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Rainfall: After many months of well below average rainfall the heavens finally opened in April with 35mm on 25 April and we went from drought to difficulty getting out of the village due to flooding! In the end April was the wettest month over the UK since records began in 1910. Liscombe in Somerset has seen the most rainfall, with 273.8 mm of rain - more than three times the 86.4mm average. In contrast March was the fifth driest on record for the UK. May has continued the wet theme with above average rainfall. The southwest is no longer officially in drought.

Temperatures: April and May are just warmer by day but colder at night than normal but it certainly doesn't feel like Spring. Last year was the 11th warmest on record for the whole globe despite a La Nina event which acts to reduce temperatures.

Weather elsewhere: After reporting about the many damaging tornadoes in the US last month, the UK experienced a taste of tornadoes when a suspected tornado blew down farm buildings in Essex, killing 20 chickens. They were also seen in Oxfordshire and Warwickshire on 26 April with intrepid folks filming the funnel cloud.

Payhembury Monthly Temperatures degC

Apr/May 12	1960-90 Climate	Measured Averages	Warmer or colder than average?
Max Temp	12.1/15.0	13.3/16.3	Warmer
Min Temp	4.1/6.8	2.9/6.2	Colder
Mean Temp	8.1/11.1	8.1/11.3	Warmer
Temp Range	8.0/8.4	10.4/10.0	
Highest Max	21.5/27	16.4/19.4	13 May 12
Lowest Min	-4.5/-1.5	-1.3/1.7	2 Apr 12
Lowest Max	2.5/8.0	7.9/11.2	4 Apr 12
Highest Min	11/15.0	7.9/11.7	10 May 12
Payhembury	Rainfall mm		Date of max
Apr 12	56	98	25 Apr 12
May 12 (2 weeks)	28	32	4 May 12

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