

THAMES VALLEY FLOODS

Round East Molesey and Esher they're finding life a bit difficult, but pressing on regardless. The combination of heavy rain and rapidly melting snow was more than the ~~river~~ ^{Mole & Cumber} Thames could accommodate, so they ~~shared~~ shared out the water with the land. There've been worse floods in ~~local~~ ^{local} history, and on the Continent they're having some now, but that's no compensation ~~if/then your house that's flooded and your furniture ruined.~~ ^{its 4 dwellers in it 1000} ~~so~~ Thames-side dwellers ² are re-
 46 viving the old cry, Why isn't something done about it?
 55 Snow choked the drains, to make matters worse, so the water couldn't run away freely even in places where the river level dropped. And what a heart-breaking job for women is the aftermath! Carpets were casualties in hundreds of houses that became flooded in the night. What a climate! Last year was bad enough. ~~This~~ ¹⁹⁵⁵ looks like going one worse.

^{In many parts of Britain} Kent suffered too. ~~Round about Ashford and Canterbury~~ telephones were out of action, ~~for some time~~. Linesmen had one of the coldest jobs in ~~Southern England~~, and that's ~~not~~ saying something. The little Kentish rivers were ~~quite~~ formidable while the snow melted. ~~Some~~ Experts say there'll be two months of this. So expect warmer weather any day now.

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