

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE MONTH.

THE MAXIMUM AIR TEMPERATURE OF 34.7C (94F) ON THE 3RD SET A NEW RECORD (THE PREVIOUS BEST 32.6C ON 8:8:75). MEAN MAXIMUM OF 24C SECOND ONLY TO THE 24.2C OF 1975 AND 4 DEGREES ABOVE NORMAL. THE MINIMUM OF 16.7C ON 25TH GAVE WARMEST NIGHT SINCE 5:8:75 AND 2ND WARMEST SINCE 1956.

SUNSHINE AT 217 HRS LESS THAN LAST YEAR AND RANKS 4TH BEST SINCE 1956 BUT STILL 35% ABOVE NORMAL.

RAINFALL STILL DOWN, THE 38MM PROVIDING ONLY HALF THE AUGUST TOTAL AND RANKS 7TH LOWEST IN ALMOST HALF A CENTURY (DRIEST 13MM 1955; WETTEST 142MM IN 1967) THUNDER NOTABLY ABSENT AND ONLY 9 RAIN DAYS.

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