

“Sweet Thames”

17th & 18th March at 10.30 – 12.30 on Zoom



Watermen's Cutters, Richmond



MV Havengore



Wildlife on the Thames

Wednesday

Steve Capel-Davies is a river engineer, with strong links to Wallingford Museum. He has had a lifetime's involvement with the Thames, during which time he developed a great interest in all aspects of its history. He has also been involved with the Wallingford Historical and Archaeological Society for more than 30 years. He will set the scene for us, by describing how the Thames has shaped our region.

John Tough will be giving us a history of Tough's Boatyard in Teddington, looking at six generations of the Tough family on the Thames. The yard was involved with the Dunkirk evacuation, built motor torpedo boats during the War, and many motor yachts and commercial vessels, including the MV Havengore that carried Sir Winston Churchill's coffin upriver in 1965.

Thursday

Cliff Colborne is a long-term member of the Thames Traditional Boats Society, and will talk about the development of unpowered boating on this river.

Graham Scholey is the biodiversity technical specialist for the Thames Area Environment Agency. He will be talking to us about the wildlife and ecology of the Thames area, including a discussion of its less visible denizens (fish, invertebrates, otters, etc) as well as the more visible, as they are essential to how the river works.

The cost for the talk is £3 per device. Please book electronically by clicking on the 'TICKETSOURCE' icon immediately below the event on www.u3atvnetwork.org.uk This is by far the best and easiest option. You will receive an acknowledgement immediately and the Zoom link a few days before the event.

If you experience any difficulty, please email the organiser Patsy Thornton, patsy@thorntac.co.uk giving your name and the u3a to which you belong.

Closing date for applications is Wednesday, 10th March

If you have not received the Zoom link by midday on 16th March, please email the organiser as above.

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