

MAY 1993. WARM AND SUNNY BUT WET.

AFTER A COLD START WITH FROST ON THE 4TH, TEMPERATURES ROSE GRADUALLY TO PEAK AT 23.8C (75F) ON THE 24TH GIVING MONTHLY MEANS SLIGHTLY ABOVE THE 30-YEAR AVERAGES AT ALL LEVELS

RAINFALL, SOME 10% ABOVE USUAL, FELL MOSTLY OVER THE FINAL THREE WEEKS, BY FAR THE HEAVIEST FALL BEING THE 32MM (1.26INS) IN THE SIX AN A HALF HOUR PERIOD FROM 5 AM TO 11.30 AM ON THE 26TH UNDER A SLOW MOVING AND HEAVY THUNDERSTORM. THIS GAVE THE SECOND HEAVIEST MAY FALL ON RECORD, THE WORST BEING THE 39.2MM (1.54INS) FROM MAY 25TH 1968.

SUNSHINE WAS ABOVE AVERAGE, ALSO BY 10%, WITH FOUR DAYS TOTALLY SUNLESS, THE BEST DAY BEING THE 4TH WITH 13.1 HOURS.

HAIL OCCURRED ONCE, WITH THREE THUNDERSTORMS. FROST IN THE AIR WAS NOTED ON ONE MORNING, AND ON THE GROUND ON THREE.

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