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Apologies for missing the July edition of the paper but holidays intervened. Unusually I include the May and June complete monthly averages in the table below. I have also started to include a section on sunshine based on my solar cell output.

Rainfall: Looking back at my last report in June all the talk was of drought! Well how a month can change the weather. The contrast is clear with 53% of normal rain in May and 281% of normal rain in June! The wet weather has continued with a vengeance into July with 91mm already recorded up to 14th and 37mm fell on 7 July, a record since my measurements began. As I write it looks as if the end of July may go into a drier period just in time for the Olympics. My BBQ has been hiding in the garage this summer.

Temperatures: May was a very warm month with the record for highest May temperature broken on 25 May, it seems a long time ago now. June was much closer to the average although still on the warm side. July is so far heading to be cooler than average.

Sunshine: May was slightly sunnier than last year but in June we only had 77% of the sunshine we had last year and July is continuing this dull theme.

Weather elsewhere: In contrast to the weather here, in the U.S. and Canada it has been record breaking heat and drought as they have been on the other side of the jet stream which gave us such unsettled weather in June/July.

Payhembury Monthly Temperatures degC

May/Jun 12	1960-90 Climate	Measured Averages	Warmer or colder than average?
Max Temp	15.0/18.4	19.2/19.2	Warmer
Min Temp	6.8/9.8	7.4/10.8	Warmer
Mean Temp	11.1/14.1	13.3/15.0	Warmer
Temp Range	8.4/8.6	11.8/8.5	
Highest Max	27.0/32.5	28.3/25.2	25 May 2012
Lowest Min	-1.5/1.5	1.1/6.6	16 May 2012
Lowest Max	8.0/10.0	11.2/15.2	5 May 2012
Highest Min	15.0/18.5	16.8/15.3	25 May 2012
	Payhembury Rainfall mm		Date of max
May 12	62	33	7 May 2012
Jun 12	55	155	7 Jun 2012