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3W Whichford to Stratford Park & Ride
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Monday to Saturday

	SCH 3W	SCH 3W	SCH 3W	SSCH 3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Banbury Bus Station
Lower Tadmerton	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sibford Ferris School	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Whichford, Bus Shelter	0703	0730	0830	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cherrington, Featherbed Lane	0713	0740	0840	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lower Brailles, The Park	0726	0753	0855	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shipston, Pettiphers Garage ARR	0737	0805	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shipston, Pettiphers Garage DEP	0737	0805	...	0737	0837	0937	1037	1137	1227	1337	1437	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shipston High School	...	0808	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ilmington, Red Lion	0747	...	...	0747	0847	0947	1047	1147	1247	1347	1447	1523	1527	1527	1647	...	...	...	...
Lower Quinton, the Orchard	0757	...	...	0757	0857	0957	1057	1157	1257	1357	1457	1533	1537	1537	1657	1757	...	...	...
Meon Vale	0802	...	...	0802	0902	1002	1102	1202	1302	1402	1502	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Clifford Chambers, New Inn	0810	...	...	0810	0910	1010	1110	1210	1310	1410	1510	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Stratford, Bridge Street ARR	0820	...	...	0818	0918	1018	1118	1218	1318	1418	1518	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Stratford, Bridge Street DEP	0821	...	...	0821	0921	1021	1121	1221	1321	1421	1521	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Stratford, Wood Street	0825	0825	0925	1025	1125	1225	1325	1425	1525
Stratford, Park and Ride	SGG	0935	1035	1135	1235	1335	1435	1535

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Monday to Saturday

	NS 3	SCH 3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Stratford, Park and Ride
Stratford, Wood Street	0615	0726	0820	0926	1026	1126	1226	1326	1426	1526	1626	1626	1726
Stratford, Bridge Street	...	...	...	0730	0824	0930	1030	1130	1230	1330	1430	1530	1630	1629	1730	...	...	...	...
Clifford Chambers, New Inn	...	...	...	0738	0832	0938	1038	1138	1238	1338	1438	1538	1638	1638	1738	...	...	...	...
Meon Vale	...	...	...	0749	0843	0949	1049	1149	1249	1349	1449	1549	1649	1649	1749	...	...	...	...
Lower Quinton, the Orchard	...	...	...	0753	0753	0847	0953	1053	1153	1253	1353	1453	1553	1653	1653	1753	...	...	...
Ilmington, Red Lion	...	...	...	0803	0803	0857	1003	1103	1203	1303	1403	1503	1603	1703	1703	...	...	...	...
Shipston High School	...	...	...	0810	0810	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shipston, Opp Pettiphers Garage ARR	0640	...	...	0813	0912	1023	1112	1212	1312	1412	1519	1512	1612	1712	1712	...	...	...	...
Shipston, Opp Pettiphers Garage DEP	0640	...	...	...	0913	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lower Brailles, The Park	0650	...	...	...	0923	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cherrington, Featherbed Lane	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Whichford, Bus Shelter
Sibford Ferris School	0702	0935
Lower Tadmerton	0712	0945
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Birth Announcements

Isen Watkins

We would like to send our thanks to all our lovely friends and neighbours for their good wishes, gifts and cards following the birth of the latest addition to our family - our youngest son Isen - just before Christmas. He has settled straight in to family and village life and we feel lucky to be part of such a caring community.

Charlotte, Matt, Rinan, Inca and Ember Watkins

Ted James Taylor

Sarah and Richard Taylor of Grange Farm, Swalcliffe are delighted to announce the arrival of their son Ted James Taylor.

Baby Ted was born on January 3rd 2017. He arrived well on time and weighed 7lbs 10 oz and has already enjoyed his first visit to The Stag's Head!

We send parents Richard and Sarah and all the Taylor family many congratulations and look forward to welcoming Ted into the village.

Letters

From Carole Ralph

Poppy Appeal 2016

This year the Poppy Appeal collection has raised £603.53 added to which Steve Kingsford collected £60 at the Tadmerton fete.

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Draft Notes from Parish Council Meeting held 9th January 2017

To approve the minutes of the last meeting of 28th November 2016
The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

Review of Action List

Letter to OCC about bridge /junction Shutford Road, Hollow Road and B4035 –
Following a complaint a letter was sent to OCC about speeding and the maintenance condition of the traffic signs and road markings in this area. A site meeting will be arranged.

Community Bus – Discussions are ongoing.

Finance

The following payments were approved:

£30.00 to White Commercial Surveyors Ltd (electricity use for defibrillator at Highlands)
£30.00 to Tadmerton Village Hall (electricity use for defibrillator)
£28.00 to Tadmerton Village hall (use of hall for meetings)
£38.64 to Parish Clerk (purchase of four hoops for litter pick)
£80.00 to Banbury Print and Design (printing of A3 & A4 village maps)
£82.33 to Bluefin Insurance (allotment)
£78.00 to OALC (training course Oct 2016)

To set the precept for 2017/18 (paper circulated)

A draft budget sheet had been circulated. Estimated spend for 2017/18 is £11,756.00. It was agreed to set the precept for 2017/18 at £10,000.00.

To consider a grant request from Tadmerton Village Hall (details circulated)

It was agreed to give a grant of £750.00.

To discuss the purchase and installation of the defibrillator in Lower Tadmerton (JF)

It has been agreed the defibrillator will be placed outside Fourways in Lower Tadmerton. The Parish Clerk to arrange a meeting with the electrician to discuss the installation.

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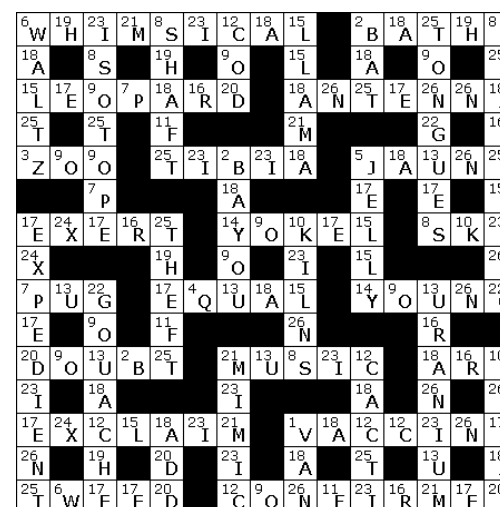
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16/01477/F, Alterations to and extension of barn and conversion to form one dwelling at redundant barn, South West of Fulling Mill, Sandfine Road. This application was approved in 2004 and renewed in 2009. The area is in open countryside. No objections.

16/02516/F, Detached house and garage and associated works on land to rear of 17 Old Glebe. Although infilling is permitted, the Parish Council are concerned about loss of light from properties 16, 15, 14 and Lea View, highway issues including the sharp bend. The elevated position of the property will be a significant height difference to its neighbouring properties. There is a need for affordable housing in the village but not high value homes.

16/00365/TCA, Fell 1 x Ash on unsurfaced land between College Farm and The Grange. No objections.

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The Tour de Trigs is a cross-country navigation exercise that takes place every year in early December. Teams of three have to complete a 50 mile hike, and they have 24 hours to do it. Last year, we completed the junior course – the first thirty miles, so this year we set ourselves the somewhat ambitious challenge of completing the full 50 miles.

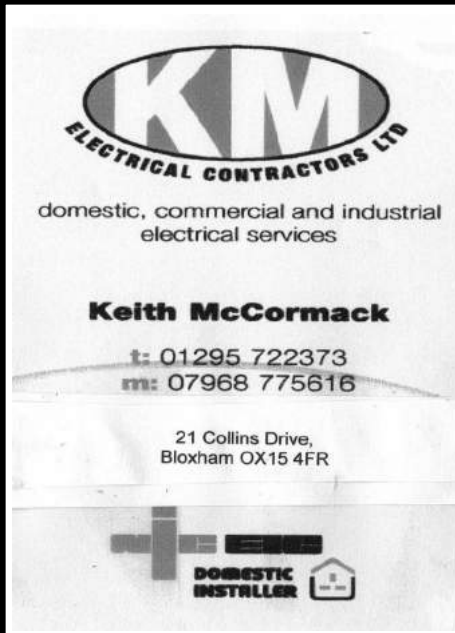
It began on Saturday morning at the Warriner, with the teams being given a list of grid references; all the places we have to go through on the walk, and the various manned and unmanned checkpoints, and half an hour in which to plot as much of the course as they could. We managed to plot the full route with time to spare, so at 10:29 Saturday, we set off down the Grove, with over 20 hours of walking ahead of us. Each team member is given a triangular punch card to put around their neck which has to be marked at each of the unmanned checkpoints – roughly spaced about 1 mile apart and represented by a traffic cone on a stick with a hole punch - to prove we've travelled the whole route. Also on the route were manned checkpoints every 5 or so miles, usually a village hall, where there was water and a place to sit.

About 20 miles in, we reached our fourth manned checkpoint, and by that time, it was so dark we had to use torches. From that point onwards, the next 30 miles would be in darkness, which is both a considerable navigational challenge, but also a considerable mental challenge. Fortunately we made few mistakes, although at one point we realised we had missed a manned checkpoint, and had to turn around to get it.

Another terrifying prospect was that of Secret Checkpoints, manned points on the route that we did not know the whereabouts of, only that they were somewhere on the route, and this forced you to stick absolutely to the route provided. Things began to get challenging at around the 35 mile mark – we had been walking solidly for around 15 hours, 9 of which were in darkness, and it was about 1am. We knew we had completed the majority of the course, but also that the last 15 miles would be by far the hardest. As fatigue set in, both as a result of how long we'd been walking, and how late it was, it became increasingly difficult to concentrate on the navigation, and constant stops were required to not go the wrong way. The last mile was by far the hardest, we had a large hill to climb, and we knew we had nearly reached the end of our ordeal, but progress was incredibly slow.

After what seemed like an eternity, we reached Bloxham and only had the main road to walk along, finally arriving back at the Warriner at 7:01am, 20 hours 32 minutes after we had set off. It was an incredible feeling of accomplishment, but definitely, never again.

Alfie Bullus 12SD-MBY 5



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flying object had crashed into their Forest School area.

By the time the children arrived, the scene of the
crash had been cordoned off with police tape and
investigations are on-going as to how and why the
space ship came to land at Sibford.

Junior School Head, Edward Rossiter said:
"To say the children were surprised would be an
understatement! We had received reports of strange
sounds and flashes being seen in the sky overnight but
the scene at the crash site and the size of the craft
was incredible and really left the children in awe."

Traditionally, Sibford Junior School marks the first
half of the Spring Term with a creative curriculum

whereby all lessons are centred around
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In the past, topics have included
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Whole School Open Morning

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Swalcliffe Litter Blitz 2017

This year's village clean up will take place on Saturday March 18th, meeting at the village hall at 10am. All equipment is provided and it just involves an hour or two of picking up litter from village verges etc. It is a very worthwhile exercise as it clears away the winter rubbish and leaves the village looking much tidier for the year ahead.

We were a bit short of volunteers last year so if you would like to help but are unable to manage the Saturday morning you can do it at any time to suit you over the weekend of 18th/19th March. Please let me know if you are able to help so that I can ensure we have enough equipment for everyone. The more the merrier as many hands make light work!

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As part of the fight to protect services at the Horton General Hospital, Victoria Prentis MP has launched the campaign, **#Banbury2JR**.

The campaign will encourage people in and around Banbury to fill out a survey about journey times to the John Radcliffe (JR) in Oxford, and post their travel times on social media using the hashtag #Banbury2JR. Her office will then collate the information and pass it onto the Oxford University Hospitals Trust and Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group.

With a consultation on local healthcare expected to begin this month, information on journey times, including parking, will be vital to establish the true effect of any changes to the Horton.

A copy of the survey is printed on page 15. The form is also available on Victoria Prentis's website together with further Information at:

www.victoriaprentis.com/2017/01/06/mp-encourages-constituents-to-take-part-in-john-radcliffe-journey-times-campaign/.

Completed surveys can be sent by post to Heyford Park House, Upper Heyford, Bicester, OX25 5HD, or by email to victoria.prentis.mp@parliament.uk.

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Day of the week:		
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sale, including hand printed wrapping paper, gingerbread and Christmas decorations, and the market looked beautiful with a very Scandinavian feel. Over in KS2, the older children ran an International Street Food Fair as the culmination of their topic work. They prepared traditional foods such as pulled beef and cooked beans and plantain from Venezuela, as well as tortillas from Mexico and noodles from Hong Kong. There was Mexican dancing from Oak pupils while the whole of Maple Class performed the salsa. It was very busy, very loud and great fun. All classes were in profit after they had covered their costs!

Wonderful work has already started this term with a KS2 focus on the Victorians: some of the children are developing their own Crystal Palace Exhibition and all of the children will be dressing up for our Victorian Day. Over the road, a huge giant has appeared in the KS1 library as the children explore a variety of traditional tales in their learning.

More excitement is in store as the children once again have the opportunity to take part in our Sibford Gower's Got Talent competition. This promises to be as successful as last year, with many of our children showcasing their extraordinary range of skills and abilities.

Please look on our school website at <http://www.sibford-gower.oxon.sch.uk> to keep up with all the things that happen at our wonderful village school.

Jane O'Sullivan, Headteacher



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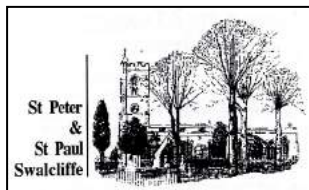
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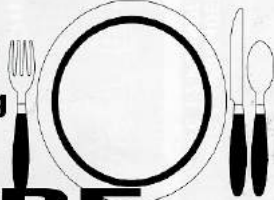
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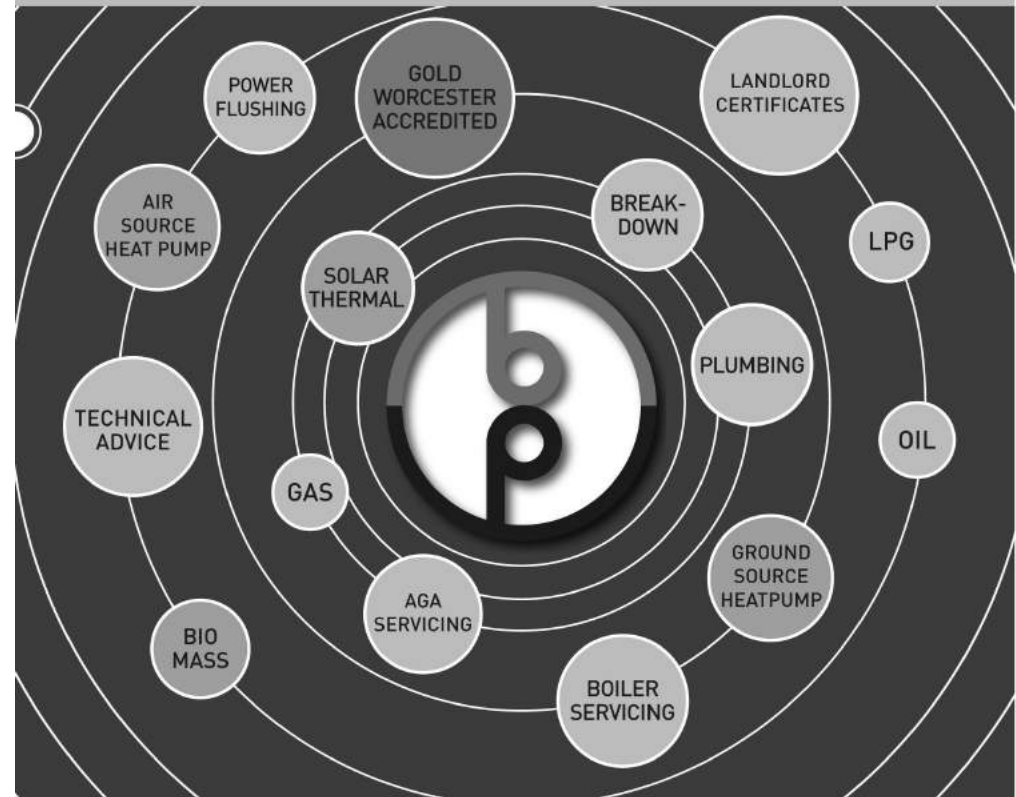
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Sunday 19th	11.00am	Holy Communion (RH)
Sunday 26th	11.00am	Village Service (JT)

March 2017

Wed 1st	7.00pm	Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes (RH)
Sunday 5th	10.00am	Benefice Eucharist SIBFORD (JT)
Sunday 12th	11.00am	Holy Communion (RH)
Sunday 19th	11.00am	Holy Communion (EH)
Sunday 26th	11.00am	Village Service (JT) <i>Mothering Sunday</i>

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St Nicholas' Church Council Report 2017

The Carol Service in the church on Tuesday 13th December at 7pm. was a very happy occasion, the choir and congregation were in good form. Mince pies, many savouries and mulled wine were served after the service. The church mice had a feast! The collection of £187.50 sent to the Syrian children's appeal.

On Christmas Eve a Midnight Communion was held in the church. The congregation were in fine voice and the carols were enjoyed by everyone.

The Council will meet on the 2nd March and we shall confirm dates for all the 2017 events to be held in the parish. These will include Lent Lunches, study courses, fund raising and the Pudding Club.

Please let any member of the council know if a village member needs our help, advice or prayers.

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Tadmarton Village Hall Questionnaire

Thanks to everyone who took part in the questionnaire towards the end of last year. The overall feeling is that we need more community events in the village hall. We have listened and we will be trying to arrange some new events that the whole village can take part in. For everyone who offered help, we are grateful to you too, and we will be in touch soon.

Dates for your Diary

Spring walk.

One of the most popular choices in the new event suggestions was for a walking group so join us on **1st April** for a morning walk finished off with a walker's breakfast at the village hall. The plan is to start at the village hall at **0930 on Saturday morning** and follow an historic route around the village. Warm drinks and simple breakfast of bacon baps (or veggie equivalent) at the end. All welcome, children and route dependant, dogs too. The hope is that this will bring together likeminded people who may then want to take the walking groups forward. Watch out for more details in the March Link.

Coffee Morning

Join us on **Saturday 4th February between 10-12am** for our monthly coffee morning. Get to know other villagers in a friendly environment. All welcome.

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If you would like to get involved, we would love to hear from you. Please contact: - Susan Mahoney 01295 788980 ,
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New Editor required for *The Link*

I am retiring as Editor of The Link at the end of 2017.

For several issues now I have been asking for someone (or several people) to take over the editorship of *The Link*. So far I have had no replies. I have been doing this job for a few years now and need to take a break.

My laptop is well past its sell-by date as am I. I will continue to edit *The Link* for now but must stop at the end of 2017. If no-one wants to take it on then, sadly, *The Link* will cease publication.

Since its inception all the editors have been based in Tadmarton. Surely there must be someone in Swalcliffe who can take on the post? Come on Swalcliffe—give it a go!

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A proposal for high speed broadband for Swalcliffe

Swalcliffe Parochial Church Council and the Swalcliffe Digital Connectivity Group are in discussion with a local company called *Sugarnet* to provide reliable high speed internet by installing small relay panels at the top of the church tower - almost invisible to the eye. Thanks to the generosity of the PCC an application has already been submitted to Oxford Diocese and we hope to get a positive response by March (if not before) which means the service could potentially be available from this spring.

Sugarnet already provide 'line of sight' internet to a growing number of households and businesses in rural communities in South Warwickshire and they want to extend their network further into North Oxfordshire. Their service is commercially competitive with the main existing supplier and because the signal is beamed directly to subscribing households it bypasses our very poor local copper and aluminium cable phone infrastructure; thus giving both genuinely reliable and high speed broadband.

So far about ten Swalcliffe residents have expressed an interest in signing up with *Sugarnet* and if you want to learn more about their technology and service please look at their website www.sugarnet.co.uk or call them on 08452351010. Also would you please register your interest on the Swalcliffe website (www.Swalcliffevillage.co.uk - then go to the Broadband page) so that we can keep a record of interested people.

Assuming we get the go ahead from the Oxford Diocese regarding the use of the church we will organise a meeting for you to meet a representative of *Sugarnet* so that we can find out more about this exciting opportunity and hopefully move towards speedy installation.

From The Swalcliffe Digital Connectivity Group (David McLindon, Colin Hill, Peter Beddowes)

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TADMARTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2017

20th February

3rd April

(Parish Council meeting at 7pm followed by Annual Parish Meeting in main hall at 8pm)

15th May

26th June

4th September

9th October

27th November

All take place at 7.00 pm in the annexe at the rear of the village Hall except the Annual Parish Meeting which takes place in the Village Hall. Members of the public are very welcome to attend all meetings.

Watch the Notice Boards or Website for any changes

Swalcliffe Parish Council Meetings 2017

The Parish Council are pleased to advise of the following meeting dates for 2017. All meetings are held in the village hall approximately every six/seven weeks and start at 7.00pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

28th February

11th April (Annual Parish Meeting)

23rd May (Annual Parish Council meeting)

4th July

19th September

31st October

5th December

Watch the Notice Boards or Websites for latest dates

SWALCLIFFE LEA WEATHER 2016

2016 was a year in which the seasons were not clearly demarcated. The wet warm start gave us shrubs coming into flower several months earlier than usual then the summer was delayed with a particularly poor June. It was not until the end of August that we had some more seasonal weather leading on to an autumn with some of the best displays of autumn colour for several years. We leave the year with an exceptionally mild Christmas Day followed by sharp frosts with temperatures as low as 19.0F.

As in previous reports the rainfall is measured in inches and the temperature in degrees Fahrenheit and where appropriate the figures for last year are in parentheses.

Rainfall

The total rainfall for the year was 29.86 inches; last year it was 26.43 inches. While the total annual rainfall might be considered similar the quarter by quarter figures show the marked differences between the two years as to when the rain fell.

Quarter	2016	2015
January-March	9.63	5.99
April- June	9.27	4.81
July- September	4.70	7.30
October- December	6.26	8.33
Annual Total	29.86	26.43

The wet weather ending 2015 continued into 2016 with 6.40 inches falling in the first seven weeks. To the end of the second quarter we averaged almost $\frac{3}{4}$ inch of rain a week, with June being one of the wettest Junes on record. 2016 was another year with no persistent snow cover, with slight snow showers on the first weekend of March and another in mid-April.

Weeks with more than one inch of rain 9 (7)

Wettest week Week ending 29th November 1.59 inches
(3rd week January 1.47 inches)

Wettest four week period 31st October -27th November 3.99 inches
(30th Aug – 20th Sept 3.68 inches)

Weeks with no rain 2 (1)

While there was an increase of just over three inches in the rolling annual rainfall year on year, during the year it peaked at 34.81 inches in the last week of June.

Temperature

The general trend for milder weather continued in 2016 with temperatures slightly up on the back year for all quarters except for the maximum in quarter two (reflecting the poor weather in June). It was a year in which we had no long sustained periods of sunny hot weather. However we had two unusual peaks of high temperature; on July 19th I recorded 89.0 F and on September 13th 81.0 F (on the same day Gravesend recorded 34.4 centigrade/93.9 Fahrenheit, breaking a September record that had stood since 1905!

Tempera- ture (°F)	Minimum			Maximum		
	2016	2015	difference	2016	2015	difference
Quarter 1	27.69	27.00	+0.69	50.46	49.30	+1.16
Quarter 2	37.30	36.55	+0.75	67.23	68.07	-0.84
Quarter 3	47.15	43.77	+3.38	76.23	75.15	+1.08
Quarter 4	31.80	31.23	+0.57	55.00	53.23	+1.77
Annual	35.98	34.64	+1.34	62.23	61.48	+0.75

Minimum temperature	19F	(20F)
Maximum temperature	89F	(93F)

Number of weeks in which a reading of 32F or lower was recorded:
25 (20) of which 18 (13) were consecutive.

Number of consecutive weeks that were above 32F 26 (27)

April, May and July were the sunniest months. June was not only wet but also dull, with less than 70% of the hours of sunshine of June last year. The temperature remained seasonally high from August to the middle of October giving great leaf colours and an attenuated autumn which came to an abrupt end in the last week of November when the temperature dropped to 19 F.

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