



THE OLD BRIDGE AT RADCOT TODAY

Radcot and its bridges – a mediaeval super hub?

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Radcot has probably the oldest bridge on the Thames. It has had a complex and turbulent history yet has survived in an almost original state far longer than most 13th century structures. The village today is smaller than its mediaeval forebears, yet its pub still appears to be prospering. Radcot has had a number of differing identities. Most have been centred on its bridge and its relationship with road and river. This union has brought prosperity and conflict; the landscape today still bears much evidence of that past. This talk will look at why the crossing place evolved here and different aspects of the history of Radcot, its buildings and the broader factors in the Upper Thames region that influenced its development. Will it survive another 800+ years?

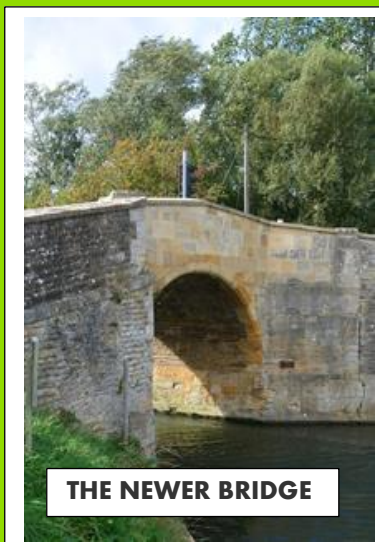
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