

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE MONTH.

FEBRUARY WAS THE SUNNIEST ON RECORD, THOUGH THE LEAP YEAR FORCED IT INTO SECOND PLACE TO 1970 WITH 3.03HR PER DAY COMPARED WITH THE 3.24HR PER DAY IN 1970. THE THREE SUNLESS DAYS WAS ITSELF A RECORD LOW FOR THE MONTH. TEMPERATURES HELD UP WELL, RANGING FROM 13C (55F) ON THE 15TH TO MINUS 4.9 (23F) ON THE 26TH. MEANS WERE ABOUT 1.5C ABOVE NORMAL WITH ONLY THE LAST 4 DAYS SHOWING SIGNS OF WINTER, GRASS TEMPERATURES FALLING TO MINUS 11C (12F) WITH SHORT SNOW FLURRIES. THE MONTH WAS WINDY, OVER 290 GUSTS ABOVE GALE FORCE BEING RECORDED, AND WITH 2 DAYS OF GALE. MAX SPEEDS WERE TO 59MPH ON THE 9TH. RAIN WAS WELL DOWN AT 41MM (1.63INS), SOME 80% OF EXPECTATION AND FELL OVER 11 DAYS WITH 9 "WET" AND 4 "VERY WET".