

July 1983.

A hot, dry and sunny month which produced several new extremes. At the Hales Owen Climatological station there were 14 days when temperatures exceeded 26.7°C (80°F) as opposed to 10 in the heatwave of 1976. The mean daily temperature of 19.8°C (67.6°F) ~~makes~~^{made} the month the warmest this century, the maximum of 32.1°C (90°F) occurring on the 12th.

Of the third more than usual rainfall, the bulk fell on 3 occasions out of the 12 days rain, the 6th, 14th and 18th, all in heavy thunderstorms of which there were 8.

[In one storm of July 6th, rain fell at a rate of 2.40 in per hour around 6 pm causing local flooding, and totalled 22 mm (0.87 in)]

Winds were very light and variable, only 7 days with gusts over 20 kt (23 mph), the highest, 28 mph, on the 17th in a thunderstorm.

Sunshine was up on average, daytime cloud cover being marginally above 50%.

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