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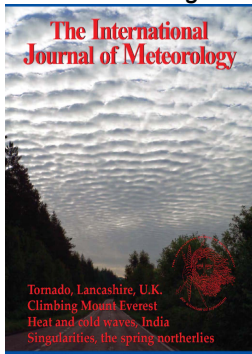
# Press Release



## Snow, frosts and ice saints: the spring northerlies singularities, a tornado site investigation, a study on India's heat and cold waves and our brand new section – Media Reviews!

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November's issue of the International Journal of Meteorology will be of perhaps specific interest to all readers; scientific and amateur weather enthusiasts alike with its array of papers ranging from *Snow, frosts and ice saints: spring northerlies singularities* by David Bowker to a short communication entitled *Race for climbing Mount Everest during the summer of 2005* by O.N. Dhar and S. Nandargi. The latter, short text aptly gives the avid reader a breather from the concentrated text of the intriguing study by U.S. De, Arun Singh and S. N. Pandey entitled, *Heat and cold waves affecting India in recent decades*.



This issue also sees the first of our new section of *Media Reviews* controlled and written by Paul Domaille. In this issue Paul gives us his insight into a DVD dedicated to Hurricane Ivan, called, *Hurricane Ivan: A portrait from Earth and Space*, find out what Paul has to say about this DVD and whether it is worth buying or getting someone for Christmas on page 354 of this month's Journal.

Another regular feature, the World Weather Diary, lists some dramatic events from around the globe from April to June of this year. Yet, interestingly, Richard Muirhead notes that, "For the first time since record keeping started, thankfully, no-one was killed by a tornado in April, May or June in the U.S.A". The yearly average is said to be much lower than 'normal' and although this year has not been fantastic for our chasers, we can be thankful of this statistic at least. In addition, find out what else has happened in Europe this August and September in the European Weather Summary on pages 356 and 358.

Finally, I had the pleasure of writing an article for this month's issue on my first tornado site investigation, which I carried out on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May this year in Hoghton, Lancashire. I note a summary of damage caused by the tornado with some meteorological background, explaining the synoptics at the time the tornado struck as well as factors which led to a tornado watch being issued prior to the tornado for TORRO (Tornado and Storm Research Organisation) members. Also included are some mesmerising damage photographs of just some of the damage noted on the 6 km track the tornado took through the Lancashire countryside.

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