

THE MONTH SUMMARISED.

June was warm, sunny and drier than average, though it still managed to record one grass frost!

Temperatures were well up, the mean maximum by 0.6C, the mean minimum by 0.3C and the mean daily by 0.5C. One day exceeded 30C [86F], June 26th with 30.1C [86.2F], the first time since August 1st 1999 that the 30C barrier has been breached. In all 11 days exceeded 21C [70F], mainly in the latter half of the month, with 9 of these consecutive.

Sunshine was well above average with no day being totally sunless, the first time for such an event since 1999. The sunniest day, June 24th, produced 15.2 hours of sunshine, just 0.4 hour [24minutes] below the all-time record for this station.

Rainfall was marginally below expectation at 51.7mm [2.04ins], the highest June total since 1993. Much of this was due to the very heavy fall of 28.9mm [1.14ins] of June 15th during thunderstorms when rain was falling at a rate of 137mm [5.39ins] an hour for a brief period. Ten days saw rain, with 8 days “wet” and 3 “wetter”.

Thunder was heard on 2 days with hail on one. Winds were light from a SSW direction peaking at 29 knots [33mph] on the 7th. After a poor start, quite a reasonable beginning to the summer!