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Rainfall: July's rain was less than half the normal amount though August has started slightly wetter which has kept the vegetable garden going and avoided worrying about a drought.

Temperatures: July was a pretty average month as far as temperatures go but August started significantly warmer. No really warm or cold periods this summer. Last year's June/July was 2degC warmer than this year so we are heading for a cooler summer overall this year than last but still above the long term average.

Sunshine: As you will have observed Placidus has solar cells on its roof generating all our electricity needs during the day. I can use them to measure the sunshine on Payhembury averaged over a month. What is interesting is that April 2011 was the sunniest month beating May, June and July and August is not looking very sunny either. If anybody would like to learn more about my installation or solar power just get in touch.

Weather elsewhere:

Dorset and Scotland both suffered from flooding recently with Bournemouth Winter Gardens submerged. Christchurch, Wellington and Auckland in New Zealand have all experienced snowfall recently, for some parts, the worst since 1939. Auckland has recorded its coldest day ever with temperatures not rising above 8degC on Monday.

Payhembury Monthly Temperatures degC

July/Aug 11	1960-90 Climate	Measured Averages	Warmer or colder than average?
Max Temp	20.4/20.2	21.7/22.6	Warmer
Min Temp	11.7/11.6	11.3/13.2	Average
Mean Temp	16.1/15.9	16.5/17.9	Warmer
Temp Range	8.7/8.6	10.4/9.4	
Highest Max	31.5/31.5	26.9/27.6	3 Aug 11
Lowest Min	4.5/3.5	5.9/8.4	1 Jul 11
Lowest Max	12.5/13	14/19.8	18 Jul 11
Highest Min	19/18	15.2/16.3	1 Aug 11
Payhembury Rainfall mm		Date of max	
July 11	52.0	24.4	8 Jul 11
Aug 11 (2 weeks)	28.7	34.4	4 Aug 11

N.B. The first 2 weeks of July are from observations in the Otter Valley

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