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The RCC is changing how we deliver this newsletter by moving the process onto an online e-newsletter service.

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Campaign News



Reading Borough Council (RBC)

Autumn Report

The Cycle Forum meetings with RBC have been reported in previous issues of this newsletter. The agendas are normally long with inadequate time to raise and discuss all of the many issues that members raise, a matter that was discussed at the last RCC Open Meeting.

RBC has a list of requested schemes which is being used to record and monitor improvements. This started as a Town Centre list, but it now covers a slightly wider area. This has helped considerably in trying to progress the many action points that cyclists request.

Since the last issue of *CycleReading*, representatives from the RCC (John Lee) and Sustrans (Alex McKnight) walked around the Town Centre routes with RBC representatives (Simon Beasley and Emma Baker). The Council agreed to look at

improving many of the locations that we had suggested, including signing at the east of the Oracle, a route northwards through the Market Place, signing improvements at Town Hall Square, and improved links to the station and Forbury.

We hope that some quick actions will follow and a start will be made on the less straightforward suggestions. Without such changes to create clear through cycling routes in the town centre, the real potential for cycling in Reading will not be achieved.

The proposed new NCN route 422 from Newbury to Windsor will run through Reading on the A4 to the A329. The route proposals are now on the RCC website for your information and comments. Don't forget to send any comments to RBC, preferably with a copy to RCC.

RCC has already sent a range of general and detailed comments about the route alignment and proposed standard of the route. This is a large scheme costing £millions and taking many months to design and build, so you will be hearing more.

John Lee
RBC Campaigner



Wokingham Borough Council (WoBC)

Development continues within Wokingham. I've commented on the planning application for homes at Bell Foundry Lane, as usual asking for a wider foot/cycleway, and a raised table crossing for the access road.

I've also commented on the application for the Kennetmouth Park and Ride that WoBC is proposing to itself. The layout needs to be rethought for cycle and motorcycle parking, and to reduce the risk of people using buses colliding with people on bikes.

I understand that Sustrans and Thames Valley Park (TVP) are concerned by the way the plans disrupt the existing cycle route to TVP, and have suggested the existing NCN route along the Thames path could be improved as part of the plan.

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Campaign News



Wokingham Borough have now resurfaced Smiths Walk in Woosehill - without any discussion with me or with Sustrans. The new tarmac is a great improvement and it has been widened, but it has also been converted from segregated cycle and footpath to shared use (see picture).

Although the cyclepath was only about 1m wide, my experience from using it twice a day was that it worked well because it encouraged people walking to stay on one side.

I look forward to having to say 'Excuse me please' much more

frequently in future. People walking don't like unsegregated routes and people cycling don't like unsegregated routes; why are they spreading?

I think it is because the path is 2.8m wide, and guidance from central Government requires 3.5m for segregated routes, so I wish there was a little more flexibility either in the guidance, or in WoBC's interpretation of it.

The route has also been extended with a new shared use path alongside the Emm Brook, which will provide a

very good place for children to learn to cycle, but doesn't link with anywhere else useful.

I have had a look at provision for cycling within the Montague Park development near the Coppid Beech roundabout, but it is at a very early stage.

I did discover that the toucan (pedestrian & cycle) crossing of William Heelas Way stays on red forever unless cars are present. I've asked for it to be fixed, but I suspect changing it to stay on green forever unless cars are present will not be the result.

Finally, Wokingham has a pollution problem. Shute End, Denmark Street, London Road and Twyford cross-roads all experience nitrogen dioxide levels higher than recommended safety levels. So WoBC is developing Air Quality Action Plans to reduce the levels.

Their press release recognises congestion as the major source and asks for ideas from local people so please get in touch with them, and me, with your suggestions.

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WoBC Campaigner

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Other Cycling News

Booking becomes Mandatory on GWR High Speed Trains

In May this year Great Western Rail introduced a 'booking only' policy for taking cycles on their high-speed trains. It seems that the main driver for this is GWR's planned introduction of a new design of high-speed trains that will come into service next year.

In a letter to Ben Howlett (MP for Exeter), the Managing Director of GWR stated: "We decided to make the change to mandatory booking on our High Speed Trains so that we could offer customers greater surety of getting their bike on board the train... We were also thinking ahead to our new trains. The new trains come in different formations, some will run as nine car services (carrying a maximum of ten bikes) some as five

car (carrying a maximum of four bikes) and some as two five car units (carrying a maximum of eight bikes).

"In addition, the new trains do not have guard vans, and cycles will be carried inside the train. Spaces are not all in one place, so unlike today where customers know to load their bikes at a single point, with the new trains booked spaces will be at either end and in the middle of the service.

"For ease of boarding, and to avoid frustration, and potential delays, of moving up and down the length of the platform to find a space, reservations on these trains will be essential for the cyclist to know where to board."

Of course many trips involving a bike on a train will not have a predetermined return time, and the booking only policy could lead to the senseless situation of guards refusing to let bikes

on a train when there are spaces available; hardly encouraging the promotion of a sustainable integrated transport system.

GWR has apparently briefed their staff to show discretion to cyclists who do not hold a reservation, subject to space being available on the train. Of course the application of discretion is going to be down to the individual GWR staff member, but my own experience on occasional trips between Reading and Oxford is that I have not yet been asked to show a cycle reservation.

Cycle reservations can be made when purchasing a ticket online, or by phone on the general GWR number 0345 7000 125, but the reservation needs to be made by 18:00 on the day before travel. Anecdotal evidence is that the phone reservation system is slow and only available in certain hours.



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Jean Cronin, Kent



Other Cycling News

The Managing Director of GWR has admitted that the current booking system 'has a number of issues' and agrees that GWR needs to provide cyclists a live 'on the move' system that allows booking more closely to the time of travel.

To this end GWR has stated that it is "making changes to allow customers to reserve a bike space through its mobile app at the time of purchasing a ticket and this is due to be available in early autumn."

However, this will not help those people buying an open return, the very point of which is to provide flexibility on the return travel time. Therefore, what is more essential is a system whereby bike reservations can be made independently from the ticket purchase, and GWR say that they aim to have such a system in place by the start of the December timetable.

So it seems that cyclists may get a workable system, but we will have to wait and see what comes. If you want to keep the pressure on GWR then there is a petition on 38 degrees: <https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/bike-reservations-on-trains-the-beginning-of-the-end/>.

Alternatively lodge an encouraging comment on the GWR complaints system <https://www.gwr.com/making-a-complaint/> - you might ask why GWR did not get a fit-for-purpose booking system in place before implementing the booking only policy.

Note that for the local (non-high-speed) trains there is no cycle reservation system. As for the new fleet of high-speed trains, let's hope that the on-board cycle storage is not a copy of the system used by Cross Country trains, where bicycle contortions are required in order to hang your bike in a wardrobe within a crowded doorway - a system that can only have been designed by someone who has never actually taken a bike on a train.

Cyclenation Needs a Voice from Reading

The Reading Cycle Campaign is affiliated to Cyclenation, an umbrella group for local cycle campaigns. Simon Geller from Cyclenation has requested someone from Reading to feed in views on cycle and rail integration. In Simon's words:

"The Cycle-Rail Working Group (CRWG) is tasked by the DfT to improve integration between rail and

cycling and meets about three times a year. It has representatives from across the railway industry and Martyn Brunt represents the voluntary / campaigning sectors.

"He in turn has a reference group comprising Roger Geffen from Cycling UK, Tom Bogdanowicz from London Cycling Campaign, Dave Holladay, who as you are probably aware is a walking encyclopedia of all things to do with railways and cycling, and myself representing Cyclenation.

"I've set up my own reference group comprising members of Cyclenation groups with whom I can confer on initiatives CRWG comes up with and pass on issues that are raised by the groups. All the work in my group is done by email - there is no requirement to attend meetings.

"So it would be great to have someone from Reading on the group."

If you take your bike on trains and would like to get involved with the Cyclenation reference group then send me an email to: secretary@readingcyclecampaign.org.uk.

Keith Elliott
Secretary

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Chairman's Letter

Dear RCC members,

As I am sure you know Team GB cyclists are the best in the world on the track, but they have done something remarkable with their legacy: they have called on the Prime Minister to invest in segregated cycle facilities as the Olympic legacy. A letter to Mrs May was signed by virtually every cycling medalist from Rio. Only Wiggins' name is absent, and given his recent comments on utility cyclists perhaps that is not such a bad thing.

The case was made in a video eloquently presented by Chris Boardman (why is he not a knight?), who has become a remarkable cycle campaigner. He lost his own mother a few weeks ago to a carelessly driven car. He knows full well the value of high quality cycle facilities.

Segregated cycle facilities are rare in the UK, but it is my belief that if we want to get lots of people cycling this is just what we need.

The new cycle superhighways in London are exactly that, properly segregated. They even have segregated traffic lights so that cyclists don't mix with vehicles when the lights change. This is commonly dealt with by some of us jumping traffic lights. Engineers have finally woken up to the value of that, and designed them so that cyclists have their own priority. That other great if odd campaigner, Boris, was the driving force behind the new breed of cycle facility. New for the UK that is. Most Northern European countries are already very good at doing this.

The call from our trackies is for investment: money to be spent on cycling. The Green Party asked for the same thing here a few months back. Predictably the proposal was met with scorn from our transport politicians. Investing in cycling is seen as a preposterous idea here, unless you look at the thin veneer of cycle friendliness that the Council likes to put on things. Scratch

that veneer and there isn't any real ambition to promote cycling here. There is a proposal for a new cycle route along the Bath Road heading to the west of Reading. It is almost exclusively a conversion to the pavement, with a few signs and lots of give way lines. It is not the sort of facility that will lead to a huge uptake in cycling all of a sudden.

It appears as if there is no real vision for what good cycle infrastructure should look like. A few years ago a man with a vision founded Sustrans and successfully bid for lottery funds to build it. There were people hired, deals done, land acquired and paths built. The idea was admirable, create a network of traffic free routes for cycling and walking all over the country. The money allocated for the whole country though was about half (£42 million) of what was spent some years later on one motorway junction (M4 junction 11 was £84 million).



The banner features a central image of a bird with its wings spread, set against a background of a road winding through a landscape. On the left, there is a logo for 'we are cycling UK' with 'Reading CTC, part of Cycling UK' underneath. On the right, text lists activities: 'Cyclists Touring Club', 'Leisure / Touring', 'Off-road / MTB', 'Group Rides', and 'Social'. Below the bird, the text 'Reading CTC Local Branch' is displayed.

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Chairman's Letter



Adrian Lawson

Here we are again, with £860 million to be invested in the M4 smart motorway, and no allocation so far for segregated cycling infrastructure. None at all.

When the Sustrans NCN was conceived and then built, it was a project for the new Millennium. It was recognised by all involved that it was going to be a project that had to be built super quickly and not to the ideal specification. Once it had been built, it would get used and it could be refined, added to and improved.

Sadly that vision never got beyond the building stage. It was seen as an encumbrance by local authorities, who, locally at least, pointedly refused to even keep it maintained, let alone upgrade any of it. The poor quality of construction soon needed some investment, and nobody would do it. Now the whole network around here has become a bit of a joke.

I use bits of it all the time, and when you compare it to something in the cities in Northern Europe it is pitiful. So now we have a new bit of Sustrans, Route 422, linking Windsor and Newbury. Much of this is claimed to exist and just needs some sig posting and some minor linkages. There is no ambition any more for a nice segregated facility. The cycle lanes in Berkeley Avenue are, for example, considered part of the scheme. These narrow bits of white paint are deemed to be an acceptable facility.

On the specifics of these cycle lanes let me explain what I see is wrong with them. They are too narrow for a start. I usually ride about 1.5 metres

away from the edge of the road, so that would put me outside the cycle lane. If I ride closer in, drivers are tempted to overtake by simply driving past without moving over. In my normal position if someone wants to get past they have to move over. It might seem counterintuitive, but it is much safer.

There are times when I will be even further over towards the middle of the road, places where I judge that it is too dangerous to be passed, so I won't let anyone past until I think it is safe. Now if you get a picture of how I ride you will see that I am a super-confident cyclist. It takes a lot of nerve to carve yourself space on the roads, and it isn't for everyone. Very very few people ride like that. And yes, I do get angry drivers, but not as many as you might think.

So the cycle lanes allow drivers to pass without moving over. They also encourage cyclists to overtake on the inside and make their way to the front of the lights, regardless of whether this is actually a good thing to do. They don't make anything actually safer, this white paint doesn't have any magic in it. And this is what is deemed to be a suitable facility to get a shift from driving to cycling. It won't make a blind bit of difference. It isn't going to get people leaving their cars at home and using a bike.

The cycle lanes in London, the new segregated cycle superhighways, already have cyclist traffic jams in busy periods. The numbers of users are truly staggering. Thousands of non-polluting journeys where people are getting their daily dose of exercise safely. Berkeley Avenue cycle lanes are hardly busy. There don't appear to be any more cyclists than there were before the paint went down. The new NCN422 won't solve the traffic queues heading along the Bath Road. Not a bit of it, so why bother with it?

What we need is a visionary and some money. Sadly there is no commitment to spend the money, and I can't see any cycling visionaries either.

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, 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.

ReadyBike



ReadyBike: what are the benefits and should it be subsidised?

ReadyBike may not be the runaway success that some people were hoping for. It could be argued that the cycling infrastructure is inadequate and too disjointed to support such a scheme. However, failure to attract the level of sponsorship to cover all the costs should not be a reason to discontinue ReadyBike without looking at the benefits of the scheme and how it compares in subsidy levels with other forms of transport in Reading.

Very few if any cycle hire schemes survive without subsidy. The wider benefits are normally considered; these include:

- Providing part of an integrated transport service
- Reducing car traffic and congestion
- Reducing pollution levels
- Encouraging health and fitness
- Encouraging others to cycle

Benefits

Hire bikes provide a useful part of an integrated transport system, allowing better access to many town centre areas as well as other areas that may have limited public transport access. Bicycles are not for all people so maybe we should also be considering electric hire bikes or even trikes?!

Having hire-bikes on the streets probably helps break down the barriers between cyclists and other

road-users and makes motorists more aware of cyclists. Hire bikes appear to generate a different response from motorists, who may treat them with more caution.

In London there was concern about the dangers of the 'Boris' bike, but this was largely unfounded, with probably lower collision rates than normal cyclists. This may be the same with ReadyBikes.

Subsidy

Most forms of transport are subsidised, including the railways, buses and the private car by road provision, or the £5,000 purchase subsidy for electric cars. In Reading there is free parking for the first car in residents' parking schemes and cheap rates for second cars. Is this a suitable subsidy?

Park and Rides normally have high subsidies, with those in Reading probably a few hundred pounds per user a year: I am currently trying to get the statistics.

So why not provide ongoing subsidies to ReadyBike, which also has the benefits of reducing pollution and traffic congestion, as well as improving the users' health?

John Lee



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Greenfest

Back in June RCC had a busy couple of weeks with events at the start and end of Bike Week.

We kicked off with a presence at Greenfest held for the first time in the town centre alongside Waterfest, where RCC volunteers handed out leaflets and signed up some new members.

East Reading Festival

The following weekend, after spending much of the week out on our bikes, RCC ran a very popular stand along with the CTC (now Cycling UK) at the East Reading Festival in Palmer Park. We were lucky to have a warm afternoon as many will remember June as generally cold and quite rainy, so the festival was well attended. Families from across Reading turned up to enjoy the local musical talent and a wide range of multi-cultural food (and lots of ice-cream).

RCC had more visitors than ever to our stand - which I think was largely due to Alice's delicious RCC branded cup cakes which were selectively given out (with only a few sampled by the volunteers!).



We had a good number of new members signing up, including a new life member who paid in full on the day!

Big Town Meal

Our next event is a stand at the Big Town Meal on Saturday 1 October, 10am-4pm, in conjunction with Reading Bicycle Kitchen (RBK).



RCC stand at the East Reading Festival

RCC and RBK are holding a joint stand again at this event and we're looking for at least two RCC volunteers to help us on the day.

Please let me know if you can come for perhaps either a morning or an afternoon shift? It's really good fun meeting people and also all attendees will have a delicious free meal (not to mention one of Alice's cupcakes)!

You can find out more about the Big Town Meal by visiting their website: <http://www.readingtowntownmeal.org.uk/>

If there are other events you would like RCC to run, please email me at events@readingcyclecampaign.org.uk

Karen Robertson
Events Coordinator

Cyclenation Annual Conference

This year's Annual Campaigners' Conference will be held on Saturday 19 November at Dagnall Street Baptist Church, St Albans, from 11am to 6pm.

Most of Britain will hold local elections next May and the long-awaited Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy is likely to focus on local delivery and be published before the conference, so there'll be plenty for us to cover. We're aiming for 14 presenters in four plenary sessions and a total of 15 workshops across three further sessions, to ensure the day informs and inspires your continued campaigning.

The venue and over half the presenters are confirmed, so please save the date and start making your travel arrangements. Cheap Advance Fare train tickets will be available soon. There's plenty of capacity, so groups are encouraged to send multiple attendees, and if you're considering staying overnight, we'll have an 'infrastructure safari' in London on the Sunday. Visit www.cyclenation.org.uk/conference2013 for details.

If you would like to attend on behalf of the RCC, let them know by emailing secretary@readingcyclecampaign.org.uk

Jonathan Fingland
on behalf of Cyclenation

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 4 Sep	TBC	10:00 Fountain	TBC	pub en route	30	Offroad
Sun 4 Sep	Swallowfield (S)	10:00 Earley	Richard Underwood 986 2444	Crown 175/725649	25	Leisurely
Tue 6 Sep	Littlewick Green (E)- MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON – Cricketers 175/838800					
Wed 7 Sep	Kingwood (N)	19:30 Fountain	tbc	Unicorn 175/701818	25	Offroad: short
Wed 7 Sep	Kingwood (N)	19:30 Fountain	Martin Pearce 07919 448 148	Unicorn 175/701818	25	Offroad: long
Wed 7 Sep	Kingwood (N)	19:30 Fountain	Paul Irving 07909 528 722	Unicorn 175/701818	25	Moderate
Wed 7 Sep	Watlington (N)	10:00 Henley	Greg Daniels 07954415180	Carriers Arms 175/692945	45	Meet 10:00-10:30 Henley Catherine Wheel
Sun 11 Sep	Brockhill (E)	10:00 Dinton	Sean Hayden 07801 414707	Oaktree Nurseries	25	Leisurely
Sun 11 Sep	TBC	10:00 Fountain	TBC	pub en route	30	Offroad
Sun 11 Sep	Hurstbourne Tarrant (SW)	08:45 Earley	Allan Adams 988 3044	George & Dragon 185/383531	70	Mod/brisk, roadside 11's
Sun 11 Sep	Brightwalton (W)	09:30 Theale	Joe Edwards 986 7855	Saddleback Farm Shop 174/436809	50	Moderate
Tue 13 Sep	Upper Bucklebury (W)- MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON – Cottage Inn 174/542686					
Wed 14 Sep	Whitchurch Hill (NW)	19:30 Fountain	John Singleton 07813 818719	Sun 175/643794	20	Offroad: short
Wed 14 Sep	Whitchurch Hill (NW)	19:30 Fountain	JD 07917 063231	Sun 175/643794	20	Offroad: long
Wed 14 Sep	Whitchurch Hill (NW)	19:30 Fountain	LEADER REQUIRED	Sun 175/643794	0	
Wed 14 Sep	Rotherwick (S)	10:30 Beech Hill	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Falcon 175/717564	30	Meet 10:30-11:00 Beech Hill Church Café
Fri 16 Sep	Bath - night ride	Reading Stn (South entrance) midnight	Simon Bird 07846 219114		80	train back, moderate. Book with Simon - he needs to book bike spaces
Sun 18 Sep	TBC	10:00 Fountain	Paul Roberts 07702 006105	pub en route	30	Offroad
Sun 18 Sep	Long Sutton (S)	09:15 Earley	Lesley Adams 988 3044	Four Horseshoes 186/748470	45	Mod, 11's Hartley Wintney
Tue 20 Sep	Aldworth (NW) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON – Four Points 174/554788					
Wed 21 Sep	Hurst (E)	19:30 Fountain	James Hilling 07787 535656	Castle 175/795729	20	Offroad
Wed 21 Sep	Hurst (E)	19:30 Earley	Al Neal 926 9531	Castle 175/795729	20	Offroad
Wed 21 Sep	Hurst (E)	19:30 Earley	Simon Bird 07846 219114	Castle 175/795729	22	Moderate
Wed 21 Sep	Lewknor (N)	10:00 Sonning Cmn	Mike Hardiman 9793147	Olde Leathern Bottle 165/715976	45	Meet 10:00-10:30 Sonning Common Bakery
Sat 24 Sep	HENLEY HILLY HUNDRED - 100km Audax event from Sonning Common - www.aukweb.net					
Sun 25 Sep	Overnight Adventure: Calne	TBC	Angus Mitchell 07794301935	pub en route	50	Offroad: weekend away, bunkhouse/hotel accommodation
Sun 25 Sep	Chieveley (NW)	10:00 Theale	Duncan Edwards 0794 440 3661	Old Red Lion 174/475738	30	Leisurely
Tue 27 Sep	Rotherwick (S) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON – Coach & Horses 175/714563					
Wed 28 Sep	Gallowstree Common (N)	19:30 Fountain	Helen Dixon 954 6306	Reformation 175/689802	15	Offroad: short
Wed 28 Sep	Gallowstree Common (N)	19:30 Fountain	Peter Nightingale 932 0297	Reformation 175/689802	20	Offroad - long
Wed 28 Sep	Gallowstree Common (N)	19:30 Prospect Park	Tony Rodriguez 0778833 9692	Reformation 175/689802	25	Moderate Brisk
Wed 28 Sep	Sherborne St John (S)	10:30 Mortimer	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Swan 175/626553	30	Meet 10:30-11:00 Mortimer Bakery Café
Sun 2 Oct	tbc	10:00 Fountain	Ian Doyle 07974 409607	pub en route	30	Offroad
Sun 2 Oct	Riseley (S)	10:00 Earley	Richard Underwood 986 2444	Bull 175/721632	25	Leisurely
Tue 4 Oct	Hurley (NE) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON – Dew Drop Inn 175/824815					
Wed 5 Oct	Sonning Common (N)	19:30 Fountain	Paul Mattingly 07976 796 217	Butchers Arms 175/716802	15	Offroad
Wed 5 Oct	Sonning Common (N)	19:30 Fountain	Charles Redfern 07932 042 324	Butchers Arms 175/716802	25	Moderate
Wed 5 Oct	Chieveley (NW)	10:00 Theale	Norman Band 07828019468	Old Red Lion 174/475738	45	Meet 10:00-10:30 Theale La Baguetterie
Sun 9 Oct	Whitchurch (SW)	09:15 Theale	Sean Hayden 07801 414707		60	One stop brisk
Sun 9 Oct	Tunnel Hill	Train Assist	Dave Keeble 07816 679453	pub en route	30	Off road: Train assist: 10.03 Reading to North Camp
Sun 9 Oct	Old Basing	09:30 Earley	Joe Edwards 986 7855		45	Moderate
Tue 11 Oct	Silchester (SW) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON – Calleva Arms 175/628621					
Wed 12 Oct	Three Mile Cross (S)	19:30 Fountain	Paul Roberts 07702 006105	Swan 175/715679	20	Off road
Wed 12 Oct	Three Mile Cross (S)	19:30 Fountain	Ian Swan 07766 244 816	Swan 175/715679	27	Brisk
Wed 12 Oct	Ewelme (N)	Henley 10:30	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Shepherds Hut 175/639919	30	Meet 10:30 - 11:00 Henley Catherine Wheel
Wed 12 Oct	Three Mile Cross (S)	19:30 Earley	Richard Underwood 986 2444	Swan 175/715679	15	Leisurely
Sat 15 Oct	Bedwyn	09:00 Reading stn south entrance	Simon Bird 07846 219114	TBC	60	moderate, train to Bedwyn - ride back
Sun 16 Oct	tbc	10:00 Fountain	Elliot Dean 07879 647681	pub en route	30	Off road
Sun 16 Oct	Leckhampstead (W)	09:15 Fountain	Allan Adams 988 3044	Stag 174/439763	50	Moderate. 11's Hampstead Norreys
Sun 16 Oct	TBA	09:15 Fountain	Mark Irons		65	One stop brisk
Sun 16 Oct	Knowl Hill (E)	10:00 Earley	Richard Underwood 986 2444	Bird in Hand 175/8279	30	Leis/Mod
Tue 18 Oct	Roke (N) MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON – Home Sweet Home 175/628935					
Wed 19 Oct	Chazey Heath (N)	19:30 Fountain	Ian Doyle 07974 409607	Pack Saddle 175/695772	15	Off road
Wed 19 Oct	Chazey Heath (N)	19:30 Fountain	Simon Bird 07846 219114	Pack Saddle 175/695772	24	Moderate
Wed 19 Oct	Clerken Green (S)	10:00 Beech Hill	Lesley Adams 988 3044	Beach Arms 185/565509	45	Meet 10:00 - 10:30 Beech Hill church café
Sun 23 Oct	Dunsden (AGM)	10:30 Fountain	Jenny Forkes 967 4154		25	Leisurely with coffee stop

Reading CTC Bike Rides Listings

Date	Destination	Start	Leader	Lunch	Miles	Destination
Sun 23 Oct	Dunsden (AGM)	09:15 Fountain	Lesley Adams 988 3044		30	Moderate. 11's The barn Turville Heath
Sun 23 Oct	Binfield Heath (NE)	10:00 Fountain	Carol Sunderland 07961109068	Bottle & Glass 175/743793	15	Offroad: short
Sun 23 Oct	Binfield Heath (NE)	10:00 Fountain	John Singleton 07813 818719	Bottle & Glass 175/743793	20	Offroad: long
Tue 25 Oct	Hazeley Heath (S) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON – Shoulder of Mutton 175/743592					
Wed 26 Oct	Curry ride	19:30 Fountain	Sel Dixon 954 6306	pub en route	20	Off road
Wed 26 Oct		19:30	LEADER REQUIRED			Curry
Wed 26 Oct	Chalgrove (N)	10:30 Sonning Cmn	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Lamb 165/631972	30	Meet 10:30-11:00 Sonning Common Herb Farm
Sun 30 Oct	Checkendon (N)	10:00 Fountain	Sel Dixon 954 6306	Black Horse 175/667841	30	Offroad
Sun 30 Oct	Checkendon (N)	10:00 Fountain	Steve Conway 375 9932	Black Horse 175/667841	25	Leisurely/mod, some hills
Sun 30 Oct	Frieth (N)	10:00 Fountain	Brian Maunder 01491 573722	Prince Albert 175/798907	40	Moderate
Tue 1 Nov	Binfield (E) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON – Victoria Arms 175/842713					
Wed 2 Nov	Tilehurst (W)	19:30 Fountain	Pete / Martin	Royal Oak 175/662740	15	Off road
Wed 2 Nov	Tilehurst (W)	19:30 Fountain	Richard Pearson 07930 548379	Royal Oak 175/662740	20	Moderate
Wed 2 Nov	Wolverton Townsend (SW)	10:30 Mortimer	Morris Dowding 989 0326	George & Dragon 174/563587	30	Meet 10:30-11:00 Mortimer Bakery Café
Sat 5 Nov	UPPER THAMES - 200km Audax event from Cholsey					
Sat 5 Nov	Saturday afternoon meander	13:00 Dinton	Ian Moore 07773 300 665		40	Moderate. return by 5 pm
Sun 6 Nov	Offroad tour	TBC	Becky Patterson 948 3454	pub en route	40	Offroad tour: bunkhouse accommodation
Sun 6 Nov	Henley (N)	10:00 Fountain	Steve Conway 375 9932	Catherine Wheel 175/762827	25	Leisurely/mod, some hills
Sun 6 Nov	Cuddesdon (N)	09:15 Fountain	Mike Hardiman 9793147	Bat & Ball 164/598028	55	Mod/brisk
Tue 8 Nov	Whitchurch Hill (NW) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON – Sun 175/643794					
Wed 9 Nov	Reading (W)	19:30 Fountain	JD 07917 063231	Nag's Head 175/703733	15	Off road
Wed 9 Nov	Reading (S)	19:30 Fountain	Sean Hayden 07801 414707	Nag's Head 175/703733	25	Moderate
Wed 9 Nov	Fifield (E)	10:30 Hare Hatch	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Fifield Inn 175/908764	30	Meet 10:30-11:00 Hare Hatch, Sheeplands Garden Centre
Sat 12 Nov	London (Parks & Palaces)	09:00 Dinton	Simon Bird 07846 219114	Hampton Court	60	Moderate
Sat 12 Nov	3 Rivers paths and byways	13:00 Dinton	Ian Moore 07773 300 665		30	Moderate. return by 4:30 pm. Robust tyres recommended
Sun 13 Nov	TBC	10:00 Fountain	Martin Pearce 07919 448 148	pub en route	30	Off road: long
Sun 13 Nov	Clerken Green (S)	08:45 Earley	Lesley Adams 988 3044	Beach Arms 185/565509	50	One stop to buffet breakfast. Tea on return leg
Sun 13 Nov	Whitchurch Hill (NW)	10:00 Fountain	Paul Denley 948 3574	Sun 175/643794	20	Offroad: short
Sun 13 Nov	Checkendon (N)	10:00 Earley	Richard Underwood 986 2444	Black Horse 175/667841	35	Leis/Mod. 22miles via Theale am
Tue 15 Nov	Crazies Hill (NE) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON – Horns 175/799809					
Wed 16 Nov	Reading (E)	19:30 Fountain	Gavin Sutton 07786 268187	Jolly Anglers 175/727735	15	Off road
Wed 16 Nov	Reading (E)	19:30 Earley	Simon Bird 07846 219114	Jolly Anglers 175/727735	25	Moderate
Wed 16 Nov	Little London (SW)	10:30 Theale	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Plough 175/621597	30	Meet 10:30-11:00 Theale La Baguetterie
Sun 20 Nov	TBC	10:00 Fountain	Helen Dixon 954 6306	pub en route	30	Off road
Sun 20 Nov	Little London (SW)	10:00 Earley	Richard Underwood 986 2444	Plough 175/621597	35	Leisurely
Tue 22 Nov	Riseley (S) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON – Bull 175/721632					
Wed 23 Nov	Caversham (N)	19:30 Fountain	Angus Mitchell 07794301935	Crown on the Bridge 175/712746	15	Off road
Wed 23 Nov	Caversham (N)	19:30 Fountain	Paul Irving 07909 528 722	Crown on the Bridge 175/712746	25	Moderate
Wed 23 Nov	Frieth (N)	10:30 Henley	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Prince Albert 175/798907	30	Meet 10:30 - 11:00 Henley Catherine Wheel
Sun 27 Nov	TBC	10:00 Fountain	TBC	pub en route	30	Off road
Sun 27 Nov	Marlow (NE)	09:00 Dinton	Ian Moore 07773 300 665	Court Leisure Centre 175/8488	50	Brisk morning ride back by 1:30. Alternative stop at Jenners cafe
Sun 27 Nov	Knowl Hill (E)	09:45 Earley	Joe Edwards 986 7855	Royal Oak 175/825796	40	Leis/mod. 11's Dorney. pick up at Dinton
Tue 29 Nov	Whistley Green (E) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON – Elephant and Castle 175/792742					
Wed 30 Nov	Reading (S)	19:30 Earley	Jason Pyke 07932 652368	The Turks 175/719729	15	Off road
Wed 30 Nov	Reading (S)	19:30 Earley	Ian Swan 07766 244 816	The Turks 175/719729	25	Brisk
Wed 30 Nov	Dogmersfield (S)	10:30 Beech Hill	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Queens Head 186/786528	30	Meet 10:30 - 11:00 Beech Hill church cafe

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