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FLOODS AFTER THAW

Old Father Thames has taken more than he can hold and now he's all over the place. The rapid thaw after heavy snow brings widespread floods in its wake, and its hard to tell road from river.

Thames Valley has floods most years. This year's effort looks like being the worst since the great floods of four years ago, but here's somebody who isn't worrying. Three years ago plans were worked out to prevent widespread damage. This looks a good time to try them.