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The unusual wind pattern which began in February, continues well into the summer. The prevailing south westerlies have given way again this year to north westerly or north easterlies, a pattern which radically changes the weather.

The month began wet, with over three quarters of the total of 42mm [1.63ins] falling in the first six days. The first two days saw both the longest spell of rain [8hours on the 1st.], and the wettest day [12mm(0.46in)on the 2nd.]. From the 6th. to the 30th. rain fell on only 5 further occasions, much of this being only light or moderate. The month was the third this year to show a deficit in rainfall, currently standing at 101mm [4ins].

Temperatures held well up to seasonal values, ranging from 28C [82F] on the 19th. to 4.2C [40F] on the 4th., the mean daily of 14.6C [58F] being marginally above expectation. There was no incidence of frost, though the night of the 28th/29th. came very close when the grass temperature fell to 0.9C [34F].

Sunshine was below average and totalled 184 hours as opposed to the norm of 200 hours. However, only one day was completely without sunshine, with a further nine days being overcast at dawn.

Thunder was heard on three occasions, though no hail was reported. Winds were light averaging 6 m.p.h., the windiest day being the 13th. with gusts to 37 m.p.h. and a mean of 12 m.p.h. Total wind run was 4211 miles.

In summary, a drier than usual month with maximum temperatures a little above expectation, though no long-standing records were broken.