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Act Now For Decent Cycle Lanes



Quasi-cycle lanes petering out on the Meadway

The last few issues of Cycle Reading have contained a number of positive articles about the progress that Reading Borough Council has made in starting to take cycling seriously. But perhaps now is the time that 500+ members of Reading Cycle Campaign need to give the Council a strong nudge of encouragement to continue in the right direction.

Recently the Council has been painting edge of carriageway markings on certain roads when they are resurfaced (Peppard Road, Berkeley Avenue and the Meadway). These act as quasi-cycle lanes and RBC is proud to have introduced them. We have been urging them to make these 'cycle lanes' more useful by continuing them where they are needed through road narrowings made by central islands and up to junctions.

Progress of white lining on the Meadway in West Reading has stalled as the Council grapples with the question of what to do at the central refuge island. When we raised this at the October Cycle Liaison Group meeting we were told that this issue was 'being debated' inside the Council.

We assume RBC is reluctant to make a narrow traffic lane past the island, despite the fact that it is perfectly legal for drivers to straddle the dashed lines. The message from RCC is clear: just keep on painting!

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Campaign News



Reading Borough Council (RBC)

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We have also had a number of complaints from Campaign members that cycle lanes are ineffective if parked cars block them. When we relayed this message to the relevant Transport Officer we were told that the Council had received no complaints about cars parked in cycle lanes.

As representatives of the Campaign we can convey our thoughts and opinions to Council officers and Councillors, but to add weight we sometimes need members of the

Cycle Campaign to show there is a groundswell of opinion by contacting the Council directly. We would like RCC members to demand:

1. Cycle lanes should continue through road pinch points and up to junctions
2. Waiting restrictions should be used to stop cars blocking cycle lanes

We need Campaign members to take a stand on this, so help us please by filling in a Complaint Form on RBC's website to make our collective voice heard; it is available via this link: https://secureforms.reading.gov.uk/forms/ShowForm.asp?fm_fid=125, and also from the RCC's website: www.readingcyclecampaign.org.uk and Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/ReadingCycleCampaign.

If we could get just 1 in 10 campaign members to contact the Council, then this would be 50 people contacting RBC directly on a single issue. Imagine the effect if all 500 members of RCC complained.

Why We Don't Like Cycle Lanes on Pavements

Continuing the theme of cycle lanes, the Reading Cycle Campaign has generally pursued a stance that cycle lanes on pavements should only be created as the cycle facility of last resort.

Two recent items in the *Reading Post* went some way to illustrating the problem with pavement cycle lanes. The first was a 'fed-up' driver who wrote to the *Reading Post*



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The Oxford Road cycle path next to Waitrose

complaining that cyclists were using the carriageway on Oxford Road and Portman Road instead of the cycle lanes (i.e. the pavement). The letter writer was extremely peeved that “if we were to clip or knock them off their bikes, we would get the blame”. Have a look at our Facebook Page (the entry dated on 21 October) if you want to see the letter and our response.

Putting cyclists on pavements gives some drivers the impression that cyclists should not be on the road at all and that they are inherently

complicit in any accident that may occur by dint of their very presence on the road.

The second news item illustrated another of the inherent problems with pavement cycleways. This news item concerned a woman who regularly uses the Oxford Road pavement cycle lane to commute to Tilehurst Station. She was knocked off her bike crossing the entrance to Scours Lane.

This was due to illegally parked cars blocking the line of sight. When cycling on a pavement cycle lane

every side road has to be given way to, and if visibility is poor becomes a collision risk.

Maybe not all Campaign members will agree with our stance - certainly if you have young children in tow then it can be reassuring to cycle on the pavement. Other cyclists take the view that all cycle lanes detract from our right to use the road as equals.

We are due to have a (much postponed) workshop with the Council on cycle infrastructure in West Reading - we take on board all comments sent by email or posted on our Facebook Page. If you have a view on pavement cycling lanes in West Reading then let us know.

Reading Leisure Ride Maps

RBC has produced a Reading Leisure Ride map to complement the Cycling in Reading Network Map. Be warned that this is not for those looking for a 100k trip into the Chilterns, but rather a collection of short rides that take in some of our more scenic non-road routes around the Reading area.

The map can be downloaded from: www.reading-travelinfo.co.uk/maps.aspx and we have also added a link under the Maps section of RCC's website.

Keith Elliott
RBC Campaigner



Wokingham Borough Council (WoBC)

The Council have announced two initial uses for the Local Sustainable

Transport Fund grant it received: changes to the Three Tuns traffic lights and ‘personal travel plans’ for residents in Winnersh and workers at Thames Valley Park.

RCC haven't been approached for their comments about any of these initiatives, which is in stark contrast to the consultation that RBC have done.

One member has expressed concern about the westbound A4 carriageway over the railway bridge at the Shepherd's House roundabout as it is narrow and collects water.

If you have any suggestions for improvements, please get in touch (see email address on back page).

Peter Howe
WoBC Campaigner

Other Cycling News

BeSpoke Radio

Perhaps as a sign of the fact that cycling is becoming more mainstream, BBC Radio 5 live is launching its first ever series dedicated to cycling. BeSpoke will be broadcast on Friday evenings at 9pm from 2 November.

Presented by Colin Murray, as well as the latest cycling news and sport, it will cover leisure riding and technical matters too. In a trailer for the programme, Team GB BMX rider Liam Philips took on the Chopper Challenge to see how fast he could pedal around Manchester velodrome - but not on the track!

<http://www.ctc.org.uk/publication/cycle-clips/cycleclips-2-november-2012/5/11/12>

CTC Reveals Biggest Drops in Traffic Policing

Now that police commissioners are elected to give more transparent accountability to local communities the CTC has revealed which forces have made the biggest reductions in traffic policing.

Last month CTC revealed data on traffic police levels in England and

Wales requested on our behalf by Dr Julian Huppert MP, the joint chair of the All Party Cycling Group.

Now those national figures can be supplemented by local data, showing where the decline in road traffic policing has been greatest.

Biggest reductions in traffic police over the last ten years

- 1. Devon and Cornwall Police:** in 2011 this force cut all road traffic policing, dispersing traffic policing to neighbourhood units. Fines to motorists have halved and the force is under pressure after a sharp increase in road deaths in 2012.
- 2. Warwickshire Police:** since 2002 down 76% from over 100 to just 25 officers.
- 3. West Mercia Police:** down 72% from 292 to just 83 officers.

Another 14 forces have seen decreases above the average, including South Wales, Cheshire, the Met, Dyfed-Powys.

Nineteen forces have seen decreases below the average, while seven forces have actually increased the number of traffic police.

Biggest increases in traffic police over last ten years

- 1. Cleveland Police:** this small force has seen a 59% increase, up to 103 officers.
- 2. Nottinghamshire Police:** although numbers are still very small, at just 38 officers, this is over a third more than in 2002, although traffic policing was much stronger 5-6 years ago.
- 3. Merseyside Police:** increased traffic policing by 29% to 161 officers.

<http://www.ctc.org.uk/which-police-force-has-seen-biggest-drop-in-traffic-policing/5/11/12>

Labour Leader Backs Better Roads for Cyclists

“As somebody who is married to someone who cycles a lot in London, it’s important that people have safe places to cycle.”

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Other Cycling News

Miliband's announcement, during a visit to the British Cycling HQ last week, comes soon after the Shadow Transport Minister committed to building separate cycle paths during the Labour Party Conference.

"Safer cycling is a very important issue and it's great that British Cycling is campaigning on it," said the Labour Leader. He added that he fully backs the Shadow Transport Secretary Maria Eagle's proposal that a mandatory cycling assessment should be built into all future transport projects so that cycling is designed into infrastructure, rather than added as an afterthought.

He went on: "As somebody who is married to someone who cycles a lot

in London, my wife Justine, it's incredibly important that people have safe places to cycle. Every incident involving a cyclist, the terrible tragedies that can happen, is a reminder that there is a lot more to do to make cycling safer in our cities."

Finally, speaking on British Cycling's ambition to make the UK a cycling nation to rival countries like Holland, where the average person owns at least one bike and regularly uses it as a form of transport, he said: "It is a sentiment that I strongly support."

<http://www.bikebiz.com/news/read/labour-leader-backs-better-road-conditions-for-cyclists/013877>
5/11/12

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Then write a letter to the Editor, and it will be printed in the next issue.

Remember, this is your newsletter, so why not use it to express your point of view!

We look forward to receiving them!

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Chairman's Letter

Dear RCC members,

Last month we had a meeting in the Global Café, to discuss getting a few new people to help with the committee. Within a few minutes it was obvious we were going to need a proper meeting room, and fortunately we found some space.

People had contacted us expressing an interest in helping us, but quite a few additional people arrived following a last minute email to the membership.

It seems there are a lot of people keen to get involved in the practical aspects of cycle campaigning, which will help enormously.

The same week we met the Council at the regular Cycle Liaison Group, and as they have lots of money to spend, and not much time they have agreed to hold some workshops to get some input into designing useful cycle facilities. We will send out an email closer to the date to remind you, but put the evening of 19 December in your diary.

In addition we may have a regular meeting venue courtesy of one of our members. Historically we meet in people's houses, so it is awkward to invite the whole membership, but if we can sort out somewhere where we can all get together regularly we will

be able to invite people not on the committee.

The good news about the Council, with lots of money and a willingness to listen, might at last be the development of a cycle friendly Reading. At least between now and 2015 when the money will have run out, and it is unlikely we will get much more in the foreseeable future.

Despite £25,000,000 sounding like a huge amount of money it won't go far. The revamp of Town Hall Square will take nearly half a million, without actually providing any new facilities other than a few cycle stands. Of course it is almost impossible to cycle to the Town Hall from the west or the south; the Butter Market is effectively a dead end to northbound cyclists, although many end up on the pavement for the last 50 metres or so, and of course Friar Street is one way, so you have to make a bonkers detour round to the station and up around Valpy Street. We pointed this out, and they agreed to have a look at it, so there is a bit of value in the transport planners asking us, as they would never have realized that there was a problem. The change though is that they are listening, but we will of course have to wait and see if it actually comes to something.

In the last newsletter we proudly proclaimed the proposed cycle lanes on Reading Bridge, but it is no surprise that they haven't happened. The report that gave the Council the power to make the change was couched in weasely terms such as "subject to traffic counts" so instead of rushing out and painting the lanes they are still doing the research, and if the traffic counts don't add up, we don't get the cycle lanes. This is what really maddens me, it is as if cyclists just don't count: provide some new lanes and the number of people crossing the bridge might stay the same, only many of them will be on bikes, freed up from the terror of commuting over Reading bridge.

Meanwhile of course our weather has become more and more peculiar, drought in April, floods in the summer and of course that mother of all storms, Hurricane Sandy. All weather reporters keep saying that events like these are not directly attributable to Climate Change, but I bet in 50 years our kids will be saying "What were you thinking? You should have been getting people out of cars" (and of course all sorts of other things too).

The money we have to spend is called the Local Sustainable Transport Fund. Cycling should be right at the top, and

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Chairman's Letter

the Council should be hell bent on making cycling an attractive option for a lot more people.

We are still having to press them to make even the simplest of changes. They will however be pressing ahead with the hire bike scheme, despite nobody actually wanting it. When you think about it the main beneficiaries will be people who come to Reading, not the people who live here, which is bizarre when the people who vote for the politicians who make these decisions really won't get much benefit. It certainly isn't a vote winner. The scheme won't work if there isn't a safe network to ride on and the plans to create one that will make it a success are still embryonic at best.

You may have seen the BBC Politics Show a few weeks ago, where the journalists came to Reading to look at the scheme, and the critical thing that they identified was the lack of a cohesive network. Councillor Page was on the telly too, saying how they were working with cycling groups, which at the time was stretching the truth.

Simple things we have asked for have been repeatedly denied us. It is as if we have some ulterior motive, we want to unseat them. We do of course; we want to vote for people who will make Reading better for people to ride their bikes about. It is so bad at the moment that confident and experienced cyclists routinely interpret the road system without much regard to the rules of the road, and Councillor Page ranted against people who behave this way at the Transport Users Forum. This is a bit rich, as the one and only time I saw him ride a bike he used the pavement and jumped the lights.

Don't any of you follow his example: stick to the Highway Code and remember red means stop. We don't want to give anyone any excuses to let the climate spin out of control for a bit of abuse of the rules of the roads. That would be silly!

Adrian Lawson
Chairman



Adrian Lawson

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Our Mission



- To campaign for better facilities for cyclists in Reading, in particular a network of safe cycleways linking residential, industrial and commercial areas, and giving access to the town centre.
- To work with Sustrans, the Cyclists' Touring Club (both locally and nationally) and others interested in promoting cycling and the well-being of cyclists.
- To identify the needs of cyclists in Reading, for example the location of safe and secure parking, and to campaign for their provision.
- To work with and advise local authorities and, where necessary, criticise and highlight their shortcomings.

Point of View

I admit I don't ride my bike very much. This is due to a lack of self-confidence in my ability to balance (I fall off at least once every journey), but also because of the lack of consideration there seems to be from other road users.

As a nervous rider, it is very disconcerting to have a white van drive up your backside and then hoot very loudly, just for the pleasure of seeing you jump. This is also aggravated by cars cutting in front of you too early after they have passed you (usually with not enough room), or people opening their doors to get out just before you go past them.

I come from a family that has Dutch roots, so you'd think I should find it easy to ride a bike. I still remember the time I visited my cousin in The Hague. I arrived at the train station with two heavy suitcases and all she had to greet me was one bike! 'Hop on!' she said, pointing to the rack positioned above the back wheel. Since balancing is not my strong point, bouncing on the back of a rickety bike with two suitcases and negotiating the tram lines was a journey to remember.

Yet Holland seems to be totally geared up for bikes. I noticed that nobody seemed to be wearing any helmets, and children were perched precariously either in front of or behind their parents, miraculously balancing with effortless ease. This was probably because nobody sensed any danger would happen to them, as the positioning of the cycle lane within the road layout and the materials it was constructed from, rendered it totally safe.

The Dutch roads have cycle lanes incorporated into them. Even the drains seemed to be situated within the curbs to avoid an uncomfortable ride. After the last World War, when a lot of cities had to be rebuilt, the Dutch made a conscious effort to include provision for cycling within their infrastructure, resulting in an increased level of cycling safety.

There is a similar article in the RCC's Facebook Page about cycling in Berlin, claiming it to be the safest city for cycling in Germany, possibly in Europe. The whole city has been adapted for bikes, and this has been extended to the other transport systems, such as trams and trains. If we Brits want to take

our bike on the train, we are usually turned away as there doesn't seem to be any provision for them any more.

In this country we don't seem to have a bike mindset. Recently there have been national news stories about bike accidents, notably Bradley Wiggins near his home town in Lancashire, and a few hours later his personal coach Shane Sutton, with both parties ending up in hospital. It seems that the general motorist is not geared up to coping with or looking out for push-bike cyclists, let alone motorcycles.

Do you remember the government broadcasts 'Think Bike' on the TV? These were principally created for motorcyclists, but why can't this be adapted for ordinary cyclists, who are more invisible and extremely vulnerable due to the lack of protective clothing and the fragility of the steed they are riding.

Only the other day I saw a lorry drive too closely to a cyclist, who had no chance screaming at the driver as he was drowned out by the engine's roar. It was a very near thing, and the cyclist was understandably excused for the

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language he used, considering his life probably flashed before his eyes. The lorry was long gone, probably unaware of the danger he had just caused, and leaving a wobbly aftermath in his wake.

I admit I am principally a car driver, since I have to make journeys that would take too long by bike. When I am travelling along roads, I am aware of the provision of other road users, the lines on the road and the width available to us. This is particularly prevalent in Berkshire's country roads, which are usually dominated by the yummy mummy in her 4x4 Chelsea tractor hurtling

down the middle of the road at 90mph, mobile phone clamped to her ear, totally unaware of ordinary cars swerving out of her way into the nearby hedge. Any cyclists encountering her malice would have not stood a chance.

I also notice when there are cycle lane white line markings on the road and when they are 'forced' onto the pavement to share with pedestrians. When I jog on the Oxford Road, I sometimes use that 'cycle path' and note that the white lines are almost obliterated by wear and the undergrowth as it encroaches out to reclaim the path.

I also note where the pavement chicanes around a roundabout to make a cyclist's life extremely difficult, as seen on Tilehurst Road, and when the cycle path's white lines disappear when a pedestrian crossing looms - are cyclists expected to also disappear at this point?

I certainly appreciate how difficult it is to be a cyclist nowadays on Britain's roads, and detest miscreant pavement cyclists that abuse their position by almost colliding with you on the pavement, causing some near misses on many occasions.

Alice Elliott

Have you visited our Facebook Page?

Our Facebook Page is a thriving entity - when was the last time you took a look at the shared articles and discussions?

Reading Cycle Campaign
Yesterday

and from Anthony Stansfeld, Conservative PCC candidate: I appreciate your concern, especially with the high profile bicycling accidents over the last few days. The police can only do so much. Councils have as much responsibility as Police, and also cyclist themselves. The police already give this considerable priority. I can certainly meet up with you if elected.
Peter (WBC)

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Paul Gittings He deserves to lose a lot of people's votes but sadly will probably win..
Yesterday at 19:47 · Like

Jez Gowland Ha ha - I love the fact he thinks we suddenly care about cycling safety as Bradley Wiggins and Shane Sutton got knocked off... err... hello I'm getting near misses weekly and have been knocked off twice - thanks Anthony but no thanks!
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CTC Bike Rides Listings

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Date	Destination	Start	Leader	Lunch	Miles	Information
Sun 2/12	Shalden Green (S)	09:15 Earley	John Lomas 01344-420031	Avenue Nurseries 186/693438	45	One stop, moderate
Sun 2/12	Exlade Street (N)	10:00 Fountain	Sel Dixon 954 6306	Highwayman 175/660819	25	Off road
Sun 2/12	Exlade Street (N)	10:00 Fountain	Nick Clark 07866 033 638	Highwayman 175/660819	20	Very leisurely
Tue 4/12	Crazies Hill (NE) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM	12 NOON	Horns 175/799809			
Wed 5/12	Sherborne St John (S)	11:00	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Swan 175/626553	50	Meet 10:30-11:00 Café Active, Spencers Wood
Wed 5/12	Tilehurst (W)	19:30 Fountain	Karen Blofield 07771-800883	Royal Oak 175/662740	15	Off road
Wed 5/12	Tilehurst (W)	19:30 Fountain	Richard Pearson	Royal Oak 175/662740	15	Moderate
Sun 9/12	CHRISTMAS LUNCH RIDES TO NEW INN. KIDMORE END FOR 13:00-13:30 Please email karenrobertson1@hotmail.co.uk by 18:00 Friday 7th if lunching so that the pub can be advised of numbers					
Sun 9/12	Morning Ride (N)	09:00 Fountain	Martin Soanes 948 4057	Return to Reading before lunch 175/784843	20	Off road
Sun 9/12	Kidmore End (N)	09:15 Earley	John Lomas 01344-420031	New Inn 175/699793	25	11's GC E of Reading leis/ moderate
Sun 9/12	Kidmore End (N)	09:15 Theale	Simon Bird 07846 219114	New Inn 175/699793	40	Moderate non-stop
Sun 9/12	Kidmore End (N)	10:00 Fountain	Al Neal 967 9666	New Inn 175/699793	20	Off road
Sun 9/12	Kidmore End (N)	10:00 Fountain	Michael Lehnehan 947 6947	New Inn 175/699793	15	Easy Off road
Sun 9/12	Kidmore End (N)	10:00 Fountain	John Hammond 07818-400440	New Inn 175/699793	12	Leisurely
Tue 11/12	Little London (SW) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM	12 NOON	Plough 175/621597			
Wed 12/12	Reading 'Caversham' (N)	11:30 Fountain	James Hilling 07787 535656	Fox & Hounds 175/716747	15	Off road
Wed 12/12	Reading 'Caversham' (N)	19:30 Fountain	Simon Bird 07846 219114	Fox & Hounds 175/716747	23	Brisk
Sat 15/12	Bina Tandoori	Fox & Hounds, Caversham	Sel Dixon 954 6306	Off road Christmas Party & awards		
Sun 16/12	Pamber End (SW)	09:15 Earley	Lesley Adams 988 3044	Elm Park Gdn Ctr Cafe 175/612587	40	One stop - mince pies at Lesley's pm
Sun 16/12	Sonning Eye (E)	11:00 Fountain	Ian Doyle 07974-409607	Flowing Spring 175/747767	15	Off road - hangover ride
Wed 19/12	Reading (S)	19:30 Fountain	Malcolm Fleming 986 4166	Lyndhurst Arms 175/723733	15	Off road
Wed 19/12	Reading (S)	19:30 Fountain	Richard Pearson 07930-548379	Lyndhurst Arms 175/723733	15	Moderate
Wed 19/12	Fifield (E)	11:00	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Fifield Inn 175/908764	55	Meet 10:30-11:00 Henley Rowing Museum Cafe
Sun 23/12	Peasemore (W)	09:30 Theale	Clive & Nora Gordon 942 5371	Fox & Hounds 174/4577	35	Moderate
Sun 23/12	Runnymede (E)	10:00 Dinton	Chris Rutter 961 9781	Magna Carta Tea Room	40	Brisk
Sun 23/12	Chazey Heath (N)	10:00 Fountain	Ian Doyle 07974-409607	Pack Saddle 175/695772	20	Off road
Wed 26/12	Chieveley (NW)	10:00 Fountain	Lesley Adams 988 3044	Old Red Lion 174/475738	40	One stop Boxing Day ride moderate
Sun 30/12	Henley	09:00 Fountain	John Hammond 07818-400440		25	Leisurely (some rough stuff) back by 1pm
Sun 30/12	Windsor	09:15 Earley	Martin Lindupp 986 3583	Chocolate Theatre Cafe bar	50	One stop mod/brisk
Sun 30/12	Watlington (N)	10:00 Fountain	Brian Maunder 01491-573722	Carriers Arms 175/692945	40	Moderate
Tue 01/01	White Waltham (E)- MEET FOR LUNCH FROM	12 NOON	Beehive 175/850773			
Wed 02/01	Stanford Dingley (W)	11:00	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Old Boot 174/577713	55	Meet 10:30-11:00 Café Mortimer
Wed 02/01	Reading 'Caversham' (N)	19:30 Fountain	Martin Soanes 948 4057	Crown 175/712746	15	Off road

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Date	Destination	Start	Leader	Lunch	Miles	Information
Wed 02/01	Reading 'Caversham' (N)	19:30 Fountain	Sean Hayden 07801-414707	Crown 175/712746	20	Brisk
Sun 06/01	Bagnor (W)	09:15 Fountain	Allan Adams 988 3044	Blackbird 174/454693	50	11's Hermitage GC
Sun 06/01	Newbury (W)	10:00 Theale	Clive & Nora Gordon 942 5371	Lock Stock & Barrel 174/471671	30	Leisurely
Sun 06/01	Gallowstree Common (N)	10:00 Fountain	Phil Allen 948 3454	Reformation 175/689802	20	Off road
Tue 08/01	Riseley (S) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON	- Bull 175/721632				
Wed 09/01	Reading (S)	19:30 Fountain	Sel Dixon 954 6306	Allied Arms	15	Off road
Wed 09/01	Reading (S)	19:30 Fountain	Paul Irving 967 7931	Allied Arms	18	Moderate
Sun 13/01	West Wycombe (NE)	09:15 Fountain	Martin Lindupp 986 3583	Garden Centre Cafe 175/827947	50	One stop ride
Sun 13/01	Benson Marina (NW)	10:00 Fountain	Steve Conway 375 9932	Riverside Café 175/613917	35	Moderate (some hills)
Sun 13/01	Binfield (E)	10:00 Fountain	John Singleton 07813-818719	Jack O'Newbury 175/845718	25	Off road
Sun 13/01	Binfield (E)	10:00	Richard Underwood 986 2444	Jack O'Newbury	25	Leisurely
Tue 15/01	Checkendon (N) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON	- Black Horse 175/667841				
Wed 16/01	Odiham (S)	11:00	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Bell 186/743509	60	Meet 10:30-11:00 Café Active, Spencers Wood
Wed 16/01	Earley	19:30 Fountain	Angus Mitchell 07794301935	Roebuck 175/7472	15	Off road
Wed 16/01	Earley	19:30 Earley	Nick Clark 07866 033 638	Roebuck 175/7472	20	Moderate
Sun 20/01	Henley	09:00 Fountain	John Hammond 07818-400440		25	Leisurely (some rough stuff) back by 1 pm
Sun 20/01	Hermitage (W)	09:15 Fountain	Ian Walker 07913-513733	Hilliers Garden Centre 174/500729	45	One stop mod/brisk
Sun 20/01	Kidmore End (N)	10:00 Fountain	Darren Lumbroso 07709-086189	New Inn 175/699793	20	Off road
Tue 22/01	Aldworth (NW)- MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON	- Four Points 174/554788				
Wed 23/01	Reading 'Caversham' (N)	19:30 Fountain	Phil Allen 948 3454	Gardeners Arms 175/716761	15	Off road
Wed 23/01	Reading 'Caversham' (N)	19:30 Theale	Simon Bird 07846 219114	Gardeners Arms 175/716761	23	Moderate
Sun 27/01	Morning Ride (N)	09:00 Fountain	Martin Soanes 948 4057	Return to Reading before lunch 175/784843	20	Off road
Sun 27/01	Overton (SW)	09:15 Earley	Allan Adams 988 3044	Pub - to be determined	50	11's quick roadside stop
Sun 27/01	Aston (NE)	10:00 Fountain	Steve Conway 375 9932	Flower Pot 175/784843	35	Moderate (some hills)
Sun 27/01	Stratfield Saye (S)	10:00 Earley	Richard Underwood 986 2444	Iron Duke 175/682616	25	Leisurely
Sun 27/01	Minley Wood & Ash ranges	Train assist	Dave Keeble 07816 679453	Pub en-route	25	Off road. 10.03 from Reading towards North Camp
Tue 29/01	Burghfield Bridge (SW) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON	- Cunning Man 175/681707				
Wed 30/01	Hailey (N)	11:00	Morris Dowding 989 0326	King William IV 175/643858	55	Meet 10:30-11:00 Herb Farm Café, Sonning Common
Wed 30/01	Reading (S)	19:30 Fountain	Martin Pearce 07919 448 148	Horse & Jockey 175/709730	15	Off road
Wed 30/01	Reading (S)	19:30 Fountain	Paul Irving 967 7931	Horse & Jockey 175/709730	18	Moderate
Sun 03/02	Binsted (S)	09:15 Earley	Martin Lindupp 986 3583	Cedars 186/772410	50	11's Redfields GC
Sun 03/02	TBC	10:00 Fountain	Paul Roberts 986 8470		20	Off road
Sun 03/02	Rotherwick (S)	10:00 Fountain	Mike Lingham 947 5480	Coach & Horses 175/7156	35	Leisurely/Moderate
Sun 03/02	Swallowfield (S)	10:00 Earley	Richard Underwood 986 2444	Crown 175/712746	20	Very leisurely
Tue 05/02	Waltham St Lawrence (E) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON	- Bell 175/8377				
Wed 06/02	Reading 'Woodley' (SE)	19:30 Fountain	Peter Nightingale 932 0297	Thatcher's Tavern 175/75723	15	Off road
Wed 06/02	Reading 'Woodley' (SE)	19:30 Earley	Leader required	Thatcher's Tavern 175/75723	18	
Sun 10/02	Cuddesdon (N)	09:15 Fountain	Mike Hardiman 9793147	Bat & Ball 164/598028	55	Mod/brisk, 11's Ewelme
Sun 10/02	Little London	10:00 Earley	Rob Butler 986 2008	Plough	30	Leisurely
Sun 10/02	Rotherfield Greys (N)	10:00 Fountain	Elliot Dean 07879-647681	Maltsters Arms 175/823726	25	Off road
Sun 10/02	Rotherfield Greys (N)	10:00 Fountain	Sarah Parish 07584 579515	Maltsters Arms 175/823726	15	Easy Off road
Tue 12/02	Rotherwick (S) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON	- Coach & Horses 175/7156				
Wed 13/02	Silchester (SW)	11:00	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Calleva Arms 175/628621	60	Meet 10:30-11:00 Arcade Café, Pangbourne
Wed 13/02	Reading (S)	19:30 Fountain	Al Neal 967 9666	Rose & Thistle 175/703732	15	Off road
Wed 13/02	Reading (S)	19:30 Fountain	Nick Clark 07866 033 638	Rose & Thistle 175/703732	18	Moderate
Sun 17/02	Hungerford (W)	09:15 Theale	Chris Rutter 961 9781	Tutti Pole cafe 174/3368	60	Brisk
Sun 17/02	Little London (SW)	09:15 Earley	John Lomas 01344-420031	Plough 175/621597	45	Moderate, 11's Odiham
Sun 17/02	Checkendon (N)	10:00 Fountain	Becky Patterson 948 3454	Black Horse 175/667841	25	Off road
Sun 17/02	Little London (SW)	10:00 Earley	Richard Underwood 986 2444	Plough 175/621597	30	Leis/ mod
Tue 19/02	Woolhampton (W)- MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON	- Rising Sun 174/586667				
Wed 20/02	Reading (E)	19:30 Fountain	Ian Doyle 07974-409607	Jolly Anglers 175/727735	15	Off road
Wed 20/02	Reading (E)	19:30 Dinton	Simon Bird 07846 219114	Jolly Anglers 175/727735	20	Moderate
Sat 23/02	Off-road weekend tour	23rd & 24th	Sel Dixon 954 6306	Details to follow		Off road
Sun 24/02	Henley (N)	09:00 Fountain	John Hammond 07818-400440	Return in time to join the curry at 1:30pm	25	Leisurely (some rough stuff) back by 1pm
Sun 24/02	Reading	09:15 Fountain	Lesley Adams 988 3044	Standard Tandoori 1.30pm	40	Curry ride, 11's Henley. Names to Lesley by 22/02
Tue 26/02	Woodcote (NW)- MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON	- Red Lion 175/644820				
Wed 27/02	Lewknor (N)	11:00	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Olde Leathern Bottel 165/715975	60	Meet 10:30-11:00 Henley Rowing Museum Café
Wed 27/02	Reading (S)	19:30 Fountain	Paul Roberts 986 8470	Foresters Arms 175/703728	15	Off road
Wed 27/02	Reading (S)	19:30 Fountain	Ian Swan 07766 244 816	Foresters Arms 175/703728	18	Brisk

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