



ABINGDON (VALE OF WHITE HORSE) BRANCH

MONDAY 17TH MARCH 2025

DROVERS' ROADS IN OXFORDSHIRE AND BEYOND

SPEAKER : TIM HEALEY



IN CENTURIES PAST DROVERS TOOK CATTLE, SHEEP AND PONIES FROM THE FAR REACHES OF WEST WALES TO LONDON AND THE SOUTH-EAST, PASSING THROUGH OXFORDSHIRE ON THE WAY.

THIS TALK TELLS OF THE WILDERNESS PATHS WHICH THEY FOLLOWED TO AVOID PAYING TOLL GATES.

IT ALSO DESCRIBES DROVERS' LIVES, THEIR FAVOURED INNS AND THE TELL-TALE MARKS WHICH THEY LEFT ON THE LANDSCAPE, INCLUDING ABINGDON WHEN A STIR WAS CAUSED AS THEY DROVE WILD WELSH PONIES THROUGH THE TOWN.

FREE CAR PARK - REFRESHMENTS - SECOND-HAND BOOK STALL - RAFFLE

LONG FURLONG COMMUNITY CENTRE,
BOULTER DRIVE, ABINGDON OX14 1XP

7.30 PM - 9.30 PM

NON MEMBERS WELCOME

£5 PP CASH ONLY