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There are many common issues shared between cyclists and pedestrians.

In the past the RCC committee has considered how we can work more effectively on common problems with pedestrians, but as there are no formal active pedestrian groups in Reading, no progress has been made.

This article has been written to identify some of the common ground in the hope that individual and other active resident groups can join with us in pushing the Council for better conditions.

Some of the main issues are as follows:

- **Speeding traffic:** Inappropriate speed of vehicles is a problem and danger to cyclists and other road users. We encourage the use of 20mph limits and zones on roads in residential areas and in shopping areas. Reading has some 20mph zones, but there is scope for far more.
- **Speed tables:** Slower traffic at road junctions by the use of speed tables, raised table entry treatments, and raised junction tables.

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As well as slowing traffic at the most dangerous locations these will also assist pedestrians to cross roads.

- **Sharper corner radii at road junctions:** This helps slow down turning traffic making crossing the junction shorter and safer for pedestrians and cyclists, whether by use of a cycle lane (in the carriageway), a shared path or footway.
- **Pedestrian or shared crossings adjacent to road junctions:** Too often crossings are moved 20 metres or more from a junction making pedestrians, and any cyclists wanting to use the crossing, go further than necessary. It also

makes the provision of cycle crossings more difficult.

- **Stopping illegal parking:** Parking near junctions and on busy roads frequently causes problems for cyclists. It can also make it more difficult for pedestrians to cross roads.
- **Footway parking:** This can often be a problem for pedestrians, particularly those with buggies, wheelchairs etc. It can also be a problem for cyclists, either by encouraging vehicles to speed or by having obstructive half-parking where none should exist.
- **Inappropriate shared use paths:** Cyclists and pedestrians both

prefer to have their own surfaces where this is possible to provide.

- **Shared use guidance and publicity:** There is scope for us to help generate and circulate/publicise good practice for all users of shared paths.

Are there pedestrians and disability campaigners reading this who we could work with? Please let us know your thoughts and ideas of where and how we could work together more effectively by emailing rbc@readingcyclecampaign.org.uk. RCC are keen to build alliances with other groups where we have common concerns and objectives.

John Lee



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Campaign News



Reading Borough Council (RBC)

Autumn Report

The Traffic Management Sub-Committee (TMSC) on 14 June had a number of items of interest to cyclists. There was also a Cycle Forum Meeting on 12 July. The new chair for these meetings is Cllr Debs Absolom, who does cycle and appears to be taking an interest in cycling issues.

TMSC 14 June

- Cycling Strategy and Implementation Plan - Not much new here, but a confirmation of Town Centre signing improvements, NCN422, cycle training, EMPOWER and ReadyBike.
- Thames Path Consultations - Agreement to proceed with Cycle Track Act orders subject to the necessary approval of the Secretary of State for Planning.
- Bi-Annual Waiting Restriction Review - This covered proposals for yellow lines in many locations, including the Henley Road, where RCC had raised the issue of parked cars in the cycle lanes. Public consultation will soon take place on the proposals.

- Vastern Road roundabout by Reading Bridge - Pedestrian crossing consideration. But as we now know, it is the worst cycle collision location in Reading! (See Cycle Forum).
- Requests for new traffic management measures - It is intended that councillors and members of the public and organisations, including RCC, will be able to request traffic management measures in future. Something that we will have to seriously consider and prepare appropriate information for reports to the TMSC!

Cycle Forum 12 July

- EMPOWER - This EU funded local project to encourage cycling is progressing and has received some good local publicity.
- Town Centre signing - There seems to be little progress to date in the signing corrections and improvements that were promised by RBC, and RCC and others requested action.
- NCN 422 - Work is well under way with Phase 1 from the western borough boundary by New Lane Hill to Berkeley Avenue being virtually completed; feedback is welcome. The proposed route alignment for the central section is to be via Berkeley Avenue, The Oracle, Kennetside and Watlington Street. A route along the

Bath Road from Berkeley Avenue into the town centre could be an alternative route when funding allows. Apparently revised consultation plans should be available in late July. The Phase 3 east of the Royal Berkshire Hospital is proposed to be via Erleigh Road then Eastern Avenue and Whiteknights Road, but the option of London Road and Wokingham Road has not been discounted. Again RBC will be consulting on this later this year, with RCC likely to be invited to meet to discuss the proposals.

- Cow Lane bridge - The roadworks should start soon after the Reading Festival. The Oxford Road study will then be reconsidered when the bridge is open and new traffic patterns established.
- Vastern Road roundabout by Reading Bridge - It had been noted that www.crashmap.co.uk showed that this new junction is now the worst for cyclists in Reading. Details of the seven individual collisions during 2015-2016 were requested, and for the subject to be brought back to the next Forum. RCC had strongly objected to the layout of the roundabout, saying that it ignored the principles for considering cyclists at roundabouts, and had requested changes.

John Lee
RBC Campaigner for RCC

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Campaign News



Wokingham Borough Council (WoBC) Trials and tribulations of Chapter 12

Wokingham Borough Council (WoBC) has submitted its planning application to itself for the Arborfield Relief Road and the comments I made during consultation have been ignored.

I will single out Chapter 12 of the application, which suggests that Swallowfield Road is a poor route for cyclists when in reality it is an attractive country road with less traffic than the alternatives. It is a useful route for getting from Wokingham to Swallowfield, Grazeley and Stratfield Saye and even Wokingham Bikeathon uses it in their event aimed at people who cycle infrequently.

Chapter 12 goes on to suggest that the proposed route to cross the Relief Road for people walking or cycling along Swallowfield Road will be to go along the shared use pavement for a

couple of hundred metres, up to the new bridge and then back down to Swallowfield Road on the other side. This is an increase in distance of about a factor of ten so would be a significant severance of a walking/cycling route.

Chapter 12 views this as negligible! The chapter was prepared by WSP (the transport consultant that WoBC regularly use), so if any of our members works there I would be happy for them to forward my views to whichever of their colleagues is responsible. I look forward to hearing from them.

WoBC has also consulted on its Air Quality Action Plan for Wokingham and Twyford. It is about as ambitious as our current Government expects one to be so is unlikely to achieve much.

However, I fully support the proposal to investigate a 20mph speed limit in Wokingham centre, and to review on-street parking. The high off-peak traffic speeds and sporadic on-street parking in Wokingham Town Centre make it unwelcoming to people who cycle.

The final WoBC consultation was on the first stage of South Wokingham Distribution Road, which crosses the Waterloo to Reading railway from Montague Park. The proposal is for shared-use foot/cycle ways on both

sides of the road. Because of the bridge, I am slightly concerned that people cycling are likely to be going fast on the downhill sides, which will lead to conflict with people walking.

However, I expect few people will choose to walk along the road so I didn't oppose the design. A better solution would have been an on-road cycle lane on the downhill sides of the bridge.

I also wrote to The Wokingham Paper following a rant from one of their regular correspondents about how congestion is all the fault of people cycling. He demanded cycling on the pavement, in direct opposition to the usual letters in local papers! Please let me know of any negative letters about cycling and I will respond (it would be great if you do too).

That brings me to my final note. Thanks to the campaign members who've got in touch about my last couple of articles and also to the one who has written to Matt Rodda (new MP for Reading East) about cycling in Woodley. Making Wokingham Borough cycle-friendly will take a lot of work, and the more people involved the faster it will happen.

Peter Howe
WoBC campaigner for RCC

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East Reading MRT

Mass Rapid Transit or Messing-Up Reading's Thames?

Local councils and business organisations are proposing to spend about £20million to build a cross town route for buses from near Reading station and bridge, past Tesco and over a new bridge at the Kennet, beside the Horseshoe Bridge, on to the A329 at Thames Valley Business Park. A segregated cycle track and foot-way are also included in the proposals. A car park for 277 cars is proposed by the riverside at the end of the A329 link.

Some will say what is the point of this scheme, can't the money be better spent? Is the MRT a Messing-up Reading's Thames, by adversely affecting the limited green space alongside the river?

The new elevated road/busway would be adjacent to the river near Kennet-mouth and the 'green' riverside path. Getting motorists out of their cars is laudable, but are there better ways than continuing to subsidise them at vast expense with schemes like this?

There is already a shared cycle and footway along the route, which could be improved, but it is a reasonable route for most users, and provides a

pleasant ride alongside the river. The Horseshoe Bridge is somewhat of an impediment, but as a listed 'building' it is difficult to make significant changes. Improved lighting and maybe CCTV could help anyone travelling when dark.

What is the point of the MRT; surely travellers from Wokingham and Bracknell would be better using the trains? Or they have the option of the Loddon Valley Park and Ride? There are already buses using plentiful bus lanes in King's Road which speed buses along most of the route.

Admittedly, changes to the London Road east of Cemetery Junction would be useful to all. Why not make two lanes outbound at least for half of the length to the Sutton's A329 roundabout, and with additional traffic signals at the roundabout to help move traffic out of town? Local buses could stop at the proposed park and ride site, but use the existing route into town. These measures would help reduce queuing traffic and pollution. They could also be carried out independently of and before any new bus road.

Relocating buses from King's Road and onto the new route would deprive Reading College, Cemetery Junction area residents, and Royal Berkshire

Hospital users of many of the bus services that they currently have. Are these negative impacts factored in?

There are about 10,000 vehicles a day accessing Reading from the east. Does this scheme, with only 277 parking spaces make a sufficient alleviation of existing traffic? Also the proposed time saving of 5-10 minutes is probably taken by parking, waiting and alighting a bus.

The Cross Rail extension lies along this route as does the Waterloo line via Wokingham. A new small station at Thames Valley Business Park on either of the lines could provide a better service, be more cost effective and cause less environmental damage.

Now if we had £20million to spend on cycling improvements in Reading what a change we could make! Unfortunately we are told that most small schemes are 'not affordable'. But a big scheme with £10million on infrastructure and 50,000 free bikes could surely get more than 277 cars off the roads?

If the MRT is to be built then cyclists and pedestrians should be provided for, but are they just being used as an excuse for an unnecessary bus road? Also, if the route is provided wouldn't it be preferable to let the emergency services use it?

Your letters

Got any comments, feedback, points of view or experiences to share with RCC readers?

You have? 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! In the past this newsletter had a thriving Letters Page, so it would be good to revive it again.

We look forward to receiving your contributions! Email newsletter@readingcyclecampaign.org.uk

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Updating Our Records

It is important you let us know as soon as possible if any of your details change, such as if you get a new email address.

This newsletter is now delivered via email, unless you have told us you prefer to have a paper copy, and then we deliver to the street address we were last told about.

Please email any changes (name, email, address) to the Membership Secretary on membership@readingcyclecampaign.org.uk or write to 206 Waverley Road, Reading RG30 2QG.

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Chairman's Letter

Dear RCC members,

I hate cyclists on the pavement. I hate them on the towpath and I hate them in pedestrianised areas.

There. I've said it.

I don't hate the people forced to ride their bikes there, I hate the fact that this is where cyclists have to ride for their own safety or comfort.

I do it all the time. I routinely cycle through Broad Street and Queen Victoria Street and the Oracle riverside, and I love to ride down the towpath into town. I rarely ride on shared use pavements, but I do occasionally (the route to the hospital is one I use from time to time).

I also walk in all those places and I don't like cyclists who pass me too close, ring their bells and expect me to jump out the way, or who ride towards me at speed and try and squeeze past.

The fact is cyclists and pedestrians don't mix well, and due to the lack of space in a town where the car is king and the bus is queen, the easiest option is often to provide for cyclists in places where they won't interfere with our transport royalty.

Some of the difficulty is caused by behaviour. I am both a selfish pedestrian and a selfish cyclist.

When I walk I want cyclists to ride carefully around me.

When I cycle I want drivers to drive carefully around me. I don't find it all that hard to do it.

If I ride along the towpath I can easily slow right down, even engage in a bit of banter with pedestrians. If I drive I am more than happy to sit behind a cyclist (sometimes to the obvious disgust of a following motorist).

It is amazing how drivers can follow a whole bunch of other drivers nose to

tail at less than walking speed without questioning whether the person in front has paid enough tax, or if their journey is important. But put them behind the same person choosing a self propelled lightweight mobility device and they simply must get in front.

The Council (and it isn't just RBC, Oxford has much more infrastructure, many many more cyclists, but the standard of design of the average cycle facility is only very marginally better than Reading's) must be seen to do something to encourage people to ride a bike.

So their default option is to put us on the pavement. Ironically one of the biggest problems for the Oxford Road community is cyclists on the pavement, almost exclusively caused by impatient drivers trying to drive along a narrow cluttered route which is far too narrow to pass a cyclist safely. It doesn't take a transport scientist much bother to see where cyclists are going to ride.



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Jean Cronin, Kent

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Chairman's Letter



Adrian Lawson

Don't forget that most people I have met through the Reading Cycle Campaign ride out of choice. For a great many people the bicycle is their only option.

Try doing three jobs on the minimum wage in different parts of Reading and having a family to provide for. You can't walk everywhere, the bus fare will soon eat into your earnings, and you certainly can't afford a car, and if you also happen to live in a small rented property anywhere between the town

centre and Tilehurst, a bike isn't just a sensible choice, it is a vital one.

If you then have to make a journey into and out of town a few times a week along the Oxford Road you sure as hell won't persist on the road, in the rain, in the dark, with the way some drivers use that road. So the pavement is the best alternative.

Of course there are selfish cyclists who care for no-one but themselves, and the immigrant father on his way to one of his low paid jobs in a shop somewhere will be tarred with the same brush, no matter how polite and careful he may be.

And placing cyclists on the pavement makes it worse for cyclists both ways. Pedestrians hate those that brush past too close, drivers hate those that don't use it, so after the Council has introduced a new scheme, cyclists are the losers.

So, that is why spending half a million pounds to put cyclists on the pavement on route 422 of the 'National Cycle Network' infuriates me.

Adrian Lawson
Chairman

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Is your membership up-to-date?

We are in the process of transferring our membership system online, using a system called 'Paysubsonline'. Members paying their subscriptions annually will be getting an email in the coming months with a link to the new system.

Meanwhile, it would be very helpful if you could give us your most recent contact details, in particular your email address. Otherwise it will be difficult to email this newsletter and any other important information to you!

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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, Cycling UK (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.

Thames Path - The Right To Cycle



The proposal to make the Thames Path an official cycle track was approved by Reading Council's Traffic Management Sub-committee in June.

Although there were objections, John Lee from RCC spoke in favour and none of the Councillors on the

committee opposed the plan, no doubt swayed by the large majority of respondents to the consultation supporting the proposal.

Thanks to all our members and supporters who contributed to the consultation.

Reading Council has now submitted the proposal to the Secretary of State for approval.

Once it is approved we can start working with the Council on how to make the best use of the path for cyclists to share with pedestrians.



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Horseshoe Returns To Reading Station



Last December we welcomed the removal of the 'Horseshoe Taxi Rank' by the southeast approach to the station forecourt, which allowed cyclists to reach the station forecourt without

being forced to weave between arriving and departing taxis. After the removal the taxi drivers protested, the Council duly listened, and since July the taxis have been back in the horseshoe.

It has been suggested that elderly and disabled people getting off the Heathrow bus and other services on that side had a very long way to walk to get a taxi, hence a relaxation of the original plan.

However, Lead Councillor for Transport Tony Page has said that "the horseshoe taxi rank remains a temporary arrangement and the Reading Taxi Association is clear that is the case."

If the rank is necessary, then what is the long term plan we wonder? Perhaps the Heathrow bus could be moved to the more spacious north side of the station and the current bus lay-by used for additional cycle parking?

Keith Elliott
RCC Secretary

Belles On Bikes



Belles On Bikes is an all-women supportive cycling group that has been pedalling for a few years now. Our aim is to encourage new cyclists to become intermediates, to get fitter and join in our longer rides.

We push off on Sundays at 10am from the entrance to Palmer Park Stadium. We are very lucky to be able to borrow bikes and helmets from the stadium, something which has been a great success in helping women 'give it a go'.

Throughout the summer we are running Saturday morning beginners' skills sessions, to take advantage of the good weather and people's willingness to get on two wheels.

We use 'Meet Up' to post ride updates: www.meetup.com/Belles-on-Bikes - so why not register and come along!

Pedal For Peace - Charity Cycle Ride Across Lebanon

Women are welcome to join this 8-day trip cycling across Lebanon, from 30 September to 8 October 2017.

'Follow The Women' is an international women's peace organisation whose core purpose is to empower and inspire women to become key actors in cross-cultural understanding, peace building and to support human rights for all. 250 women from 20 countries will be participating, meeting local people and visiting refugee camps.

We aim to:

- Bring women from all over the world together to experience the reality of the Middle East.
- Cycle together in the name of peace.
- Build bridges between women from diverse cultures and beliefs in order to enhance knowledge, education and understanding.

- Foster the sense of unity and develop long-lasting networks that will make a real difference to the peace process.
- Promote the bicycle as a vehicle of peace and empowerment.
- Identify, develop and fund tangible projects that will make a difference.
- Empower women.

By building bridges, not walls, women are empowered to promote peace, reconciliation, love, security and stability on the critical journey to global peace and a safer world.

Accommodation will be basic and cost £250 for the week. Flights currently are roughly £325. You will be provided with a new mountain bike, T-shirts and a promotional bag. We will be accompanied by security on cycles for the duration of our trip.

If you want to find out more, visit our website www.followthewomen.com or email Summreen Sheikh at sheisum78@hotmail.com for details.

Reading CTC Bike Rides Listings

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

| Date | Destination | Start | Leader | Lunch | Miles | Information |
|------------|---|---------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|--|
| Sun 3 Sep | 'Gravel grinding morning adventure' | 09:00 Fountain | Wie San Lau 079 5746 6477 | | 20 | Leisurely/moderate. rough stuff. Robust tyres essential, MTB preferable. Return by lunchtime |
| Sun 3 Sep | Bentworth (SW) | 09:15 Earley | Allan Adams 988 3044 | | 60 | Moderate. 11's Conkers |
| Sun 3 Sep | Gallowstree Common (N) | 10:00 Fountain | Richard Underwood 986 2444 | Reformation 175/689802 | 20 | Very leisurely. 100% on-road non adventure! |
| Tue 5 Sep | Upper Bucklebury (W) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Cottage Inn 174/542686 20 | | | | | |
| Wed 6 Sep | Caversham Marina (N) | 19:30 Prospect Park | Tony Rodriguez 0778833 9692 | Boaters Bar 175/747767 | 23 | Moderate/ brisk |
| Wed 6 Sep | Caversham Marina (N) | 19:30 Fountain | TBC | Boaters Bar 175/747767 | 25 | Offroad: long |
| Wed 6 Sep | Caversham Marina (N) | 19:30 Fountain | Sel Dixon 954 6306 | Boaters Bar 175/747767 | 20 | Offroad: short |
| Wed 6 Sep | Bagnor (W) | 10:00 Theale | TBA | Blackbird 174/454693 | 45 | Meet 10:00-10:30 La Baguetterie |
| Sun 10 Sep | Long Wittenham (NW) | 09:15 Fountain | Mike Hardiman 9793147 | Plough 174/546937 | 70 | Moderate/brisk. 11's Ewelme |
| Sun 10 Sep | Skirmett (N) | 10:00 Fountain | Phil Allen 948 3454 | Frog 175/775903 | 35 | Off road |
| Sun 10 Sep | Bramley (S) | 09:00 Fountain | Wie San Lau 079 5746 6477 | Bramley Bakery Café 175/656594 | 28 | Leisurely/moderate. out via Theale |
| Sun 10 Sep | Popham Airfield (SW) | 09:15 Fountain | Simon George 959 5473 | Wings Airfield Café 185/5344 | 55 | Brisk |
| Tue 12 Sep | Jealot's Hill (E) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - New Leatham Bottle 175/868732 | | | | | |
| Wed 13 Sep | Whitchurch on Thames (W) | 19:30 Fountain | Chris Sansum 07879601683 | Greyhound 175/635771 | 25 | Moderate |
| Wed 13 Sep | Whitchurch on Thames (W) | 19:30 Fountain | TBC | Greyhound 175/635771 | 20 | Offroad: short |
| Wed 13 Sep | Whitchurch on Thames (W) | 19:30 Fountain | TBC | Greyhound 175/635771 | 25 | Offroad: long |
| Wed 13 Sep | Ewelme (N) | 10:30 Henley | Morris Dowding 989 0326 | Shepherds Hut 175/639919 | 30 | Meet 10:30-11:00 Catherine Wheel PH |
| Sun 17 Sep | TBC | 10:00 Fountain | TBC | pub en route | 35 | Off road |
| Sun 17 Sep | Shalden Green (S) | 09:15 Fountain | Sean Hayden 07801 414707 | Avenue Nurseries 186/693438 | 70 | One stop brisk |
| Sun 17 Sep | Cliddesden (S) | 09:15 Earley | Lesley Adams 988 3044 | Jolly Farmer 185/631493 | 50 | Moderate, 11's Odiham |
| Sun 17 Sep | Beenham (W) | 10:00 Earley | Richard Underwood 986 2444 | Six Bells 174/585689 | 30 | Leisurely/moderate |
| Tue 19 Sep | Ewelme (N) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Shepherds Hut 175/639919 20 | | | | | |
| Wed 20 Sep | Winnersh (E) | 19:30 Earley | Richard Underwood 986 2444 | Wheelwrights Arms 175/787717 | 15 | Leisurely |
| Wed 20 Sep | Winnersh (E) | 19:30 Fountain | TBC | Wheelwrights Arms 175/787717 | 20 | Offroad: short |
| Wed 20 Sep | Winnersh (E) | 19:30 Fountain | Martin Pearce 07919 448 148 | Wheelwrights Arms 175/787717 | 25 | Offroad: long |
| Wed 20 Sep | Isington (S) | 10:00 Beech Hill | Allan Adams 988 3044 | Mill Farm Shop 186/774426 | 45 | Meet 10:00-10:30 Church Café |
| Wed 20 Sep | Winnersh (E) | 19:30 Fountain | Nick Clark 07866 033 638 | Wheelwrights Arms 175/787717 | 36 | Brisk+ 30m to pub |
| Sun 24 Sep | Overnight adventure | TBC | Angus Mitchell 07794301935 | pub en route | 50 | Offroad tour - bunkhouse accommodation |
| Sun 24 Sep | Nuneham Courtney (N) | 09:15 Fountain | Mick Simmons 954 3537 | Notcutts Garden Centre 164/558976 | 50 | Brisk. One stop |
| Sun 24 Sep | Chalgrove (N) | 09:15 Fountain | Carole Russell 01256461717 | Red Lion 164/630970 | 40 | Moderate. 11's Ewelme |
| Sun 24 Sep | Binfield (E) | 10:00 Dinton | John Lomas 01344 420031 | Jack O'Newbury 175/845718 | 25 | Leisurely |
| Tue 26 Sep | Greywell (S) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Fox & Goose 186/718513 20 | | | | | |
| Wed 27 Sep | Sonning Common (N) | 19:30 Fountain | Ralph Marlow 07788 197190 | Butchers Arms 175/716802 | 22 | Moderate |
| Wed 27 Sep | Sonning Common (N) | 19:30 Fountain | Cath Meak | Butchers Arms 175/716802 | 20 | Off road |
| Wed 27 Sep | Chalgrove (N) | 10:30 Sonning Cmn | Morris Dowding 989 0326 | Red Lion 164/630970 | 30 | Meet 10:30-11:00 Bakery |
| Sun 1 Oct | Henley (N) | 10:00 Fountain | Steve Conway 375 9932 | Catherine Wheel 175/762827 | 25 | Leisurely |
| Sun 1 Oct | Bradfield Southend (W) | 10:00 Fountain | Phil Allen 948 3454 | Queens Head 174/596707 | 35 | Off road |
| Sun 1 Oct | Ball Hill (W) | 09:15 Theale | Lesley Adams 988 3044 | Furze Bush 174/424632 | 50 | Moderate, 11's Thatcham GC |
| Tue 3 Oct | Hurley (NE) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Dew Drop Inn 175/824815 20 | | | | | |
| Wed 4 Oct | Kidmore End (N) | 19:30 Fountain | Simon Bird 07846 219114 | New Inn 175/699793 | 23 | Moderate |
| Wed 4 Oct | Kidmore End (N) | 19:30 Fountain | Paul Mattingly 07976 796 217 | New Inn 175/699793 | 20 | Off road |
| Wed 4 Oct | Hannington (SW) | 10:30 Mortimer | Morris Dowding 989 0326 | Vine 174/540552 | 30 | Meet 10:30-11:00 Café |
| Sun 8 Oct | TBC | 10:00 Fountain | TBC | pub en route | 35 | Off road |
| Sun 8 Oct | Inkpen Common | 09:15 Theale | Mark Irons | Honesty coffee shop | 70 | One stop brisk |
| Sun 8 Oct | Little London (SW) | 10:00 Earley | David Roberts 986 2763 | Plough 175/621597 | 30 | Leisurely |
| Sun 8 Oct | Nuneham Courtney (N) | 09:15 Fountain | Alastair Muirhead | Notcutts Garden Centre 164/558976 | 47 | Moderate. Late elevenses at Garden centre. Possible pub stop at Checkendon on way back |
| Tue 10 Oct | Silchester (SW) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Calleva Arms 175/628621 20 | | | | | |
| Wed 11 Oct | Three Mile Cross (S) | 19:30 Earley | Richard Underwood 986 2444 | Swan 175/715679 | 15 | Leisurely |
| Wed 11 Oct | Three Mile Cross (S) | 19:30 Fountain | TBC | Swan 175/715679 | 20 | Off road |
| Wed 11 Oct | Fifield (E) | 10:00 Hare Hatch | Morris Dowding 989 0326 | Fifield Inn 175/908764 | 45 | Meet 10:00-10:30 Sheeplands GC |
| Sun 15 Oct | Marlow | 09:30 Dinton | Ian Moore 07773 300 665 | | 50 | Brisk. Roadside 11's, Back by 14:00 |
| Sun 15 Oct | Burnham Beeches | 09:15 Dinton | Simon Bird 07846 219114 | Cafe | 52 | Moderate, some rough stuff |
| Sun 15 Oct | Farnborough | train assist | Dave Keeble 07816 679453 | Prince of Wales | 30 | Off road. 10.03 RDN - North Camp |
| Sun 15 Oct | Waltham St Lawrence (E) | 10:00 Earley | Richard Underwood 986 2444 | Bell 175/830770 | 25 | Leisurely |
| Sun 15 Oct | Hermitage (NW) | 09:15 Fountain | James Blagden 0750 490 767 6 | Hilliers Garden Centre 174/501730 | 70 | Moderate/brisk |
| Tue 17 Oct | Crazies Hill (NE) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Horns 175/799809 20 | | | | | |

Reading CTC Bike Rides Listings

| Date | Destination | Start | Leader | Lunch | Miles | Information |
|------------|--|-------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------|---|
| Wed 18 Oct | Binfield Heath (NE) | 19:30 Fountain | Edwin Raj 07900924941 | Bottle & Glass 175/743793 | 25 | Moderate |
| Wed 18 Oct | Binfield Heath (NE) | 19:30 Fountain | Elliot Dean 07879 647681 | Bottle & Glass 175/743793 | 20 | Off road |
| Wed 18 Oct | Aldworth (NW) | 10:30 Theale | Morris Dowding 989 0326 | Four Points 174/554788 | 30 | Meet 10:30-11:00 La Baguetterie |
| Sun 22 Oct | TBC | 10:00 Fountain | TBC | pub en route | 35 | Off road |
| Sun 22 Oct | AGM Flowing Spring | 09:15 Fountain | Sean Hayden 07801 414707 | | 40 | Brisk. Stop at Root1 Brightwell cum Sotwell. Return to AGM 1 pm |
| Sun 22 Oct | AGM | 10:00 Fountain | Bernadette Varlone 966 6004 | | 20 | Leisurely |
| Tue 24 Oct | Rotherwick (S)- MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Coach & Horses 175/714564 | | | | 20 | |
| Wed 25 Oct | Chazey Heath (N) | 19:30 Fountain | Simon Bird 07846 219114 | Pack Saddle 175/695772 | 20 | Moderate |
| Wed 25 Oct | Chazey Heath (N) | 19:30 Fountain | Ian Doyle 07974 409607 | Pack Saddle 175/695772 | 20 | Off road |
| Wed 25 Oct | Hailey (N) | 10:30 Henley | Morris Dowding 989 0326 | King William IV 175/643858 | 30 | Meet 10:30-11:00 Catherine Wheel PH |
| Sun 29 Oct | TBC | 10:00 Fountain | TBC | pub en route | 35 | Off road |
| Sun 29 Oct | Silchester (SW) | 10:00 Earley | David Roberts 986 2763 | Calleva Arms 175/628621 | 30 | Leisurely |
| Sun 29 Oct | Shalden Green (S) | 09:15 Earley | Erica Johnson 966 6913 | Avenue Nurseries 186/693438 | 50 | One stop moderate |
| Sun 29 Oct | Benson Marina (NW) | 07:00 Fountain | Nick Clark 07866 033 638 | Riverside Café 175/613917 | 20 | Brisk breakfast ride. Return by 10:00 |
| Tue 31 Oct | Binfield (E)- MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Victoria Arms 175/842713 | | | | 22 | |
| Wed 1 Nov | curry ride | 19:30 Earley | Ralph Marlow 07788 197190 | | 20 | Leisurely/Moderate |
| Wed 1 Nov | Curry ride? | 19:30 Fountain | Sel Dixon 954 6306 | Curry | 20 | Off road |
| Wed 1 Nov | Monk Sherborne (SW) | 10:30 Beech Hill | Morris Dowding 989 0326 | Mole 175/608567 | 30 | Meet 10:30-11:00 Church Café |
| Sun 5 Nov | North Waltham (SW) | 09:15 Earley | Mike Hardiman 9793147 | Fox 185/563458 | 60 | Moderate/brisk. 11's Conkers GC |
| Sun 5 Nov | Checkendon (N) | 10:00 Fountain | Steve Conway 375 9932 | Black Horse 175/667841 | 25 | Leisurely |
| Sun 5 Nov | Offroad tour | TBC | Phil Allen 948 3454 | pub en route | 35 | Offroad tour |
| Sun 5 Nov | Windsor | 09:15 Dinton | Sean Hayden 07801 414707 | | 50 | One stop brisk |
| Tue 7 Nov | Beenham (W)- MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Six Bells 174/585689 | | | | 20 | |
| Wed 8 Nov | Tilehurst (W) | 19:30 Fountain | Simon Bird 07846 219114 | Royal Oak 175/662740 | 20 | Moderate |
| Wed 8 Nov | Tilehurst (W) | 19:30 Fountain | Martin Pearce 07919 448 148 | Royal Oak 175/662740 | 20 | Off road |
| Wed 8 Nov | Wheeler End (NE) | 10:30 Sonning Cmn | Steve Ellwood 01491 680 676 | Chequers Inn 175/806926 | 30 | Meet 10:30-11:00 Bakery |
| Sun 12 Nov | TBC | 10:00 Fountain | TBC | pub en route | 35 | Off road |
| Sun 12 Nov | Freefolk (SW) | 09:15 Earley | Allan Adams 988 3044 | | 45 | Moderate. Roadside 11's |
| Sun 12 Nov | Charter Alley (SW) | 10:00 Earley | Richard Underwood 986 2444 | White Hart 174/595577 | 35 | Leisurely/moderate |
| Sun 12 Nov | Brightwell-c-Sotwell (NW) | 09:15 Fountain | Mick Simmons 954 3537 | Root One GC 174/588910 | 50 | Brisk, 11's Turville Heath |
| Tue 14 Nov | Witheridge Hill (N)- MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Rising Sun 175/696841 | | | | 28 | |
| Wed 15 Nov | Reading (W) | 19:30 Fountain | Jeanette Jeans 07897 512 491 | Nag's Head 175/703733 | 22 | Moderate |
| Wed 15 Nov | Reading (W) | 19:30 Fountain | TBC | Nag's Head 175/703733 | 20 | Off road |
| Wed 15 Nov | Kingsclere (SW) | 10:30 Mortimer | Morris Dowding 989 0326 | Crown 174/5258 | 30 | Meet 10:30-11:00 Café |
| Sat 18 Nov | Afternoon ride | 13:00 Dinton | Ian Moore 07773 300 665 | | 40 | Moderate, back by 17:00 |
| Sun 19 Nov | Lambourn | 09:00 Theale | Simon Bird 07846 219114 | Honesty cafe | 60 | Moderate |
| Sun 19 Nov | TBC | 10:00 Fountain | Sel Dixon 954 6306 | Sophisticated pub en route | 35 | Off road |
| Sun 19 Nov | Riseley (S) | 10:00 Earley | David Roberts 986 2763 | Bull 175/721632 | 25 | Leisurely |
| Tue 21 Nov | Hazeley Heath (S) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Shoulder of Mutton 175/743592 | | | | 20 | |
| Wed 22 Nov | Caversham (N) | 19:30 Fountain | Edwin Raj 07900924941 | Crown on the Bridge 175/712746 | 25 | Moderate |
| Wed 22 Nov | Caversham (N) | 19:30 Fountain | TBC | Crown on the Bridge 175/712746 | 20 | Off road |
| Wed 22 Nov | Shurlock Row (E) | 10:30 Hare Hatch | Morris Dowding 989 0326 | Shurlock Inn 175/832742 | 30 | Meet 10:30-11:00 Sheeplands GC |
| Sun 26 Nov | TBC | 10:00 Fountain | TBC | pub en route | 35 | Off road |
| Sun 26 Nov | Hurst (E) | 09:15 Fountain | Lesley Adams 988 3044 | Jolly Farmer 175/789725 | 45 | Moderate, 11's Warren Row cafe |
| Sun 26 Nov | Shinfield Green (S) | 10:00 Earley | Richard Underwood 986 2444 | Bell & Bottle 175/734677 | 15 | Leisurely morning ride ending at the pub |
| Sun 26 Nov | TBA | 09:15 Fountain | James Blagden 0750 490 767 6 | TBA | 60 | Moderate/brisk |
| Tue 28 Nov | Whistley Green (E)- MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Elephant and Castle 175/792742 | | | | 12 | |
| Wed 29 Nov | Reading (S) | 19:30 Fountain | Paul Irving 07909 528 722 | Retreat 175/723732 | 20 | Moderate |
| Wed 29 Nov | Reading (S) | 19:30 Fountain | TBC | Retreat 175/723732 | 20 | Off road |
| Wed 29 Nov | Mortimer (S) | 10:30 Theale | Morris Dowding 989 0326 | Horse and Groom 175/655645 | 30 | Meet 10:30-11:00 La Baguetterie |



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