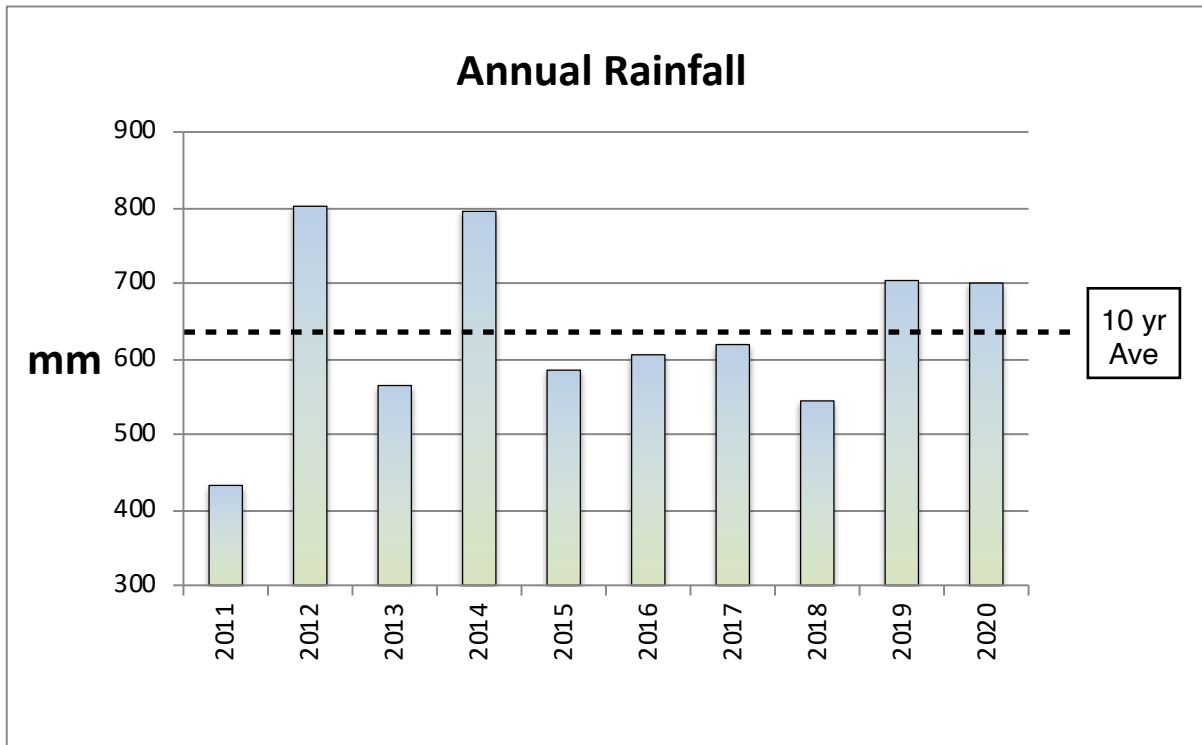
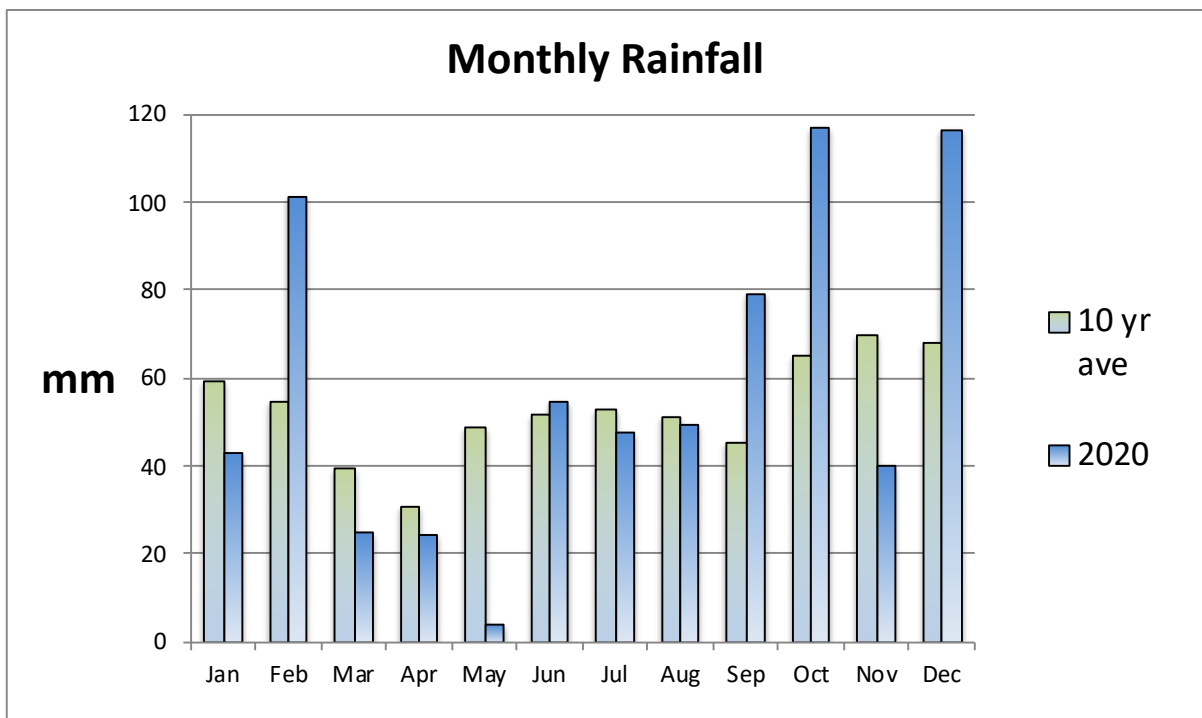


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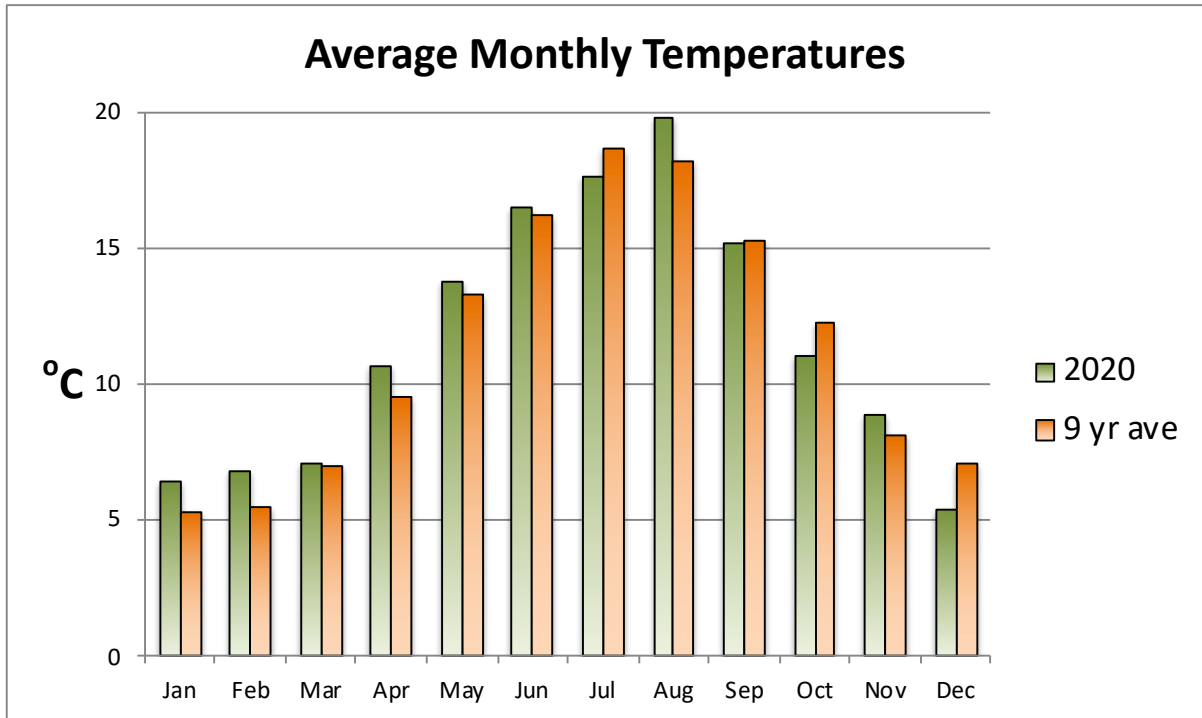
Following a wet year in 2019, 2020 was just as bad. Perhaps at last we have made up the deficit in the deep ground water. Certainly the puddles in the fields at the end of the year would seem to suggest that the ground (at least close to the surface) was saturated.



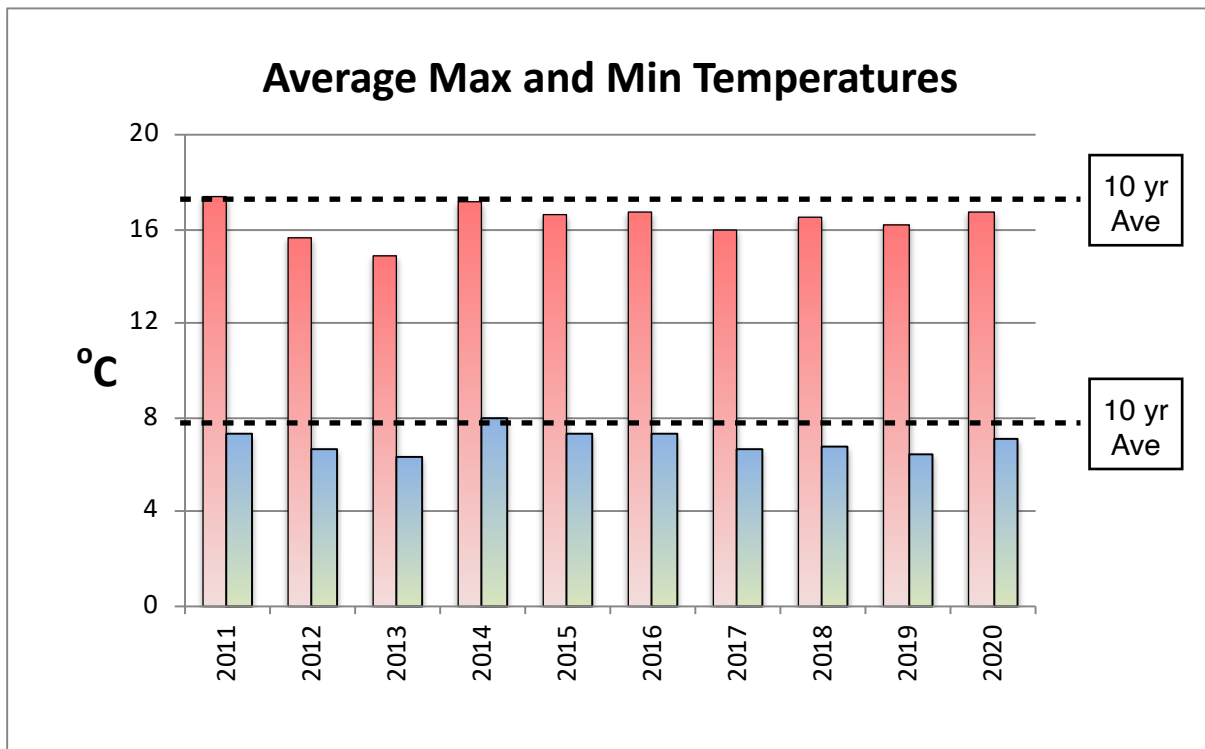
February was significantly wetter than the 10-year average, as were September, October and December, whilst March, April and particularly May were dry. In fact May was so dry that local gardeners were beginning to despair of their flower and vegetable crops. May did however bring us record breaking sunshine with over 300 hours of sunshine recorded at Wattisham (our nearest Met Office station) - an average of over 10 hours a day!



The early months of 2020 were warmer than the 9-year average (we only have 9 years of data so far) but the last 4 months were cooler and December distinctly below what might be expected. We must wait to see if this pattern of warmer drier, springs and cooler, wetter autumns becomes established. (Average temperatures are measured daily over the full 24-hour period)



However, average maximum and minimum temperatures were not exceptional being again close to the 10-year averages.



In many parts of the country it was a year of strong winds, heavy rain and flooding. At the very end of the year there was disruption by snow. But as so often we were fortunate that Wickham Market missed the worst of all this. 2020 was a dreadful year for so many reasons, but at least the local weather was no one of them.