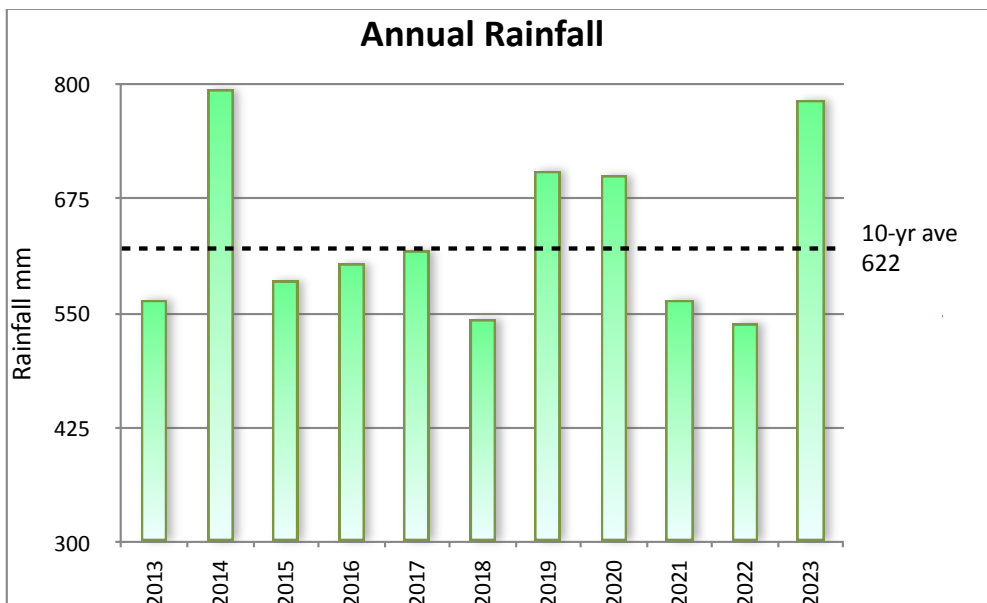
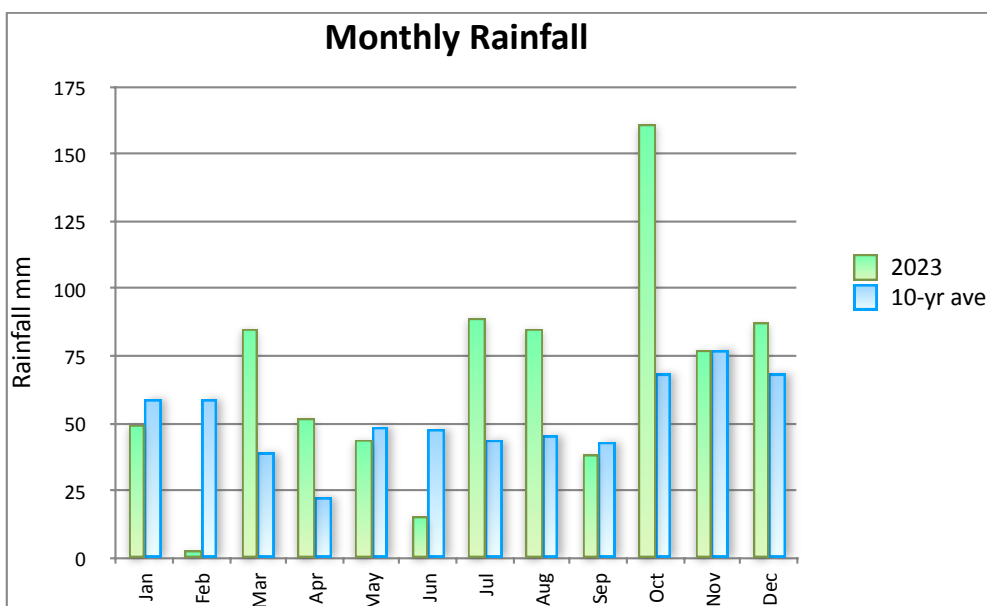


Wickham Market Weather Report for 2023

Following two slightly drier years in 2021 and 2022, 2023 was significantly wetter than the 10-year average, although still not quite as wet as 2014.



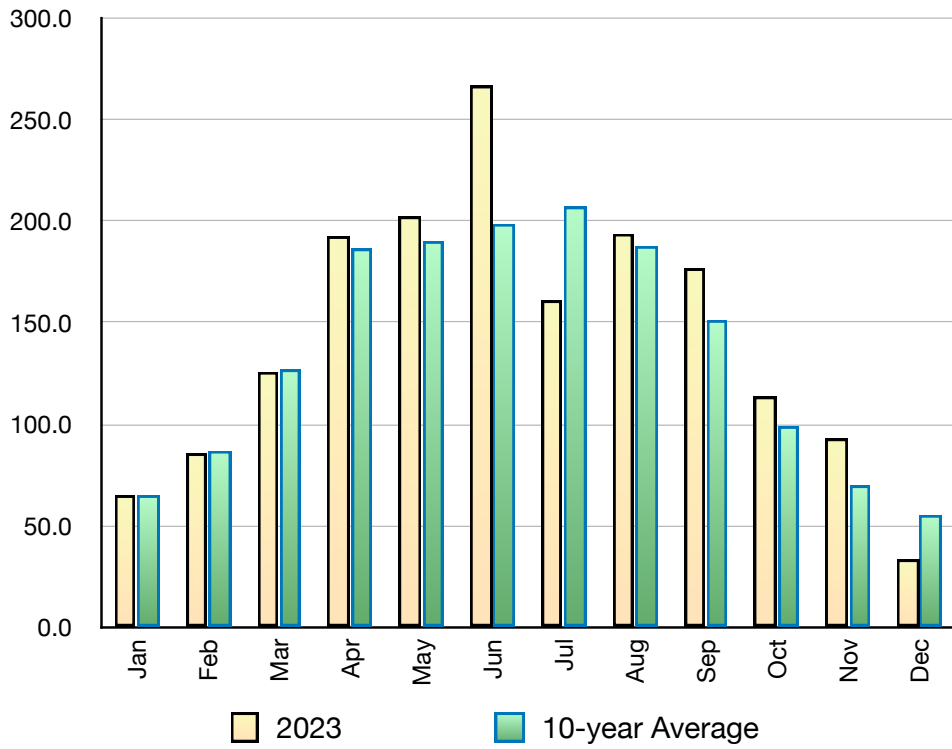
March, June, August and particularly October gave us more rain than we might reasonably have expected, but February and June were notably dry.



June was also unusually sunny with sunshine hours well above the 10-year average. The charts below shows hours of sunshine recorded at Wattisham (our local Met Office station).

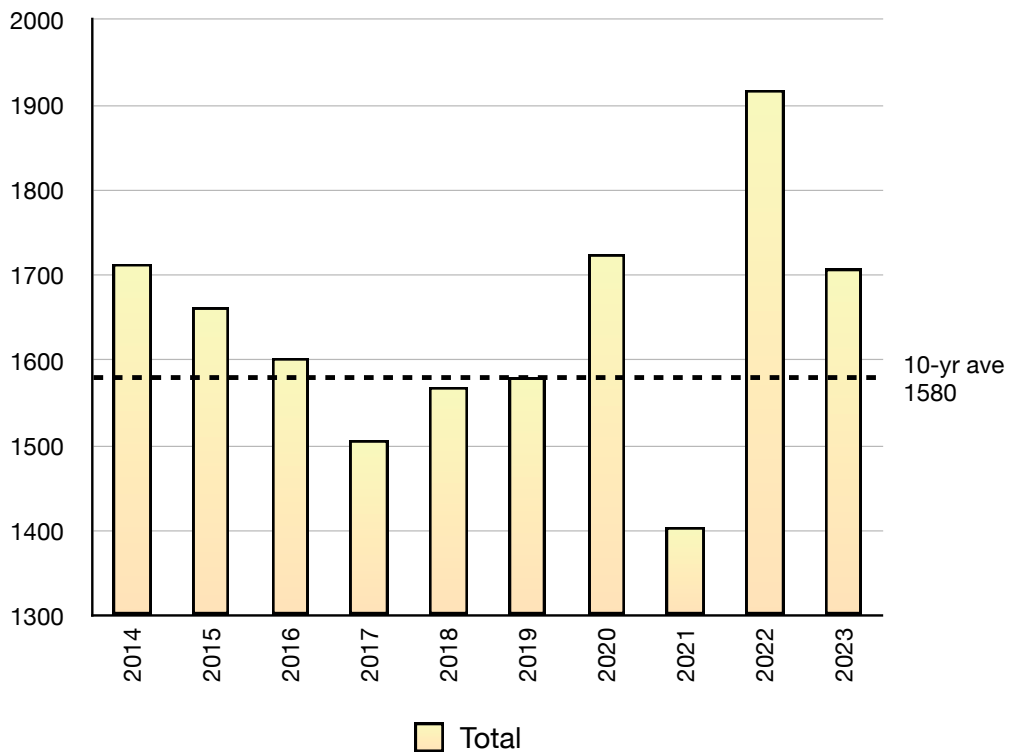
June gave us over 250 hours, but July was very disappointing with just over 150 hours. Although most other months were close to what we might reasonable expect December was particularly dull month.

Monthly Sunshine Hours and 10-yr average

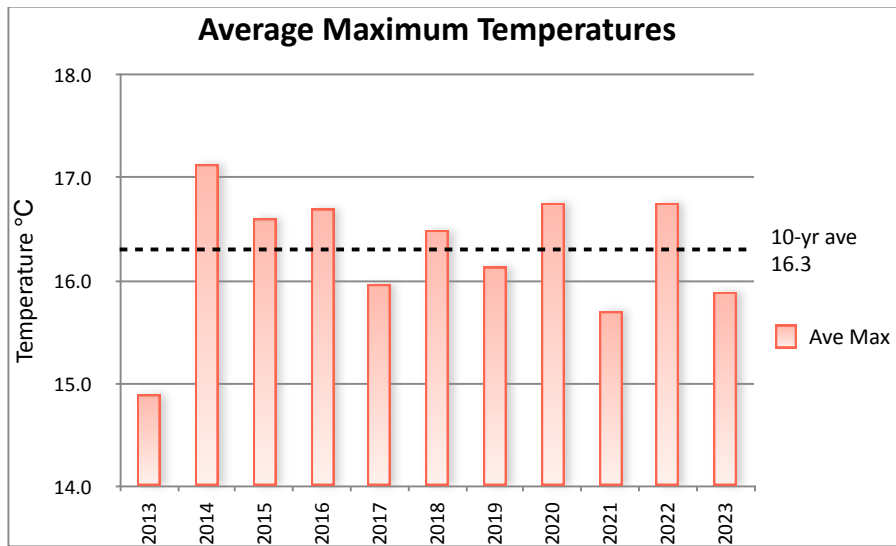


For the year as a whole's we had just over 1700 hours , 5% above the 10-year average..

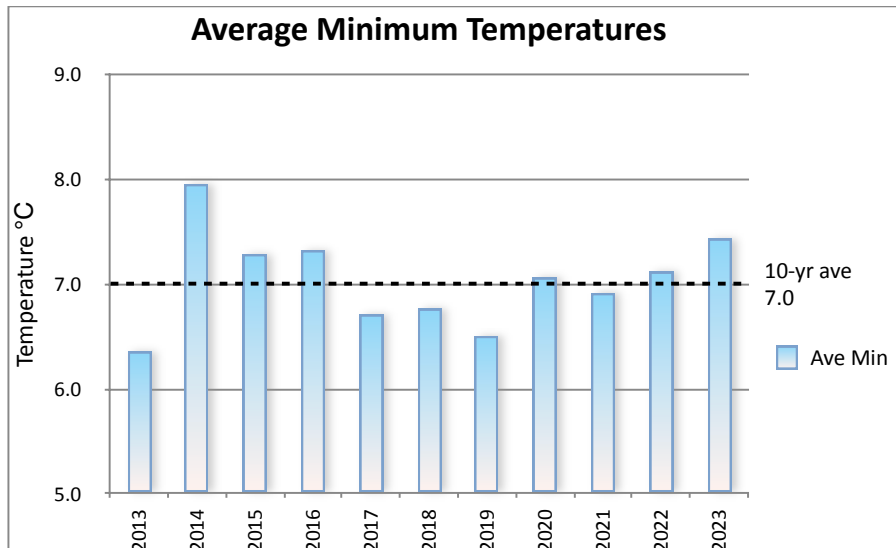
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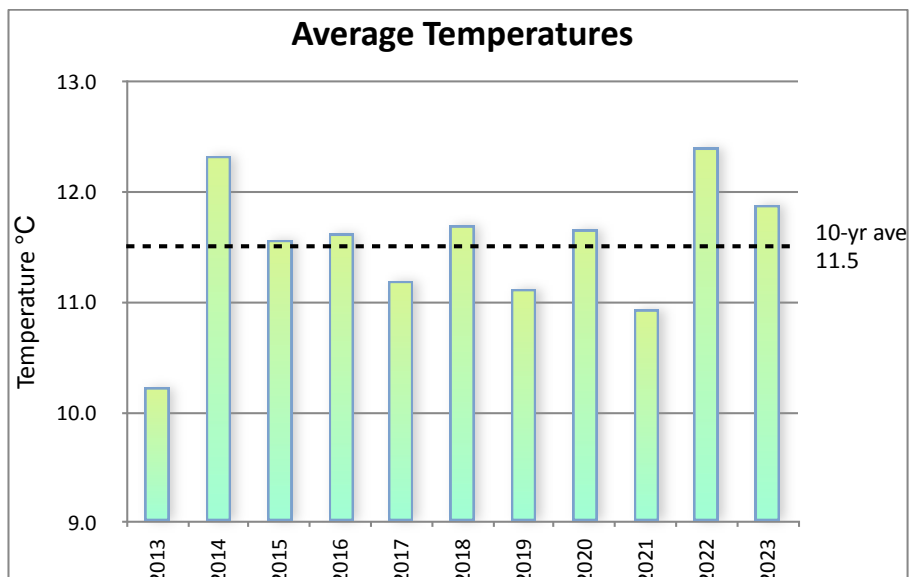
In terms for the average maximum temperatures we had a cooler year than the 10-year average a marked contrast to 2022..



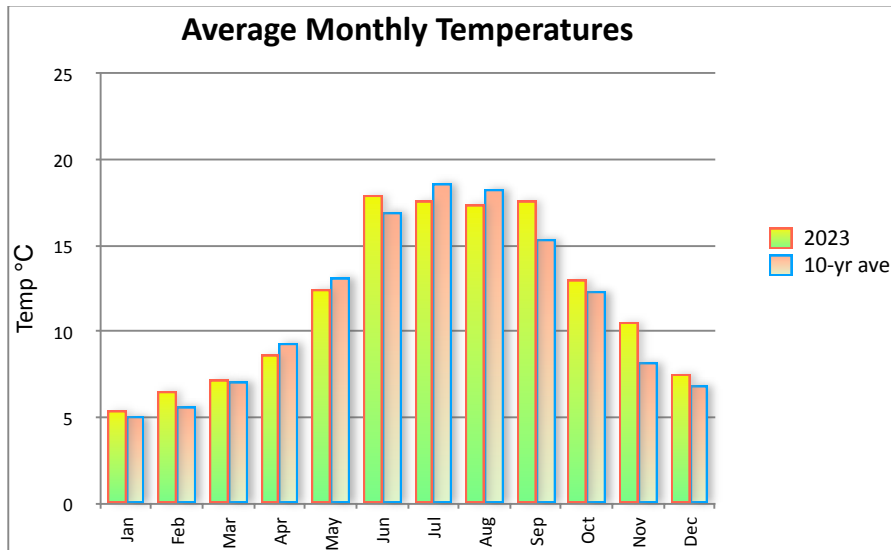
However, in terms for the average minimum temperatures we were slightly warmer.



But perhaps of greater significance are the average temperatures (ie temperatures measured over the full 24-hour period). In Wickham 2023 was slightly warmer than the 10-year average, but it was not as warm as we experienced in 2023.



It's worth noting that the average temperatures in September, October, November and December were all warmer than the 10-year averages.



Probably the most important local weather event of the year was the exceptional rain that fell on 20th October when 67.8 mm were recorded in the village. It led to flooding of houses in the lower part of the village.

The continuing wet weather leading up to Christmas gave very little chance for local fields to dry out. This situation was mirrored in many other parts of the country as is very clearly shown by the Met Office's Anomaly Map for October rainfall.

See:

<https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/research/climate/maps-and-data/uk-actual-and-anomaly-maps>

