Jan 6th 1839 “the Night of the big wind”
... it only lasted a couple of hours but
it was like a hurricane. It took the
thatched roof of some houses and scattered
reeds of hay and stacks of oats.

There were superstitions associated
with the weather as well...

Red sky at night is farmers delight
Red sky in the morning shepherd warning.

St. Swithin’s day... 15th July. If it rain on
that day tradition was that it would
rain for 40 days and 40 nights.
Farmers watched the sky nervously on
the 14th and 15th and tried to have their
hay saved.