

## JANUARY 1986.

We have to go back to 1974 to find a wetter January than the one just passed. Indeed, there have been only three wetter since 1946 !! Rain was recorded on 24 out of the 31 days. with a total fall of a little over 116mm [4.67 in]. Over 30mm [1.21in] of this was recorded in the heavy rain, then snow, of January 28th during the period from 8.0 p.m. to midnight. Had all of this fallen as snow, then we would have got up on January 29th to a depth of 14½ inches instead of the 6 inches which we had..

Temperatures were variable, the beginning and end of the month being cold, whilst the middle was relatively mild. Air temperatures ranged from minus 6.1C [21F] on the 26th to 10.5C [51F] on the 13th and 18th. On the ground the worst frost was minus 9.4C [15F] also on the 26th. Temperatures were, on the whole, a little below average with 16 air, and 19 ground frosts.

The month was also windy, gales being recorded on two days and with the mean wind speed at 11 m.p.h.

Snow lay on 5 mornings, though snow fell on 8 occasions, there being 2 occurrences of hail and 2 of fog.

In summary, a month which was rather dull, but not one of either excessive cold or snowfall.

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