



Riverside Journal - June 2011

The Riverside activities are continuing to flourish. Only three of the Long Walk sections of the Thames Path remain to be completed – Oxford to Abingdon on 6th July (see calendar for details) Abingdon to Dorchester and Dorchester to Goring. For details of the last two, keep watching the TVN web site or contact ian.clarkson@gmail.com



An interesting and successful activities day was held at Wallingford on 8th June and attended by around a hundred people from quite a number of different U3As. Left, a group of members outside St Leonard's Church and right, another group further a field!



The highlight of the year will be **Riverside Revealed** at Wellington College, in October. Come and join this very special residential event on **Wednesday, 26th to Friday, 28th October 2011** celebrating the whole Riverside Project. Experience the atmosphere of Wellington College and spend time exploring these special buildings and strolling in the beautiful parkland which surrounds them. Take part in the full and varied programme of Riverside activities and lectures and enjoy the excellent catering in the Dining Hall at breakfast, lunch and dinner. Relax in the evenings with a **Riverside Soirée** of poetry, music and drama and the **Riverside Quiz** respectively and avail yourself of the private bar facilities.

Leading Speakers will include:

Peter Durrant
Chief Archivist, Berkshire Records Office
Richard Poad
Chairman, Maidenhead Heritage Centre
David Boag
International expert on the kingfisher
Dick Mayon-White
Warden of the River Thames Society



Other features:

There will be an interesting and varied **Activities** morning.

The **Riverside Exhibition** will be mounted in the V&A, not quite like its famous namesake but an excellent venue for us.

The total cost for this exciting event is just £118 per person, which includes all meals and accommodation from Wednesday afternoon to Friday afternoon (plus teas and coffees as appropriate) as well as all lectures and activities. The only "extras" are any bar bills. For those living close by, there is a non-resident rate of £78, which includes all of the above except B&B. **Closing date 20th June** Later applications will be accepted if space is available. For full details and an application form click on this link:

[www.u3atvnetwork.org.uk/Riverside Revealed.html](http://www.u3atvnetwork.org.uk/Riverside_Revealed.html)

FOURTH PLANNING MEETING

Friday, 8th July at 10.00 – 16.00

Goring Village Hall, High Street, Goring on Thames

Come and have your say in the planning of future events and catch up on what has been happening so far. Listen to a very interesting talk by Jane Sellwood on 3000 Years of Industry in the Thames Valley. Enjoy an excellent lunch provided by the W.I. or bring a picnic and enjoy the lovely riverside amenities in Goring. *See Calendar for details.*

Kingfisher Watch, Jon Cole jon@cole87.freeserve.co.uk 07875 475 788 would like to know every time you see a kingfisher, where and when it was, and if you manage to take a photograph so much the better but you need to be quick, they tend not to stay in one place for very long!

Adopt a Lock is open to any TVN U3A, group or individual. Many locks have not yet had a claim staked so please contact Robin Ford robin@fordmail.co.uk 01494 727768 and let him know which lock you would like to study.

Riverside Poetry. The competition is open to every member and you really don't have to be Keats or Wordsworth to take part. We would like some lighthearted stuff with which to have some fun during the Riverside Revealed Soirée. Alternatively let us know if you have a favorite 'riverside' poem which you would like to hear included in the evening programme. Please send your entry, long or short, to Susie Berry susie.berry@virgin.net or post to Poppets Hill Farmhouse, Stoke Talmage, OX9 7HB

U3A News. Look out for the next edition of the national magazine because it will include an article on the Riverside Project.

NIACE. The Riverside Project has been awarded a "Certificate of Achievement" in recognition of our commitment to learning. Well done everyone. Those of you who attended the Thames Valley Network AGM will have seen Patsy Thornton proudly showing off the very smart document.

RIVERSIDE CALENDAR for SUMMER 2011

Other items may be added later. Details of some of the major events will be sent in emails following this Newsletter. As always, flyers and applications may be found on the TVN web site www.u3atvnetwork.org.uk or direct from the organiser. Alternatively click on the following link to go directly to the Riverside Calendar then click on the event you want.
www.u3atvnetwork.org.uk/Riverside_calendar_Web.html

Monday, 13th June Beale Park, Traditional Boating Day

Includes talks on boatbuilding and a chance of a trip in the first steam umpires launch. The day is organised in partnership with the Thames Traditional Boat Society.
Robin Ford Chess Valley U3A 01494 727768 robin@fordmail.co.uk

Thursday, 30th June Explore Reading Museums

Illustrated lecture on the Bayeux Tapestry followed by visits to Reading Museum and M.E.R.L. in the afternoon with optional guided tours of the Bayeux Tapestry. Cost per member £5.
Applications by 15th June
Mary Trout, Reading U3A 01491 682002 mrytrt@yahoo.co.uk

Tuesday, 5th July Windsor Town Walk into History

10.30 – 13.00 with a blue badge guide. Cost £5.25 per person.
Booking and information: Jackie Taylor jackie@taylorpost.com

Wednesday, 6th July Long Walk Oxford to Abingdon

Meet at Oxford Police Station, St Aldgates at 10:30am The most convenient Park and Ride is Redbridge. The route takes us from Folly Bridge along the towpath, passing the college boathouses on our way to Iffley and Sandford locks. We will have a picnic lunch at Radley before ending the walk at Abingdon Weir, Lock and Bridge at approximately 3:00pm. Distance 9 miles. Return to Oxford by bus.
Eric Nuttall Abingdon U3A 01235 522496 pnuts@mypostoffice.co.uk

FRIDAY, 8TH JULY 4TH GORING PLANNING MEETING

10.00 Goring Village Hall - Please come and give us the benefit of your help, advice and ideas. See panel on page 1 for details. The cost for the day is £5 plus another £5 for lunch if required. Please book in advance with:

Agnes Budagowska 01793 615501 agnes-bud@supanet.com

Monday, 11th July Reading Activities Day

A cruise on the Kennet looking at sites of former industries with commentary by David Cliffe, Local Studies Manager at the Central Library. Afternoon: a range of activities exploring different aspects of Reading e.g. churches, industrial heritage, monuments and architecture, locks and weirs. £10 per person including the cruise but excluding lunch. Applications by 15th June.

Mary Trout, Reading U3A 01491 682002 mrytrt@yahoo.co.uk

Friday, 22nd July - Swan Upping at Abingdon + Walk into History

A morning tour of Historic Abingdon, own lunch, followed by the arrival of the Swan Upping which finishes at Abingdon Bridge sometime in the late afternoon. Cost £8 per member. Numbers are limited. First come, first served.

Anne Gould, Abingdon U3A rannegould@ntlworld.com www.royalswan.co.uk

Tuesday, 9th August - Walk or Cruise to Mapledurham House and Watermill

The oldest working watermill on the Thames. Meet at Reading Bridge for the 5 mile walk (take a picnic lunch) or embark at Caversham jetty for the 45 minute cruise. Both parties will meet for a guided tour (with a tea room available afterwards) and all return by boat. The cost per member is £16.50 Bookings by 30th July please.

Mary Trout, Reading U3A 01491 682002 mrytrt@yahoo.co.uk

TUESDAY 26TH - THURSDAY 28TH OCTOBER - RIVERSIDE REVEALED WELLINGTON COLLEGE

A residential event to celebrate the Riverside Project. Please come, it will be fun and is very good value. Full details and application forms are on the web site. *See also page 1.* Bookings by 20th June please.

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N.B. In all cases, organisers will accept late applications if the event is not already fully booked.

Any queries on the project may be addressed to the steering team:

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Please pass this Journal on to other U3A members who may be interested. Thank you.

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