



Thames Valley Network

Network Collaborative Project

U3A Thames Valley Network Riverside Project

The Big Walking Day

Wednesday 21 September 2011
Abingdon



Come and join us!

This is possibly **your last chance** to enjoy the companionship and learning opportunities offered by the variety of walks undertaken during the Riverside Project. As we approach the final months of the project we are providing TVN members with a choice of activities based on the lovely historic town of Abingdon. These are:

i) The **final long walk**, completing our set of twelve walks which have taken us from the source of the Thames to Windsor. We will walk from Dorchester to Abingdon, a delightful ramble of around nine miles. We will start from Dorchester Bridge Car Park at 10:00am, hoping to reach Abingdon for a late lunch – see below. Full details of the walk and registration arrangements are available on the TVN/Riverside Project website or from Ian Clarkson on 01793 782836 or at ian.clarkson@gmail.com

ii) A **short circular walk** of about 3 miles starting and finishing in Abingdon and taking in the site of the Abbey, the Abbey Stream, a section of the Thames and the Swift Ditch. The walk will start from Abbey Close car park at 11:30am. Again full details are available on the website, or from Anne Gould on 01235 525476 or at abingdonu3a@gmail.com

iii) **A Walk into History** – a guided tour of the delightful town of Abingdon – the oldest continually inhabited settlement in England. The walk will take us to and inside the remains of the 7th Century Benedictine Monastery, the Norman church of St Nicholas, several Coaching Inns and the Early English church of St Helen. This walk will take place in the afternoon, starting at 2:30pm so that those people doing either i) or ii) above will have the opportunity to participate. Again full details are on the website or from Anne Gould on 01235 525476 or at abingdonu3a@gmail.com

Celebration Lunch

We are planning to celebrate the completion of our set of walks – both long and short – by having lunch at The Crown and Thistle in Abingdon. If you would like to join us please make your intention known when you register with one of the above contacts. **Final details will be publicised as soon as possible.**