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Locking Up Your Bike



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Something like one and a half bikes are stolen every day in Reading. Last year I think it was about 525 bikes.

Sadly very few are ever seen again by their owners.

Most of us will have to leave our bikes in town while we go about what we came into town to do, and that means leaving your bike locked up.

How can you make sure your bike is there when you get back?

In reality you can't. If the thieves who steal bikes are equipped well enough and really want your bike, they'll get it. However there are some things I do that make my bike almost unstealable.

First off is not to ride something flashy into town. I do like my fancy bikes, and there is no reason to have to put up with riding something horrible just because thieves might nick it. Riding a

nice bike is a joy, riding a horrible old hack is a deeply unpleasant thing to do, so don't let the bike thieves condemn you to permanently riding something you don't like. You may want to make your bike look a bit less attractive though, that's up to you. Gaffer tape, spray paint, graffiti pens and the like can make a good bike look like a wreck, and it will still ride OK.

The key to the problem is to lock your bike in such a way as to make it too hard to steal easily, but that is an arms race. No matter how good your locks are now. One day people will have better security than you, and bike thieves will have gained the tricks to overcome the level of security you are using.

It also pays to have a town bike, especially if you have a really nice bike for your sport and recreation. If you have a trusty hybrid as your main transport though it is well worth making it less appealing. What looks to be a filthy wreck can still be a nice bike to ride, even if underneath that patina is a sweetly oiled and tuned machine!

Here is my best advice for now. Buy two good quality D-locks. A cheap D-lock is quite easily broken and a single expensive D-lock is not enough on its own.

One D-lock should lock the head tube of the frame (the tube that has the steering bearings at either end) and lock it to something solid. I use railings, and the end upright (or the two ends where two railings join) is what I prefer to use.

The other D-lock should go through the rear wheel inside the rear triangle of the frame, and if possible round the seat tube too, and lock that to another part of the railing. *(continued on page 5)*

Campaign News



Reading Borough Council (RBC)

The latest Cycle Forum at Reading was held on 2 February at the Civic Offices and included attendees from Reading Cycle Campaign and CTC (now Cycling UK). Issues considered were as follows:

- **EMPOWER** - This new project to encourage cycling has an EU grant for Reading of €100,000. There are various partners involved who will help develop mainly 'soft' (non infrastructure) solutions to help encourage cycling.
- **Town Centre signing** - RBC 'tabled' some proposed stick-on signing to

lamp-columns. Some further changes will be made prior to use in conjunction with normal DfT style cycling signs at key locations. Signing improvements should be completed by April.

- **Thames Path** resurfacing from Tilehurst to Caversham Bridge was agreed as worthwhile, but is yet to be funded.
- **Henley Road Cycle lanes** - the problem of vehicle parking in the cycle lanes was raised, with yellow lines and additional cycle lane markings and signing requested. This will be considered by RBC.
- **Lower Henley Road** cycle lanes adjacent to the parked cars was briefly discussed, apparently RBC are looking at an improved scheme rather than just removing the existing markings.

- **South station access** - Garrard Street will remain open for cyclists and the dropped-kerb for cyclists (and emergency access) to access the station will be kept clear in the revised design.
- **North station cycle-parking** - the 'Josta' cycle stands have been modified to reduce the chance of theft. Apparently the area is covered by CCTV, signing of this was suggested as an additional deterrent to theft.
- **Cycle Parking** in the town centre and local centres needs to be improved. Any suggested locations from members please forward to RBC and copy to RCC.
- **NCN 422** - Work has started on the section from Berkeley Avenue to the western borough boundary by New Lane Hill. The route alignment for the central section is proposed



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Jean Cronin, Kent

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Campaign News

via Berkeley Avenue, the Oracle, Kennetside and Watlington Street. The plans are available on the RBC website. The section east of Royal Berkshire Hospital is proposed via Erleigh Road then Eastern Avenue and Whiteknights Road, but the option of Crescent Road and Wokingham Road has not been discounted. The RCC meeting on 15 February discussed the proposals, aided by some plans from RBC. RCC have sent a comprehensive feedback report to RBC after the meeting; final plans will be discussed at the next Cycle Forum in June.

John Lee
RBC Campaigner



Wokingham Borough Council (WoBC)

Wokingham Borough Council (WoBC) held a consultation event on the Air Quality Management Areas that will

cover Twyford and Wokingham town centres. A range of suggestions were discussed; my view is that little can be done within the town centre to provide cycling facilities unless there is political will to remove parking spaces and carriageway space from cars.

I chose to promote a 20mph speed limit within the centre. This would reduce traffic and make the town centre much more pleasant for cycling and walking. Unfortunately there was a fair amount of hostility - at least partly because of the perception that traffic rarely gets over 20mph during rush hour.

However, there was some support for introducing the concept of 'shared space' within the town centre, including even making Peach Street one lane. I think this could help traffic flow and would allow space for a cycle lane.

Wokingham's MP has recently considered Wokingham's traffic problems on his blog (<http://johnredwoodsdiary.com/2017/01/15/traffic-congestion-in-the-wokingham-area/>) and I recommend you read it and its comments if you want to broaden your mind with a different world view. The contributors' perspective is that congestion is owing to anti-car governments and uncon-

trolled immigration with the obvious solution of a vast building programme of car parks, underpasses and motorways. I particularly appreciated the suggestion of extending the A329(M) to the M40 north and to Guildford in the south - a plan which will appeal greatly to the residents of Bracknell whose green spaces would be lost, and the affluent residents of South Oxfordshire whose rural Chiltern bliss would be bisected by the new scheme.

Mr Redwood mentions the current road investments around Shinfield and Wokingham, but chooses not to point out that they are designed to accommodate new housing developments, but not improve the current situation. His suggestions for the future are rather vague and general (suggesting retime traffic lights and alter junctions without stipulating which ones). Perhaps he realises that any new roads he suggests would be extremely unpopular with those constituents that would be affected.

Please let me know if you become aware of consultations on any significant development schemes around Wokingham so that I can attempt to influence the developers and WoBC.

Peter Howe
WoBC Campaigner

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Letters/Feedback

The Letters Page has been revived to allow you to leave feedback and to express your point of view. As well as the Facebook Page, this can be somewhere to voice your concerns to RCC members about cycling issues. I look forward to your contributions - Editor

Stolen Bikes From Reading Station

Dear Editor

I have recently moved to Reading and read with interest your cover article in December's issue on bikes stolen from the cycle racks by the taxi tanks.

My bike too was stolen from exactly the same location whilst training in Winchester, and similar to yourself I went through the police and asked about CCTV. Same outcome: new cycle racks, but no coverage at all.

Given the taxi ranks and busy location near the station I was surprised this

wasn't incorporated. Needless to say I've not left my bike there since and have bought a motorcycle chain which if I commute again I would use.

Speaking to the police, they confirmed it was a known area. Sadly this is now something that certainly detracts me from cycling into town.

Caroline Drewett

Riding On Reading's Roads

Dear Editor

I've ridden a bike for over 50 years and for the first part this included commuting between Ealing and Islington by bike. I've lived and ridden in Reading for the last 35 years so it's fair to say I'm a pretty experienced rider both on and off road.

I've passed on my riding habits to my grandson who is always keen to ride with us, but now I have a 10 year old with me it's made me acutely aware

of just how threatening the roads of Reading are for inexperienced riders. At 10 he doesn't notice the risks, but as his grandad I do.

A result of this was that I was keen to participate in the Cycling UK, Space for Cycling Campaign workshop for the South of England. The campaign calls for local councils to 'Plan, Invest and Build' cycling infrastructure to increase the percentage of journeys made by bike. In the UK these are around one tenth of nations like Denmark and Holland. The campaign provides tools to help with practical approaches to making improvements and whilst acknowledging the funding difficulties faced by Councils, provides ideas for gaining funding for improvements.

One of the key requirements to increasing the number of cycle journeys is viable route networks. Start with a few key routes to get quick results. To help with the planning



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phase, a tube map approach is used in the same way that the London tube map provides a logical rather than topographical way of visualising routes. This is a diagram showing the desired links, such as business parks to railway stations, schools and recreation facilities etc. The links between the locations are colour coded based on an objective criteria against which routes are scored.

Interestingly the £33 million proposed to be spent on the East Reading Mass Rapid Transit route would only marginally

improve the cycle connection, as the existing route is already pretty good, being mostly over tracks free of motor traffic.

In April a series of rides are planned nationally to raise awareness for the Space for Cycling campaign with a view to getting individual decision makers like Councillors, MPs and organisations like councils to sign up to the aims of the Space for Cycling campaign and take part in the rides. Cycling UK has developed material

aimed at decision makers which can be used to raise their interest.

I would like to see Reading Council, its MPs, organisations like the business parks, schools community associations and funding bodies like the Thames Valley Berkshire Local Enterprise Partnership and the NHS supporting Space for Cycling campaign, and hope that the Reading Cycling Campaign members will want to get behind this initiative.

John Sharpe

Locking Up Your Bike continued...

Continued from the front page...

For this second lock you'll want a wide and long D-lock, for the first lock you'll be better off with a shorter lock. The shorter lock makes it difficult to get anything in it to pry it apart. Using two locks means that the bike can't be swiveled around and used as a lever. I have seen bikes virtually destroyed by thieves doing this, and then even good locks can fail. But if they don't, you'll still have a ruined frame. The thieves were only after the parts.

Now I know most people won't want us using railings, and worse still is a bike locked to railings that gets in the way of everyone else. But whilst there are lots of railings and few cycle parking stands just where we need them, for the time being these are a very good option. Just consider other people when you lock your bike up.

Sheffield stands, the ones the Council install, are OK but not great. They are difficult to use with two locks, and then the thief only has to cut a section out of the stand (this has been done before), or unbolt it from the ground (yes, some are bolted down!). So always check the stand is securely fixed to the ground, and hasn't been cut. And really popular parking areas are also a magnet for bike thieves.



Bike stripped of essential parts

The only things on your bike that can then be pinched are the front wheel, the handlebars and levers and gear mechs and shifters, the saddle and seatpost and any luggage. So it is still vulnerable, especially if you leave your bike for any length of time and in the same place every day. If you have to do this think of some cunning ways of making those fittings hard to remove. You can buy security bolts, fill allen key sockets with something that sets hard and can be picked out later, or you can add a cable around the front wheel.

It may also be an idea to vary where you lock it up. If you continue to leave it in the same place every day (because that is where you work or study), have a word with someone. See if the people at work, school, university or wherever

can provide facilities that only staff, students or people with a key can get into. Visitor parking and staff parking are different things. Sometimes people who are good at running car parks need to learn about how cycle parking should work.

Whenever you lock your bike up, make sure you use good locks, do not depend on cables or chains or anything cheap, and make sure your bike isn't somewhere where a bike thief could work unnoticed.

Take a few photos of your bike and keep those photos up to date. Record any little changes you make and things you add to your bike. So many bike owners have nothing to share, now that we have such good communication it is so easy to share a few photos to make it easier for someone to find your bike.

I have reunited a couple of bikes in recent years, and got one of my own back. Some bikes do leave town, but many don't and you may need to prove the bike is yours to get it back. A picture of you with it and any distinguishing detailed evidence could dramatically alter the outcome of any dispute if you were unfortunate enough to lose your bike and then fortunate again to find it again!

Adrian Lawson
Chairman

AWCycles would like to announce they offer RCC members a permanent discount in the shop of 5% off bikes and frames as well as 10% off everything else, but you will need to show your membership card to receive your discount.

Chairman's Letter

Dear RCC members,

Two reasons I hear trotted out by those responsible for our highways are: we can't have decent cycle facilities because there isn't enough space, and there isn't enough money. They never confess to a lack of political will, or a lack of competence to design something that will actually work.

Recently however things have changed. There is now a considerable sum of money, £450,000 for a link across town, part of National Cycle Network route 422 from Windsor to Newbury.

And it follows some of the widest roads: Bath Road, possibly Berkeley Avenue, and links to Wokingham Road. This is the perfect chance to build a perfect facility for cyclists.

We know that in London the bold move to create a fully segregated cycle track has been an impressive success. I heard that at times 1,200 cyclists an hour have used it in the peak periods. There are now cyclist traffic queues at the junctions. The number of cars on the same route has dropped. This is helping congestion and air quality, but it is still not enough. London still failed its annual air quality target in the first few days of the year, the target for the whole year, in under a week!

We know we have to get more vehicles off the road, and replace them with cycle trips.

London is a big and very busy place, no less constrained than Reading, which also has air quality problems. We have already had one warning this year to stay in doors and not do any exercise.

Now we have a new cycle route along a wide corridor. Some is being built right now, some is still in the design stage. We had little input towards the route selection, even though we were shown the plans when they were drawn up. The new route will put cyclists at the very bottom of the road user hierarchy, completely the opposite of what the Council say they will do, and the opposite of what the Highway Design Guidance says they should do.

Why is this so bad? This is because it's *on the pavement!* Just where walkers will find cyclists a nuisance. Cyclists will have to give priority to turning traffic. From Burghfield Road to Honey End Lane cyclists will have to give way to traffic at six junctions. This means an east bound cyclist riding alongside east bound traffic will have to stop and check that every car

approaching from behind is not going to turn left. Not once, but six times. In about 200 yards. And if the cyclist rode across a junction and was hit by a turning vehicle it would be the cyclist's fault, because the vehicle has the right of way.

The cyclist who wants to make reasonable progress (certainly the majority of cyclists) would be better off on the road because then they don't have to give way at each junction (the junctions they have to cede priority at include the second hand car dealers, the petrol station the Nissan garage and the sheltered accommodation). But what will the drivers think when they see a cyclist on the road next to a 'perfectly good' cycle facility paid for out of their 'road tax'? Many of those drivers will be at best disgruntled and there will be a few who yell obscenities, and some who will do things that are even worse.

There will also be disgruntled pedestrians. I like walking, but I hate walking with cyclists approaching from behind. Especially where the path is narrow. And yes, this bit of pavement is too narrow, particularly when there are loads of people walking to school at the same time as

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Chairman's Letter



Adrian Lawson

we want loads of people riding their bikes. The road here is wide, it is vast, which means there is more than enough space for a cycle lane along the road all the way to some point further into town.

I got to dreaming about how this cycle lane could look like. How would a town in any continental country do this? They are far better in mainland Europe than we are here. The Dutch are amazing at building cycle lanes, and so are the Spanish funnily enough, as are many other countries.

What would a typical country in mainland Europe do? What should a town in the UK do, given that it has a wide enough corridor and the money to do something really good? It would create either a two way fully segregated cycle lane, and a parallel little road with kerbs and its own phases at the traffic lights. And it would go straight along the main road, right into the heart of town.

So I spent a while musing about what a continental transport planner would

do under the direction of a continental politician, given that we have space but not really quite enough money to do the job properly. I don't think we have enough money to build my parallel little road.

I had a little dream about it. What could we do to get people directly and comfortably straight into the heart of town?

In my dreams I travelled straight down the main road. Obvious really, there is no need to turn this way and that to make good progress, or to turn off into dark side streets with potholed roads and parked cars. We just want to stay along the brightly lit and better surfaced main road.

What we want is all the way in and out as a continuous cycle lane, at least six feet wide, unbroken, with a solid white line down it, so cars must not enter into it.

There are some places where this is presently difficult. Castle Hill and Castle Street have cars parked where a cycle lane might go, so let's get rid of them. There is a huge car park nearby, specially built to park cars. Why is valuable and allegedly scarce road space taken up by people who park their cars when what is really needed is space for people to ride their bikes?

There are some bits of the Bath Road where it is difficult to put in a cycle lane, because the normally one lane road is split into two narrow lanes for a short stretch. Here's a simple solution: make it one lane all the way in.

The motorists will be horrified, as it will slow them down. True, it will, but if the cycle lane is very good, then lots of people will get out of their cars and cycle in, since isn't this what we want? To make it less easy to drive into town and much easier to ride in?

That was a very nice dream. I wonder what it will take to make it come true?

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.

Cycling News

Active Travel Champions Wanted

Sustrans is working with My Journey Wokingham to encourage more people to cycle and walk for everyday journeys. They run cycle training for adults, children and families as well as led rides and a broad range of activities and events to engage communities and workplaces with active travel.

They are looking for Active Travel Champions who would like to use their enthusiasm for cycling and walking to inspire others, as well as Ride Leaders to assist with led rides and other events. All volunteers become part of a national network of Sustrans volunteers, and receive training and resources. Visit <http://www.sustrans.org.uk/volunteer/get-involved/vacancies/active-travel-champions-wokingham> for more info or contact Anita Powell on 07799 486 935 or email anita.powell@wokingham.gov.uk

British Heart Foundation Ride

On 18 March Andy Caldwell, Head of Sixth Form at Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School, will take part in the British Heart Foundation's London to Reading ride.

This year he will be doing it on a tandem with his cousin, who suffered a major heart attack three years ago. Andy was told he would not survive when doctors turned off his life support machine. However, he miraculously did.

This will be the first of many challenges on the road to recovery. Andy's cousin now suffers with poor eyesight, so this is the only way for him to take part. This should be an 'interesting experience' for both of them!

Andy would love to put together a Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School team with some of the 6th form

students. It is only £15-£20 depending on when you register. Please visit <https://www.bhf.org.uk/get-involved/events/bike-rides>.

Any sponsorship would be greatly appreciated, also if anyone has an underused bike that could be lent to a 6th former to train on.

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BikeSmart Reading

Earn rewards and win prizes for cycling!

- Are you interested in seeing more people cycling?
- Do you need some additional motivation to get out on your bike?
- Would you like to increase your confidence cycling on the road, advice on local routes or learn more about bike maintenance?

Then join BikeSmart Reading!



So what's it all about?

Reading Borough Council has been selected by Empower** to take part in an EU funded, Europe wide programme to encourage sustainable forms of transport. The local project is focused specifically on cycling and will operate as 'BikeSmart Reading'. The scheme promotes and incentivises cycling through a range of initiatives - including reward points for bike journeys via a mobility tracking app, activities, events and prizes. It also aims to help reduce the barriers to cycling through offering free training and bike maintenance.

Are you ready?

Launching in March 2017 BikeSmart is open to anyone living or working in Reading. To take part and earn your first 500 bonus points register at <https://bikesmartreading.betterpoints.uk>. Simply follow the link to download the new Betterpoints app. This has background tracking and detects your cycling motion, automatically detecting cycling motion - making it simple to use on the go.



Existing Betterpoints user? Download the latest update to access the new version and accelerated points scheme - and get some bonus points!

Earn while riding

Then start cycling to earn! Every ride of 1 mile or more counts as a trip. The scheme is designed to encourage people to regularly travel by bike for day to day journeys - rather than cycle huge distances and to make it as inclusive as possible. The more trips you make, the more points you will earn*, with bonus points for initial registration, refer a friend and achieving specific goals!

Get rewards!

Points can be redeemed for wide variety of rewards - from vouchers at high street shops, entertainment, leisure and sports. Or you can donate your points to a local charity so others will benefit from your hard work.



Win a bike!

As a special launch initiative you can win a Decathlon bike (to value £250) which will be awarded through a prize draw. To participate just register as

above and every cycle journey recorded will automatically give you an entry to the draw.

There also will be events running in various locations throughout the spring and summer- including FREE BikeSmart Skills sessions.

Choose from road skills & navigation, 'back on your bike' confidence building rides or bike maintenance workshops. You can earn up to 5,000 BetterPoints for coming to a session - which you can redeem for a £5 gift voucher!

Bring a friend or neighbour and earn additional referral points!

In addition there will be special offers for those cycling on a Readybike - so register online and take one out for a spin to increase your chances to win!

Workplace Events

With Bike Week rapidly approaching, why not encourage your colleagues to join the popular workplace challenge taking place across Reading throughout June.

Many local businesses have participated in this fun free event in previous years and there are some great prizes on offer - as well as the chance to get out with your bike and compete with other local businesses!

<https://www.lovetoride.net/reading>

We'd like your support to spread the word, champion cycling and encourage others to sign up. Even better become your workplace cycle champion for the event and be directly involved in promoting cycling at your workplace!

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Let's get more people cycling!

Footnotes:

Empower** for further information visit <http://empowerproject.eu/>

* For all details of points, rewards and events follow the links on <https://bikesmartreading.betterpoints.uk> or email Karen Roberston on karen.r@getmorepeoplecycling.com

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
Wed 1 Mar	Ewelme (N)	10:30 Sonning Cmn	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Shepherds Hut 175/639919	30	Meet 10:30-11:00 Herb Farm
Wed 1 Mar	Reading (E)	19:30 Fountain	Pete Nightingale 932 0297	Fishermans Cottage 175/727735	15	Off road
Wed 1 Mar	Reading (E)	19:30 Fountain	David Rees 07971 289 909	Fishermans Cottage 175/727735	25	Moderate/Brisk
Sun 5 Mar	Watlington (N)	09:15 Fountain	Mike Hardiman 9793147	Carriers Arms 175/692945	50	Moderate/Brisk. 11's Ewelme/Benson
Sun 5 Mar	Wallingford (N)	10:00 Fountain	Al Neal 926 9531	The Boat House 175/609895	30	Offroad
Sun 5 Mar	Warren Row (E)	10:00 Fountain	Sean Hayden 07801 414707	The Old House 175/811808	30	Leisurely
Tue 7 Mar	Crazies Hill (NE) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON – Horns 175/799809					
Wed 8 Mar	Wolverton Townsend (SW)	10:30 Mortimer	Morris Dowding 989 0326	George & Dragon 174/563587	30	Meet 10:30-11:00 Cafe
Wed 8 Mar	Reading (C)	19:30 Fountain	Rob Williams 7979595604	Greyfriar 175/713738	25	Moderate/Brisk
Wed 8 Mar	Reading (E)	19:30 Fountain	Paul Mattingly 07976 796 217	Greyfriar 175/713738	15	Off road
Sat 11 Mar	Kennet Valley 100 & 200km Audax rides from Grazeley - M. Simmons 954 3537 - (www.aukweb.net)					
Sun 12 Mar	Alton (S)	09:00 Dinton	Graeme Hoyle 07879 838 424	Café 186/7139	60	Brisk one stop. Clockwise loop
Sun 12 Mar	Kingsclere (SW)	09:15 Earley	Lesley Adams 988 3044	Crown 174/5258	50	Moderate. 11's Bramley
Sun 12 Mar	tbc	10:00 Fountain	tbc	tbc	30	Offroad
Sun 12 Mar	Bramley (S)	10:00 Theale	Wie San Lau 079 5746 6477	Bramley Bakery Café 175/656594	25	Leisurely
Tue 14 Mar	Beenham (W) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON – Six Bells 174/585689					
Wed 15 Mar	Hurst (E)	10:30 Hare Hatch	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Green Man 175/800740	30	Meet 10:30-11:00 Sheeplands Garden Centre
Wed 15 Mar	Tilehurst (W)	19:30 Fountain	John Singleton 07813 818719	Royal Oak 175/662740	15	Off road
Wed 15 Mar	Tilehurst (W)	19:30 Fountain	Richard Pearson 07930 548379	Royal Oak 175/662740	18	Leisurely/Moderate
Sun 19 Mar	Alton (S)	09:00 Dinton	Graeme Hoyle 07879 838 424	Café 186/7139	60	Brisk one stop. Anti-clockwise loop
Sun 19 Mar	Lambourn (W)	09:15 Theale	Mick Simmons 954 3537	Bakery Cafe	50	Moderate
Sun 19 Mar	tbc	10:00 Fountain	tbc	tbc	30	Off road
Sun 19 Mar	Wallingford	10:00 Fountain	Wie San Lau 079 5746 6477	Boat House 175/609895	32	Leisurely/Moderate
Tue 21 Mar	Jealot's Hill (E) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON – New Leathern Bottle 175/868732					
Wed 22 Mar	Aldworth (NW)	10:30 Theale	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Four Points 174/554788	30	Meet 10:30-11:00 La Baguetterie
Wed 22 Mar	Reading (E)	19:30 Fountain	Jason Pyke 07932 652368	Eldon Arms 175/725732	15	Off road
Wed 22 Mar	Reading (E)	19:30 Fountain	LEADER REQUIRED	Eldon Arms 175/725732	20	Moderate
Sun 26 Mar	Waterperry Gardens (N)	09:15 Fountain	Mick Simmons 954 3537	Café 164/628064	60	Brisk
Sun 26 Mar	Odiham (S)	09:30 Earley	Joe Edwards 986 7855	Bell 186/743509	45	Moderate, 11's Bramley
Sun 26 Mar	Greywell (S)	10:00 Earley	Al Neal 926 9532	Fox & Goose 186/718513	40	Offroad
Sun 26 Mar	Henley (NE)	10:00 Fountain	Jackie Leslie 969 2549	Cafe 175/761826	30	Leisurely
Tue 28 Mar	Hazeley Heath (S) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON – Shoulder of Mutton 175/743592					
Wed 29 Mar	Skirmett (N)	10:30 Henley	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Frog 175/775903	30	Meet 10:30-11:00 Catherine Wheel P.H
Wed 29 Mar	Curry ride	19:30 Fountain	Sel Dixon 954 6306	tbc	15	Off road
Wed 29 Mar	Curry Ride	19:30 Fountain	Sean Hayden 07801 414707	tbc	25	Moderate
Sat 1 Apr	Foolish Two Day Tour	9.30 Earley	Simon Bird 07846 219114	Pubs and cafes	130	Two day tour, staying overnight at a hostel or similar
Sun 2 Apr	Marlow (NE)	09:00 Dinton	Ian Moore 07773 300 665	Court Leisure Centre 175/848862	50	Brisk morning ride. Return by 14:00
Sun 2 Apr	Chaddleworth (W)	09:15 Fountain	Chris Davey 942 2358	Ibex 174/416772	50	Moderate
Sun 2 Apr	Riseley (S)	10:00 Earley	John Lomas 01344 420031	Bull 175/721632	30	Leisurely
Sun 2 Apr	Church Crookham (S)	11:00 Blackwater stn	Dave Keeble 07816 679453	The Tweesledown	25	Offroad: train assist - 09.35 RDG - Blackwater
Tue 4 Apr	Ewelme (N) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON – Shepherds Hut 175/639919					
Wed 5 Apr	Monk Sherborne (SW)	10:15 Beech Hill	Lesley Adams 988 3044	Mole 175/608567	40	Meet 10:15 - 10:45 Church Cafe
Wed 5 Apr	Shinfield Green (S)	19:30 Earley	Richard Underwood 986 2444	Bell & Bottle 175/734677	15	Leisurely
Wed 5 Apr	Shinfield Green (S)	19:30 Fountain	Peter Nightingale 932 0297	Bell & Bottle 175/734677	20	Off road
Wed 5 Apr	Shinfield Green (S)	19:30 Fountain	Tom Walton-Evans 07825 931573	Bell & Bottle 175/734677	25	Moderate
Sun 9 Apr	Winchcombe - 09.00 - Ian Doyle 07974 409607 - (Offroad: www.winchcombecc.org.uk)					
Sun 9 Apr	tbc	09:00 Fountain	Paul Roberts 07702 006105	tbc	50	Offroad
Sun 9 Apr	Benson Marina (NW)	09:15 Fountain	James Blagden 0750 490 767 6	Riverside Café 175/613917	50	Brisk
Sun 9 Apr	Towersey (N)	09:15 Fountain	Lesley Adams 988 3044	Three Horseshoes 165/735050	55	Moderate. 11's Watlington
Sun 9 Apr	Windsor (E)	09:30 Earley	Wie San Lau 079 5746 6477	Queen's Farm Shop 175/981753	45	Leisurely/Moderate. alternative stop Saville Gdns
Sun 9 Apr	Waltham St Lawrence (E)	10:00 Earley	Richard Underwood 986 2444	Bell 175/830770	20	Leisurely
Tue 11 Apr	Hermitage (W) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON – Fox 174/510731					
Wed 12 Apr	Frieth (N)	10:30 Sonning Cmn	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Prince Albert 175/798907	30	Meet 10:30-11:00 Bakery
Wed 12 Apr	Sonning Eye (E)	19:30 Fountain	Jim Thompson 07906 164 486	Flowing Spring 175/747767	20	Off road
Wed 12 Apr	Sonning Eye (E)	19:30 Fountain	Charles Redfern 07932 042 324	Flowing Spring 175/747767	23	Moderate
Sat 15 Apr	Saturday pm meander	13:00 Dinton	Ian Moore 07773 300 665		40	Moderate. Back by 17:00
Sun 16 Apr	Newbridge on Wye - 10:00 - Ian Doyle 07974 409607 - (Offroad tour: bunkhouse accommodation)					
Sun 16 Apr	Little London (SW)	10:00 Earley	David Roberts 986 2763	Plough 175/621597	30	Leisurely
Tue 18 Apr	Binfield (E) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON – Victoria Arms 175/842713					

Reading CTC Bike Rides Listings

Date	Destination	Start	Leader	Lunch	Miles	Information
Wed 19 Apr	Kingsclere (SW)	10:15 Mortimer	Alan Killbride	Crown 174/5258	40	Meet 10:15-10:45 Cafe
Wed 19 Apr	Theale (SW)	19:30 Fountain	Martin Pearce 07919 448 148	Crown 175/643713	20	Off road
Wed 19 Apr	Theale (SW)	19:30 Fountain	Richard Pearson 07930 548379	Crown 175/643713	18	Leisurely/Moderate
Sun 23 Apr	Kidmore End (N)	09:15 Fountain	Sean Hayden 07801 414707	New Inn 175/699793	40	11's Root1 Brightwell-cum-Sotwell. brisk
Sun 23 Apr	Kidmore End (N)	09:30 Fountain	Martin Pearce 07919 448 148	New Inn 175/699793	30	Offroad: long
Sun 23 Apr	Kidmore End (N)	09:30 Fountain	Joe Edwards 986 7855	New Inn 175/699793	45	Moderate. Checkendon Woods. Returning to 'New Inn' for lunch
Sun 23 Apr	Kidmore End (N)	10:00 Fountain	Michael Lernihán 07526 127000	New Inn 175/699793	20	Offroad: short
Sun 23 Apr	Kidmore End (N)	10:00 Fountain	Richard Underwood 986 2444	New Inn 175/699793	20	Leisurely
Tue 25 Apr	Rotherwick (S) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON –Coach & Horses 175/714564					
Wed 26 Apr	Cookham (E)	10:30 Hare Hatch	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Crown on the Green 175/894853	30	Meet 10:30-11:00 Sheeplands Garden Centre
Wed 26 Apr	Gallowstree Common (N)	19:30 Fountain	Gavin Sutton 07786 268187	Reformation 175/689802	20	Off road
Wed 26 Apr	Gallowstree Common (N)	19:30 Fountain	Edwin Raj 7900924941	Reformation 175/689802	20	Moderate
Sun 30 Apr	Hannington (SW)	09:15 Earley	Allan Adams 988 3044	Vine 174/540552	50	Moderate. 11's Pamber End
Sun 30 Apr	Hermitage (NW)	09:15 Fountain	James Blagden 0750 490 767 6	Hilliers Garden Centre 174/501730	60	Brisk
Sun 30 Apr	Henley (N)	10:00 Fountain	Steve Conway 375 9932	Catherine Wheel 175/762827	25	Leisurely/Moderate
Sun 30 Apr	tbc	10:00 Fountain	Michael Lernihán 07526 127000	pub en route	30	Offroad: route to be determined based on weather. May include train assist
Tue 2 May	Witheridge Hill (N)- MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON – Rising Sun 175/696841					
Wed 3 May	Cold Ash (W)	10:15 Theale	tbc	The Castle 174/513697	40	Meet 10:15-10:45 La Baguetterie
Wed 3 May	Swallowfield (S)	19:30 Earley	Ian Swan 07766 244 816	Crown 175/725649	30	Brisk +
Wed 3 May	Swallowfield (S)	19:30 Earley	Phil Russell 7960733464	Crown 175/725649	25	Leisurely/Moderate
Wed 3 May	Swallowfield (S)	19:30 Fountain	JD 07917 063231	Crown 175/725649	20	Off road
Sun 7 May	West Ridgeway	09:00 Fountain	John Singleton 07813 818719	pub en route	50	Offroad
Sun 7 May	Turville Heath (N)	09:15 Fountain	Allan Adams 988 3044	The Barn Café 175/745913	50	Moderate. Roadside 11's
Sun 7 May	Silchester (SW)	10:00 Earley	David Roberts 986 2763	Calleva Arms 175/628621	30	Leisurely
Tue 9 May	Sherborne St John (S) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON – Swan 175/626553					
Wed 10 May	Watlington (N)	Watlington (N)	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Carriers Arms 175/692945	30	Meet 10:30-11:00 Catherine Wheel P.H
Wed 10 May	Whitchurch Hill (NW)	Whitchurch Hill (NW)	Angus Mitchell 7794301935	Sun 175/643794	20	Off road
Wed 10 May	Whitchurch Hill (NW)	Whitchurch Hill (NW)	LEADER REQUIRED	Sun 175/643794		
Sun 14 May	Rickmansworth - 09.00 - Ian Doyle 07974 409607 - (Offroad: www.buckssportive.co.uk)					
Sun 14 May	Fleet (S)	09:15 Fountain	Sean Hayden 07801 414707	Fleet 186/806538	50	One stop brisk
Sun 14 May	Leckhampstead (W)	09:30 Theale	Joe Edwards 986 7855	Stag 174/439763	50	Moderate
Sun 14 May	Shinfield Green (S)	10:00 Earley	Richard Underwood 986 2444	Bell & Bottle 175/734677	15	Leisurely morning ride. Back by 1 pm
Sun 14 May	Benson Marina (NW)	10:00 Fountain	Steve Conway 375 9932	Riverside Café 175/613917	35	Leisurely /Moderate
Tue 16 May	Fifield (E) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON – Fifield Inn 175/908764					
Wed 17 May	Odiham (S)	10:15 Beech Hill	Mick Simmons 954 3537	Bell 186/743509	40	May
Wed 17 May	Shiplake (NE)	19:30 Fountain	tbc	Baskerville Arms 175/7678	20	Offroad: short
Wed 17 May	Shiplake (NE)	19:30 Fountain	Jason Pyke 07932 652368	Baskerville Arms 175/7678	25	Offroad: long
Wed 17 May	Shiplake (NE)	19:30 Fountain	Tom Walton-Evans 07825 931573	Baskerville Arms 175/7678	25	Moderate
Fri 19 May	Bath - night ride	00:00: Reading Stn (South entrance)	Simon Bird 07846 219114	Roadside brewup in the stones at Avebury	80	Moderate pace. Train back from Bath. Book with the leader to secure bike reservations.
Sun 21 May	Alresford (S)	09:15 Earley	Mark Irons	The Swan Hotel 185/588327	80	Brisk. Roadside 11's
Sun 21 May	Wooburn Common (NE)	09:30 Dinton	John Lomas 01344 420031	Royal Standard 175/923876	40	Leisurely/Moderate. 11's Dorney
Sun 21 May	Jealot's Hill (E)	10:00 Earley	Duncan Edwards 0794 440 3661	New Leathern Bottle 175/868732	30	Leisurely
Sun 21 May	tbc	10:00 Fountain	Angus Mitchell 7794301935	tbc	35	Offroad
Tue 23 May	Little London (SW) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON – Plough 175/621597					
Wed 24 May	Chalgrove (N)	10:30 Sonning Cmn	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Lamb 165/631972	30	Meet 10:30-11:00 Bakery
Wed 24 May	Kingwood (N)	19:30 Fountain	James Hilling 07787 535656	Unicorn 175/701818	20	Offroad: short
Wed 24 May	Kingwood (N)	19:30 Fountain	Martin Pearce 07919 448 148	Unicorn 175/701818	25	Offroad: long
Wed 24 May	Kingwood (N)	19:30 Fountain	Sue Perryman 7849696357	Unicorn 175/701818	20	Moderate
Sat 27 May	Saturday pm meander	13:00 Dinton	Ian Moore 07773 300 665		40	Moderate. Back by 17:00. Robust tyres recommended
Sun 28 May	Clerken Green (S)	08:45 Earley	Lesley Adams 988 3044	Beach Arms 185/565509	45	One stop Moderate. All you can eat breakfast. Tea pamber End
Sun 28 May	Popham Airfield (SW)	09:15 Earley	Mike Hardiman 9793147	Wings Airfield Café 185/5344	65	Moderate/Brisk (destination provisional), 11's N. Waltham shop
Sun 28 May	TBC - 10.00 - Martin Pearce 07919 448 148 - (Offroad tour: camping)					
Tue 30 May	Brightwell cum Sotwell (NW) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON – Red Lion 174/582907					
Wed 31 May	Clerken Green (S)	10:00 Mortimer	Allan Adams 988 3044	Beach Arms 185/565509	45	Meet 10:00-10:30 Cafe
Wed 31 May	Waltham St Lawrence (E)	19:30 Earley	Richard Underwood 986 2444	Bell 175/830770	20	Leisurely
Wed 31 May	Waltham St Lawrence (E)	19:30 Fountain	John Singleton 07813 818719	Bell 175/830770	20	Offroad: short
Wed 31 May	Waltham St Lawrence (E)	19:30 Fountain	Paul Roberts 07702 006105	Bell 175/830770	25	Offroad: long
Wed 31 May	Waltham St Lawrence (E)	19:30 Fountain	Sophie Deconihout 7896640276	Bell 175/830770	25	Moderate

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