

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE MONTH.

Despite some warm and sunny days, the mean temperatures for August were remarkably close to the 30-year means. Only one day, the 22nd, was hot (max above 25C), with 15 yielding maxima above 21C or 70F. Nights were cooler than usual, falling to 0.7C (33F) on the grass on the 14th when the air fell to 4C (39F), some 1.6C below the normal for the month.

Rainfall was marginally above half expectation at 43mm (1.70ins), a third of this falling on the 31st which proved the longest spell of August rainfall in 6 years. Rain fell on 15 days, 9 of which were wet and 3 very wet. Thunder was heard on two days, the 3rd and 4th.

Sunshine was 11% above expectation, though 3 days were totally sunless, with 9 regarded as sunny (more than 9 hours).

Prevailing winds were SW averaging 6 knots (7mph) though gusts to 32 knots (37mph) occurred on the 28th on a very blustery day. A fairly good August.
