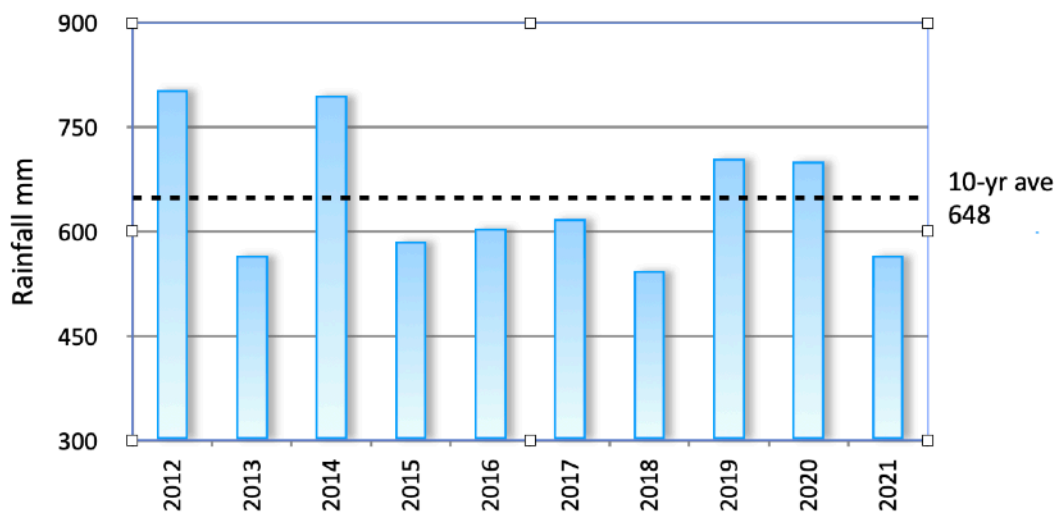


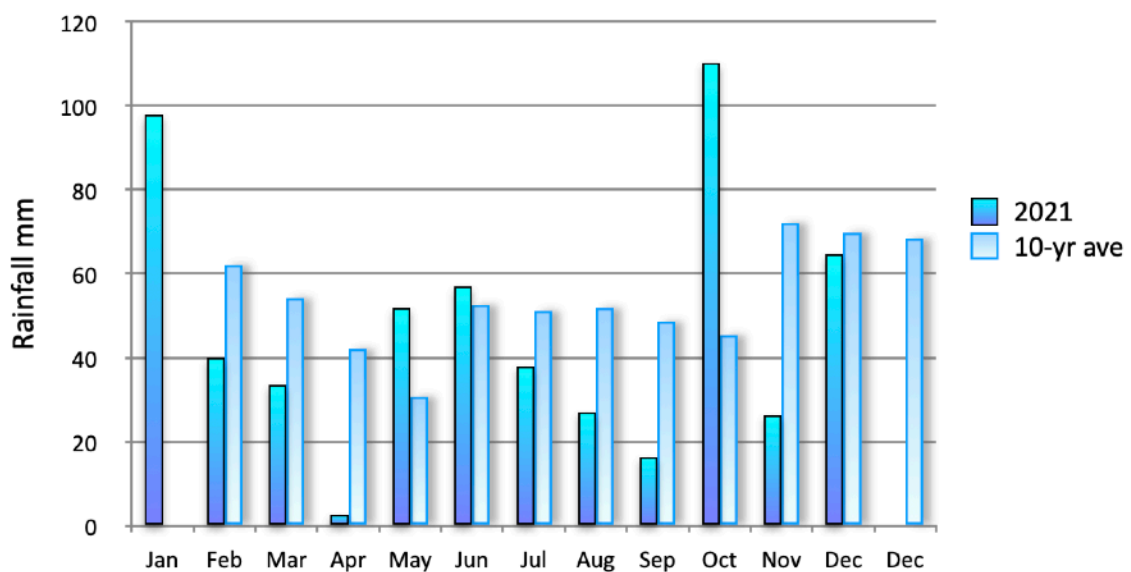
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Following two wet years in 2019 and 2020, 2021 was somewhat drier than average.

Annual Rainfall



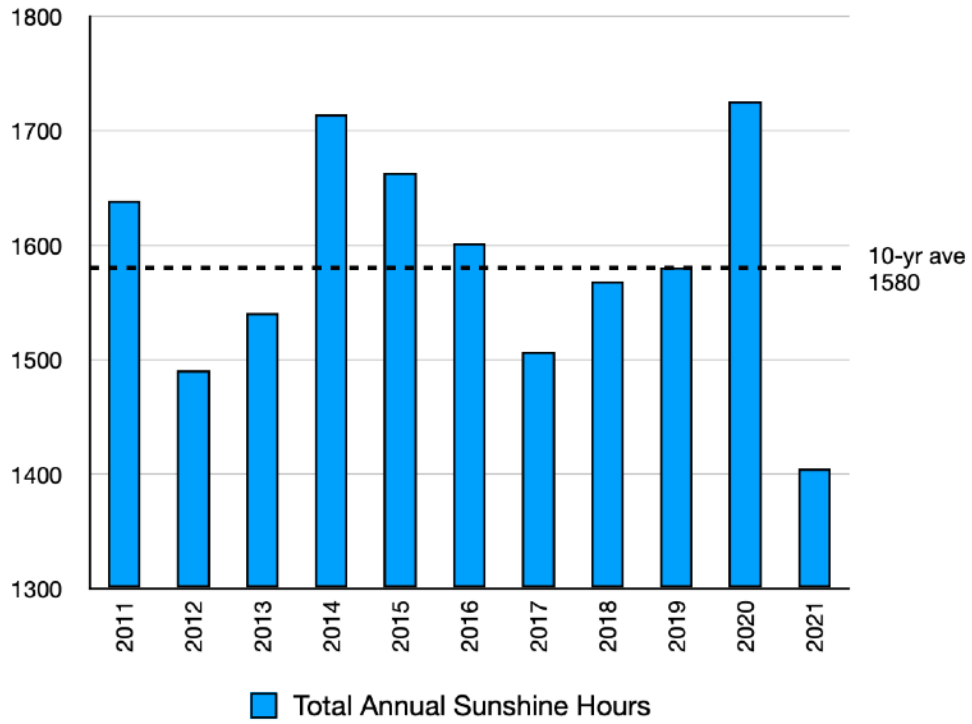
Monthly Rainfall



January and October were significantly wetter than the 10-year average, but February March and April were notably dry. April was particularly so with only 2.7 mm and this dry Spring gave all sorts of growing problems in the garden.

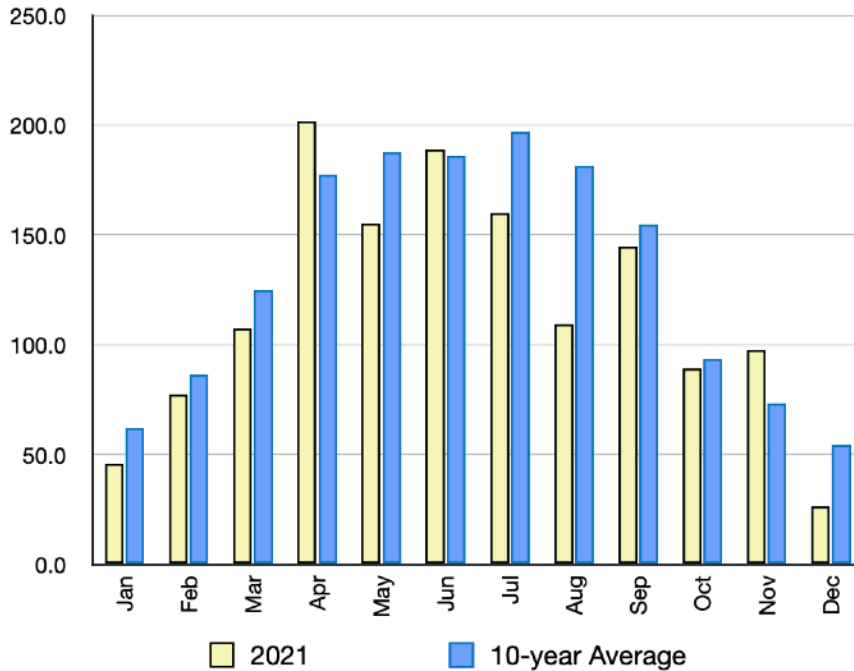
One of the main characteristics of the year was the extent to which it was cloudy and dull for so much of the time. This held back the maximum daily temperatures and was particularly apparent in the hours of sunshine. The charts below shows hours of sunshine that were recoded at Wattisham (our local Met Office recording station).

Total Annual Sunshine Hours



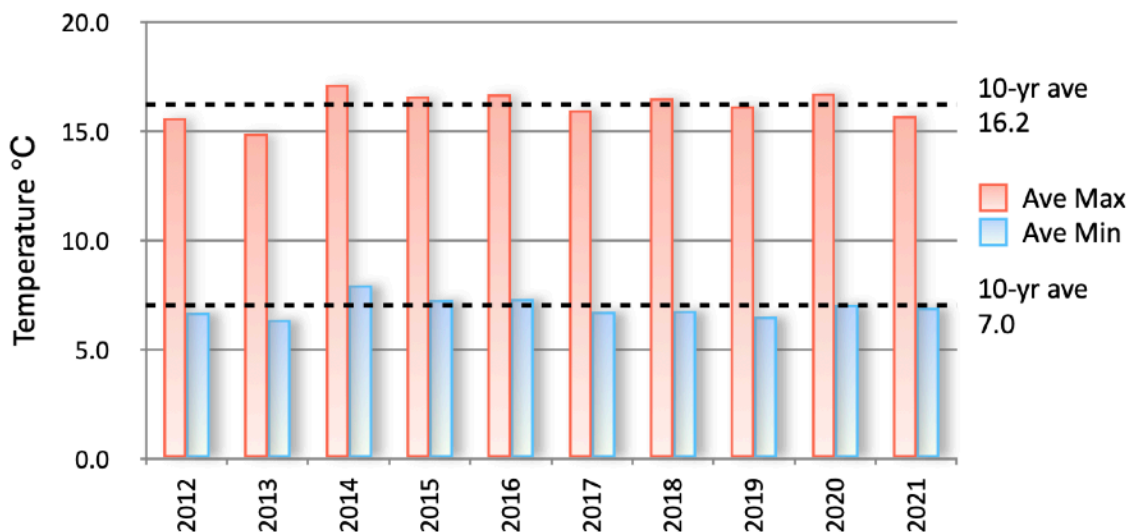
It is notable that overall we were almost 200 hours of sunshine below the 10-year average. Only April (when it was so dry) and November gave us above average hours. The weeks leading up to Christmas were particular drear.

Monthly Sunshine Hours and 10-yr average



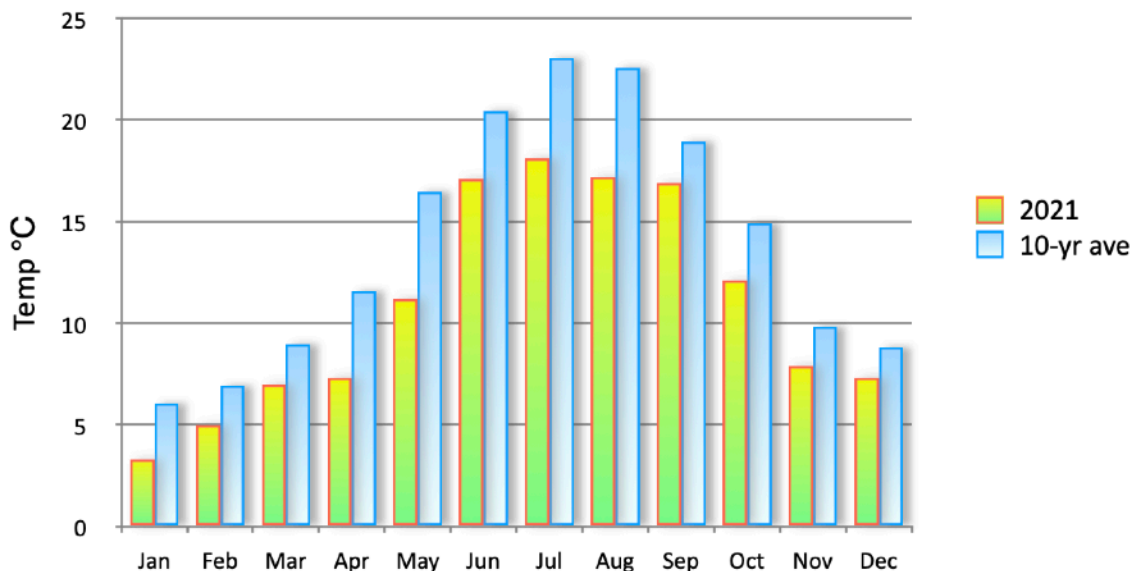
The average Maximum and Minimum temperatures recorded locally were not far from the 10-year averages.

Average Max and Min Temperatures



However the average temperatures (taken over the full 24 hour period) were below the expected averages in every month. April might have been expected to be warmer because of the additional sunshine, but the clear skies at night led to frosts. 10 nights in April had below zero temperatures, when the 10-year average would have expected 2 to 3.

Average Monthly Temperatures



In many parts of the country it was again it was a year of strong winds, heavy rain, flooding and travel disruption. As so often, we were fortunate that Wickham Market missed the worst of all this. 2021 was another dreadful year of disruption to our normal social lives, but at least we did not have weather emergencies and disasters to add to our troubles.