



Parish News

Baverstock

RAINFALL

The following is an accurate account of the quantity of rain which fell at Baverstock, near this city, in the year 1838:-

January	0.75 inches
February	2.00
March	1.50
April and May	3.40
June	3.72
July	1.20
August	2.80
September	5.80
October	3.15
November	5.58
December	4.28
Total inches	32.88

The quantity which fell in 1837 was 29.19 inches.

(Salisbury and Winchester Journal – Monday 7 January, 1839)

The quantity of rain which fell at Baverstock (about eight miles west of this city) amounted in the year 1848 to 41 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches, being just ten inches more than the average quantity.

(Salisbury and Winchester Journal – Saturday 6 January, 1849)

The amount of rain which fell at Baverstock, about eight miles West of Salisbury, during the year 1851, was as follows:-

	In.		In.		In.
January	4.90	May	1.15	September	0.40
February	1.65	June	2.20	October	2.80
March	3.35	July	3.30	November	0.80
April	1.35	August	2.90	December	2.10
		Total	26.50 in		

The average quantity for the last 20 years being 31.50 inches, the quantity which fell in 1851 was five inches less than the average. In 1850 the quantity was 4.50 inches less than the average, making in the two last years a deficiency on nine inches and a half, which will account for the extreme lowness of the springs which has been observed in most parts of the country. It may perhaps convey a more distinct meaning to some of our readers to say that the deficiency in the two years amounts to somewhere about four thousand hogshead per acre.

(*Salisbury and Winchester Journal* – Saturday 3 January, 1852)

The amount of rain which fell at Baverstock (about eight miles west of Salisbury) in the year 1854 was as follows:-

	Inches		Inches
January	2.40	July	1.90
February	1.05	August	0.95
March	0.40	September	0.65
April	0.25	October	3.15
May	3.00	November	2.00
June	2.35	December	1.55

The average quantity for the last 20 years being about 31 ½ inches. The fall of the last year was about 12 inches than the average, which will account for the extreme lowness of the springs in many parts of the country. The fall was below the average in every month in the year, excepting January and May.

(*Salisbury and Winchester Journal* – Saturday 6 January, 1855)

The amount of rain which fell at Baverstock, about eight miles west of Salisbury, during the year 1855, was as follows:-

	Inches		Inches
January	0.75	July	4.30
February	1.65	August	1.15
March	2.05	September	1.95
April	0.70	October	5.50
May	2.45	November	0.75
June	1.80	December	1.65

Total 24.70 inches

The average quantity being 31.50 inches, that which fell in 1855 was nearly seven inches than the average. The deficiency in 1854 was nearly 12 inches, so that in the two years 19 inches less than the average quantity has fallen. Unless, therefore, there is a large fall of rain within the next three or four months, we must expect that the springs will be unusually low in the ensuing summer.

(*Salisbury and Winchester Journal* – Saturday 5 January, 1856)

We have been favoured with the following table of the quantity of rain which fell at Baverstock (eight miles west of this city) in the year 1856 was as follows:-

	Inches
January	3.35
February	1.80
March	1.20
April	3.90
May	2.80
June	1.35
July	0.90
August	3.60
September	3.35
October	3.50
November	1.40
December	2.70
Total Inches	29.85

Being about an inch and a half less than the average quantity.

(*Salisbury and Winchester Journal* – Saturday 3 January, 1857)

RAINFALL, 1865 – At Baverstock, eight miles west of Salisbury, the rainfall during the past year was as follows: - January, 4.15; February, 2.10; March, 1.05; April, 0.90; May, 3.00; June, 2.20; July, 1.70; August, 2.80; September, .10; October, 6.80; November, 4.20; December, 2.10; Total, 31.10 inches

(*Salisbury and Winchester Journal* – Saturday 13 January, 1866)

RAINFALL – The following is the account of the rainfall in the first seven months of 1868, and the average rainfall of the same months, observed at Baverstock, eight miles west of Salisbury:-

	1868 Inches	Average Inches
January	3.45	2.95
February	1.13	3.11
March	1.85	2.22
April	2.75	1.61
May	1.30	1.02
June	0.40	2.43
July	0.65	2.98
	11.53	16.32

(*Salisbury and Winchester Journal* – Saturday 8 August, 1868)

MOON'S WESTERN ALMANACK

It becomes our agreeable duty to notice the 53d annual impression of this useful little manual of Astronomical and Local information. We are the more inclined to do so upon the present occasion, because we observe several improvements to have been made in the method and arrangement of this work, with a view to ensure general confidence in its records of the past, and its predictions of the future. The Calendar has been arranged in a clearer and neater style, and many of the most remarkable anniversaries are given, and particularly those that are of a *local* nature. The computations throughout are adjusted to Salisbury *clock* time, which is obviously, at the present day, more convenient than *apparent* or Sun-dial time; and especially since the adoption of the former in the Nautical Almanack, in consequence of the recommendation of the Committee of the Astronomical Society. A complete table of the Equation of Time to one minute, for every day in the year, prefaces the Calendar: this table is very necessary to be observed by watch and clock-makers, and all those who refer occasionally to the sun for the regulation of their time. The most remarkable positions of *all* the principal planets are set down; thus furnishing an opportunity of more conveniently observing them. A set of useful rules is inserted, for enabling any person to make the best possible use of this Barometer, or Weather-glass; together with a popular description of the Rain-gauge, and a table of the monthly fall of rain for nearly eight years past, at Baverstock, seven miles west of Salisbury, from observations made and recorded by the Rev. W. E. Hony, Rector of that place. This Almanack contains likewise all the usual information of works of this nature, and particularly with regard to Wiltshire, and the south-western counties of England: hence, it becomes a desirable reference for all who may be interested in

the concerns of the counties to which it is dedicated, and useful to an inhabitant in general of the southern part of Great Britain. For the pocket, it is made up into a convenient-sized book; and for the office, it is neatly and compactly printed in sheet.

(*Salisbury and Winchester Journal* – Monday 23 November, 1840)

MOON'S WESTERN ALMANACK

This useful little manual of Astronomical and Local information, now conducted by the Rev. L. Tomlinson, M.A., was first started in the year 1789. We observe several improvements in the method and arrangement of this work, made with a view to ensure general confidence in its records of the past, and its predictions concerning the future. The Calendar has been disposed in a clearer and neater style, and many of the most remarkable anniversaries are given, and particularly such as are of a *local* nature. The computations are all adjusted to Salisbury *Clock* time. A complete table of the Equation of Time within one minute, for every day in the year, prefaces the Calendar: this table is very necessary to be observed by Watch and Clock-makers, and all those who refer occasionally to the sun for the regulation of their time. We find inserted useful rules for observing the Barometer or Weather-glass, and likewise a twelvemonth's table of the fall of rain at Baverstock, 7 miles W. of Sarum, and at Radstock, 8 miles S. of Bath. This Almanack contains lists of the Assessed-taxes, a table of Penalties under the Stamp Acts, the Postage-rates, and all the usual information belonging to works of this nature, and particularly with regard to Wiltshire, and the south-western counties of England: hence, it becomes a desirable reference for all who may be interested in the concerns of the counties to which it is dedicated, and useful to the inhabitants in general of the southern part of Great Britain. For the pocket or desk, it is made up into a convenient-sized book; and for the Office, it is neatly and compactly printed in sheet.

(*Salisbury and Winchester Journal* – Monday 29 November, 1841)

MOON'S WESTERN ALMANACK

We observe that this useful little work for the ensuing year has just been published. It is conducted by the Rev. L. Tomlinson, M.A., and is in the 55th year of its existence. It contains much Astronomical and Local information; and several amendments have gradually been introduced, with the view of promoting its general utility. All the computations are made to apply to *clock* time at Salisbury; and the Monthly Calendar is greatly improved by the insertion of many remarkable anniversaries, particularly *local* ones. The Table of the Equation of Time, so necessary to be observed in regulating a clock or watch by the sun, is set before the Calendar. Population returns, lists of Assessed Taxes, Penalties under the Stamps-Acts, Postage-rates, and much other information belonging to works of this nature, and particularly with regard to Wiltshire, and the south-western counties of England, find a place in this Almanack. We notice likewise a twelvemonth's table of the fall of rain at Wilton and Baverstock, near Salisbury, and at Radstock, eight miles South of Bath. This little manual is a therefore desirable reference for all who may be interested in the concerns of the above-mentioned counties, and will be found generally useful to the inhabitants of the southern part of Great Britain. For the pocket or desk, it is made up into a book; and for the Office, it is suitably printed on a sheet.

(*Salisbury and Winchester Journal* – Saturday 3 December, 1842)
