************************** The maximum temperature of 26.1C (79F) on the 5th was the third highest since 1978. In contrast, the night minimum of minus 2.3C (28F) on the 14th was the

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lowest since 1979, and these within 11 days of each other !!. Despite this the mean daily of 11.6C (52.9F) was a little above average. The 4th, 5th and 6th were classified as "hot" with maxima above 25C (77F), yet by the 16th we were experiencing quite sharp ground frosts. Rainfall was below the 30-year mean by almost 30% with rain falling on 13 days. Thunder occurred once, on the 24th.

Sunshine was well up on average and only one day, the 16th, was totally sunless, with almost 14 hours on the 13th. Winds were light (6mph) and were mainly SW'ly, the highest gust being to 36 mph on the 27th. May 1995 was truly a month of extremes !!