

Walton on Thames

On our way down river from Weybridge to Walton we pass Cowey Sale, so named because there was a cattle market there. It is said to be the place where Julius Caesar forded the Thames when he invaded Britain.

There have been six bridges over the Thames from Shepperton to Walton. The latest one, completed in 2013, replaced a “temporary” bridge which had been there since 1999! This bridge had the distinction of being probably the ugliest bridge over the Thames, but the new one is an elegant single span and is also the only parabolic tied-arch bridge without piers across the river. It is painted cream to make it more visible to birds and avoid them flying into it.



Here's an [amateur video](#) of the river, town centre and various pubs.

We stop for our (virtual) lunch at [Walton Rowing Club](#). The new clubhouse was completed in 2010. The club was formed in 1927 and its first President was Steve Fairbairn. Walton has produced several international oarspersons, most notably Steve Trapmore, who stroked the GB Gold Medal 8 at the Sydney Olympics.

