

## STAGE 7.

Stage 7 was walked on Saturday 12th April 2014 from Cookham to Windsor.

The river was now getting wider.



We soon saw Brunel's famous railway bridge, which has the widest span of any brick built bridge in the world. It has been carrying trains on the main line from Paddington for over 150 years.

We reached Boulter's Lock.



We reached Maidenhead bridge.



A plaque described its history.

Large houses were seen on the opposite side of the river, downstream from Maidenhead.



The next lock was Bray lock.



An old church was near the Thames Path.



A rower was seen on the river.



The next lock was Boveney lock.



We passed Windsor Marina.



We passed Windsor racecourse.



We approached Windsor, with the castle in view.



The walk ended by a sports ground, below Windsor castle.



## STAGE 8.

Stage 8 was walked on Sunday 13th April 2014 from Windsor to Chertsey.

We soon reached Romney Lock.



Near the lock, we could see Eton College Chapel in the distance.



As we walked along, we could see Windsor Castle in the distance.



We walked through Datchet with our final views of Windsor castle.



We crossed the river at the Albert bridge.



The next lock was Old Windsor lock.



At Old Windsor, the river was noticeably widening.



From the Thames Path, the Magna Carta memorial in Runnymede could be seen.



We reached Runnymede, with the gatehouses designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens.



We reached Bell Weir lock.



We saw a crew frantically paddling what looked like a Chinese dragon boat.



We crossed the river at Staines bridge.



Near Laleham, we saw some yachts in the river.



The walk ended at Chertsey bridge.



The next lock was Penton Hook lock.



A house with an unusual ornament was seen.



The final lock was Chertsey lock.

