

**Issue five
20 January 2010**

River Thames lock improvement programme Winter 2009/10

Adverse weather conditions have caused delays to all construction projects on the River Thames.

		Canoe portage with care during closure
**Shifford	1 February 2010 to 5 March 2010 Replacing the rubbing timbers on the lock walls	x
**Northmoor	26 January 2010 to 27 January 2010 Short term closure. (to pump concrete across the river for construction of new public and relief lock keeper facilities)	x
**†Culham	1 February 2010 to 5 March 2010 Widening the tail layby walkway	x
† Weekend passage with care by prior arrangement, call 01491 828459.		
Whitchurch	11 January 2010 to 29 January 2010 New out of hours public power and hydraulic upgrade	✓
**Blakes	4 January 2010 to 26 February 2010 Refurbishing the head lock gate hollow quoins	✓
**Shiplake	2 November 2009 to 12 March 2010 Replacing lock gates and lock chamber repairs	✓

** Locks with changes since the previous issue.

Cont.

Out of hours public power

We are installing out of hours public power at the final three locks this year, this means all of our electro-hydraulic locks will now have the facility for boaters to 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/usinglocks.

Keep up to date

We send our lock improvement programme to you as early as possible to help you 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 where you will also find the information displayed on a map.

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

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You can also view the current river conditions at www.visitthames.co.uk/riverconditions where you can subscribe for email updates.