

record-breaking 85F 38 years ago.  
Britain, in general, has recorded the highest average temperatures in the second half of April since 1961.

And according to an amateur weather watcher, it

strong winds and rain to blow them out of the trees, he explained.

And records going back to 1881 show Britain never has three bad consecutive summers. As the past two have been a disaster, this year must be good, he reasoned.

# Hot weather hits UFO sightings

THE HOT weather has led to a slump in the number of recorded sightings of unidentified flying objects in South Wales, according to a British UFO expert.

Mr Tony Mann, the South Wales representative of the British UFO Research Association, said yesterday that the association was going through a lean period which was not being helped by the current weather.

"There does not seem to be much happening in this area," he said. "I think it is the time of the year. People do not seem to be taking much notice of what is going on in the sky."

The drop in UFO sightings is not

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confined to South Wales. According to Mr Mann the whole of the United Kingdom is suffering at the moment.

Mr Mann has been the British UFO Research Association's chief investigator in South Wales for two years, and has had little joy.

There have been three sightings over the past two years and all of those have subsequently been explained away.

The most dramatic, Mr Mann recalls, was a sighting from Swansea in March last year. The UFO turned out to be the result of an F1-11 fuelling exercise before the bombing of Libya.

However, Mr Mann has no intention of giving up. He has been a member of the association for 10 years and regularly attends meetings in London comparing progress with other investigators.

"It is a subject I have been interested in all my life," he said. "I cannot remember a time when I was not interested."

Usually about 20 people attend the association's meetings in London. The highlight of Mr Mann's work is the chance to confer with UFO experts from abroad.

At the moment Portugal appears to have the highest number of sightings, he says. But that is a long way from his home in Pontnewydd, Cwmbran.