

# BEDFORD AMATEUR REGATTA

**These directions apply to a host of events held on this stretch of the river.**

## **Parking:**

**Please read this carefully – even if you have been to Bedford events before!**

The regatta has battled hard to be allowed to use Council-owned land for parking of trailers and towing vehicles on Longholme Island. As you can appreciate, without this facility it would be impossible to run the event.

They have undertaken to drastically reduce the number of non-essential (i.e. non-towing) vehicles accessing the Longholme area via the little white bridge

**ALL VEHICLES** are advised to avoid Bedford's notorious Saturday traffic by accessing the area via the **A421 Bedford by-pass** and take the **A603** turn into town (map below). Take the Cardington Road into town, past the pyramid-shaped swimming pool and Tesco, **filter into the right hand lane** past Tesco for the A5140 sign towards Cambridge. At the roundabout, **all cars** should take the **third exit for the riverside car park**, just before the A5140 exit. Ample parking is available on the fairground site, bear to the right over the flood defence hump as you enter.

**No vehicles are allowed to park on the grass between the Embankment and the river.**

**PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE** look after The river environment; the Council **WILL** be inspecting the site before, during and after the day and the event may never be allowed to use the site again if damage is caused. The Council have stated that they will use the civil powers in their possession to take action against vehicles parked on the grass verge of the Embankment or any vehicle/person causing damage to the site. They can do this – it's their land and they have plenty of Parking Attendants and Parks Marshals at their disposal. ***Please be warned!!!***

