

## SUMMARY FOR APRIL 1999.

April ended as another warm, wet but relatively sunny month. Rainfall at 74.4mm was 128% of the 30-year mean and fell over a period of 20 days for a total of 73 hours. There were 14 "wet" and 4 "wetter" days. The heaviest daily fall of 19.2mm was nothing like the 30 mm recorded in an hour in severe thunderstorms nearby, though it ended as the second wettest April behind 1998 since 1985.

Temperatures held up well, the maximum of 19.7C occurring on the 30<sup>th</sup>, being rather below the values seen in recent years. All means showed positive anomalies from +1.5C for the mean minimum to +1.8 for the mean maximum. Frost on the grass was only half expectation with 6, whilst in the air it was around average.

Sunshine was 16% above average with 151.6 hours, the 28<sup>th</sup> providing 13.7 hours. In all 3 days saw no sun at all, about normal for April.

Snow occurred on 2 days with hail on 5, the latter well above expectation. Thunder, some severe locally, occurred on 3 days though much of this skirted the neighbourhood. Fog occurred on one day with gale force gusts on one day also.

Prevailing winds were ENE on 6 days averaging 6.1 knots with a max gust to 34 knots on the 13<sup>th</sup> giving 1 day with gale force gusts.