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THE GREAT FLOOD
Torrential rain sweeps Britain in day of drama and devastation

Tynemouth
Up to three inches of rain, and near gale force winds caused rough seas.

Hessle
A man in his twenties died after his foot was trapped in a metal grating.

Leeds
More than 70 houses in the Halton area of Leeds had to be abandoned.

Wellington
A tornado swept across the countryside, reflecting the 'huge amount of energy' in the thunder clouds, according to the Met Office.

Cheltenham
Fire service inundated with reports of flood water breaching cellars; locals report roads like rivers.

Lydney
Up to 50 children were rescued after a bus became stranded in flood water in the Forest of Dean town.

Bideford
Heavy rain caused streams to overflow their banks, flooding dozens of properties.

Glastonbury
Thousands of fans delayed leaving the music festival; police handed out 3,000 space blankets.

Hull
Received at least four inches of rain; hundreds of homes flooded.

Sheffield
13-year-old boy missing after being swept away; traffic gridlocked as drivers abandon vehicles; at least 100 people rescued in Brightside area.

Wimbledon
Ten matches cancelled and many others, including Tim Henman's halted by rain.

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