

## SPRING.

With its position of 6th out of the last 39, the Spring of 1994 was a very open one lying between those of 1974 and 1993.

Again, air temperatures remained above the 30-year means in all but the extreme maximum. ~~The mean maximum was~~ Means varied from plus 0.4C for the maximum to plus 0.9C for the minimum. The maximum of 21.3C on May 31 was the lowest since the 20.5C of May 29<sup>th</sup> 1986.

Rainfall was 16% below expectation at 15<sup>4.5</sup> ~~the~~ 5 mm fallen over 53 days, 7 <sup>more</sup> ~~higher~~ than normal. The highest daily fall of 13.9 mm on Mar 31 was ~~two thirds~~ well down on the ~~expected~~ <sup>usual</sup> 21.3 mm.

Sunshine was marginally above average at 422 hours though the number of sunless days, 16, was <sup>slightly</sup> up on the mean of 14. The sunniest day was May 31 with 15.1 hours, creating a new Spring record.

Air frost was well down at 5 from the norm of 13. High (ground) frost was close to average. No gale was recorded though snow lay on one day, with snow or sleet observed on 8 days. Thunder was marginally up with 4 occurrences.