

(AUGUST. 1984.)

HOT, OFTEN SULTRY DAYS, WITH PLENTIFUL SUNSHINE.

The fine, hot and dry weather of July continued into August, producing a summer second only to 1976 in ranking of excellence.

All temperatures were well above expectation, peaking at 29.3C [85F] on the 20th. The mean daily temperature of 17.9C [64F] places 1984 marginally below 1976, reputedly the hottest summer in 200 years.

No frost was recorded, though grass temperatures came very close on the 6th., falling to 3C [37F]. Rainfall has been below average, totalling 73mm [2.87ins]. Of this, 24mm [0.95in] fell in a heavy downpour on the 3rd. Despite this, rainfall still shows a deficit of some 4 inches over the year. Thunder was heard on 2 days with fog recorded on 4 mornings.

Sunshine has been well up to expectation, several days yielding maximum amounts, especially around the beginning of the month.

Winds were very light, averaging only 5m.p.h., the strongest gust reaching 29 m.p.h. on the 1st. Indeed, August the 14th. and 19th. were near-calm.

In summary, a month characterised by hot, often sultry days, light winds and plentiful sunshine. A true "old fashioned summer".