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NEWS FROM THE ST CATHERINES LENGTHSMAN - MARCH 2018

Now at the end of February the sun is shining and there is snow on the ground. But it has been a month of weir keeping for me due to the wet weather earlier on - some twenty-five weir adjustments made in total.

At Stonebridge I have been cutting back some of the overhanging branches and encroaching vegetation. Also tidying up the area by the toilet blocks and repairing some of the boundary fencing. It is good to get these jobs done before the birds start nesting in earnest. A pair of Great Tits is already showing a lot of interest in the nesting box in my garden.

There are signs of spring now along the river with a sea of crocuses in Herondels garden just downstream of Ferry Lane and primroses in flower on the Railway Line Walk.

Bird news locally - I am seeing the Red Kite near St. Catherine's Lock on a fairly regular basis at the moment. Also there are Snipe and Woodcock, and in the wetter areas there are Teal, Shovelers and Little Egret. Flocks of Goldfinches and Siskin can be seen in the treetops, and perched on the fences and tall grasses are the Stonechats. Round about dusk you may also be lucky enough to see the Barn Owl hunting.

See you by the river.

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