

from the Atlantic to cross the southern half of the country. This brought a period of continuous rain from the early evening which continued well into the night, eventually clearing during the small hours of the 30th. which dawned cloudless and sunny.

The final day of the month quickly fell into the general pattern seen hereto, the sunny start giving way to heavy cloud and eventually showery rain. It remained rather cool with a north westerly air stream bringing air from the north Atlantic, temperatures reaching only 16.4C in the late afternoon before further showery activity occurred late in the evening.

SUMMARY FOR JUNE 1998.

June was another miserable start to Summer. Measurable rain ($\geq 0.2\text{mm}$) fell on 25 days equalling the record first set in 1987, though rain in some form fell on 28 days of the month, only the 4th and 21st being totally "rain free". The total of 112.9mm made this the fifth wettest June in half a century, though it was still 42.5mm BEHIND the total of 155.4mm set last year. Almost 24% of the entire month's fall occurred in 9 hours on the 1st.

The month was also dull, the 133.9 hours of bright sunshine being just 73% of average and the worst set of figures since 1990. However, only one day saw no sun at all, with the best day, the 28th providing 13.7 hours.

June was a cool month, the mean maximum of 17.8C being 1.1C below average and the lowest since 1991. Only one day, the 20th, saw air temperatures reach 25C, the value required for a "hot" day. However, no ground frost was recorded, the minimum on grass being 2.6C on the morning of the 12th.

Winds were mainly WSW and light with no gale force gusts recorded, the maximum of 30 knots occurring on the 25th during the passage of a line squall over the area. Thunder was heard on 2 days though no hail was reported. Cloud cover was up on average at 86% as was the mean humidity at 81.4%.