

SEPTEMBER 1985.

After several weeks of miserable weather, September turned up trumps. The month was, untypically, warmer than August with a mean temperature of 14.7C [58F], the highest in 30 years of recording at Hayley Green.

Rain fell on only six days, totalling 21mm [0.85in], just 30% of the expected amount, much of this falling on the 2nd., giving the fourth driest September since 1946.

Air temperatures ranged from 24.4C [76F] on the 12th., to 4.1C [39F] on the 7th., with only one ground frost of minus 0.5C [31F] on the 20th.

Sunshine was only marginally above average at 4.4 hours per day, 3 days being completely sunless in the month. However, the sky was overcast at 9 a.m. on 15 occasions.

Further long standing records were broken at the beginning of October when the second highest night temperature in 30 years, of 14C [57F] was recorded on the first. During the day, the highest October maximum in well over half a century, 26.3C [79F] was reached, which was also the second hottest day this year!!