

APRIL 1993. WARM BUT DULL.

APRIL 29TH WAS THE WARMEST APRIL DAY IN THE HALESOWEN AREA FOR 9 YEARS AND THE SECOND WARMEST ON RECORD WITH A MAXIMUM OF 23C(73.4F). PREVIOUS RECORD 23.5C (74.3F) ON 25/4/1984. THE MONTH ALSO PRODUCED THE 2ND HIGHEST MONTHLY MEAN TEMPERATURE OF 9.2C (48.5F) BETTERED BY THE 9.3C (48.7F) OF 1961.

HOWEVER, IT WAS A WET MONTH, 71.9MM (2.83INS) OF RAIN FALLING, A FIFTH UP ON NORMAL. RAIN FELL ON 14 DAYS WITH 11 BEING WET AND 4 VERY WET. THE HIGHEST DAILY FALL WAS 14.4MM (0.57IN) ON THE 8TH IN A PERIOD OF 12 HOURS.

APRIL WAS ALSO EXCEPTIONALLY DULL WITH ONLY 97.4 HOURS OF SUNSHINE, THE WORST FOR 27 YEARS AND THE SECOND DULLEST ON RECORD. APRIL 1966 PRODUCED ONLY 92.5 HOURS ! NOT UNTIL THE END OF THE MONTH DID THE SUN APPEAR IN STRENGTH, 11.2 HOURS BEING RECORDED ON THE 29TH OVER A TENTH OF THE MONTH'S TOTAL.

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