JUNE 1984. A WARM AND DRY MONTH.

The unusual wind pattern which began in February, continues well into the summer. The prevailing south westerlies have given way again this year to north westerly or north easterlies, a pattern which radically changes the weather.

The month began wet, with over three quarters of the total of 42mm [1.63ins] falling in the first six days. The first two days saw both the longest spell of rain [8 hours on the 1st.], and the wettest day [12mm (0.48in) on the 2nd.]. From the 6th. to the 30th. rain fell on only 5 further occasions, much of this being only light or moderate. The month was the third this year to show a deficit in rainfall, currently standing at 101mm [4ins].

Temperatures held well up to seasonal values, ranging from 28C [82F] on the 19th. to 4.2C [40F] on the 4th., the mean daily of 14.6C [58F] being marginally above expectation. There was no incidence of frost, though the night of the 28th/29th. came very close when the grass temperature fell to 9.9C [43F].

Sunshine was below average and totalled 184 hours as opposed to the norm of 200 hours. However, only one day was completely without sunshine, with a further nine days being overcast at dawn.

Thunder was heard on three occasions, though no hail was reported. Winds were light averaging 6 m.p.h., the windiest day being the 13th. with gusts to 37 m.p.h. and a mean of 12 m.p.h. Total wind run was 4211 miles.

In summary, a drier than usual month with maximum temperatures a little above expectation, though no long-standing records were broken.

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