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I am now posting these articles on the web site in case you ever wanted to refer to back issues. Currently only July-Oct 2011 are available but I hope to expand this in time.

Rainfall: September 2011 only received 80% of the normal rainfall and October so far has been very dry with only 12% of normal. As a result the rivers are low and the ground is hard.

Temperatures: The highlight for this month was the heatwave that England and Wales experienced at the end of September 2011 and into early October when records were smashed with the previous maximum temperature being exceeded by over 2degC. Wall to wall sunshine and southerly winds all contributed to balmy temperatures though evening barbecues became dark very quickly! You can change the weather but not the Earth-Sun geometry. Late October is looking cooler at night.

Weather elsewhere:

In Thailand huge swathes of the country have been devastated by months of monsoon rains. Entire villages have been submerged and more than 280 people have been killed since the flooding began in late July. At present it seems that Bangkok will be spared the worst.

Payhembury Monthly Temperatures degC

Sep/Oct 11	1960-90 Climate	Measured Averages	Warmer or colder than average?
Max Temp	17.7/14.5	20.5/19.6	Warmer
Min Temp	9.8/7.6	11.9/12.3	Warmer
Mean Temp	13.7/11.0	16.2/15.9	Warmer
Temp Range	7.9/6.9	8.6/7.2	
Highest Max	26/23.5	25.9/25.9	3 Oct 11
Lowest Min	0/-3.5	4.0/6.3	15 Sep 11
Lowest Max	9/7	14.0/15.2	18 Sep 11
Highest Min	17/15	15.8/16.0	9 Sep 11
Payhembury		Rainfall mm	Date of max
Sep 11	67.5	53.5	18 Sep 11
Oct 11 (2 weeks)	38.2	4.6	6 Oct 11

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