

THE WEATHER

6th January 1821

The frost has been so intense for the last ten days, that the navigation of the canal is entirely closed. On Thursday last, several skaters adventured on the river Lune, between Halton and Skerton; and though in some parts (particularly under the Aqueduct) the ice is weak, we have not heard of any accidents.

13th January 1821

The frost, which we mentioned last week as being so intense as to stop the communication, by canal, was not of long continuance:- On the 5th inst. we had a trifling fall of snow; since which a gradual thaw has taken place, such as has been seldom remembered at this time of the year. - In the South, the snow has fallen so much as to impede the passage of the mail and other coaches.

In the North of Scotland there has been so heavy a fall of snow, that in the glens or vallies between the hills it is at least ten feet in depth, and many sheep have been lost.

The following is the DEPTH of RAIN fallen, during eleven months of the last year (May being omitted in consequence of the absence of our correspondent from home) taken in inches and 100th parts, about seven miles N. of this town.

	In.	Pts.		In.	Pts.
January	3	77	August	6	36
February	1	83	September	6	38
March	2	29	October	4	28
April	1	57	November	1	77
June	1	73	December	6	3
July	2	28	TOTAL	37	20

27th January 1821

About three o'clock in the afternoon of Thursday last, this town and the neighbourhood was enveloped in one of the most intense fogs ever remembered, which continued till near ten o'clock at night, when the stars appeared, and a slight frost ensued. A similar circumstance took place in the afternoon of yesterday.

3rd March 1821

The Comet - This erratic stranger has been visible from this town and neighbourhood every evening (except Sunday and Thursday) since the 23rd ult. - It appears about seven o'clock in the evening, a little to the Northward of West, about 25 degrees above the horizon, and sets about nine o'clock. - It was seen with a glass in Scotland, for the first time, on the 19th ult. And at Gosport on the 23rd. - We have given some more particulars in a preceding column.

7th April 1821

In consequence of a heavy gale of wind from the Westward, on Tuesday morning, the tide rose higher on this coast than has been remembered for more than twenty years past, and the sea fences in many places have been much damaged. - A large breach was made in the new embankment at Aldcliffe Marsh; and St. George's Quay was so much inundated that a boat plied upon it. - The inhabitants of several houses in the lower part of the town were also incommoded with the water rushing into the cellars, and in some places into the kitchens. As the sea fences along the coast were unable generally to withstand the fury of the tide, many acres of land were covered with water, and we are fearful that the young wheat in those places will be injured.

28th April 1821

Soon after two o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, this town

and neighbourhood were visited with a tremendous thunder-storm, accompanied with heavy showers of rain, which continued, with little intermission, for nearly three hours. - About three o'clock, a heavy cloud darkened the air so much that a person could with difficulty read; torrents of rain fell, and the whirlwind carried a linen sheet out of a yard on the Green Area, a considerable height, and, crossing the river, it fell in Skerton. - We have not heard of any damage being done by the lightning.

5th May 1821

Thursday was one of the hottest days which the oldest persons living ever remember to have experienced in the month of April. About eight o'clock in the evening, though the sky was generally clear, except here and there a small floating black cloud, flashes of lightning began to play, and from that time the coruscations were almost incessant, till past midnight, when a very heavy shower of rain fell, and the thunder and lightning soon after ceased.

2nd June 1821

The destructive effects of the cold winds and frosts which have prevailed during the last week, we regret to say, are too manifest. - The tops of the early potatoes in exposed situations have been deprived of the power of vegetation; and the blossom of fruit trees has, in many situations, suffered severely. The following is a striking proof of the intensity of the frost:- One morning last week, a piece of ice at Orton was found to be *half an inch in thickness*, even after the sun had shone upon it for an hour.

7th July 1821

After a drought of several weeks continuance, we had some refreshing showers, which will be of great service to the pastures and growing crops, as well as gardens and the fog or after-grass.

28th July 1821

The late rains, which happily have not injured the grass, either mown, or in a state for the scythe, have spread a luxuriant verdure over the whole face of the country. - Provisions of all kinds are very cheap; but, notwithstanding the prospect of an abundant harvest, the complaints of the farmers are loud and general.

11th August 1821

On Sunday evening, this town and neighbourhood were visited with a severe storm of thunder, lightning, and rain, which continued during the greater part of the night. Two horses belonging to **Mr W. Caton**, of this town, were so much injured by the lightning, that one of them is not likely to recover. It also struck an outhouse belonging to **Mr Albright**, near Scotforth, but fortunately there were no cattle therein, and only a few stones were removed. We have not heard of any other material damage.

The plenteous fall of rain which has succeeded the long-continued drought has dissipated all apprehensions relative to the approaching harvest. In this and the neighbouring counties, grain of every description is, in general, in a very promising state; and, if the weather should prove favourable, there is every prospect that a rich harvest will abundantly compensate for the deficiency in the crop of grass which has generally prevailed.

25th August 1821

The Corn Harvest - The weather has been so fine, for the week past, as to cause the farmers and others, in this neighbourhood, to commence cutting both wheat and oats;