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Rainfall: After all the rain of the winter March and the first half of April had well below average rainfall allowing the ground to start to dry out.

Temperatures: The temperatures for March and early April have been around 3 degC above average continuing a long period of warmer temperatures. There was a record high minimum temperature on 2 April of 11.6 degC. This Easter is much warmer than last year when snow covered part of the country.

Sunshine: We have had more sunshine in 2014 than the first 3 months of last year but 2012 was sunnier.

Weather elsewhere: There was an episode of Saharan dust transported by winds to southern England which was made worse by pollution from continental Europe. A smog alert was issued for London on 3rd April. Devon escaped the poor air quality but the dust made it to my car. On the other side of the world Cyclone Ita caused damage in Northern Queensland on 13/14 April.

Payhembury Monthly Temperatures degC

Mar 14/Apr 14 (14 days)	1960-90 Climate	Measured Averages	Warmer or colder than average?
Max Temp	9.6/12.1	13.7/16.1	Warmer
Min Temp	2.7/4.1	4.3/6.7	Warmer
Mean Temp	6.2/8.1	9.0/11.4	Warmer
Temp Range	7.0/8.0	9.3/9.5	
Highest Max	19.5/21.5	18.8/19.1	11 Apr 14
Lowest Min	-9/-4.5	-0.5/2.4	24 Mar 14
Lowest Max	0.5/2.5	9.9/13.9	2 Mar 14
Highest Min	11/11	9.7/11.6	2 April 14
Payhembury	Rainfall mm	Date of max	
Mar 14	73	47	2 Mar 14
Apr 14 (14 days)	26	17	7 Mar 14

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