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The very cold weather of February continued into March, with an air minimum of -9.1 on the 3rd., the coldest March night since March 9th. 1970. Temperatures rose gradually from then on, it being relatively sunny and dry until the 16th. From then on the month became wet, with rain on and off for the rest of the month. It was often windy, and cold, gusts reaching 48 knots on the 24th. with local damage to property and trees. After the cold start, temperatures remained very close to the seasonal average. Rainfall was slightly below average, with sunshine well up on expectation, it being the sunniest March since 1982. There are still few signs of the start of Spring with accumulated day degrees standing at 44.2 >5.6C

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