GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE MONTH.

Despite some warm and sunny days, the mean temperatures for August were remarkably close to the 30-year means. Only one day, the 22nd, was hot (max above 25°C), with 15 yielding maxima above 21°C or 70°F. Nights were cooler than usual, falling to 0.7°C (33°F) on the grass on the 14th when the air fell to 4°C (39°F), some 1.6°C below the normal for the month.

Rainfall was marginally above half expectation at 43mm (1.70ins), a third of this falling on the 31st which proved the longest spell of August rainfall in 6 years. Rain fell on 15 days, 9 of which were wet and 3 very wet. Thunder was heard on two days, the 3rd and 4th.

Sunshine was 11% above expectation, though 3 days were totally sunless, with 9 regarded as sunny (more than 9 hours).

Prevailing winds were SW averaging 6 knots (7mph) though gusts to 32 knots (37mph) occurred on the 28th on a very blustery day. A fairly good August.