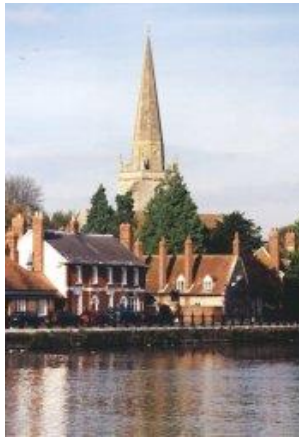


# *ARA Rowing Tour*

## *The Upper Thames*

*Bablock Hythe to Henley*  
*Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2007*



***Abingdon riverside***

Our journey starts at Bablock Hythe, a few miles upstream of Oxford, where there was formerly a ferry. Day 1 takes us through the peaceful Oxfordshire countryside to St. Edwards School boathouse and the Trout Inn, Godstow, where we stop for lunch. In the afternoon we row through Oxford, arriving at the end of the day in the historic market town of Abingdon. Day two takes us through Wallingford, an important Saxon stronghold known as the largest defended Town in the Kingdom of Wessex. We leave our boats at Goring Gap Rowing Club, just past Whitchurch lock and Hardwick House, which was the model for Toad Hall in the Kenneth Grahame's *Wind in the Willows*. Day 3 brings a change of scenery as we row through Reading, home of several high-tech companies, then through the pretty villages of Sonning and Shiplake before reaching our final destination, Henley.

## Provisional Programme

Thursday p.m. 30 Aug	Boats and trailers to Bablock Hythe, unload and rig Trailers to Henley Rowing Club Check in at hotels in Abingdon Dinner
Friday 31 Aug	Row Bablock Hythe to Godstow (13 km, 4 locks) Lunch at the Trout Inn Row Godstow to Abingdon (19 km, 4 locks) Evening free
Saturday 1 Sept	Row Abingdon to Wallingford (20 km, 4 locks) Picnic lunch at Wallingford RC Row Wallingford to Pangbourne (Goring Gap / Oratory School BC) (19 km, 3 locks) Dinner
Sunday 2 Sept	Row Pangbourne to Henley (24 km, 5 locks) Lunch at Henley RC Load boats and depart

## Accommodation

Twin, double or single rooms with en-suite facilities at the Crown & Thistle or Upper Reaches Hotels, Abingdon

## Boats

Many tourers have their own boats, but for those who do not, Weyfarers RC are able to offer approximately 10 seats in touring coxed quads.

## Cost

The price includes:

- 3 nights accommodation (Thursday, Friday, Saturday)
- dinner on Thursday and Saturday evening
- picnic lunch on Saturday and Sunday
- transport to and from boating sites
- tour T-shirt

Provisional cost (may vary depending on number of participants)	£225.00
Non-residential	£70.00
Hire of seat in Weyfarers boat	£15.00

***This year's tour is organised by Weyfarers and Falcon Rowing Clubs.***

# The 14<sup>th</sup> ARA Rowing Tour

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## The Upper Thames from Oxford to Henley

### Please register me for the Tour:

Name: .....

Address: .....

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Tel No: ..... Email: .....

Accompanied by: .....

(rowing/non-rowing) *please delete as appropriate*

ARA number: ..... T-shirt size(s): S / M / L / XL / XXL

### Room requirements (subject to availability):

Single:  Double:  Twin:

Any special dietary requirements: .....

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### Boat (please complete one option):

Own boat name and type: .....

Sharing boat with: .....

I wish to hire a seat in a Weyfarers boat: .....

### Deposit:

Please enclose a cheque for £30 per person, payable to Weyfarers/ARA Tour

### Return form to:

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