

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

THE EXCEPTIONALLY MILD WEATHER OF FEBRUARY CONTINUED INTO MARCH WHICH HAD A MEAN DAILY TEMPERATURE OF 8.7C (48F), 3.4C ABOVE NORMAL AND EQUALLING THE RECORD SET IN 1957. ALL TEMPERATURES FROM 3FT UNDER SOIL TO THE GRASS MINIMUM WERE WELL ABOVE NORMAL. THE 18TH PRODUCED THE WARMEST DAY WITH AN AIR MAXIMUM OF 20C (68F) GIVING THE WARMEST MARCH DAY SINCE 1963 AND THE 3RD WARMEST ON RECORD (21.7C IN 1965).

THE MONTH BEGAN STORMY CONTINUING THE TREND SET IN FEBRUARY, WINDS GUSTING TO GALE FORCE ON THE 1ST, 5TH AND 8TH, BUT ENDED SETTLED, VERY WARM AND SUNNY. RAIN WAS A MERE 30% OF NORMAL, THE DRIEST SINCE 1961 (7.2MM) AND THE 3RD DRIEST IN ALMOST 50 YEARS. IT WAS ALSO THE SUNNIEST MARCH SINCE 1967.