

June has been a poor month in sharp contrast to the last three months and to June last year. Sunshine at 129 hours has been only two thirds of the usual, with three times the customary number of sunless days. This contrasts with the 161 hours for March, 190 hours for April and 243 hours for May. Apart from 1987 with its 107 hours we have to go back to 1964 to find less sunshine, this June being the third dullest since 1965.

Rainfall has been well above average by as much as one fifth, rain falling on all but 11 days of the month. The wettest day, the 30th., saw 13mm (0.52 inch) falling in 4 hours. However, this is still only the fourth month in the last twelve to have registered above average rainfall

Temperatures have not been exceptional, there being no recording of a hot day (maximum above 25C or 77F). The highest temperature of 24.7C (76F) recorded on the 26th was the lowest June maximum since the 18.2C (65F) of June 30th 1972. Means were slightly down on normal.

Thunder was heard on 4 occasions, well over twice the norm, though the month was less windy but unusually cloudy.