



## Riverside Journal - March 2011

Len Smith, our web site wizard, tells me that the Journal is often too big a document for many people to download easily, so here is a simplified version with no photographs! (There are lots on the web site – do have a look.)

We hope that, as a result, as many of you as possible will print off a copy and put it on the Notice Board at your next U3A or group meeting. Around 50% of the Thames Valley Network members do not have e-mail so the only way that information can be passed on is with your help – PLEASE.

The Calendar for Spring and Early Summer is included. Other items may be added later. Details of some of the major events are attached in the same mailing as this Newsletter. As always, flyers and applications may be found on the TVN web site

[www.u3atvnetwork.org.uk](http://www.u3atvnetwork.org.uk)

or direct from the organiser.

Many activities have been continuing through the winter months and the spring season kicked off with a very successful Activities Day in Dorchester attended by over one hundred members.

The momentum for this summer is building fast so book early for some of the major events, especially for “Riverside Revealed” at Wellington College in the autumn. Do join us too for the Planning Day in Goring on 8<sup>th</sup> July and have your say on the future of the project.

Don't forget some of the ongoing activities associated with Riverside:

The **Kingfisher Watch**, Jon Cole [jon@cole87.freemove.co.uk](mailto:jon@cole87.freemove.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.

**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](mailto:robin@fordmail.co.uk) 01494 727768 and let him know which lock you would like to study.

The **Riverside Poetry Competition** is open to every member and you really don't have to be Keats or Wordsworth to take part. Please send your entry, long or short, to Susie Berry [susie.berry@virgin.net](mailto:susie.berry@virgin.net) or post to Poppets Hill Farmhouse, Stoke Talmage, OX9 7HB

### CALENDAR for SPRING / EARLY SUMMER 2011

#### Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> April Henley Short Walk

5 mile circular walk through rolling Chilterns and back along the river Thames.

Jill Kendal 01189 722201 [kendalwoodbury@supanet.com](mailto:kendalwoodbury@supanet.com)

#### Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> April Thames Valley Quiz - Abbey Baptist Church, Reading

(behind Reading Central Library) 10.00am – 12 noon. Teams of 4 or individuals are welcome.

Cost 50p. Please book in advance by phone, text or email.

Avis Furness, Reading U3A, 0118 946 2186, 07960 588084, [akfurness@aol.com](mailto:akfurness@aol.com)

#### Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> April Long Walk Bablock Hythe to Oxford

Ian Clarkson 01793 782836 [ian.clarkson@gmail.com](mailto:ian.clarkson@gmail.com)

#### Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> May Long Walk Goring to Reading

11 mile linear walk starts Goring Village Hall.

Ann Walsh Goring Gap U3A [annwalsh3@aol.com](mailto:annwalsh3@aol.com)

**Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> May Small-group Visits to Eton College**

Numbers are limited to fifteen on each day. No charge except for tea at Dorney Lakes  
Mark Phillips Thameside U3A 01491 836659 [markphillips38@btinternet.com](mailto:markphillips38@btinternet.com)  
(Please do not ring Eton College about this tour)

**Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> May Walk from Dorchester-on-Thames to Wallingford**

7 miles mainly level walking. Wittenham Clumps and Shillingford Bridge  
Kevin Harrison Thameside U3A 01491 834632 [kg.harrison42@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:kg.harrison42@tiscali.co.uk)

**Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> June Long Walk Henley to Bourne End**

Jill Kendal 01189 722201 [kendalwoodbury@supanet.com](mailto:kendalwoodbury@supanet.com)

**Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> June Discovering Historic Wallingford**

A Study Day organised by Thameside (Wallingford) U3A, Anne Stammers  
Enquiries: [StudyDay@Wallingford-ThamesideU3A.org.uk](mailto:StudyDay@Wallingford-ThamesideU3A.org.uk)

**Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:robin@fordmail.co.uk)

**Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> 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.  
Mary Trout, Reading U3A 01491 682002 [mrytrt@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mrytrt@yahoo.co.uk)

**Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jackie@taylorpost.com)

**FRIDAY, 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> GORING PLANNING MEETING**

10.00 Goring Village Hall - Please put the date in your diary – details to follow.

**Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July Swan Upping at Abingdon + Walk into History**

A morning tour of Historic Abingdon, lunch, followed by the arrival of the Swan Upping  
Details later from Anne Gould, Abingdon U3A [abingdonu3a@gmail.com](mailto:abingdonu3a@gmail.com)

**Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> 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.  
Mary Trout, Reading U3A 01491 682002 [mrytrt@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mrytrt@yahoo.co.uk)

**WEDNESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> - FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> 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 now available.  
Agnes Budagowska 01793 615501 [agnes-bud@supanet.com](mailto:agnes-bud@supanet.com)

[www.u3atvnetwork.org.uk](http://www.u3atvnetwork.org.uk)

END