

MARCH 1985.

March was a dull, rather cheerless month, though no long-standing records were broken.

Daytime mean temperatures averaged only 4.6C [40F], making March a cold month, the temperature range being from minus 6.1C [21F] on the 20th., to 14.5C [58F] on the 31st.

Ground frost occurred every night from the 9th. to the 22nd., the coldest night being minus 10.5C [13F] on the 20th.

Rainfall at 49 mm [1.94 in], was 17% down on usual, yet it rained on all but nine days of the month. Due to the dull days, the sky was completely cloud covered at 9.0 a.m. on 16 mornings, sunshine has also been down on usual.

To add further to the air of gloom, the Easter weekend was a total washout, over 30 mm [1.19 in] of rain falling in a little over 13 hours on Easter Sunday, giving us the second wettest April day since 1946.

C.G.Roberts.

A month for ducks

March was a dull, rather cheerless month, though no long-standing records were broken. Daytime mean temperatures averaged only 4.6C (40F), making March a cold month, temperature ranging from minus 6.1C (21F) on the 20th, to 14.5C (58F) on the 31st.

Ground frost occurred every night from the 9th to the 22nd, the coldest night being minus 10.5C (13F) on the 20th.

Rainfall at 49mm (1.94 in) was 17% down on usual, yet it rained on all but nine days of the month.

Due to the dull days, the sky was completely cloud-covered at 9 am on

16 mornings. Sunshine has also been down on usual. To add further to the air of gloom, the Easter weekend was a total washout, over 30mm (1.19in) of rain falling in a little over 13 hours on Easter Sunday, giving us the second wettest April Day since 1946.