Using AVG I haven't had any problems.

I believe I have had no viruses, as nothing except spyware has tried to make it past my firewall.

I guess it's just a case of luck, until all the AV companies work together, each will have their own database of virii it detects.

To that end, I have always tried to run more than one, and since they are both free, and the second only costs time whilst it is scanning (first stays passive), it is not hurting my PC by being there.