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Campaign Diary

The new cycle and pedestrian bridge over the Thames opened at the end of September. Situated between the two existing road bridges it offers an off-road alternative to the existing river crossing.

Reading Cycle Campaign joined up with the Bike Kitchen to mark the occasion by organising a leisure ride that started with a mass cycle crossing of the new structure.

Adrian Lawson takes up the story...

Bridge Opening Ride

On the last weekend in October we had a joint ride with the Bike Kitchen to have a look at the new bridge and then head off to The Cuning Man at Burghfield.

After meeting up in the Bike Kitchen, where we could pump up our tyres and brew tea, I said a few words welcoming everyone. We had about 35 people, which was better than the turnout to our previous ride (to the East Reading Carnival) where I was the only one!

We had intended to have a group of people who wanted to stay clear of the roads, as we often get asked if we could put on a ride that avoided traffic altogether.

A show of hands told me that everyone was happy to ride across town and go and see the new bridge, by way of the new railway underpass where we are not allowed to ride.

continued >>

Bridge Opening Ride



<< We rode through the underpass anyway through which there was as usual hardly anybody walking. We all rang our bells and the four people who were walking grinned as we passed by.

We then negotiated Vastern Road and the alleyway to the towpath (where we are allowed to cycle, but where there really is a bottleneck) and then over the bridge. There we skilfully and courteously weaved in and out of

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Campaign News



the pedestrians and dogs until we got into the park and stopped for a chat and a picture (see above).

At this point we split up.

One group took a relatively relaxed route along the canal to the pub.

The rest of us headed north towards Mapledurham. We had a bit of a disaster with a rider getting a serious asthma attack.

Most of us hung around at Goring Heath, standing with our bikes in the sun chatting, till we got everyone together again.

The long ride split to head out via Upper Basildon and some hills, whilst

my group and our poorly rider headed to Pangbourne and the train station.

Then via Sulham Lane, Pincents Lane, Fords Farm and Calcot we rode to the pub too.

It was a great day out, and I was pleased to ride with such a mixed bunch of folk and all sit around together for Sunday lunch.

We had some new riders and some really experienced ones too. All of us managed to share our day out.

Thanks to everyone who came along, and we will definitely do this again!

Adrian Lawson



Reading Borough Council (RBC)

RCC Meets With RBC

Cycling campaigners met with RBC on 7 October. The Council were represented by Cllr Tony Page, Cris Butler (engineer) and Chris Maddocks (Transport Planner). This was a long wait after the Town Centre Routes Meeting last January that had felt so positive at the time.

A presentation was given on Travel Trends into Central Reading which showed a small increase in cycling over the years. Reading has a total of only 3% of trips by cycle into the central area (defined by the IDR), which is much lower than Oxford, but comparable with much of outer London and many other UK towns.

By comparison 32% were pedestrians and 27% travelled by bus, with about 30% by train. The low cycling level unfortunately seemed acceptable to Cllr Page. The figures also showed 1,192 public cycle spaces within the central area, including the station, with 868 being used. *continued >>*

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Campaign News

<< Cllr Page informed us that RBC were proposing to allow cycling at all times along the whole of Broad Street. There will be a public consultation on this proposal and cyclists' support would be welcome.

RCC suggested that some changes to street layout would be desirable, as the layouts in most of Broad Street appear to have been made to make cycling difficult, the Council's position is that this would be better discussed if and when the current cycle ban is removed.

A workshop on Oxford Road is also planned for early 2016.

No progress had been made on the town centre proposals that RCC made at the special meeting in January, other than the Broad Street cycling consultation mentioned above. Not even the incorrect and missing signs at the Market Place and Town Hall Square and Queens Walk had been rectified,

let alone progressing our numerous suggestions of contra-flows and route improvements.

Worse still Cllr Page had no proposals to review or progress any of these items, even when repeatedly pushed and offered our assistance! Considering the importance of trying to improve cycling in the town centre, this lack of commitment is highly unfortunate.

The Napier Road underpass is under conversion and should be open in the New Year, a significant step after all the years of waiting.

The situation regarding cycle lanes in Wokingham Road was raised by RCC. Cllr Page confirmed that these were to be removed in conjunction with road resurfacing. On the general issue of cycle lanes he said no action or decision had been made on the future implementation of (on carriageway) cycle lanes. He was pressed on this lack of decision, as the Reading Cycling Strategy, if

followed correctly, was suitable. Again there was a frustrating reluctance to make any commitment or progress.

The lack of adequate side-road and entrance crossings for the shared path in Portman Road was raised by RCC, but the Council made no commitment to take any action.

The RBC cycling map is to be reprinted, so any updates or corrections should be forwarded to Chris Maddocks as soon as possible. The next Forum is to be in Feb/March 2016.

Stop Press: Last Minute News

Regarding West Berks cycle routes in the Reading outskirts, if any of you have any suggested improvements or route additions and/or can come on some route investigations, please email John Lee at rbc@readingcyclecampaign.org.uk.



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Jean Cronin, Kent



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Campaign News Membership

Also I have just returned from the Traffic Management Sub-Committee. The consultation on cycling in Broad Street West will also include the option to ban all Broad Street cycling! We obviously need to campaign strongly on this issue. Cllr Jones in particular needs to be lobbied!

You can contact Cllr Jones here: <http://www.reading.gov.uk/CllrTonyJones?sendtoid=2260&formid=2509> or email tony.jones@reading.gov.uk.

John Lee
RBC Campaigner



Wokingham Borough Council (WoBC)

WoBC is drawing up detailed plans for cycle lanes along Wokingham Road (A3290) from Winnersh crossroads through to the Woosehill roundabout.

The lengths from Woosehill to Old Forest Road look quite consistent, although the existing pedestrian islands may lead to gaps in the lanes because the road isn't wide enough.

From Old Forest Road to Winnersh the lanes will be very patchy - again largely because of islands and junctions.

WoBC are reluctant to spend much money in this area because there will be major changes when the junctions for the Winnersh Relief Road and the Northern Distributor Road are added.

I hope that the whole design will be improved when those roads are added; adding cycle lanes at that stage will encourage traffic to use the relief road rather than continue through Winnersh.

The only other major scheme I'm aware of is the housing development around Hogwood Farm.

If you hear of other planning applications where we could get better cycle facilities, please contact me at wbc@readingcyclecampaign.org.uk.

Peter Howe
WoBC Campaigner

Online Membership

Reading Cycle Campaign will soon be moving to using an online membership system to save on the administrative load on the committee. We will be using a service provided by Paysubsonline <https://paysubsonline.com/SubsHome.aspx>

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- Sending personalised group emails to members will be quicker and easier.
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- The committee will not have to process individual payments.

... which give us much more time to make Reading More Cycle Friendly!

If you have any comments or questions contact the membership secretary on membership@readingcyclecampaign.org.uk, phone 0118 986 0230 or via any member of the RCC committee.

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The Campaign Counts

It seems like a long time since Bike Week in June; however that's when our band of volunteer enumerators took to key junctions scattered around the Reading area to count cyclists on their morning commute.

The Reading Cycle Campaign's annual Cycle Census counts the number of cyclists entering 27 junctions during the morning rush hour (7:30 - 9:00am). The census has taken place on the third Tuesday in June every year since 1994 to provide a unique dataset of cycle statistics for our town.

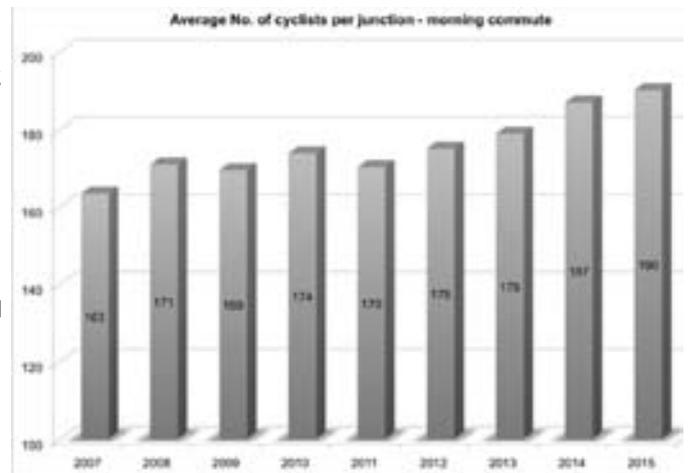
The count for 2015 saw a continued modest upward trend in the number of cyclists on the road based on the average number of cyclists across the counted sites.

This year we saw a significant dip in the number of people using Reading Bridge,

which may have been due to the bridge strengthening works that took place over the summer, and a big increase in the number of cyclists using the Town Hall/Market Place route.

In 2016 we will need to take into account the new route across the river created by the recently opened cycle/ pedestrian bridge.

It will be interesting to see how this diverts cyclists from the existing road bridges and also whether it generates more cycle journeys across the river.



Undertaking the census is a 'big ask' for a voluntary organisation and thanks again go to our loyal counters and to the census organiser Bruce Main.

Keith Elliott

Chairman's Letter

Dear RCC members,

A while back a young lad had his bike pinched. I probably hear about a bike being pinched two or three times a week. People come into the Bike Kitchen to tell us, and then buy another. And a lock.

Luckily, and unusually, this bike was found in a few days. It was valuable and distinctive, and pinched by some lowlife as an opportunistic theft. It was almost destined to be spotted soon, and it was.

Part of the reason it was was the great cycling community. Almost 8,000 people viewed the page on Facebook where a picture of the bike was published. That photo was shared hundreds of times. Although the finder didn't know the young lad who lost the bike, they were connected by being cyclists.

I don't like to use the word cyclists much of the time. It has connotations of enthusiast, which I try to avoid. I would like it if people were all treated the same regardless of which mode of transport they choose.

I saw a report a while ago that a cyclist had mugged a person and stolen something from them. In reality it was just a person on a bike, but the journalist chose to describe him as a cyclist, further besmirching the image of people on bikes. But the truth is that we are all a great community and perhaps there is something to be explored here.

I often feel a bit beleaguered, especially when talking to the Council or the Press or non-cyclists.

Many years ago I got stopped in an office by an obviously clever woman. She was a senior member of staff, who took me to task over the behaviour of cyclists she had seen, as if I was somehow responsible for them, and could actually do something about it. It surprised me, but it has happened countless times since. People who don't ride bikes look at cyclists as a collective.

The local BBC radio and TV journalists used to (and sometimes still do) have a rant about cyclists every time they interviewed me, which totally put me

off being interviewed by them. Instead of interviewing me they used me to have a go at all cyclists.

Tony Page, the deputy leader of Reading Borough Council, has made the same mistake in every meeting of the cycle forum.

But there is a very nice side to this. We often go for rides together. We sit in cafés together, we sometimes chat at traffic lights. Train passengers apparently never do spontaneously chat. Car drivers can only do so on their mobiles.

And we often look out for one another. I actually have a pump and a puncture repair kit in my car, and have occasionally stopped and helped out a cyclist. Many cyclists have stopped to help me. Last time I got a puncture a guy on a motorbike stopped to help me. He rode a bicycle too.

Cyclists are great at rising to the support of others online, and collectively campaigning against injustices.

Chairman's Letter



Adrian Lawson

When a young cyclist died a few years ago, 200 cyclists followed him to the crematorium. The power of that event was enough to persuade a nurse who had cared for him in his final moment to take up cycling, despite the horror she had witnessed.

So while this is a great thing it might not be helping, at least not locally. We are seen as troublesome, a nuisance, anarchic even.

Here's where we could get useful though. The Council can't bring itself to take space away from drivers. The recent debacle on Lower Henley Road and Wokingham Road, where the Council put cycle lanes too close to parked cars, could have been easily avoided if the Council removed the car parking. They didn't because they feared the negative publicity. They fear the backlash from the motorists, who really almost never come together collectively, other than to sit in great queues of cars and then complain about cyclists causing congestion.

If the Council had removed the parking on these two roads, they would have been able to create marvellous cycle facilities that would have been well received and genuinely useful. Instead the facility was not safe for cyclists to use. A bit of pressure and the Council capitulated and removed them, wasting yet more money.

It grieves me to rejoice at the Council removing a cycle lane, but it was marginally better to do that than have a lane in the door zone of parked cars. It is simply spiteful to remove them when they could quite simply introduce the

buffer zone. After all, it is what they recommended in their own Cycle Strategy.

But if we can create more noise than drivers ever could, we might be able to make the Council take us more seriously.

In the near future there will be a consultation exercise carried out by Reading Borough Council on the use of Broad Street by cyclists.

If Broad Street had been shared-use from the outset, and if the Council hadn't cluttered it up with rocks and stuff, we could have had a great east-west route. They didn't and we have had friction for years, because cyclists have always used it, pedestrians have always been irritated by us using it, and the alternatives are less pleasant, less attractive and less safe.

I don't particularly like shared-use facilities, where cyclists and pedestrians are expected to mix, but as the Council is so reluctant (at the moment!) to take space away from drivers, let's see if we can make a huge impact.

When the Council carries out the consultation, could you respond in favour of permitting cyclists along the whole length? Could you email your local Councillor? Could you email the *Chronicle*? Could this amazing community of people, brought together because they ride a bike, make a huge impact at the Council?

I know that the pedestrians, drivers and bus passenger communities don't have the same feeling of togetherness. Pedestrians rarely help out other pedestrians. Drivers seldom stop for other stranded drivers. Bus passengers don't even talk to one another. Whereas we cyclists could be a massive force if we all did a little bit.

I don't know if you know, but Reading Cycle Campaign is the fourth largest local cycle campaign in the UK. We have more members than campaigns in many of the UK's cities.

I would love to mobilise the membership to actively take some positive steps and make the decision makers in Reading sit up and realise that we are actually a force.

All it would take is a tiny bit of time.

Adrian Lawson
Chairman

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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.

Cycle Lanes and Advance Stop Lines

Cycle Lanes and Advance Stop Lines Design Guidance

The provision of cycle lanes (on the carriageway) is one of the simpler, cheaper and more common forms of cycling facilities. (Note, all cycle lanes are on the carriageway, otherwise they should technically be called cycle tracks or shared paths). It is common and appropriate practice that Advance Stop Lines (ASLs) are provided at traffic signals in conjunction with cycle lanes.

There are two types of cycle lane: 'Mandatory' (for motor vehicles to keep out, not for cyclists to use) which have a solid demarking line, and 'Advisory' which are described in Rule 140 of the Highway Code as "Do not drive or park in a cycle lane marked by a broken white-line unless it is unavoidable."

Because of the need to prohibit parking in Mandatory lanes, it is more common for Advisory lanes to be used. This is sometimes because parking is not an issue, but can happen because of the difficulty of obtaining the Traffic Orders to ban parking because of what may be 'valid' objections from fronting properties or shops.

But it could be argued that no objection should over-rule cyclists' safety. Part-time Mandatory lanes can be implemented, which can be useful to allow peak hours with no parking. Outside these hours there could be greater problems for cyclists with no facility.



The provision of adequate width cycle lanes and maintaining the lanes' continuity over side roads and entrances are often problems both for the designer and the user. 1.5m or wider lanes are generally recommended in highways guidance, with wider lanes being more comfortable for cyclists, providing

wider 'buffer' zones between them and motorists. Also, wider lanes allow easier and safer overtaking in the lane by cyclists.

Narrow cycle lanes have often been criticised for being unsafe, but (perhaps surprisingly) there is no evidence to prove this. One viewpoint is that motorists may tend to follow the cycle lane marking rather than watch out and give space to cyclists.

On the other hand most motorists will be further from the kerb and so more able to avoid cyclists in the cycle lane. All cycle lanes are likely to reduce the general traffic speed slightly, as narrower vehicle lanes have been shown to reduce traffic speeds.

Cycle lanes can be segregated from general traffic by islands, which gives greater safety and security for cyclists, and is also welcomed by drivers, who are frequently confused by cyclists' manoeuvres.

The lanes can be continued in front of side-road junctions with markings which help warn motorists of cyclists' presence. Beware though: most cycle and other traffic collisions take place in the vicinity of road junctions.

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Cycle Lanes and Advance Stop Lines



'jump' traffic queues, and stop in a visible and so safer place at the front of the queue. A major problem with ASLs is that cyclists can easily put themselves in the 'blind spots' of HGVs, even with their numerous mirrors.

Design guidance has changed from the original 3-5m deep ASL to 5m or even more subject to the Department for Transport and Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directives to help counter this. Many 7m deep ASLs are being introduced in London to help cater for heavy cycle flows.

Design options and the knowledge base are continually expanding with research and trials of road layout, marking and signing options. Recent reports from the Transport Research Laboratory on different experimental aspects of cycle lanes at junctions and cycling at roundabouts are available on the following link:

<http://www.trl.co.uk/solutions/sustainability/cycling/safer-cycling-innovations/segregated-cycle-lanes/>

John Lee

removal of parking, but where they run outside parking then care and additional space, normally with buffer zones, should be provided.

Advance Stop Lines (shown above) are waiting areas for cyclists at the front of a traffic signal queue. Motor vehicles

are required by law to stop at the additional 'first' stop line, the lines being the legal 'signal'.

ASLs were originally introduced in Oxford in the 1970s to assist right turning cyclists, but it was soon found that they could usefully help cyclists

Events Round-Up

Reading Town Meal

Rounding off a really good summer of events including the East Reading Festival held in Palmer Park and Caversham Festival in Christchurch Meadows we recently teamed up with Reading Bike Kitchen (RBK) for this event.

Reading Town Meal is a community-run event which was developed by Food4Families, a local organisation that celebrates and promotes home grown and locally produced food with a broad approach to sustainability incorporating economic, health and well-being, community capacity and resilience, and carbon reduction.



On the day a delicious meal was cooked by Reading College catering students using locally grown produce

all donated by allotment holders and home growers served free to over 1,000 people.

Forbury Gardens was filled with lots of great family activities and plenty of yummy food stalls all with locally grown and homemade produce.

RCC and RBK were within the community group section and had a continual flow of interested people all day - and signed up over a dozen new members. The autumn sunshine and excellent music from local bands kept our spirits up - along with all the homemade cake and cider!

Karen Robertson
Events Co-ordinator

CTC Bike Rides Listings

The quarterly CTC rides leaflet has been discontinued, but the rides are listed in this newsletter and are updated online. Please ALWAYS check the CTC website at <http://www.readingctc.co.uk/rides> for additions and changes.

Date	Destination	Start	Leader	Lunch	Miles	Information
Tue 1 Dec	Whistley Green (E) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Elephant and Castle (175/792742)					
Wed 2 Dec	Hambleden (NE)	10:30 Sonning Common	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Stag & Huntsman (175/785866)	30	Meet 10:30 – 11:00 Sonning Common Herb Farm Cafe
Wed 2 Dec	Reading (S)	19:30 Fountain	Jim Thompson 07906 164 486	Rose & Thistle (175/703732)	15	Offroad
Wed 2 Dec	Reading (S)	19:30 Fountain	Paul Irving 07909 528 722	Rose & Thistle (175/703732)	23	Moderate
Sun 6 Dec	Clarcken Green (Oakley)	09:00 Earley	Lesley Adams 988 3044	Beach Arms (185/565504)	45	Mod one stopride to buffet breakfast (£3.99)
Sun 6 Dec	Morning Ride (N)	09:00 Fountain	Martin Soanes 948 4057	Return to Reading before lunch (175/784843)	25	Offroad
Sun 6 Dec	Exlade Street (N)	10:00 Fountain	Sel Dixon 954 6306	Highwayman (175/660819)	30	Offroad
Sun 6 Dec	Chieveley (NW)	10:00 Theale	Nora & Clive Gordon 942 5371	Old Red Lion (174/475738)	30	Leisurely
Tue 8 Dec	Reading (E) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Reading College Kitchen (175/726733)					
Wed 9 Dec	Hannington (SW)	10:30 Mortimer	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Vine (174/540552)	30	Meet 10:30 – 11:00 Mortimer Bakery Cafe
Wed 9 Dec	Reading (E)	19:30 Earley	Simon Bird 07846 219114	Eldon Arms (175/725732)	23	Moderate
Wed 9 Dec	Reading (E)	19:30 Earley	Ian Swan 07766 244 816	Eldon Arms (175/725732)	25	Brisk+
Wed 9 Dec	Reading (E)	19:30 Fountain	Al Neal 967 9666	Eldon Arms (175/725732)	15	Offroad
Sun 13 Dec	ALL RIDES TO THE NEW INN AT KIDMORE END FOR THE CHRISTMAS LUNCH					
Sun 13 Dec	Kidmore End (N)	09:30 Earley	Rachel Edwards 986 7855	New Inn (175/699793)	35	Moderate pick up Dinton 10-00. 11's Henley
Sun 13 Dec	Kidmore End (N)	10:00 Fountain	Al Neal 967 9666	New Inn (175/699793)	20	Offroad - short. Club Christmas lunch
Sun 13 Dec	Kidmore End (N)	10:00 Fountain	TBC	New Inn (175/699793)	25	Offroad - long. Club Christmas lunch
Sun 13 Dec	Kidmore End (N)	10:00 Fountain	Jenny Forkes 967 4154	New Inn (175/699793)	15	Christmas lunch. Very leisurely
Tue 15 Dec	Little London (SW) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Plough (175/621597) (N) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Shepherds Hut 175/639919					
Wed 16 Dec	Hurley (NE)	10:30 Harehatch	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Rising Sun (175/827834)	30	Meet 10:30 – 11:00 Harehatch Sheeplands Garden Centre
Wed 16 Dec	Caversham (N)	19:30 Fountain	Sel Dixon 954 6306	Fox & Hounds (175/716747)	15	Offroad
Wed 16 Dec	Caversham (N)	19:30 Fountain	Greg Daniels 07954415180	Fox & Hounds (175/716747)	20	Moderate/Brisk - Hilly
Sat 19 Dec	Offroad Christmas Party & Awards TBC					
Sun 20 Dec	Bagnor (W)	09:15 Fountain	Mike Hardiman 9793147	Blackbird (174/454693)	50	Moderate/brisk, 11's Rainforest
Sun 20 Dec	Arborfield Cross (SE)	09:30 Earley	Joe Edwards 986 7855	Henry Street GC (175/7586)	35	Leis/mod. Post ride sherry & mince pies chez Edwards
Sun 20 Dec	tbc	10:00 Fountain	tbc	pub en route	25	Offroad
Tue 22 Dec	Checkendon (N) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Black Horse (175/667841)					
Wed 23 Dec	Little London (SW)	10:30 Theale	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Plough (175/621597)	30	Meet 10:30 – 11:00 Theale La Baguetterie
Wed 23 Dec	Reading (S)	19:30 Fountain	Malcolm Fleming 986 4166	Lyndhurst Arms (175/723733)	15	Offroad
Wed 23 Dec	Reading (S)	19:30 Fountain	Charles Redfern 07932 042 324	Lyndhurst Arms (175/723733)	20	Moderate
Sat 26 Dec	Little London (SW)	10:00 Fountain	Lesley Adams 988 3044	Plough (175/621597)	35	Moderate Boxing day ride. No food at pub. Post ride at Sharon & Steve's
Sun 27 Dec	Henley (N)	10:00 Fountain	Sean Hayden 07801 414707	Catherine Wheel (175/762827)	25	Leisurely
Tue 29 Dec	Winnersh (E) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Wheelwrights Arms (175/787717)					
Wed 30 Dec	Frieth (N)	11:00 Henley	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Prince Albert (175/798907)	30	Meet 10:30 – 11:00 Henley Catherine Wheel
Sun 3 Jan	Wallingford (N)	09:15 Fountain	Karen Robertson	Pub TBC	35	Mod/brisk one stop
Sun 3 Jan	TBC	10:00 Fountain	TBC	pub en route	25	Offroad
Sun 3 Jan	Newbury (W)	10:00 Theale	Nora & Clive Gordon 942 5371	Lock Stock & Barrel (174/471671)	30	Leisurely
Tue 5 Jan	Burghfield Bridge (SW) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Cunning Man (175/680707)					
Wed 6 Jan	Heckfield (S)	A11:00 Beech Hill	Morris Dowding 989 0326	New Inn (186/725603)	30	Meet 10:30 – 11:00 Beech Hill Church Cafe
Wed 6 Jan	Reading (S)	19:30 Fountain	Richard Turner 945 3260	The Butler (175/709735)	15	Offroad
Wed 6 Jan	Reading (S)	19:30 Prospect Park	Tony Rodriguez 07825 213 637	The Butler (175/709735)	22	Moderate/Brisk
Sun 10 Jan	Morning Ride (N)	09:00 Fountain	Martin Soanes 948 4057	Return to Reading before lunch (175/784843)	25	Offroad
Sun 10 Jan	Shalden Green (S)	09:15 Fountain	Sean Hayden 07801 414707	Avenue Nurseries (186/693438)	60	Brisk, one stop
Sun 10 Jan	Watlington	09:15 Fountain	Mick Simmons 954 3537	Cafe/pub	45	Moderate, 11's Ewelme
Sun 10 Jan	Hailey (N)	10:00 Fountain	Steve Conway 375 9932	King William IV (175/643858)	25	Leisurely
Sun 10 Jan	TBC	10:00 Fountain	TBC	pub en route	30	Offroad
Tue 12 Jan	Kidmore End (N) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - New Inn (175/699793)					
Wed 13 Jan	Ewelme (N)	10:30 Sonning Common	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Shepherds Hut (175/639919)	30	Meet 10:30 – 11:00 Sonning Common Herb Farm
Wed 13 Jan	Caversham (N)	19:30 Fountain	Ian Doyle 07974 409607	Gardeners Arms (175/716761)	15	Offroad
Wed 13 Jan	Caversham (N)	19:30 Fountain	Simon Bird 07846 219114	Gardeners Arms (175/716761)	21	Moderate
Sun 17 Jan	Cuddesdon (N)	09:15 Fountain	Mike Hardiman 9793147	Bat & Ball (164/598028)	55	Moderate/brisk, 11's Ewelme
Sun 17 Jan	Windsor	09:30 Dinton	Joe Edwards 986 7855		40	Moderate
Sun 17 Jan	Riseley (S)	10:00 Earley	Richard Underwood 986 2444	Bull (175/721632)	25	Leisurely

CTC Bike Rides Listings

Date	Destination	Start	Leader	Lunch	Miles	Information
Sun 17 Jan	TBC	10:00 Fountain	TBC	pub en route	30	Offroad
Tue 19 Jan	Hazeley Heath (S) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Shoulder of Mutton (175/743592)					
Wed 20 Jan	Sherfield on Loddon (S)	10:30 Mortimer	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Four Horseshoes (175/680579)	30	Meet 10:30 – 11:00 Mortimer Bakery Cafe
Wed 20 Jan	Reading (S)	19:30 Earley	Steve Albon 07801 287 616	Castle Tap (175/7097)	23	Moderate
Wed 20 Jan	Reading (S)	19:30 Fountain	John Singleton 07813 818719	Castle Tap (175/7097)	15	Offroad
Sun 24 Jan	Windsor	10:00 Dinton	Sean Hayden 07801 414707		40	Brisk
Sun 24 Jan	Rotherfield Greys (N)	10:00 Fountain	Cath Meak	Maltsters Arms (175/726824)	30	Offroad
Sun 24 Jan	Sherborne St John (S)	10:00 Fountain	Mike Lingham 947 5480	Swan (175/626553)	35	Leisurely/moderate, birthday ride
Tue 26 Jan	Hurst (E) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Green Man (175/800740)					
Wed 27 Jan	Waltham St Lawrence (E)	10:30 Hare Hatch	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Bell (175/8377)	30	Meet 10:30 – 11:00 Hare Hatch Sheeplands Garden Centre
Wed 27 Jan	Woodley (E)	19:30 Fountain	Peter Nightingale 932 0297	Shepherds House (175/753740)	15	Offroad
Wed 27 Jan	Woodley (E)	19:30 Fountain	Tom Walton-Evans	Shepherds House (175/753740)	20	Leisurely - Hilly
Sun 31 Jan	Bramley (S)	09:30 Earley	Lesley Adams 988 3044	Bramley Bakery Cafe (175/656594)	40	Moderate, one stop
Sun 31 Jan	Knowl Hill (E)	10:00 Earley	Richard Underwood 986 2444	Bird in Hand (175/8279)	30	Leisurely
Sun 31 Jan	Gallowstree Common (N)	10:00 Fountain	Phil Allen 948 3454	Reformation (175/689802)	25	Offroad
Tue 2 Feb	Grazeley (SW) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Old Bell (175/6918567270)					
Wed 3 Feb	Mortimer (S)	10:30 Theale	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Horse and Groom (175/655645)	30	Meet 10:30 - 11:00 Theale La Baguetterie
Wed 3 Feb	Reading (S)	19:30 Fountain	Paul Mattingly 07976 796 217	Ale House (175/716734)	15	Offroad
Wed 3 Feb	Reading (S)	19:30 Prospect Park	Tony Rodriguez 07825 213 637	Ale House (175/716734)	22	Moderate/Brisk
Sun 7 Feb	Watlington (N)	09:15 Fountain	Jackie Leslie 969 2549	Carriers Arms (175/692945)	45	Moderate
Sun 7 Feb	Henley (N)	10:00 Fountain	Steve Conway 375 9932	Catherine Wheel (175/762827)	25	Leisurely
Sun 7 Feb	TBC	TBC	Sel Dixon 954 6306	pub en route	35	Offroad tour - bunkhouse accommodation
Tue 9 Feb	Woodcote (NW) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Red Lion (175/644820)					
Wed 10 Feb	Hermitage (W)	10:30 Pangbourne	Morris Dowding 989 0326	White Horse (174/504729)	30	Meet 10:30 – 11:00 Pangbourne Costa
Wed 10 Feb	Tilehurst (W)	19:30 Fountain	Martin Pearce 07919 448 148	Butchers Arms (175/669743)	15	Offroad
Wed 10 Feb	Tilehurst (W)	19:30 Theale	Simon Bird 07846 219114	Butchers Arms (175/669743)	22	Moderate
Sun 14 Feb	Frieth (N)	09:30 Fountain	Joe Edwards 986 7855	Prince Albert (175/798907)	40	Moderate
Sun 14 Feb	Little London (SW)	10:00 Earley	Richard Underwood 986 2444	Plough (175/621597)	30	leisurely/mod
Sun 14 Feb	TBC	10:00 Fountain	TBC	pub en route	30	Offroad
Tue 16 Feb	Mortimer (S) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Horse and Groom (175/655645)					
Wed 17 Feb	Sherborne St John (S)	10:30 Beech Hill	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Swan (175/626553)	30	Meet 10:30 – 11:00 Beech Hill Church Cafe
Wed 17 Feb	Earley (SE)	19:30 Earley	Ian Swan 07766 244 816	Roebuck (175/743726)	25	Brisk+
Wed 17 Feb	Earley (SE)	19:30 Fountain	JD 07917 063231	Roebuck (175/743726)	15	Offroad
Wed 17 Feb	Earley (SE)	19:30 Fountain	Mark Hoyle 954 5453	Roebuck (175/743726)	20	Moderate
				Return to Reading before lunch	25	Offroad
Sun 21 Feb	Morning Ride (N)	09:00 Fountain	Martin Soanes 948 4057	(175/784843)		
Sun 21 Feb	Shalden Green (S)	09:15 Earley	Erica Johnson 966 6913	Avenue Nurseries(186/693438)	45	Moderate one stop
Sun 21 Feb	Checkendon (N)	10:00 Fountain	Richard Underwood 986 2444	Black Horse (175/667841)	25	Leisurely
Sun 21 Feb	Kingwood (N)	10:00 Fountain	Elliot Dean 07879 647681	Unicorn (175/701818)	25	Offroad
Tue 23 Feb	Waltham St Lawrence (E) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Bell (175/8377)					
Wed 24 Feb	Goring (NW)	10:30 Sonning Common	Morris Dowding 989 0326	John Barleycorn (174/5980)	30	Meet 10:30 – 11:00 Sonning Common Herb Farm
Wed 24 Feb	Reading (S)	19:30 Fountain	Jason Pyke 07932 652368	Foresters Arms (175/703728)	15	Offroad
Wed 24 Feb	Reading (S)	19:30 Fountain	Richard Pearson 07930 548379	Foresters Arms (175/703728)	14	Moderate
Sun 28 Feb	Caversham	09:15 Fountain	Lesley Adams 988 3044	Standard Tandoori	30	Moderate Curry ride. 11's Ewelme. Bookings to Lesley by 26/02
Sun 28 Feb	Ash ranges & Minley Wood	10:00 Fountain	Dave Keeble 07816 679453	pub en route	30	Offroad - Train assist
Sun 28 Feb	Charter Alley (SW)	10:00 Fountain	Mike Lingham 947 5480	White Hart (174/595577)	40	Leisurely/moderate

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7.30pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month:

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