

## Critical: St Martin Update – November 11<sup>th</sup> 2024

St Martin has got rid of the anticyclonic gloom and the rotten air pollution that was trapped underneath it, hooray! We can finally see the sun again and rest assured, St Martin always brings 2-3 days of bright weather, albeit chilly. As such, make the most of it.

The ducks, birds and geese have heralded the beginning of a cold, early, winter already. They normally give a week or ten days advance warning of cold here (being not as cold as Scandinavia or the Arctic, but cold for us). Take a look - the fields are full of redwings, fieldfares, brambling and arctic starlings, plus jays, starlings and robins from nearby Europe. By the day, more geese and ducks arrive too.

Looking to flora, there are seeds, berries and fruits everywhere, therefore nature is well prepared. Same is true for the oaks – look how many leaves remain, and galls abound everywhere as well. Acorns, however, were foraged long ago.

The important news for today of course, is that the wind direction for the very vast majority of the UK was Northerly and Northeasterly. It makes not too much difference as to whether the wind is Northerly or Northeasterly, both are bitterly cold winds, both dry winds too. All this means, is established cold... the wind usually veers from Southeast, to East, to Northeast, to North as winter progresses. As such the winds today simply indicate cold much earlier than usual.

People of Wales and the Southwest please note, as predicted, you too will likely get very cold with snow too this winter, even on the coast (Penzance etc).

Patience is the watchword with the methodology, it gets there, always. The past fortnight of quirky weather was unpredictable and therefore unpredicted. Mild and dry, with 14 days of no rain, as such drought conditions. Some truly strange weather across parts of Europe this last fortnight too, rains and major flooding, in Italy and France as well as the serious Spanish flooding. Most unseasonal. Whilst it has not been as cold as was expected (yet), due to the high pressure, all is ticking along and cold is on its way. There are not many dwellings that do not have heating systems on already for sure. Nature has prepared, and nature is never wrong.

I have seen various news reports of snow forecasts for the following ten days, and this to us is of no great surprise. David has been doing this for many years now, and I have also been doing this since 2018 on a hobby basis. It is a culmination of so many, in themselves small and insignificant bits of nature, that when collated fall into a pattern and the pieces join up to complete the jigsaw. UK weather is not a precise science but using the methodology (and disregarding the quirky spells like this last fortnight), gives an accurate advance forecast of what is to come.

Interesting to see that the Met Office long range forecasts are still showing a mild winter due. I trust the methodology to deliver, and it will be a vicious winter too. We have warned about this winter since June, we are extremely confident.

Consult our winter forecast as often as you like, and our December forecast will be published at the end of November.

Best wishes  
Lesley and David



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