



**The Old Timber Framed Houses of Lower Radley
and the people who made and changed them**

Richard Dudding

Richard Dudding's talk is about a group of old houses in Lower Radley (near Abingdon). This is the original part of the village, with a history closely linked to the land. The houses are timber framed, some of cruck construction, and were originally very basic thatched structures. While much changed, their original features are still evident. Built by tenants of the manor they were later sub-divided into tiny labourers' cottages when the manor enclosed the fields. The talk is as much about farming and social change as the houses themselves.

As a follow-up, there will be an opportunity to see the houses at first hand, when Richard leads a guided walk on June 27th. Richard lives in one of the very oldest houses and this sparked his interest in the history of the area, on which he has since written.



Hanne y History Group

8.00 p.m.

**Monday 25th
April**

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**The elms confirm a
date around 1950 in
these views of Lower
Radley, showing
Rose Cottages [left],
Spinney Cottage
[above] and No 35
[top]**