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## A Tale of Two Bridges



### Reading Borough Council (RBC)

The new pedestrian/cycle bridge over the Thames that will be funded by the Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF) has reached consultation stage with a planning application expected in June.

To the south of the bridge, RBC propose to improve the surface of the riverside foot/cycleway to provide a link via Norman Place to the new pedestrian crossing on Vastern Road, which will connect through to the new northern entrance to the Railway Station and pedestrian subway (where cycling is not allowed).

To the north of the bridge, a new foot/cycleway is proposed to link to the existing footpath running north-south through Christchurch Meadows.



*Artist's impression of the new bridge*

**Bike Bits Auction, see page 9**

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By the time this newsletter arrives the consultation will be over. Reading Cycle Campaign is pushing for segregated facilities for pedestrians and cyclists on the bridge, cycle path status for the adjoining Thames tow-path and upgrade of the path linking the bridge to Gosbrook Road.

On the downside the new bridge appears to have put paid to any improvements to Reading Bridge. In the August 2012 Issue of Cycle Reading we welcomed the proposal by the Council to put cycle lanes on Reading Bridge by removing one southbound lane.

This had been given the green light by Councillors in the Traffic Management Advisory Panel the previous June. At the time we wrote:

*"This will perhaps be the first time in recent years that road space has been reallocated to cyclists and, if implemented, will be a milestone achievement in creating a cycle-friendly Reading. It is likely that such a move will not be popular with some drivers and if necessary the cycling lobby will need to mobilise support to carry the day."*

In April this year it was the same Councillors who woke up to what they had approved, and perhaps fearful of the Top Gear lobby, contacted the local papers to vow that it would never happen, despite traffic modelling apparently showing there would be no adverse effect on traffic flows.

It seems that giving cyclists a choice of two decent crossings is a bridge too

# Campaign News

far. What is not known is whether the cycle lane scheme on Reading Bridge would have gone ahead if the new bridge had not been made possible by the large LSTF award made in July last year.



Position of new pedestrian/cycle bridge in relation to station and Reading Bridge



Cars parked in Market Square in what could be a contra-flow cycle lane

## Market Square Upgrade

LSTF funding is being used to upgrade Market Square by the Town Hall with enhanced paving. We have requested that this upgrade should include a north-bound link from the Butter

Market to Friar Street. This is currently one-way with parking bays, but would provide a vital link for cyclists coming from the east.

**Keith Elliott**  
RBC Campaigner

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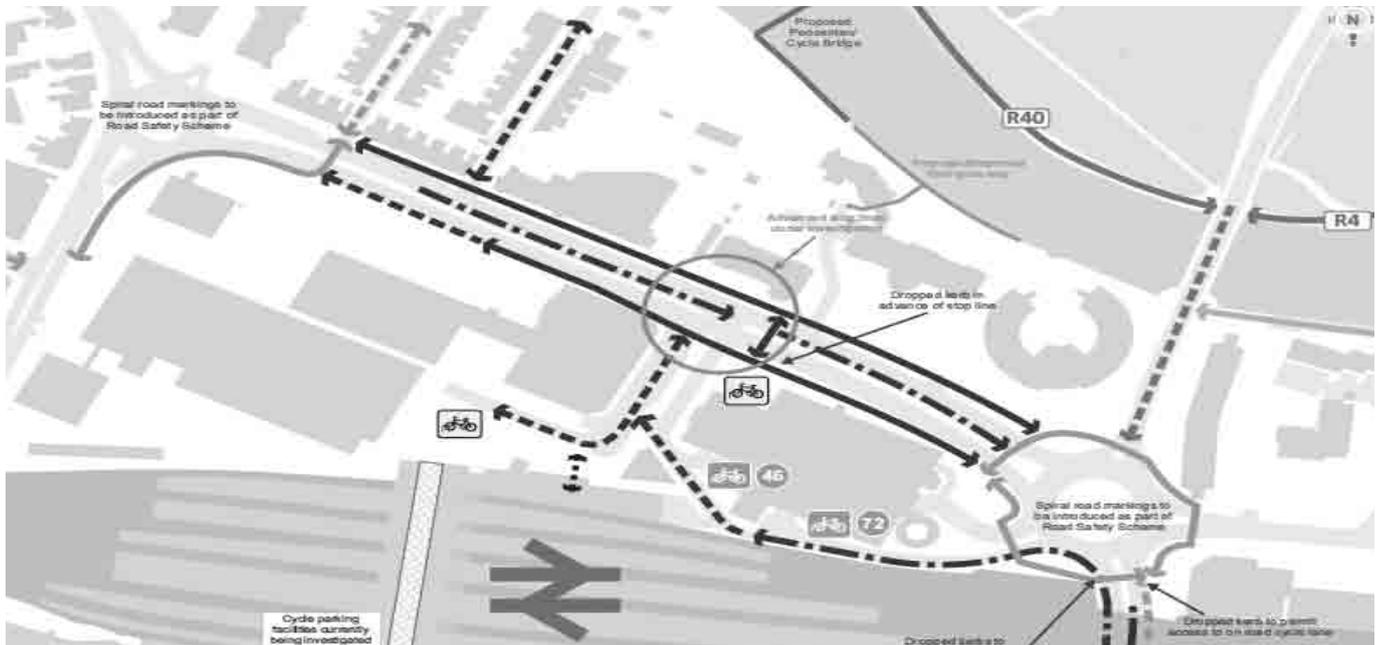
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## Northern Interchange of Reading Station

Above is a drawing showing the facilities proposed for cyclists around the Northern Interchange of Reading Station. The Vastern Road elements are all due to go live on 8 July.

Please note the proposed pedestrian/cycle bridge over the Thames is a few years away yet.

We met with the transport planners to look at these a few months ago, and made several suggestions that were agreed to on site.

Sadly we have not seen if any of these modifications are actually going to happen, despite asking we have yet to see a revised drawing.

The obvious gap in the roundabout will be addressed by 'spiral markings'. This still means cyclists will have to endure the dreaded Vastern Road roundabout, but spiral markings or not, there will still be aggressive drivers jostling for position, and it will not make a viable route to the south of the station for many people who might want to go by bike.



## Wokingham Borough Council (WoBC)

Thanks to the members who've contacted WoBC about cycle facilities in Wokingham. One member asked about improvements to Finchampstead Road (the main route south from Wokingham) and was given the response that it would be considered as a use of 'Section 106' funds paid by the developers of Buckhurst Park.

However, the Council rejected the idea of a 20mph limit because Thames

Valley Police only enforce 20mph zones near schools. Another member contacted WoBC about the replacement for Duffield's Bridge in Woodley, which has a narrower pavement than the old one so cannot be used as a cycle path. Network Rail designed and built the bridge so the Council had no influence on the cycle provision on it.

I attended the recent meeting of the 'North Wokingham Community Forum' which WoBC established to improve the new housing developments in that area. The traffic model for the Kentwood Farm part will soon be on the Council website, and will be used for traffic planning; the North Wokingham Relief Road from Toutley Road to Coppid Beech appears to be at least 10 years from construction.

The forum did allow me to make contact with the developers, so I hope to influence the cycle facilities which are incorporated within the housing developments. Another Campaign member has expressed interest in the 'South M4' Community Forum; do consider going to one in your area: (<http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/communities/communityforums>).

Any members contacting WoBC might want to mention the results of the Council's 'Safer Communities' survey which, for the second year running, identified dangerous parking and dangerous driving as two of the four most common anti-social behaviours that residents experience. I will raise this finding with Thames Valley Police when I have the opportunity.

# Campaign News

Three RCC campaigners met with one of the WoBC transport planners to see the Council's proposals for a cycle path along Lower Earley Way which were developed in consultation with Sustrans. The Council is proposing to spend £1.1 million on a shared-used pedestrian/cycle path along the north side of Lower Earley Way between Rushey Way and Cutbush Lane. At the same time, a 40mph speed limit will be introduced on the road.

In our view, this route will appeal mainly to practical rather than leisure cyclists because it is so near to the M4 in an area which is not scenic and because many local cyclists will use the existing cycle path network through Lower Earley. We proposed that the new path should be fully segregated for its entire length to avoid collisions between pedestrians and cyclists.

We also proposed that cyclists should be given priority at the minor road junctions by putting in 'raised table' crossings and warning signs, and that some dropped kerbs should be put in to allow easy transfer from the road to the path. WoBC will consider these suggestions.

The issue of on-road versus off-road cycle facilities is a topic of debate for cycle campaigners.

In this case, I would have preferred on-road facilities in both directions because of the proposal to reduce the speed limit to 40mph. I do not like cycle facilities which are only put on one side of a road, because getting to and from them from the other side adds hazard and time to the cyclist's journey.

On a positive note, the Council has asked South West Trains to relax the restrictions on taking cycles on trains between Wokingham and Reading following a suggestion from RCC. We believe the restrictions could be relaxed because most rush-hour trains are not crowded between Wokingham and Reading.

Finally, the sign pictured on the right is next to a cycle path in Woosehill between Barkham Road and Oxford Road. Is any reader with an understanding of traffic law able to interpret it?

**Peter Howe**  
WoBC Campaigner



*Homage to Magritte: surrealism comes to Wokingham cycle facilities*

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## Cyclists DO Pay 'Road Tax'

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<http://www.ctc.org.uk/publication/cycle-clips/cycleclips-19-april-2013> (accessed 6/5/13)

## 'Get Britain Cycling' Report

The All Party Parliamentary Cycling Group has published its 'Get Britain Cycling' report. The main recommendations are a target of 10% of trips to be made by bike by 2015 and 25% by 2025. The report also calls on the

government to spend £10 a year per person on cycling provision. To back these proposals you can sign a petition created by the CTC, *The Times* newspaper, the AA, Sustrans and British Cycling at: <http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/49196>. You can find out more from: <http://www.ctc.org.uk/campaign/get-britain-cycling>

<http://www.ctc.org.uk/news/get-britain-cycling-report-recommends-%C2%A310-head-year-funding-for-cycling> (accessed 6/5/13)

## UKIP Candidate Cyclists are 'Thieving' from 'Paying Road Users'

A candidate with admittedly 'no experience' of cycling in his constituency goes on tirade against cycling in a CamCycle interview.

The UKIP candidate for Cambridgeshire ward East Chesterton, Peter Burkinshaw, has dubbed all cyclists freeloaders in an extraordinary rant on CamCycle.org.uk.

Calling on the representatives of each political party to share their views on Cambridge's cycling population, its infrastructure for cycling and more, the survey is as yet to be completed by all, but that hasn't stopped Burkinshaw wading into a debate, which he admitted he has little experience dealing with.

When asked of prior cycling experience in the Cambridgeshire area, Burkinshaw declares he has 'none'. When asked about cost to benefit ratios of various transport modes, Burkinshaw states on cycling paths: 'You are asking for benefits paid for by other road users. I would prefer more car parks.'

That is just the beginning, however, in what quickly becomes an unbelievable succession of responses.

When asked about traffic policing and relative danger levels posed by each mode of transport, Burkinshaw states: 'Cyclists are by far the most undisciplined road users. More police attention to cyclists would be useful. Cars are not a danger to other road users, provided they in turn act sensibly. It should be borne in mind that motorists have to pass a driving test. Cyclists are not tested for competence or knowledge of road signs and traffic lights.'

Burkinshaw went on to rant about road funding, showing a complete ignorance of the distinction between road funding and vehicle excise duty, as mentioned in the article above.

<http://www.bikebiz.com/news/read/ukip-candidate-says-cyclists-thieving-from-paying-road-users/014735> (accessed 6/5/13)

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# Chairman's Letter

Dear RCC members,

There ought to be a lot of good news to report by now, as there is a lot of pressure on the Council to spend the Local Sustainable Transport Fund which promises to make a real difference to cyclists.

Indeed we were really pleased to receive a grant of £2,000 to provide some cycle parking stands around Reading. We will have 10 new 'Plantlock' stands in place soon; the first few are going in as we write the newsletter. Providing additional cycle parking will enable people to make journeys to local destinations by bike, so making a genuine contribution to sustainable travel. We have already received a lot of interest.

I am not sure how the £50,000 that was awarded to someone who wants to get Caversham residents to walk

round the world in two months will help, but I will reserve judgment until after it has happened.

More importantly the plans are well advanced now for a bridge for pedestrians and cyclists over the Thames.

Of course currently there is no dedicated crossing for cyclists over the river, one of the major barriers to north/south travel by bike. There is a painted lane on Caversham Bridge, on the pavement, but it is well below the width recommended for a two way cycle lane. Regular users will know that the painted line doesn't really make it segregated; both cyclists and pedestrians frequently get in each other's way. It isn't too bad, but it isn't good. It is just a painted line on the pavement.

We attended one of the workshops which was set up to enable a free

and frank discussion about where positive measures could be implemented to make cycling more popular. All agreed that there would be space on the road over Reading Bridge. This was put forward as an idea, and it started its journey through the Council approval process. Suddenly Councillor Willis, the Tory Councillor for Caversham, heard about a trial to see what impact it would have on traffic levels. He was outraged, being a good defender of the right to drive for all his constituents. The idea that there may be any inconvenience to them was unacceptable. Never mind that all his constituents who would like to cycle are routinely inconvenienced and endangered by the existing layout.

Anyway he resorted to Twitter to voice his concerns and suddenly the lead Councillor for transport stepped



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# Chairman's Letter

in and said that no such trial had ever been suggested, and it wouldn't be happening.

So there is some unity between the town's Labour and Conservative members - no provision for cyclists on Reading Bridge.

We will have to wait until a bridge is built which is at least two years away, and quite possibly more.

But will the bridge be any good? I am sure it will be a nice bridge, but if we are to have a good crossing for cyclists it will need to be wide and with little chance of conflict. If cyclists have to mingle with pedestrians there will be problems, so it will need to be designed to keep them apart. This was raised by everyone I overheard during the two hour consultation at the town hall. The only person I heard voice any other point of view was one of the consultants being paid to hear our views. He said they hadn't thought about segregating cyclists and pedestrians.

They hadn't thought about it? Really?

Now the proposed design isn't finalised, and I tried to find out how wide this bridge would be. That wasn't decided either. It would be between three and five metres wide. So they had within their scope a bridge, a major crossing of the river, that could be un-segregated and three metres wide.

At the same time some of our campaign members had raised concerns over the underpass under the railway station. This used to be a wide thoroughfare in this location until the late 1990s.

It would make an excellent route for cyclists; as the river provides one barrier to north/south cycle journeys, the railway provides another. This tunnel was recently reopened after years of closure, and is much narrower than of old, but cyclists were to be prohibited from the very beginning of opening. We asked the Council to review this, as it is their tunnel now. They simply won't permit cycling through it because it is too

narrow, at four metres, and might one day be too busy.

Of course pedestrians have five good crossings of the river: four good pavements on the road bridges and the footpath over the lock and weir.

I hope the Council takes on board the views of cyclists and pedestrians that new bridge has to provide a really good crossing for cyclists above all else. Otherwise it will fail to achieve a meaningful facility for people to use to cycle into town.

It won't attract pedestrians from very far away, say a mile radius of the bridge. Cyclists could conceivably come from much further and be much more numerous, especially as this is to make cycling a viable alternative to driving.

In addition the staff at the consultation exercise weren't interested in onward links, which was a shame. They were only interested in the bridge itself. But a bridge that you can't get to easily is less than useful.

I was keen to know how I would be able to use the bridge for example to cycle between Caversham and Rivermead Leisure Centre, or even on towards Tilehurst Station or the Oxford Road. Or perhaps to Thames Valley Park to the east. Both of these would mean using the towpath, which of course Reading Borough Council would rather we didn't cycle on. That wasn't a part of the plan, they said.

I was also interested to know if it would be possible to cycle from the northern end of the bridge to Gosbrook Road when the park is flooded. Remarkably they hadn't thought of that either!

I am not sure a bridge is the best use of the money the Council has. I am sure they could spend much less on a much better way of cycling over the river. But a bridge we are going to get, and I really do fear it will be a very poor facility to cycle on, and to, and from.

**Adrian Lawson**  
Chairman

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- 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

## Reading Bridge Cycle Lanes

Our politicians are a narrow minded bunch.

They see people cycling as somehow different to the rest of society, a tribe or a race, but not people getting about by bikes, not voters or even tax payers.

They have engaged with the cycle campaign and other representatives of those that do ride bikes already and set up some workshops to see if they can use the experience of people who ride already to make the roads nicer for people who may want to cycle on them in the future.

At one of the workshops we all agreed (that is those that already ride bikes, the consultants and the transport planners) that cycle lanes on Reading Bridge would make a useful link, as currently getting over the river anywhere was a nightmare unless you were a confident cyclist.

What we would like to see is the road network tamed so that the less confident person, or even motorists fed up of being stuck in cars would occasionally choose to ride a bike to get around.

Reading Bridge has lanes for cars that are too narrow for people driving cars to overtake people cycling safely, not that that stops drivers doing so. Routine close passing by cars is extremely unpleasant, and many bike riders resort to the pavements, which are very narrow, thus making life miserable for people walking, as well as those on bikes.

The alternative is to ride over the bridge in such a way as to prevent cars overtaking, which slows cars down, and although safer in the short term, doesn't endear people on bikes with people in cars.

Cycle lanes on the bridge might well help, and discussing the road space available at a workshop we all came to the conclusion that not only would it have minimal impact on drivers, but that it would have a positive impact on cycling and would actually reduce the amount of cars that crossed the bridge.

It was agreed to do some traffic modeling, and then a trial using cones to measure the actual impact.

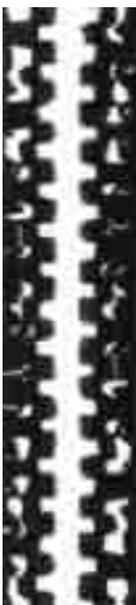
But one of the councillors, who sits on the Cycle Liaison Group, Councillor Willis, decided that this

was a step too far, and would cause some disaster or other. He used his 140 characters on Twitter to denounce the trial. Not the scheme, the trial. Then along comes Councillor Page who ruled it out completely on the basis we would be getting a bridge soon anyway...

Well we will be getting a bridge, but first impressions are that it will be a pedestrian bridge which you can ride a bike over. The planners appeared to have already ruled out any segregation for bikes, so when it is busy people riding will either have to ride at the pace of walkers, or annoy them by weaving in and out of them.

The Head of Transport claims he will rely on the good sense and courtesy of people on bikes to cooperate, and be nice to people on foot. However, cycling in the underpass under Reading Station - which is the same width as the proposed bridge - is to be prohibited. The same person claims that there would be too much conflict with people riding bikes and walking. So apparently they will be fine mingling over the river, but not under the railway lines.

**Adrian Lawson**  
*Chairman*



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Date	Destination	Start	Leader	Lunch	Miles	Information
Sun 02 Jun	Exton (S)	09:15 Earley	Mike Hardiman 9793147	The Shoe Inn 185/6121	100	Moderate/ brisk
Sun 02 Jun	Mystery (NSEW)	10:00 Fountain	Angus Mitchell 07794301935	It's a surprise /	30	Off road
Sun 02 Jun	Dinton Pastures (E)	10:00 Dinton	Rob Butler 986 2008	Dragonfly Cafe 175/785718	22	Leisurely circuit returning to start cafe for lunchtime
Sun 02 Jun	Studley Green, near Stokenchurch (NE)	09:30 Dinton	John Lomas 01344-420031	Garden Centre	45	One stop moderate
Tue 04 Jun	Little London (SW) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Plough 175/621597					
Wed 05 Jun	Chalgrove (N)	11:00	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Lamb 165/631972	60	Meet 10:30-11:00 Herb Farm Café , Sonning Common, 175/713795
Wed 05 Jun	Holme Green (SE)	19.30 Look Out car park	Angus Mitchell 07794301935	White Horse 175/825675 Royal Oak	25	Off road. Train/car assist
Wed 05 Jun	Knowl Hill (E)	19:30 Earley	Nick Clark 07866 033 638	Royal Oak	22	Leisurely/ moderate
Wed 05 Jun	Knowl Hill (E)	19:30 Fountain	Sean Hayden 07801-414707	Return to Reading before lunch	30	Brisk
Sun 09 Jun	Morning Ride (N)	09:00 Fountain	Martin Soanes 948 4057	175/784843	20	Off road
Sun 09 Jun	tbc	10:00 Fountain	tbc	tbc	30	Off road
Sun 09 Jun	Rotherwick (S)	10:00 Founain	Mike Lingham 947 5480	Coach & Horses 175/71156	35	Leisurely/ moderate
Sun 09 Jun	The Circle Line ride round quirky London with commentary. Cross the Thames on the Emirates cable car. Meet Reading station (north side). Picnic in Greenwich Park. 40 miles					
Tue 11 Jun	White Waltham (E) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Beehive 175/850773					
Wed 12 Jun	Aldworth (NW)	19:30 Fountain	JD 07917 063231	Bell 174/556797	25	
Wed 12 Jun	Aldworth (NW)	19:30 Fountain	Cath M.eak	Bell 174/556797	30	Off road: short
Wed 12 Jun	Aldworth (NW)	19:30 Fountain	Nick Clark 966 7882	Bell 174/556797	30	Off road: long
Sat 15 Jun	South	14:30 Mortimer	Zoe Charlesworth 0775 781 2864	Meet and return to village green car park opp Horse & Groom PH	20	Moderate
Sat 15 Jun	South	13:30 Earley	Lesley Adams 988 3044	Tea stop	17	Leisurely/ moderate
Sun 16 Jun	Hannington (SW)	09:15 Earley	Nick Clark 07866 033 638	Hannington Summer Fair & BBQ	55	Moderate. 10:30s Elm Park Garden Centre
Sun 16 Jun	Frlsham (W)	10:00 Fountain	Phil Allen 948 3454	Pot Kiln 174/552731	35	Off road
Sun 16 Jun	Hindhead (S)	09:00 Earley	Simon Bird 07846 219114	National Trust Cafe	70	11s Redfields Garden Centre. Brisk
Mon 17 Jun	Hurst (E)	19:00 Earley	Nick Clark 0786 6033 638	Green Man 175/800740	15	Very leisurely
Tue 18 Jun	Whitchurch Hill (NW) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Sun 175/643793					
Tue 18 Jun	East	13:00 Dinton	Karen Robertson 0780 191 7172	Dragon café at start/ finish	17	Max 1.5 hour ladies' leisurely ride
Wed 19 Jun	The Midsummer Morris ride. 100 miles starting with breakfast: Café Buendia, Henley (depart 08:30). 10s: Chinnor Village Centre (165/757012 (depart 10:30). Lunch: Quainton (165/747023). Tea: Benson Marina Café (175/613917					
Wed 19 Jun	Binfield Heath (NE)	19:30 Fountain	Becky Patterson 948 3454	Bottle & Glass 175/743793	15	Off road: short
Wed 19 Jun	Binfield Heath (NE)	19:30 Fountain	John Singleton 07813-818719	Bottle & Glass 175/743793	20	Off road: long
Wed 19 Jun	Binfield Heath (NE)	19:30 Fountain	Nick Clark 07866 033 638	Bottle & Glass 175/743793	14	Leisurely
Wed 19 Jun	Binfield Heath (NE)	19:30 Fountain	Ian Swan 07766 244 816	Bottle & Glass 175/743793	33	Brisk+
Thu 20 Jun	Overnight ride to Stonehenge to greet the solstice with added weirdo things going on. Roadside 3s. 70 miles. Sean Hayden 07801-414707					
Sat 22 Jun	Offroad tour - Ash Ranges - Dave Keeble 07816 679453 - 35m					
Sat 22 Jun	Beech Hill (S)	08:30 Earley	Nick Clark 07866 033 638	Beech Hill Village Shop/ tea room	18	Very leisurely - returning late morning to Bike Week event at Christchurch Meadow (10:00-16:00)
Sun 23 Jun	Chaddleworth (W)	09:30 Theale Train assist -	Nora & Clive Gordon 942 5371	Ibex 174/416772	45	Leisurely/ moderate
Sun 23 Jun	Offroad tour - Ash Ranges	start TBC	Dave Keeble 07816 679453	Pub en route	35	Off road
Sun 23 Jun	Chawton (S)	09:15 Earley	Mike Hardiman 9793147	Chawton cafe GR 186709376	60	Brisk one-stop
Sun 23 Jun	Stratfield Saye (S)	10:00 Earley	Jenny Forkes 967 4154	Iron Duke 175/682616	25	Leisurely
Tue 25 Jun	Benson Marina (NW) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Riverside Café 175/613917					
Wed 26 Jun	Witheridge Hill (N)	19:30 Fountain	tbc	Rising Sun 175/697842	20	Off road: short
Wed 26 Jun	Witheridge Hill (N)	19:30 Fountain	Jim Thompson 07906 164 486	Rising Sun 175/697842	25	Off road: long
Wed 26 Jun	Witheridge Hill (N)	19:30 Fountain	Paul Irving 967 7931	Rising Sun 175/697842	30	Brisk
Wed 26 Jun	Witheridge Hill (N)	19:30 Fountain	Simon Bird 07846 219114	Rising Sun 175/697842	20	Moderate
Sat 29 Jun	Tour of Wiltshire - camping or B&B. 40 miles per day. 4 days. Nick Clark 07866 033 638. See home page for details					
Sun 30 Jun	Woolhampton (W)	10:15 Fountain	John Hammond 07818-400440	Rowbarga 174/5766	24	'Rough stuff' along K&A towpath
Sun 30 Jun	Hawkey (S)	08:45 Earley	Martin Lindupp 986 3583	Hawkey Inn 186/747291	80	Moderate/ brisk. 11s Redfield Garden Centre
Sun 30 Jun	TBC	09:00 Fountain	John Singleton 07813-818719	tbc	50	Off road
Sun 30 Jun	Morning Ride (N)	09:00 Fountain	Martin Soanes 948 4057	Return to Reading before lunch 175/784843	20	Off road
Sun 30 Jun	Holyport (E)	10:00 Fountain	Mike Lingham 947 5480	George 175/893777	38	Leisurely/ moderate
Tue 02 Jul	Hurley (NE) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Dew Drop Inn 175/824815					
Wed 03 Jul	Wheeler End	11:00	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Chequers Inn, 175/806926	60	Meet 10:30-11:00 Rowing Museum 175/767822
Wed 03 Jul	Sonning Common	19:30 Fountain	Malcolm Fleming 986 4166	Greyhound	20	Off road: short
Wed 03 Jul	Sonning Common	19:30 Fountain	Peter Nightingale 932 0297	Greyhound	25	Off road: long

# CTC Bike Rides Listings

Date	Destination	Start	Leader	Lunch	Miles	Information
Wed 03 Jul	Sonning Common (N)	19:30 Fountain	Richard Pearson 07930-548379	Greyhound	17	Leisurely/ moderate
Sun 07 Jul	Caversham summer BBQ	10:00 Fountain	tbc	Summer BBQ	30	Off road: long
Sun 07 Jul	Caversham summer BBQ	09:15 Fountain	Terry Davis 941 2282		40	Brisk, Henley coffee - return by 13:00
Sun 07 Jul	Caversham summer BBQ	09:15 Fountain	Lesley Adams 988 3044		32	Moderate
Sun 07 Jul	Caversham summer BBQ	10:00 Fountain	!! Leader required !!	Summer BBQ	18	Leisurely morning ride. Henley coffee?
Sun 07 Jul	BBQ	10am Fount	Michael Lehnehan 947 6947	BBQ	20	Off road: short
Tue 09 Jul	Hermitage (W) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - White Horse	174/503729				
Wed 10 Jul	Checkendon (N)	19:30 Fountain	Becky Patterson 948 3454	Black Horse 175/667841	20	Off road: short
Wed 10 Jul	Checkendon (N)	19:30 Fountain	Phil Allen 948 3454	Black Horse 175/667841	25	Off road: long
Wed 10 Jul	Checkendon (N)	19:30 Fountain	David Roberts 986 2763	Black Horse 175/667841	24	Moderate
Fri 12 Jul	Bivvi	19:30 Fountain	Sel Dixon 954 6306	Sausages & hipflasks en route	20	Off road
Fri 12 Jul	4 day tour of Suffolk & Essex, hostel and camping.		Various rides. See Google Group Forum for details. Simon Bird 07846 219114			
Sun 14 Jul	Bagnor (W)	09:30 Theale	Nora & Clive Gordon 942 5371	Blackbird 174/454693	45	Leisurely/ moderate
Sun 14 Jul	Stockbridge (SW)	08:15 Earley	Allan Adams 988 3044		90	Moderate/ brisk. Late 11s at Whitchurch
Sun 14 Jul	North Waltham (SW)	09:15 Earley	Lesley Adams 988 3044	Fox 185/5646	60	Moderate. Roadside 11s stop
Sun 14 Jul	Oxford. Rtn to Rdn by train	10:00 Fountain	Al Neal 967 9666	via Ewelme. Pub en route	35	Off road. Train assist home
Tue 16 Jul	Greywell (S) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Fox & Goose	186/7151				
Wed 17 Jul	Ellisfield (S)	11:00	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Fox 185/6345	65	Meet 10:30-11:00 Café Active - Spencers Wood - (175/715668)
Wed 17 Jul	Whitchurch on Thames (W)	19:30 Fountain	Richard Turner 945 3260	Greyhound 175/635771	20	Off road: short
Wed 17 Jul	Whitchurch on Thames (W)	19:30 Fountain	John Sharpe 07775-824231	Greyhound 175/635771	25	Off road: long
Wed 17 Jul	Whitchurch on Thames (W)	19:30 Theale	Simon Bird 07846 219114	Greyhound 175/635771	20	Moderate
Sat 20 Jul	Sat-Sunday Offroad lightweight camping tour - carry your kit. Mark Newton	07947-596673				
Sun 21 Jul	Marlow (NE)	08:30 Dinton	Ian Moore	11s Marlow cafe	55	Brisk morning ride
Sun 21 Jul	Charter Alley (SW)	09:30 Earley	David Roberts 986 2763	White Hart 174/595577	38	Leisurely/ moderate
Tue 23 Jul	Frieth (N) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Prince Albert	175/798907				
Wed 24 Jul	Rotherfield Greys (N)	19:30 Fountain	Paul Denley 948 3574	Maltsters Arms 175/823726	20	Off road: short
Wed 24 Jul	Rotherfield Greys (N)	19:30 Fountain	Sel Dixon 954 6306	Maltsters Arms 175/823726	25	Off road: long
Wed 24 Jul	Rotherfield Greys (N)	19:30 Fountain	Jeanette Jeans 07897 512 491	Maltsters Arms 175/823726	20	Moderate
Sun 28 Jul	Woolhampton (W)	10:15 Fountain	John Hammond 07818-400440	Rowbarge 174/5766	24	'Rough stuff' along K&A towpath
Sun 28 Jul	Waddesdon (N)	08:45 Fountain	Chris Rutter 961 9781	Waddesdon Plant Centre	80	Brisk. 11s Waterperry Gardens
Sun 28 Jul	Stockcross (W)	09:15 Fountain	Erica Johnson 966 6913	Rising Sun 174/4368	65	Moderate. 11s Hermitage
Sun 28 Jul	TBC	10:00 Fountain	TBC	pub en route	35	Off road
Tue 30 Jul	Holyport (E) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - George - George	175/893777				
Wed 31 Jul	Lasham (S)	11:00	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Royal Oak 186/6742	65	Meet 10:30-11:00 Courtyard Café - Hartley Wintney ( 175/771572)
Wed 31 Jul	Goring (NW)	19:30 Fountain	Martin Soanes 948 4057	Catherine Wheel 175/6081	20	Off road: short
Wed 31 Jul	Goring (NW)	19:30 Fountain	Martin Pearce	Catherine Wheel 175/6081	25	Off road: long
Wed 31 Jul	Goring (NW)	19:30 Fountain	Paul Irving 967 7931	Catherine Wheel 175/6081	30	Brisk
Sun 04 Aug	Lower Wield (SW)	08:45 Earley	Allan Adams 988 3044	Yew Tree 185/637397	70	Moderate/ brisk. Roadside 11s
Sun 04 Aug	TBC	10:00 Fountain	TBC	pub en route	35	Off road
Sun 04 Aug	Frieth (N)	09:30 Fountain	Keith Alexander 921 2871	Prince Albert 175/798907	45	Moderate
Tue 06 Aug	Chieveley (NW) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Old Red Lion	174/475738				
Wed 07 Aug	Beech Hill (S)	Train Assist: Rdn - Mortimer	Karen Blofield 07771-800883	Elm Tree 175/695641	20	Off road: short. 19.38 from Rdn
Wed 07 Aug	Beech Hill (S)	19:30 Fountain	Dave Keeble 07816 679453	Elm Tree 175/695641	25	Off road: long
Wed 07 Aug	Beech Hill (S)	19:30 Earley	Steve Albon 07801 287 616	Elm Tree 175/695641	22	Moderate
Sat 10 Aug	Isle of Wight	10:15 Portsmouth	Chris Rutter 961 9781	en-route	60	Moderate. Meet Portsmouth Harbour station 10:15
Sun 11 Aug	Henley	09:15 Earley	John Lomas 01344-420031	Riverside picnic	35	Moderate picnic ride
Sun 11 Aug	President's picnic	10:00 Fountain	Sel Dixon 954 6306	picnic	30	Off road picnic ride
Sun 11 Aug	Henley-on-Thames (N)	10:00 Fountain	Nick Clark 0786 6033 638	Picnic by War Memorial (nr. Bandstand) 175/766822	20	Leisurely picnic ride
Tue 13 Aug	Kingsclere (SW) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Crown	174/5258				
Wed 14 Aug	Shabington (N)	11:00	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Old Fisherman 165/678065	65	Meet 10:30-11:00 Benson Marina Cafe ( 175/6139170)
Wed 14 Aug	Boulters Bash 100km audax	10:00 from Maidenhead. www.aukweb.net				
Wed 14 Aug	Checkendon (N)	19:30 Fountain	Malcolm Fleming 986 4166	4 Horseshoes 175/663829	20	Off road: short
Wed 14 Aug	Checkendon (N)	19:30 Fount	Martin Soanes 948 4057	4 Horseshoes 175/663829	25	Off road: long
Wed 14 Aug	Checkendon (N)	19:30 Fountain	Nick Clark 07866 033 638	Black Horse 175/667841	24	Moderate
Sun 18 Aug	Marlborough (W)	08:00 Fountain	Sean Hayden 07801-414707		100	Moderate/ brisk. 11s Hungerford. Tea Kingsclere
Sun 18 Aug	St Mary Bourne (SW)	08:45 Earley	Lesley Adams 988 3044	George 185/422503	70	Moderate. Roadside 11s
Sun 18 Aug	TBC	10:00 Fountain	TBC	pub en route	35	Off road

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