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# Standard warmist Meteorology has nowhere to go

## – Report of BBC Weather Project meeting at Royal Society Oct 12<sup>th</sup>

- Piers Corbyn insists on fair assessment of long range forecasts
- BBC + Met Office make concessions

### The Scene

An impressive room in Britain's Royal Society off The Mall. Roger Harrabin, BBC's chief environment correspondent in the chair surrounded by representatives of "All the Royals", as he put it, either on the presentation line up or 'at hand' – the Royal Meteorological Society, The Royal Statistical Society and the Royal Astronomical Society; along with experts (statistics) from Leeds University, Philip Eden of BBC5 weather, Tim Palmer of European Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasting (& RMS), the Met Office (seasonal forecasting division) and a range of other BBC professionals, weather people and public and **Michael Fish!** - numbering 50 or so in all.

**The Purpose:** to discuss the BBC's 'Weather (Test) Project'.  
- [http://news.bbc.co.uk/today/hi/today/newsid\\_9029000/9029232.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/today/hi/today/newsid_9029000/9029232.stm)

The discussion led by Roger Harrabin proceeded as if the purpose was to compare short-range forecasts of Met office and competitors and raised many 'difficulties'.

A number of people said that BBC forecasts were confused in presentation and that although 'forecast skill' might be something to measure, **forecast usefulness** is what the public and business really need.

### Remember last winter !



Snow covered Britain & Ireland (and Europe) from Space (NASA photo 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 2010) confirming WeatherAction Long range forecast issued in July 2009, ahead of all others.

The Met Office mild UK winter forecast failed - as did all their forecasts for the previous 4 unusual seasons - leaving emergency services and public misled and ill-prepared; and led to - for the winter - the **UK running out of road salt – as warned by WeatherAction and consequent unnecessary suffering and loss of life.**

See WANews2010No6 via WANews Archive - <http://www.weatheraction.com/pages/pv.asp?p=wact3&fsize=0>

## Piers says "It's time to Get Real".

**Tim Palmer** said the main problem of weather forecasting was that weather is a 'chaotic system' and very small changes at the start of a computer forward projection programme can make very different outcomes (forecasts) later; and said this could ONLY be overcome in a very general way by looking at slow changes like El Nino and Ocean currents which could have a bearing on circulation a month or so ahead and enable 'seasonal' forecasting.

**Piers Corbyn** (a member of two of 'The Royals' RMS & RAS) said that Tim Palmer's point about "what he calls chaos" also must mean that small external drivers such as SOLAR ACTIVITY can fundamentally change the development of weather systems and makes (with our understanding of what the sun does) long range forecasting possible NOW, **many months ahead down to detail of a few days** and is especially skilled at extreme events.

# We, scientists, must do better!

Piers pointed out that his own WeatherAction forecast for the winter 2009/10 had been presented last October 28<sup>th</sup> in summary form in Imperial College in front of Roger Harrabin and others of the BBC who had said they would publicise it; but the BBC had not done this and instead promoted the Met offices 'Global-Warmist' 'seasonal' forecast for a mild winter which had failed absolutely as had the Met Office seasonal forecasts for the 3 previous summers & winter 08/09.

The consequence, said Piers, was that his warning that the UK would run out of road salt was ignored by Govt, Local Authorities and Emergency services and as a result there were unnecessary road accidents and deaths. "*We have to do better than this*" he said to the audience - who listened carefully.

Oct 28<sup>th</sup> 2009 Conference Imperial College. VIDEO of Piers Corbyn presenting summary forecast for winter 09/10 with BBC's Roger Harrabin in audience <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZGosqhZ6gUM&feature=related>

## "Measure skill by 'notional' weather bets – & assess short and long detailed forecasts including regions & extreme events"

He pointed out that his forecasts already had independently proven significant skill especially for extreme events (See [www.WeatherAction.com](http://www.WeatherAction.com), Forecast accuracy button) and it was unacceptable that his forecasts which went much further ahead and gave much more regional detail than anything long range the Met Office attempts should be excluded from a fair measure of skill.

### Look at Extreme Seasons!

Further to WeatherAction meeting on Oct 1<sup>st</sup> the BBC's Weather Test Committee is also being asked by Piers to look at the past forecasts of the recent notably different from normal seasons - UK summers 07, 08, 09 and winters 08/09 and 09/10.

He said the fairest way was to put the forecasts into the form of notional weather bets to include regions, dates and extremes - eg the first week of Jan will be in the ten coldest in the last 100 years for Central England Temps – Fair odds 9/1 against {NB THIS is NOT a forecast!! Just an example}.

Philip Eden asked *If the Met Office would enter such a form of competition (which they had seemed reluctant to do) would Piers also enter a more general less detailed set of questions?* Piers agreed and said the Test committee should consider his Solar-factors improvements to short range Met forecasts as well as detailed month ahead and many months ahead forecasts including regional detail and extreme events down to a few days time resolution.

**Skill and usefulness** Piers said it was simple to resolve the conflict between *skill & usefulness*. The test committee should test *skill* of any forecasts by, eg, notional Weather bets & the public separately can say what they find *useful*. Roger Harrabin mentioned how useful he had found a long range holiday forecast from Piers!

## "It was clear from the meeting that Standard Global-Warmist Meteorology hasn't made any advances in 5 years - indeed it has failed - and has nowhere to go",

said Piers. "Their hope to overcome 'chaos' by slow changing things like ocean currents and CO2 assumptions fails just as badly as their medium range forecasts beyond 10 days because the predictable solar-lunar signal is much stronger than the noise in their 'chaos', and of course assumptions about CO2 are proven nonsense. The meeting was something of a watershed and the way could open to the proper advance of science. **However, first the religiosity of CO2-theory and the related obsession with models which the users absurdly believe are better than nature itself at predicting nature, must end!**"

Background to BBC weather Project – See comment 3 [http://climaterealist.com/index.php?id=6352#post\\_comments](http://climaterealist.com/index.php?id=6352#post_comments)

## CLIMATE FOOLS DAY Weds Oct 27<sup>th</sup> 2pm Meeting in Parliament

<http://climaterealist.com/index.php?id=6438>

What Will This Winter Be Like?! WeatherActionNews 33 <http://climaterealist.com/index.php?id=6411>

3 Part VIDEO Advances in solar-based forecasts + fight Carbon Con + CHALLENGE to ED MILLIBAND for proper debate on CO2-driven Climate theory <http://bit.ly/aGRw7v>

Ongoing ClimateRealist discussion & Links in comments: <http://bit.ly/bpZDlp> see RED highlighted items RECOMMENDED eg link under Aug8th Comment to latest Presentation via WANews27

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