

TODAY'S TALKING POINT - WET - OR FINE?

Good day to you - and how's the weather in your part of the country?

This is Lionel Marsen leading off with the world's oldest talking point and taking you back-stage at the place where tomorrow's weather-forecast is being made. Wet or fine, it costs you a million pounds a year - so you ought to know a thing or two about it. Here's what goes on at the Air Ministry's biggest Met station at Dunstable, Bedfordshire. To it come weather reports from all over the world, including a running commentary on our old enemy the depression over Iceland. Modern version of the Clerk of the Weather.

Weather is always news. At the peak of the holidays and with a harvest still only half way in, wet or fine becomes a headline question.

Temperature, rainfall, winds - everything from anti-cyclones to sunspots - they keep tabs on them all at Dunstable.

If your holiday is still to come and you don't know whether to take gumboots or a sun-top drop in at the Met Station for a gaze into the crystal.