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MARCH: A DULL, DAMP AND COOL MONTH.

March was the dullest on record at Hayley Green in records dating back to 1956. With only 44 hours of bright sunshine, some 43% of the usual total, the month was marginally worse than that of 1964 which itself had set the previous low record. Of the total, 9.4 hours was recorded on March 3rd., whilst almost a quarter of the month had no sun at all.

Rainfall was also above expectation, giving the second wettest March in eleven years, with a total of 64 mm. (2.52 ins). Roughly one third of this fell on March 23rd., with 13 days having rain, 9 being "wet" and 4 "very wet".

Temperatures were also down on normal, the range in the air being from minus 3C (27F) on March 22nd., to 12.2C (54F) on the 30th. Frost in the air occurred on 7 nights and above short grass on 19 nights, the latter being above expectation.

The total wind run was 5466 miles at an average speed of 7 m.p.h., the windiest day being March 2nd. with an average speed of 21 m.p.h. and a gust of 51 m.p.h. Over the month as a whole, 250 gusts in excess of gale force were recorded, the predominant direction being N.E.

In summary, a very dull, cool and wet month; not a very encouraging start to Spring.