

## THE SUMMER OF 1993.

THE SUMMER OF 1993 ENDED 7TH IN LINE OF EXCELLENCE WHEN CONSIDERING THE LAST 37 YEARS, BETWEEN THAT OF 1959 AND 1989, DESPITE FEELINGS TO THE CONTRARY !

IT WAS THE 8TH SUNNIEST SINCE 1956 WITH 609 HOURS ONLY 4 DAYS BEING SUNLESS, THE BEST SINCE 1985 WHICH HAD 3. THE SUNNIEST DAY, 28TH JUNE, REGISTERED 15.2 HOURS OUT OF A POSSIBLE MAXIMUM OF AROUND 16 HOURS FOR THIS LATITUDE.

IT WAS ALSO THE DRIEST SUMMER FOR 3 YEARS WITH A TOTAL OF 154MM (6.08INS) AGAINST THE NORM OF 187MM (7.36INS). IN ALL RAIN WAS RECORDED ON 39 DAYS, 27 OF THESE BEING "WET" AND 10 "VERY WET". THERE WAS NO FALL OF MORE THAN 25MM (1 INCH) AND THUNDER OCCURRED ON ONLY 3 OCCASIONS, HALF OF EXPECTATION.

TEMPERATURES HELD UP WELL TO NORMAL IN MOST INSTANCES, THE MEAN DAILY OF 14.9C (59F) BEING ONLY 0.3C BELOW THE 30-YEAR MEAN.

HOWEVER, THE DAILY MAXIMUM OF 25.6C (78F) ON JULY 4TH WAS THE LOWEST SUMMER MAXIMUM SINCE 1972 WHICH THEN ONLY REACHED 25.2C (77F)