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Large jobs or small Every two years the Conservators of the River Cam lower the river level along the Backs for one day so that underwater hazards can be identified and landowners can inspect below the waterline. This winter **Trinity College** requested a lowering during the period from 6 to 19 January, so that the repairs shown in the photograph (right) could be carried out. Sheet piling and timber wailing were installed to match the opposite bank. **Clare College** (below) took the opportunity for small-scale maintenance work. The fall in height of the river can be deduced from the photographs.



Punting had to be suspended and residents in boats moored above Jesus Sluices were asked to move downstream of Jesus Lock. The river was in flood for much of that time so levels did not reach their absolute minimum as on previous occasions.

Cambridgeshire County Council began major refurbishment of the **Jesus Green footbridge** on 20 January. Scaffolding covers the entire span and for this reason **Jesus Lock** is closed to navigation for **10 weeks until 14 March**.

The Cam (Granta) between Grantchester and Granta Place will be lowered for one week from 3 February

for the County Council's repairs to **Robinson Crusoe Bridge**, downstream of Fen Causeway. Other bridges receiving attention are to be the **Green Dragon footbridge**, Chesterton and **Sheep's Green footbridge** at Newnham.



Upper Cherry Hinton Lake The Anderson Group, owners of the lake, are carrying out routine repair and maintenance work (photo on left) on the pipe which connects the lake with the Cherry Hinton Brook (under the sedge in the foreground). The City Council Drainage Engineer recently undertook a 'deep clean' of the **Sainsbury** section of the **Brook** and removed some 40 bags of rubbish. Since there is a litter-related display in the Sainsbury foyer it looks as if the shop is now officially committed to helping keep the Brook clear of rubbish.

Logan's Meadow: Past Present and Future A meeting on **18 February** at St. Andrew's Hall, Chesterton, at 7.30pm will include a talk by Guy Belcher, the City Council Nature Conservation Officer, on the proposed water channel and reed bed. The Vicar of St. Andrew's will speak on the history of the meadow.

Bourn Brook open meeting The local **Wildlife Trust** is organising a meeting on **5 February** at 7pm, at the Bourn Golf Club, Toft Road, Bourn, at which wildlife and invasive species, pollution, and flooding will be discussed. It is intended to give members of the public a chance to have their say.