

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 29th 1986.

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

Sunshine was marginally above average at 422 hours though the number of sunless days, 16, was ^{slightly} 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.