

## THE SUMMER OF 2001.

The summer of 2001 ended as the best since 1996 in general conditions. It was considerably sunnier than usual, had less rain, and showed a surplus over average with all air temperatures.

The hottest day with a temperature of 30.1C [86.2F] was on June 26<sup>th</sup> giving the highest day maximum since 1997. In all there were 13 “hot days” with daytime maxima above 25C [77F]. However, the warmest night with its 17.7C [63.9F] on July 3<sup>rd</sup> ended as the coolest since 1998. All air temperatures except the grass and night minimum showed positive anomalies by significant amounts making it a warm summer. One ground frost occurred, the same as in 1999 making it the best season since 1991, which had 2 occurrences.

Total rainfall at 154.2mm [6.00ins] made it the driest summer since 1999 whilst the duration of rainfall at 89.5 hours was the lowest recorded since 1996. Rain fell on 36 days, the lowest total since 1995 with just one occasion of hail.

With a total of 613.1 hours of bright sunshine it was the sunniest season since 1999, the number of sunless days at 3 also being the lowest for the same period. The most sunshine recorded in a day was 15.2 hours on June 24<sup>th</sup>, a figure that remains very difficult to breach.

For those holidaying in the UK, this summer has proved itself as good as many of the Continental resorts where heavy rain and storms have caused several problems.