

There was no incidence of thunder, hail or fog whilst the highest wind gust was of 29 knots on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, with the prevailing wind direction from the WSW at 5.5 knots.

### THE SUMMER OF 1998.

The summer of 1998 was the worst, in general terms, since 1988 when we had a run of poor summers in the mid eighties. Temperatures were all well below those of recent summers in almost all areas. The warmest day, August 11<sup>th</sup> with 27.5C, was itself the lowest since the 25.6C in 1993. There have only been 7 lower summer mean daily temperatures in the last 20 years..

Rainfall, however, was not excessive, being well below the 256.6mm of last summer, but much higher than the 53mm of 1995. Rain fell on 51 days out of the 92 days of summer turning in the worst set of figures since 1982.

Sunshine was also the lowest since 1988 with just 5.31 hours per day. 1989 produced 8.09 hours daily and 1995 8.08 hours daily. There were only 2 totally sunless days, though the sunniest day, (August 5<sup>th</sup> with 13.8 hours) was the lowest since 1991.

The summer was also the cloudiest since 1987 and the least thundery since 1990. No gales were recorded, the mean wind speed being 5.9 knots.