

Summer 82

Weather

You don't need to be an expert to guess that this summer has been one of the dampest on record.

But the climatological station at Halesowen confirms it with hard facts.

The summer of 82 has been the wettest since 1960, with more than 16 inches of rain falling on the West Midlands. This is 25 per cent more than usual.

Only seven summers have been worse in the last 27 years — with far more thunder than in any year since records began at the Hayley Green weather station in 1956.

August maintained its reputation as a poor holiday month with 3.8 inches of rain falling in a little over 55 hours during one wet spell. During the month it rained on no less than 23 days.

August 5 was the wettest day with 1.09 inches falling in eight hours during heavy thunderstorms.