

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE MONTH.

Despite early indications, June was sunny, dry and warm. With a total of 263 hour hours of bright sunshine it was the sunniest since 1975 (267.6hrs) and the 4th sunniest on record. June 4th produced a near maximum of 15.5 hours sunshine.

Rainfall was around two-thirds of expectation, not as dry as the last two years, but still the 11th driest in over half a century. Rain fell on only 9 days and the annual deficit in rainfall is now 38mm (1.50ins).

Temperatures were also above normal, the mean maximum of 20.3C (69F) being the best in three years and 1.4C above the 30-year mean. Four days were hot with air maximums above 25C (77F), the warmest being 26.8C (80F) on the 17th. However, nights were cool, the mean minimum being 0.8C below average and with near-ground frosts on 3 nights.

Thunder was heard once on the 7th when quite severe storms swept across the