

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE MONTH.

An exceptional November, the warmest on record here and reportedly the warmest for the Midlands in over 300 years. The mean daily temperature of 9.7C (49F) was 3.6C above average, 1.7C above the previous best set in 1970. The mean max. at 12.2C (54F) was 1.1C up on the previous record for 1978 whilst the mean min of 7.3C (45F) was far above the earlier record of 5.3C (42F) set in 1970. The night of 19/20th saw a minimum no lower than 12.4C (54F), some 8C above usual and the 3rd warmest on record (warmest 13.8C (57F) on 3/11/1969).

No air frost was recorded, only the second such incidence, the last in 1984. Ground frosts at 3 were a mere quarter of expectation for November. It was, however, dull with only two-thirds normal sunshine and 14 sunless days, the same as in 1992 but well above average.