



Thames Valley Network

Network Collaborative Project

U3A Thames Valley Network Riverside Project INITIAL PLANNING MEETING

Wednesday 21 April 2010 at 10:00 am

Goring on Thames Village Hall, High Street (B4009),
Goring, South Oxfordshire RG8 9

The Riverside Project aims to investigate, not only the footpaths along its length but the features along its banks. Whilst walkers walk the Thames Path, other groups will study aspects of the path and river environs that are of interest to them. These activities may give rise to studies in greater depth of particular aspects of the riparian landscape. The results of the various activities and studies will be presented at a Study School at Wellington College in October 2011.



There has already been much enthusiasm shown for the Project, but we need to work together to build a suitable framework for planning and reporting our activities.

There will be an initial planning meeting in Goring Village Hall on Wednesday 21 April 2010. This meeting is for U3A members from across the Network to put in place a programme of initial activities.

The programme will be:

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| 10:00 | Arrive. Registration. Coffee |
| 10.30 | Welcome by Agnes Budagowska, Chairman of Swindon U3A |
| 10.40 | Introduction by Patsy Thornton, Chairman of Wokingham U3A |
| 10.50 | The first walk, Thameshead to Lechlade by Phillip Eagle, walks co-ordinator of Swindon U3A |
| 11.05 | The second walk, Lechlade towards Oxford, by Ian Clarkson, Chairman of Faringdon U3A |
| 11.20 | Split into various interest groups (Local history, painting, photography, birdwatching, natural history, etc) to discuss suitable activities and co-operation between different U3As. |
| 12.10 | Reports from the interest groups |
| 12.45 | LUNCH |
| 14.00 | Introduction by Patsy Thornton |
| 14.05 | Use of the website by Len Smith, Thames Valley Network webmaster |
| 14.20 | Newsletter input and editorial communication by Susie Berry, Vice Chairman & Newsletter editor of Ridgeway U3A |
| 14.35 | The Role of the Riverside Co-ordinator in each U3A by Agnes Budagowska |
| 14.45 | PANEL and answering of questions |
| 15.30 | Tea |
| 16.00 | Close |

Do come and join us there to help to put a calendar in place, meet others with similar interests and have your say in the development of this fascinating Project. And bring your ideas for study activities!

There will be a fee of £2.00 for the day for participation in the full programme plus coffee/tea on arrival, and mid afternoon. A sandwich lunch will be available for which the cost will be £5.00.

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