

**Issue Four**
**19 February 2009**

## River Thames lock improvement programme

### Winter 2008/09

Locks included on this programme will possibly have delays and those highlighted in **bold** will be completely closed during the dates given.

		<b>Canoe portage with care during closure</b>
<b>Grafton</b>	3 November 2008 to 27 March 2009 Lock chamber and cill refurbishment Tail lock cut bank protection and new tail canoe portage	x
<b>Radcot</b>	2 February 2009 to 13 March 2009 Lock gate re-sheet and pintle inspection	x
Iffley	February 2009 Lock gate walkway repairs	✓
<b>Benson</b>	26 January 2009 to 21 February 2009 New out of hours public power	✓
<b>Shiplake</b>	5 January 2009 to 27 February 2009 Tail lock gate anchor plates Tail pedestal re-siting and new out of hours public power	✓
<b>Marlow</b>	3 November 2008 to 13 March 2009 Tail lock cut bank protection and lock gate re-sheeting Passage possible by appointment, contact the office on 0118 953 5533	✓
<b>Cookham</b>	10 November 2008 to 27 March 2009 Head lock cut bank protection and new out of hours public power	x

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### **Out of hours public power**

We are installing out of hours public power at up to another seven locks this year. This means boaters can operate the lock using half power when the lock keeper is not available to help.

When using the out of hours public power please read the instructions displayed on the pedestals carefully. These instructions can also be downloaded at [www.visitthames.co.uk/winterworks](http://www.visitthames.co.uk/winterworks)

### **Keep up to date**

We make every attempt to get our lock improvement programme to you as early as possible to help you to plan your cruising over the winter. However, this programme is subject to change - for the most up to date version, please see [www.visitthames.co.uk/winterworks](http://www.visitthames.co.uk/winterworks) where you will also find the information displayed on a map.

You can also get the latest information before you go boating, call our Floodline on 0845 988 1188. When prompted select option 1 followed the relevant quick dial number shown below.

River conditions and strong stream	011131
River works and lock closures	011132
River events which impact Navigation	011133

You can also view the current river conditions at [www.visitthames.co.uk/riverconditions](http://www.visitthames.co.uk/riverconditions) where you can also subscribe for email updates.