

SIGNIFICANT FEATURES OF THE MONTH:

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OCTOBER OFTEN SEES THE LAST FLING OF THE DYING SUMMER, THOUGH IT IS THE MIDDLE OF AUTUMN !!

OCTOBER 1 1985 PRODUCED THE HIGHEST TEMPERATURE RECORDED HERE OF 26.3C (79F), ALSO, INCIDENTALLY, THE LATEST DATE ON WHICH THE TEMPERATURE HAS TOPPED 25C (77F).. IN CONTRAST THIS YEAR ONLY MANAGED 20.0C (68F)

SUNSHINE TOTALS BEGIN TO FALL OFF RAPIDLY IN OCTOBER. IN 1971 THERE WERE 5 DAYS WITH TOTALS ABOVE 9 HOURS, THOUGH THE HIGHEST DAILY OCTOBER SUNSHINE IS 10.3 HOURS. THIS MONTH SAW ONE DAY WITH ABOVE 9 HOURS.

WET OCTOBERS ARE NOT COMMON, THAT OF 1949 PRODUCING 10 CONSECUTIVE WET DAYS FROM THE 16TH TO 26TH TOTALLING 106.2MM (4.18INS). IN 1987 THERE WERE 20 CONSECUTIVE WET DAYS FROM THE 2ND TO 21ST PRODUCING 114.1MM (4.49INS).

DRY OCTOBERS HAVE ROUGHLY THE SAME FREQUENECY. IN 1962 THERE WERE 23 CONSECUTIVE DRY DAYS FROM THE 2ND TO 24TH. IN 1950 THERE WERE 14 CONSECUTIVE DRY DAYS AND IN 1965, NINE BETWEEN THE 9TH AND 29TH WHEN ONLY 2.6MM (0.10 IN) OF RAIN FELL.

THE LAST, AND ONLY OCCASION OF SNOW IN OCTOBER WAS ON OCTOBER 23 1964. HOWEVER, FROST IS MORE COMMON, WITH 1.2 EXPECTED IN THE AIR AND 5.3 ON THE GROUND OVER THE MONTH. IN 1981 THERE WERE 4 AIR FROSTS AND IN 1964 15 GROUND FROSTS. THE LAST FROST-FREE OCTOBER WAS IN 1985.