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ROADS BLOCKED. FAMILIES FLEE IN CLOUDBURST

Storms bring flood havoc



Village under water: Chaos in Aldermaston after two lakes overflowed sending millions of gallons through the streets

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king into softened tarmac and was
ked up by firemen using airbags.
e dramatic change in the weather
b hit the South West and North
st of England, East Anglia, Wales

and parts of the South Coast. And
there could be worse to come —
thunderstorms will batter most of the
country today and tomorrow, say
forecasters. That could disrupt Wim-
bledon.

The Met men blame a band of warm,

humid air coming in from the Bay of
Biscay. 'We have tropical conditions at
the moment,' said a spokesman.

Many places are suffering a plague
of thrips, or thunderflies, which thrive
in heat and humidity. Things should

be better by Sunday, with a return to
sunshine and temperatures in the 70s.

As always, the weather is failing to
suit the farmers. Their leaders warned
that drought-hit grain yields could put
a penny on the price of a loaf.