

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE MONTH,

MAY SAW SEVERAL RECORDS DASHED. IT WAS THE SUNNIEST SINCE 1956 WITH OVER 256 HRS OF BRIGHT SUNSHINE AGAINST THE 233 HRS OF 1977. NO DAY WAS WITHOUT SUN, THE 27TH REGISTERING OVER 14 HRS. EIGHTEEN DAYS HAD OVER 9 HRS AND SIX OVER 12 HRS.

TEMPERATURES HAVE ALSO BEEN AT RECORD LEVELS, THE MEAN DAILY OF 13.4C (56F) EQUALLING THAT OF 1970. THE MEAN MAXIMUM OF 19.5C (67F) WAS THE HIGHEST IN OVER 33 YRS WITH DAYTIME MAXIMUMS RANGING FROM 25.5C (78F) ON THE 21ST TO 14.4C (58F) ON THE 9TH. IN ALL THERE WERE TWO GROUND AND NO AIR FROSTS RAINFALL AT 17.8MM (0.70IN) WAS ONLY A THIRD OF NORMAL GIVING THE DRIEST MAY SINCE 1956 WHEN 16.8MM (0.66IN) FELL. ALMOST ALL OF THIS WAS IN THE TWO