

# Cutha's Chronicles



**Eala!** Hello!

It's good of you to come and see us: We'd like to stop and talk, but we're really busy right now...

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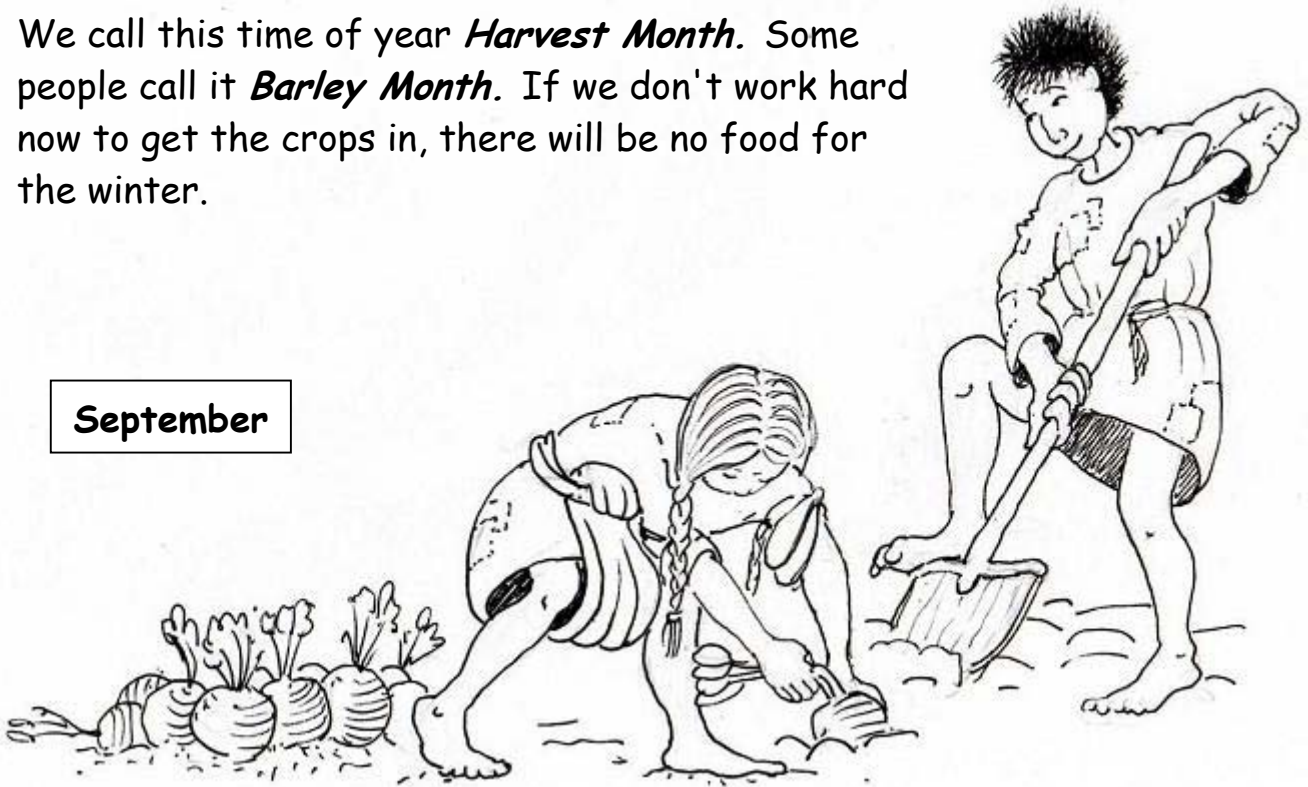
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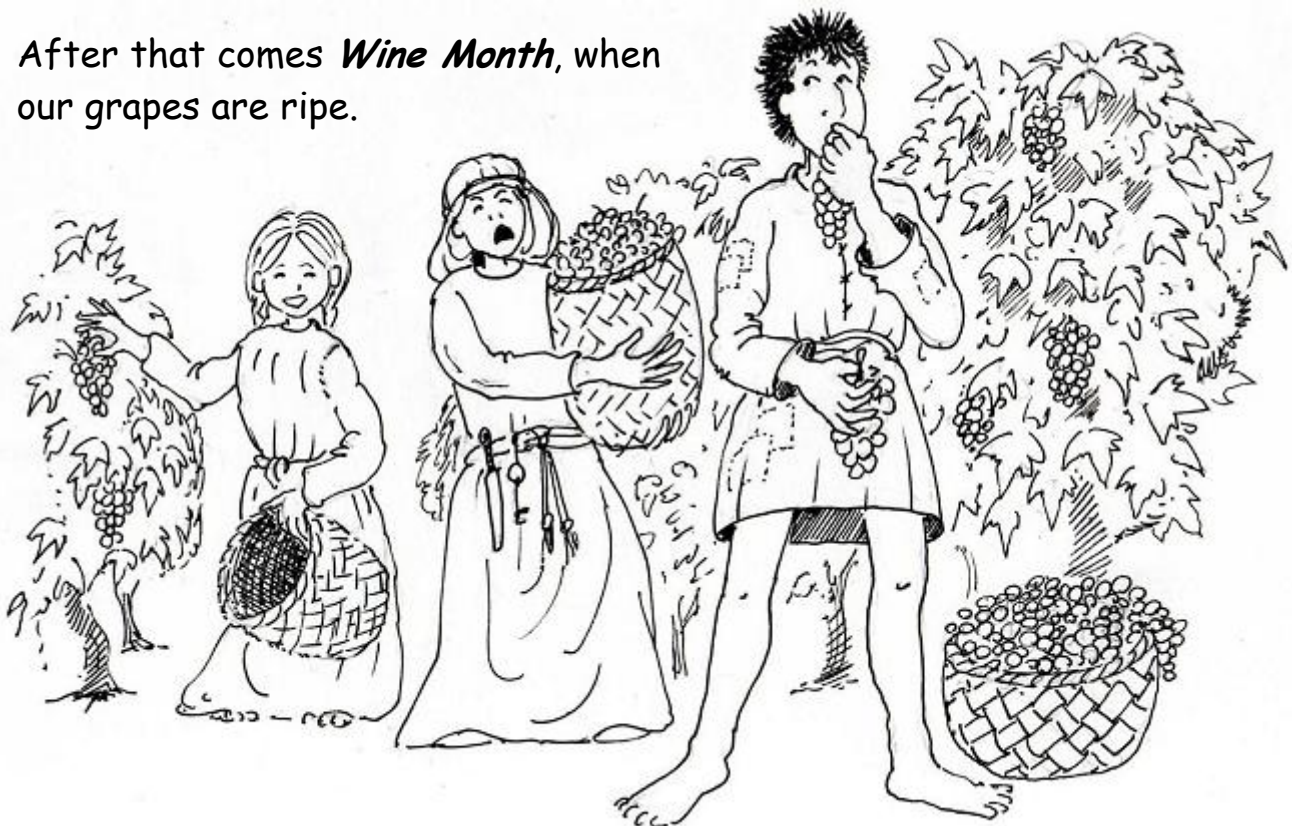
We call this time of year *Harvest Month*. Some people call it *Barley Month*. If we don't work hard now to get the crops in, there will be no food for the winter.

September



The monks at the church call it *Holy Month*, because they have so many special days to celebrate.

After that comes *Wine Month*, when our grapes are ripe.



October

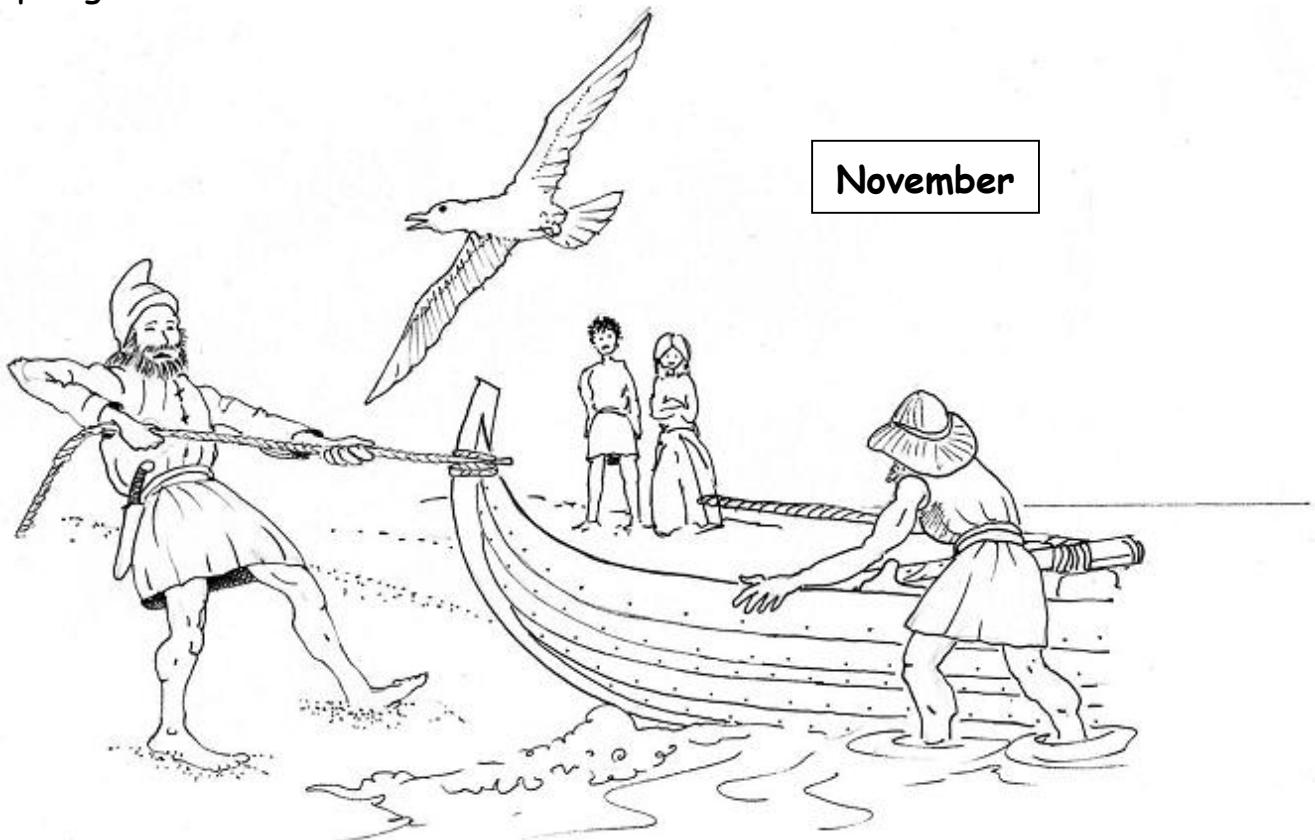
We also call it **Winter Full-Moon** because the moon is so big and clear. It is a sign that winter is almost here.

It's the **moon** that tells us when our months start and finish. Every time we have a new moon, we start to count another month. We stop again when the moon disappears from the sky.

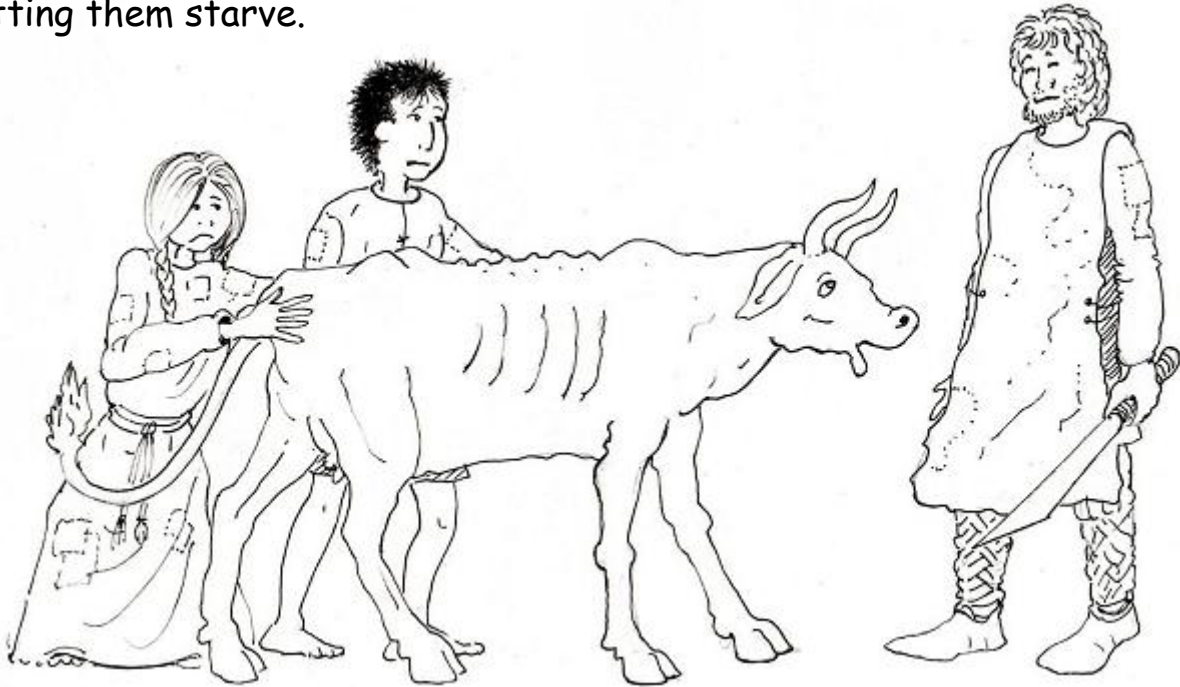


Then it starts to get cold:

Some people call this **Wind Month**, because the sailors have to bring their boats in to keep them safe. They won't be able to use them again until spring.



We also call it *Blood Month* because we have to kill all the animals that won't live through the winter. It's nasty having to do it, but it's kinder than letting them starve.



We preserve the meat with salt and by smoking it, so that it will keep.

And we will have a big feast at *Yule-tide* to eat up all the food that won't last through until spring.



December