

Philip Westmoreland's Weather records for 2010

Philip has been logging weather data in Potton since the 1970's and his continuous record makes fascinating reading. How did 2010 match up to previous years and did the great freeze of December 2010 match up to its ancestors? The **maximum** temperatures in degrees centigrade and rainfall (inches) for 2010 in Philips garden were :-

	Max C	rain inches	
January	03	1.56	Dull & very cold. Hard frosts. 19 frosts
February	05	3.08	Cold, dull & wet. 18 frosts.
March	10	1.17	Turning milder. Showery. 8 frosts
April	16	0.65	Dry & sunny. 2 frosts
May	18	1.72	Fair with variable cloud & sun
June	23	1.05	Warm & dry
July	25	1.23	Very warm & humid. Unsettled at end of month
August	21	4.98	Unsettled & very wet
September	19	1.68	Cooling off after a warm start
October	14	1.88	Changeable. 3 frosts
November	07	1.06	Mild start then very cold. 10 frosts
December	01	0.68	Very cold with snow. 25 frosts.

Philip records December as the coldest since 1981. (Others reckoned it was the coldest since the last ice-age!) Overall the year in Potton had an average maximum of 13.5 Centigrade which was slightly cooler than 2009 but still overall an average year! Total rainfall was 20.74 inches ... one of the lowest since Philip started recording in the early 1970's. There are three pdf files on the site:-

- 1. 2010 Monthly Daily Max/Min temperatures, rainfall, barometer pressure and general comments by Philip Westmoreland.**
- 2. 1963 – 2010 Max daily maximum temperatures in degrees F and rainfall in inches. Peter Ibbett spreadsheet from his data (1960's) and Philips (1970's to 2010).**
- 3. 1963 – 2010 Average monthly temperatures in degrees F. Peter Ibbett spreadsheet**



Hatley Road February 17th 1979 after a blizzard.

'Fresh vegetables could be in short supply over the next few months.' Main roads were salted when the temperature dropped dramatically just before dawn on Wednesday, but high winds blew away much of the salt before it reached the road surface.'

Biggleswade Chronicle February 23rd 1979.
Potton History Society Archives.

Have you any weather memories, documents or photographs to add to our archives ?