamore, and chestnut? Press them in your nature journal to mark the end of autumn's colour show.

So, little explorers...

November might be chillier, windier, and foggier — but it's full of clues, stories, and sky-bound secrets. Lace up your boots, zip up your coat, and see what wild whispers you can catch before winter blows in for good.

Over and Out!

A Parent's Guide to Deregistering and Homeschooling in the UK

More and more families are exploring home education as an alternative to mainstream schooling. Whether you're considering deregistering your child from school or just curious about how homeschooling works, here's a simple guide to help you get started.

Deregistering Your Child from School

In the UK, parents have the legal right to educate their children at home. If your child is currently enrolled in a school, the first step is to send a **formal deregistration letter** to the headteacher. This is usually straightforward: once you've written to inform the school, they must remove your child's name from the register.

If your child attends a **special educational needs (SEN) school**, local authority permission is needed before deregistration, but in most other cases it's simply a matter of notifying the school.

Exams and Qualifications (GCSEs and Beyond)

One of the main questions parents have is: How will my child sit exams?

- Most employers, colleges, and universities in the UK look for at least **GCSEs in Maths, English, and Science**.
- Home-educated students don't have to take all their exams at once. They can space them out — for example, sitting Maths one year and English the next.
- Exams are taken through local **exam centres** that accept private candidates. These centres are dotted around the UK, and some homeschool support groups can recommend trusted ones.

For other subjects, it's best to follow your child's interests. Many home-educated young people pursue GCSEs in areas they're passionate about, or opt for vocational qualifications and online courses.

Finding Social Groups and Opportunities

One of the biggest myths about homeschooling is that children will "miss out" socially. In reality, there are countless opportunities for children to connect and learn with others.

- Facebook is often the best starting point — search for local home education groups, and filter by area or age group.
- It might take a little time to find groups that feel like the right fit, but putting yourself out there is worth it.
- Beyond homeschooling groups, children can join sports clubs, art classes, scouts/guides, coding clubs, and much more.

Choosing an Educational Approach

There's no "one right way" to home educate. Some families like to follow the National Curriculum, while others prefer more flexible or alternative approaches such as:

- Unschooling — child-led learning driven by curiosity.
- Waldorf or Montessori — holistic, hands-on learning.
- Faith-based or structured curricula — many families follow ready-made programmes.

In my own home, I use The Good and the Beautiful for Maths, and I've created my own Language Arts resources. I focus on preparing children for a rapidly changing, AI-driven world by merging subjects through language arts while keeping learning child-led and adaptable.

The beauty of homeschooling is that you can mix and match — tailoring education to your child's needs and interests.

Final Thoughts

Homeschooling can feel overwhelming at first, but remember: you don't need to recreate school at home. Start small, explore resources, and let your child's interests guide you. The flexibility to learn at your own pace, pursue passions, and prepare for exams gradually is one of the greatest benefits.

If you'd like more ideas, free resources, and inspiration from our journey, you can find me over on Instagram: [@growingnurture](https://www.instagram.com/growingnurture)

Homeschooling is a big decision, but it can be a truly rewarding one for families ready to embrace flexibility, creativity, and curiosity in learning.

Magic Sightings waiting to happen in November are:

- Badgers
- Brambling
- Fieldfare
- Foxes (pairing season begins)
 - Fungi
- Goldfinches
- Jays
- Lapwing
- Mice & Voles
 - Otters
 - Raptors
 - Red Deer
 - Redwing
 - Salmon
- Seals (pupping season)
- Squirrels (gathering season)
 - Stoats
- Swans (migratory species too)
 - Tawny Owls
 - Waxwings
 - Weasels
 - Wildfowl



Photo Credit:

Trevor Eldridge

Make your own Rosehip Syrup!

Rosehip syrup is one of the richest sources of Vitamin C found in the UK.

Video coming to you via YouTube soon.

November Foraging:

- Blackthorn (Sloe), Sweet Chestnut, Rosehips, Hawthorn berries, Crab apples, Beechnuts.

Clearly mushrooms and fungi are prolific at this time of year, but I do not and will not advise people to go foraging for these items – you really need to know what you're doing. Please do not forage these items unless you are with a qualified professional.

IF YOU ARE UNSURE OF
IDENTITY DO NOT EAT. WE HAVE
A SURPRISING NUMBER OF
POISONOUS SPECIES IN UK.

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FROM ME ON THIS TOPIC.

THE SKIES

- 4th & 5th: Taurids Meteor Shower
- 5th: Super Full Moon
- 17th & 18th: Leonids Meteor Shower
- 21st: Uranus at opposition – viewable all night long (you are looking for a tiny blue/ green dot!)



Full Moon:
5th November @ 13:19
Snow, if cold enough



3Q Moon:
12th November @ 05:28
Rain



New Moon:
20th November @ 06:47
Stormy



1Q Moon:
28th October @ 06:58
Stormy



PERIGEE – 5th @ 22:16

APOGEE – 20th @ 02.46

Now for the collated expert notes on November:

Starting the month with storms from the 5th onwards abundant rain westwards from the Atlantic bringing continuous depressions to the north or just north of the UK. Temperatures however can be milder than average, and frosts are rare. The persistent SW winds check the autumn fall of temperatures from the end of October, however, at first there is often some early snow in the extreme north. In general, the weather for the month is dull and cheerless. There is an important wind day on (though not an acknowledged quarter/wind day) on 11th November- St Martin's Day – that also gives two to three days of fine settled, albeit cold at night, daytime weather known as St Martin's little summer. The wind direction on this day gives the weather for the next three months, with a near 100% reliability, and will remain for the rest of winter. There is one major caveat here, in that if this wind comes from the NW, then for certain, a severe winter will ensue. Mid-November tends to be more settled, often cold, with frosts at night, with night fogs developing in or near towns – or known frost/fog hollows – that are slow to clear during daytime. There is a dry period from 15-21st November, with the peak period being 18th-20th November. The last week of November ushers yet more stormy weather that extends well into December and one of the most regular of all stormy periods of bad weather. This period has two peaks of intensity, the first around the 25th November and the second around 9th December. North westerly or even northerly winds are prevalent, bringing a fall in temperature as well as increased rainfall - which, if cold enough, will fall as snow. However, the strength of the winds prevents prolonged frosts.

MY NOTES:

Notes from Nature

Berries of every colour, size, and kind are out in force — from snowberries (a vital water source in colder weather) and berberis to the bright stinking iris. The lord and ladies' berries are now long gone. There's still plenty of dogwood and privet, along with good crops of sloes, pink and evergreen spindle, hawthorn, rowan, and bryony. Holly, yew, and ivy are thick and glossy now too.

Seeds are everywhere — all the usual trees have produced generously this year, but teasels have caught my eye in particular. Their spiny towers seem especially impressive, and with their clever built-in water-harvesting system, their resilience is no surprise.

Flowers are still blooming in places — and if that continues into November, it's almost certainly a sign of a hard winter ahead. Likewise, by mid-October the oaks were still holding their leaves. If that carries on to St Martin's Day, it's another sure hint of what's to come — not to mention all the galls.

An abundance of fungi remains, with winter geese long arrived and other migratory birds now on their way. Squirrels are working double-time, as are the woodpeckers. Many of you have reported home invasions of ladybirds — they too are seeking somewhere warm for the winter.

Foxes have been barking loud and clear, calling up great falls of snow. Across our Facebook groups, we've also collectively logged eight fogs so far in October. The signs are writ large and clear.

November Forecast:

Early November may bring snow showers north of the Humber – a short cold snap rather than a lasting spell. Ground frosts are likely for most areas. With a super full moon, perigee, and the month's highest tides coinciding around 5th November, flooding is possible in the usual trouble spots – especially as this falls within a Met Office stormy period. It's worth taking sensible precautions if you live in a flood prone area.

A short, settled spell of roughly three sunny days is expected around November 11th – ideal for finishing off any remaining outdoor or gardening jobs before the weather turns.

While the month may begin cool and bright in places, November overall looks likely to be wet and stormy as the month progresses, particularly across western parts of the UK. The east may fare a little better with somewhat drier conditions. In summary, expect a cool start to the month – most likely drier in the first half, wetter and windier later on.

Lunar phases and folklore remain important tools in indigenous weather forecasting – here's how they align this November:

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Full Moon = 5th @ 13:19 = Snow if cold enough, else rain

1st Quarter Moon = 12th @ 05:28 = Rain

New Moon = 20th @ 06:47 = Stormy

Last Quarter Moon = 28th @ 06:58 = Stormy

Highest Spring Tides: 5th – 8th

PERIGEE – 5th @ 22:16 APOGEE – 20th @ 02:46

Met Office Notes:

Quiet period: 15th – 21st

Stormy period: 1st – 13th & 24th – 30th

Buchan Notes:

Cold Period: 6th – 13th

FULL MOON THIS MONTH IS CALLED THE FOG MOON, FROSTY MOON, SNOW MOON OR BEAVER MOON.

Monthly Notes & Comments

1 st	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.
2 nd	All Souls Day	If wind SE it will stay until Candlemass (2/2) and winter will be mild with little snow.
5 th	Perigee @ 22:16	
10 th	Martinmas Eve	Where the wind blows on Martinmas Eve, there 'twill be for the rest of winter.
11 th	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. Martinmas day. A SW wind on this day ensures a mild and snow free winter.
20 th	Apogee @ 02:46	
21 st		As this day, so the winter.
23 rd	St Clement	St Clement gives the winter - a fairly accurate quote.
25 th	St Catherine	St Catherine As St Catherine, foul or fair, so 'twill be next Februaire. Laurel tree flowers about this time.
30 th	St Andrew	

General Notes and Comments

- The name comes from the Roman word Novem, meaning nine, because it was the ninth month of the Roman calendar.
- 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 foretell 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 Martinmas and severe winter to come.
- The above sayings and observations need heeding for they often add up to a 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 Martinmas, 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 Martinmas then a cruel winter's on its way.
- Sybil of months and worshipper 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

THE NAME OF THE FULL MOON THIS MONTH IS BEAVER MOON but also known as frosty moon, snow moon, dark moon or fog moon.

The tree of the month up-to 24th is rushes. Thereafter the Elder.

MONTHLY AVERAGES FOR EDENBRIDGE (USING 1991-2020 FIGURES)

All the figures below have been updated to comply with the latest 30m year period above.

Mean Max: 11.7C Mean Min: 3.8C Mean Avg: 7.8C

Rainfall: 102.7mm Sunshine: 76.5hrs (day = 2.55hrs)

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.

1st: 12.03C 11.44C

30th: 8.08C 7.13C

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TOM	Moon	Weather	DoP	St/ Holy Day	Other Day	Quarter Day	Apogee/ Perigee	Met Off (stormy/ quiet)	Buchan (warm/ cold)	Super Moon	Highest Tides	Notes
1				All Saints Day				Stormy period				
2				All Souls Day				Stormy period				
3								Stormy period				
4								Stormy period				Taurids Meteor Shower
5	FULL @ 13:19	Snow if cold enough, else rain					Perigee@22:16	Stormy period		SUPER MOON	Highest Tides	Taurids Meteor Shower
6								Stormy period	Cold Period		Highest Tides	
7								Stormy period	Cold Period		Highest Tides	
8								Stormy period	Cold Period		Highest Tides	
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29	S							Stormy period				
30	S			St Andrew	Advent Sunday			Stormy period				