



Thames Valley Network

## Study Day

# Historic Towns of the Thames Valley

Wednesday 17 March 2010

at

River & Rowing Museum, Mill Meadows, Henley on Thames



St Lawrence with flood - © Nick Brown

## SPEAKER DETAILS

**Colin Mitchell** National U3A Co-ordinator for Science, Technology and Society "The Development of Towns in the Thames Valley"

**Tony Joyce** Chairman of the Oxford Civic Society "Dreaming Spires in the Flood Plain" This talk describes how Oxford's development has been conditioned by its geography.

**David Cliffe** Local Studies Manager for Reading Borough Council "Reading, a Town on Two Rivers"

This talk will concentrate mainly on why Reading was founded in its present position, and the part the rivers played in its development. It will also consider historical aspects such as the Abbey and local industries.

**Judy Dewey** "Royal Powerhouse of the Thames Valley: an assessment of Wallingford's historic role"

**Dr. Robert Peberdy** "Henley and the River Thames" This talk will discuss the broad changes in Henley's economic history, paying special attention to the role of river trade in its history. Dr. Peberdy is currently working on the Victoria County History of Oxfordshire from the Bodleian Library

**Brian Boulter** "The changing fortunes of Maidenhead"

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