

Shiplake Outloars Row from Source to Sea



The Shiplake Outloars, a Fixed Seat Rowing Club based in Shiplake, rowed their four oared Jolly Boat Zachary the length of the Thames in May, raising over £3,000 for The Accessible Boat Club, the sister charity of the award winning Rivertime Boat Trust.

The Accessible Boat Club is based at Bisham Abbey and facilitates children and adults with special needs to paddle, sail and drive motor boats on the Thames in a safe environment. The money raised by the rowers will go towards subsidising groups of children from specialist schools so they can also enjoy the river.

During their grueling four day journey, The Shiplake Outloars fielded six crew per day (a rotating cox and rowers), rowed 168 miles from Lechlade to Gravesend and were blessed by a fast stream and perfect rowing conditions.

Organizer Guy Fisher said:- “As a group we have been enjoying rowing for a few years on the Sonning/Shiplake Stretch and rowing the Thames was a perfect way to challenge ourselves and raise some money for the pioneering Accessible Boat Club Charity. As a volunteer for the charity, I’ve seen first-hand the pleasure that people (who can’t normally enjoy the river) get from actually participating in small boats at Bisham Abbey.”

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