

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE MONTH.

February continues to be the driest month of the year. The fall of 7.7mm (0.30in) was the lowest since 1959 (34years) and the 2nd lowest on record. Almost 60% of the month's total fell on the 25th in just over 6hours.

It has also been a dull and dreary month, 50% of the days being totally sunless. The 15 days from 6th to 20th incl. saw only 3.5 hours sun, whilst the 10 consecutive days 6th to 15th saw no sun at all.

Fog was also persistent on 6 days, the worst since 1985. However, it has not been cold, the mean daily being 0.8C above average and the mean minimum 1.2C above the 30-year mean. The 16 ground frosts were 93% of average and the 10 air frosts 85% of expectation. The only snow of winter lay on Feb.28th.