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Channel swimmer swims for Radley Lakes

Fresh from his recent success at swimming the English Channel, Angus McChesney will swim the River Thames through Abingdon on Sunday to celebrate his success and to support the cause of *Save Radley Lakes*.

Not content with his gruelling 12¾ hour swim across the shipping lanes of the English Channel in August, when he collected over £40,000 in sponsorship for a leukaemia charity, Mr McChesney will swim on Sunday September 9th to help the well known local group, *Save Radley Lakes*, to persuade RWE npower not to fill Thrupp Lake at Radley with ash from Didcot power station. Mayor of Abingdon, Councillor Lorraine Oates, will “start the event” at 12.30 p.m. at Abingdon Lock. Towing a dinghy with eye-catching banners, Angus’ swim will proceed past Abbey Meadow, the Nag’s Head Pub, Abingdon Bridge, Abingdon Boat Centre, St Helen’s Church, ending at the Old Anchor Inn on St Helen’s Wharf. A collection will be made to support *Save Radley Lakes*’ Legal Fund. A competition (details on the day) will be held, with prizes.

Recently the power station management has been very successful with ash recycling, so much so that they recycled more than they produced last year, halving the amount of ash stockpiled at the power station. “*The thing I want to persuade the public and RWE npower is that it is no longer acceptable to throw recyclable ash into a lake,*” said Angus McChesney. “*If RWE ruin this lake, during the last few years operation by Didcot A, risking flooding and losing a much loved wildlife resource, they will be doing something which no other major power company in this country finds acceptable. RWE will lose face when people realise that their competitors, Powergen and Eon have policies to avoid such waste.*” Recycling ash at Didcot can save up to 250,000 tonnes of CO₂ each year, says *Save Radley Lakes*: disposing of it as landfill, wastes this opportunity.

Further details may be obtained from Marjorie White, 01235 530174 and 01235 216428. Please see also www.saveradleylakes.org.uk for the latest information on the swim and on the campaign to save Radley Lakes.

Events in Abingdon on Sunday

- 11.30 am: ***Walking the 1556 Boundaries of Abingdon.*** Starting from the Old County Hall and proceeding along St Helen's Wharf to the Ock Valley and then clockwise around old Abingdon. The walk will be started by the Mayor, Councillor Lorraine Oates, and led by Councillor Martin Smith.
- 12.30 pm: **Angus McChesney's swim for *Save Radley Lakes*.** Starts at Abingdon Lock and via Abingdon Bridge to the Old Anchor Inn, St Helen's Wharf
- 2 pm to 4 pm: ***Fun in the Park.*** Abingdon Town Council invite you to their annual event in the park behind Old Abbey House (entrance from Abbey Meadow Car Park or the Cattle Market car park). 21 foot climbing wall, stalls, roundabouts, games, bouncy castle, tug-o-war, brass band, dancing and much more. *Save Radley Lakes* will have stalls at this event and that is where their prizes will be awarded.