

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE MONTH.

June ended with a flourish of summer, temperatures peaking at 25.6C (78F) on the 30th, and with over 15 hours bright sunshine from the 27th to 29th. This gave a monthly mean temperature some 1C above average. The coldest night, the 25th, saw a low of 4.5C(40F) in the air and 1.5C(35F) on grass. Radiation temperatures have been very high with 5 days above 60C (140F) peaking at 62C (144F) on the 2nd. Two days were hot, with maxima above 25C (77F).

Rainfall was about average, though the fall at 72mm/hr(2.83ins/hr) on the 11th being by far the heaviest of the month. Only 10 days saw rain, better than normal, and 2 thunderstorms occurred.

Sunshine was above the 30-year mean, the last 4 days providing 59 hours out of the months total of 230 hours. Only 2 days were totally without sun, itself better than usual.