

G E N E R A L C O M M E N T S O N T H E M O N T H .

DECEMBER SENT RECORDS TUMBLING. IT WAS THE 3RD WETTEST IN HALF A CENTURY, ONLY 1965 AND 1978 BEING WORSE. ALL OF THE 139 MM (5.43IN) OF RAIN FELL IN THE 15 DAYS FROM THE 11TH TO 25TH.

WITH ONLY 11 HRS SUNSHINE IT WAS THE Dullest DECEMBER ON RECORD, WITH 9 HRS LESS THAN THE PREVIOUS LOW OF 20 HRS IN 1971.

A STORMIE 1 TORNADO HISSA AT 0712 ON THE 21ST TOOK THE ROOFS FROM TWO MEADWAY HOUSES LEAVING CONSIDERABLE INTERNAL DAMAGE.

THE TWO GALEES UP THE 17TH AND 21ST ALSO CAUSED LOCAL STRUCTURAL DAMAGE WITH GUSTS TO 46 KN AND SEVERE SQUALLS.

YET TEMPERATURES CONTINUED ABOVE NORMAL IN ALL EXCEPT SOLAR RADIATION