

## Weather and Climate Group (Len Wood)

The wet weather has been, to put it mildly, very annoying. Some amusement was had in the group when we considered whether if caught in a shower you got wetter running or walking to the nearest shelter. It all depends on a few things and some boffin at Reading University worked out a formula. It mostly depends on how near you are to the shelter. If the shelter is near then running there keeps you drier.

February turned out to be the wettest in the Wembury record, started in 1985. February rainfall total 218.9 mm against a 30-yr average of 88.6 mm. Even more remarkable is that Feb. 2023 was the driest on record with only 12.7 mm. The graph below shows winter (Dec. Jan. Feb.) rainfall from 1985 to 2024. The blue line smooths the highly variable data and hints at winters getting wetter recently.

