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Reading Cycle Campaign had almost 50 cyclists join up for a ride around Reading to ask for more space for cyclists on Reading's roads.

We had a wonderful ride from Forbury Gardens to Caversham, over Reading Bridge and then back over Caversham Bridge and into Reading. We ended at the Civic Centre for a photo opportunity, where we met Councillor Page, the lead member for Transport and Planning.

The Council has recently installed cycle lanes on Berkeley Avenue which are rather pointlessly 300mm narrower than the minimum recommended by the Department for Transport, despite the road having adequate space for a full width cycle lane.

It is this half hearted attempt at cycling infrastructure that we are trying to change.

Adrian Lawson
Chairman

Campaign News



Reading Borough Council (RBC)

Reading's Own 'Boris Bikes'

You may have noticed some orange stands sprouting out. Having briefly been useful as an additional rail to lock your bike up to they have now flowered with purple bicycles!

Several stands have been erected around the town centre (including both sides of the station), Green Park, Thames Valley Park and the Royal Berkshire Hospital. While there are a few in Whitley, the University area and a couple in Caversham there is a notable lack of stands in East or West Reading. Let's hope this is rectified quickly if the scheme proves successful.

You can pre-register at readybike.co.uk for a card that will allow you to help yourself to a bike and return it to any stand when you're finished. The scheme will cost £50 a year to register. The first 30 minutes of each journey are free, after which the bikes are hired at £1 per hour.



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While this scheme may not be at the top of the seasoned local cyclist's wish list, particularly as it took such a large chunk of the Local Sustainable Transport Fund and does nothing to improve the journeys of the 2,000 or so people who cycle each day on their own bikes. On the other hand it offers a great opportunity for people who don't cycle regularly or haven't cycled before.

It will be interesting to see how the scheme develops.

Toby Gibbons

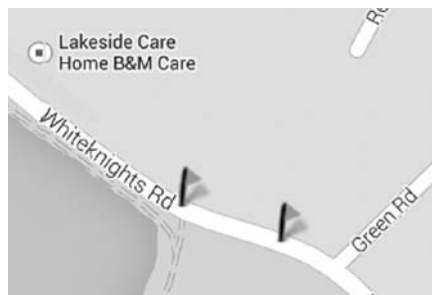
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Pot Luck on Reading's Cycle Routes

When you regularly cycle the same route, as many commuters do, you get to know where the potholes are and to look out for them - an easier job now the commute is in the light. When the potholes start to get large I start making mental notes to report them using the CTC's excellent Fill That Hole website.



Earlier this year I logged a pothole on Whiteknights Road (Reading Cycle Route R10) on my route to work and almost fell off my bike in surprise to find that the hole had indeed been filled within 24 hours of my report. Inspired by this I filed a second report for another pothole about 100m on from the first (I admit I should have logged them both at the same time). The second hole took somewhat longer to attend to, but was duly filled after I sent a reminder via the Fill That Hole website.



Whilst you can report holes directly to the Council (Reading, Wokingham, West Berks, whichever) the CTC's service keeps a track of all the reports and produces a league table of local authorities. RBC is a creditable 21st out of 214 authorities at the time of writing, with 88% of reported potholes fixed. Wokingham is a little further behind at 28th position with 73% fixed, and West Berks can reflect on their potential for improvement when considering their tally of 22% of reported potholes fixed.

Rank (Fixed %)	Authority	Total Reports	Open Reports	Fixed Reports	Fixed %
1	Islington	880	0	732	100%
20	York	1190	95	1092	92%
21	Reading	296	28	204	88%

Whilst RBC is good at fixing reported potholes, the next step to Local Authority enlightenment is to be proactive rather than reactive. You can't but help have noticed that a preponderance of potholes have become the normal state of our roads over the last five years as Local Authority funding is cut - this despite assurances from the Institution of Civil Engineers that properly funded road maintenance is actually cheaper in the long run than forever doing reactive repairs.

Given that funding for road maintenance is under pressure, then prioritising that funding becomes all the more critical. Whilst potholes can be a pain for motor vehicles they are much more likely to cause damage and harm to cycles and cyclists. RBC has an annual programme of road resurfacing and a set of criteria

for deciding which roads get the attention. Under these criteria, being part of Reading's branded cycle network, unfortunately, does not cut much ice.

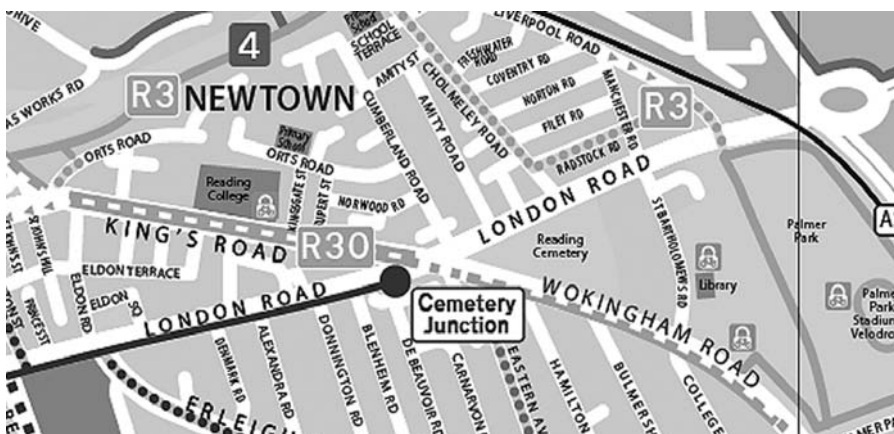
Which brings us on to Reading's cycle network. There are 13 colour-coded routes labelled R1 to R60 defined on paper by RBC's handy Reading Cycle Map and on the routes by some modest signage. These routes were conceived, branded, mapped and signed as the main achievement of RBC's first Cycling Strategy (2008). But if that is where the action ends, in coloured lines and

vinyl stickers, then the network will have been a poor investment of effort and money.

RBC's updated Cycling Strategy (2014) contains the following with regard to the cycle network:

Existing and new routes will be reviewed to ensure that any gaps in the network are improved, that continuity of routes is maintained and that cyclists can travel easily between routes to reach their destination. This will help create a network that is more attractive and safer to navigate between routes.

We will build on our branded cycle routes by investigating the use of other forms of traffic signs and way-finding to make people more aware of the network and each other.



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We aim to install Advanced Stop Lines at junctions as well as a feeder lane particularly on branded cycle routes.

We will continue to develop our cycle network based on traffic calming criteria and will ensure cycle routes are considered in the Council's emerging 20mph strategy.

Whilst the Reading Cycle Campaign fed our own suggestions to RBC for the updated Cycle Strategy as part of the consultation process, a bigger noise is now being made by the Space For Cycling Campaign, which was started by the London Cycle Campaign, but has been taken on nationally by the CTC. Jon Snow, President of CTC, in his introductory video for the Campaign calls on Local Authorities to adopt the following principles:

- On busy roads - protected spaces for cyclists with priority at side roads
- On quiet roads - 20mph speed limits as the norm and increased removal of through traffic
- Town centres - to be fully accessible to cyclists

Whilst you will no doubt hear much about the new cycle hire scheme and pedestrian/cycle bridge over the coming months, these must not eclipse measures to systematically upgrade the branded routes into a truly cycle-friendly network.

After all, that goal has been the Campaign's mission for the last three decades.

Keith Elliott
Secretary



Wokingham Borough Council (WoBC)

The new Wokingham Station has been formally opened and the double-decker cycle racks are getting good use.

Wokingham Borough Council's transport consultants held a meeting with RCC, Sustrans, First Group Buses and South West Trains to develop a new travel plan for the station. A passenger survey had shown that most passengers walk to the station, but that 3% cycled, so there's scope to increase.



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The meeting concentrated on the road layout that will be in place when the new Station Link Road is opened which, as we've previously highlighted, does little to make the journey more cycle friendly despite the cycle facilities that it includes.

The meeting allowed me to again raise the Oxford Road/Barkham Road junction that'll make it difficult for cyclists using the Reading-bound platform, and the proposed transport interchange which will be a swarm of taxis, pedestrians, buses and cars getting to the station car park. All the participants in the meeting recognised the difficulties that this could pose.

In the meeting, WoBC agreed to investigate cycle parking on Oxford Road, to consider the Oxford Road/Barkham Road junction, and to consider whether Station Road, Reading Road, or Alderman Willey Close would be the recommended route to the station for cyclists from Wokingham Town Centre and the north. In the light of that, we

can then consider improvements to the route.

WoBC have also published their outline plans for an on-road cycle lane on the A329 all the way from Reading Borough to Bracknell Forest. Construction of the first phase from The Three Tuns to the Showcase Roundabout should start soon.

The initial plans appear very cycle-friendly; the only concern raised (by Sustrans) was the short sections where on-road lanes are not possible and whether road users might expect cyclists to be using the shared-use cycle paths along those sections.

This plan is a great step for cycling in Wokingham and I hope that the neighbouring councils will be spurred on to match it with facilities of equal quality. Within Wokingham, it raises the question of what other strategic cycle facilities are important. One of our members, Roger Robinson, has made some suggestions to WoBC and you can see them

at <http://goo.gl/maps/50vT1>. They are a mix of easy and cheap conversions and more expensive construction.

I'd propose the following additional strategic aims:

- Cycle routes from Twyford to Wokingham and Twyford to Woodley giving access to new Cross-Rail services.
- Cycle routes from Wokingham and Earley to the major new development at Arborfield Garrison.
- If a third Thames crossing is built, it must include segregated cycle facilities linked to other routes and a more cycle-friendly use of the existing Sonning Bridge.
- Linking existing cycle facilities to give a coherent network.

Further ideas and comments from members are very welcome.

Peter Howe
WoBC Campaigner

Other Cycling News

Victoria Pendleton to Cameo in Emmerdale

Double-time Olympic champion Victoria Pendleton is to star in a special Tour de France-themed episode of ITV's Yorkshire-based soap opera, Emmerdale, with the episode due to air on Friday 4 July - the day the 101st edition of the race begins in Leeds.

According to ITV.com, Pendleton will appear in the show to perform the reopening of Home Farm.

Pendleton said "Appearing on a soap is something I never expected to have the opportunity to do. So when the chance came up I thought it would be really good fun and my mum is a

massive Emmerdale fan so that made the decision very easy.

"Fortunately I'm playing myself, so it shouldn't be too difficult, but it's still quite nerve wracking. But the sun is out and I'm sure it will be fun and a great experience to do something different."

Series producer Kate Oates said: "We are thrilled Victoria Pendleton is coming to Yorkshire to appear in an episode of Emmerdale. With the Tour de France coming to Yorkshire in July, the whole area is feeling the excitement of the event - and we felt it was only fitting Emmerdale was part of that."

(<http://road.cc/content/news/119420-victoria-pendleton-wins-starring-role-emmerdale> 20/05/14)



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

Then write a letter to the Editor, and it will be printed in the next issue.

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We look forward to receiving them!
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Chairman's Letter

Dear RCC members,

Just when we had hoped for some real progress things have taken another disappointing turn.

We wrote a very detailed submission in response to Reading Borough Council's consultation on the proposed Cycling Strategy. Sadly very little of our input was actually adopted in the final strategy. I asked for a detailed breakdown of what they did with our response but the reply doesn't go as far as we would have liked. More of that later.

We also submitted a bid to get some funding from the Travel Fund grant. As we reported in the last newsletter we submitted the bid on behalf of several campaigners who wanted to deliver small projects. Unfortunately our bid was turned down. I was sort of expecting to get turned down and sadly our bid was rejected because there were more projects that could be funded than there was budget available.

Successful bids included funding a company to create a high tech lorry routing system, a shelter at a local school and a project with the local Care Commissioning Groups to get people to walk to the moon in two months. Doubtlessly beneficial projects, but disappointing for the regular utility cyclist.

In our submission to the cycling strategy we said that the campaign wanted to work in partnership with the Council, putting the knowledge of 500 or more cyclists at their disposal, but in the final strategy there is a section on partnerships and we are not mentioned. In the detailed response I eventually got from the Council they said "...the Council welcomes the support of local cyclists in identifying new and reviewing existing cycle facilities."

Well, we've offered plenty of suggestions and support over the years on matters we've noticed and those raised by campaigners. We asked for changes to the junction of Elgar Road and Waterloo Road, where several people complained of near misses when cycling straight ahead as cars coming from the left, and out of sight have priority.

We asked for the dotted lines along Meadway to be made continuous and to lead to the traffic lights and through the pinch points.

We asked for the towpath along the Thames to be made into a cycle track. We asked to be allowed to cycle through the underpass at the station. We asked for segregation over the new bridge.

We asked for some protection for cyclists (i.e. a cycle lane) along the Bath Road heading away from town.

This is one of their cycle routes, all badged up and included in glossy leaflets, and, as with all these requests, we have been refused.

We asked for some changes to be made to the designs of Vastern Road before it was rebuilt and we were told that they would happen, but they haven't so far. We have asked for them to be included and they still haven't as yet.

The administration of this Council answer the emails, receive the objections and attend the liaison group, but when the slabs and tarmac go down there seems to have always been something else to prioritise over cyclists.

When we requested cycle lanes on Reading Bridge, Councillor Willis (Tory, Caversham) tweeted that this was a bonkers idea. When we requested segregation on the new Thames footbridge we had just 1 minute and 15 seconds in Council session to make our point. I could give you many many more examples where the Council have shown a less than supportive attitude.

Councillor Page, the man who heads up the Council's Transport Department, has said that there is not space on the roads of Reading for cycle facilities. But there seems to be space for plenty

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Chairman's Letter

of cars, many with only one occupant, congesting the roads.

Councillors just don't seem to want to look past cars and buses and see the cyclists in their town. They cite projects like the Oracle cycle path as a success, yet even for the most experienced and careful cyclist it's frustrating to share an important local route (and part of a national cycle route) with people using the leisure facilities at the Oracle. They don't seem to appreciate that a cycle route is an infrastructure utility - not a leisure one.

I want to be able to cycle on cycle facilities that don't expect me to give precedence to every other road user (or people trying to decide where to have lunch to celebrate their new shoes). The Council's priorities, as evidenced not in what they say in their cycle strategies and policy documents, but in what they do on the road, always seems to leave the cyclist at the bottom of the list of priorities. Right at the bottom.

So we are currently witnessing the installation of all the new docking stations for the hire bikes. £1.2million for 200 hire bikes. But you have to wonder whether these are being built as a real utility or as a feather in the Council's cap. Several cities now have such schemes and it would certainly help any future application Reading makes for city status. I can almost visualise the glossy document being prepared right now. The pictures will doubtlessly look good for the town, but they won't show what it's really like to ride one of the bikes through the Oracle, dodge the Pooh-stick players on the new footbridge and then find a docking station when all you want to do is get from A to B. I fear that in ten years time the scheme may be a decaying white elephant, because nobody will be able to get to where they are going any better than we can now with the bikes we already have.

There is some good news to take the edge off our disappointment: the Bicycle Kitchen is up and running, and yes, it is thanks to Dave Sage and funds from Reading Borough Council.



Adrian Lawson

This is an amazing venture, and one that might help to make a real change to the culture of cycling in Reading. The kitchen will provide workshops, tools and expertise for anyone to come and use as well as being a vibrant hub for Reading's cyclists.

Another change will be bike rides. We will be organising lots more rides around Reading. It is a great way of getting together, celebrating cycling, and taking up some road space every once in a while. The Space for Cycling Ride in May was a great success, but when you compare it to London's event it was a pretty small one. We could do so much better but we need some people to help make this a success, even if it is only turning up and bringing your friends.

Our Annual General Meeting will also be adopting our new Strategy, how the Cycle Campaign can make Reading more cycle friendly ourselves. If you want to be a part of this the door will be open at any of our monthly meetings, half of which will be campaign management meetings, and the alternate meetings will be open meetings for anyone to come along and discuss things that matter to cyclists. We have a few speakers planned for these meetings and we will be circulating an invite before each one.

Working with Reading Borough Council has been frustrating and it has made us think about where our energy is best spent. I think it could actually be good for us to do something completely different now. Maybe once we've started to carve our own niche the Council will find our position easier to understand.

Adrian Lawson
Chairman

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Our Mission



- To campaign for better facilities for cyclists in Reading, in particular a network of safe cycleways linking residential, industrial and commercial areas, and giving access to the town centre.
- To work with Sustrans, the Cyclists' Touring Club (both locally and nationally) and others interested in promoting cycling and the well-being of cyclists.
- To identify the needs of cyclists in Reading, for example the location of safe and secure parking, and to campaign for their provision.
- To work with and advise local authorities and, where necessary, criticise and highlight their shortcomings.

Annual General Meeting

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Recruiting for a Newsletter Editor

Reading Cycle Campaign are recruiting for a new newsletter content editor.

Toby Gibbons will soon step down as our newsletter editor after doing the job for many years. This is a great loss, but luckily he has reassured us that he will stay with the Campaign and lend a hand when needed.

This means RCC needs a new newsletter editor. The newsletter comes out four times a year, both

on paper and via email. Most of the communication happens through email, but if you can come to the RCC monthly meetings this would be much appreciated. As editor you would be responsible for:

- Keeping the deadlines of the newsletter
- Sourcing sufficient articles, including updates from the committee, articles from the

membership and collecting interesting snippets from other news sources

- Copy-editing the articles (but our proof reader double checks everything)
- Keeping in touch with the designer and distributor to arrange printing and delivery
- Organising artwork for adverts

The role requires about 7-10 hours work for each newsletter spread over a month.

In between newsletters the editor is currently also a member of the committee, but this is not essential.

Toby will be on hand for to support the new editor as the role is handed over.

No experience or qualifications necessary except for an enthusiasm to make Reading better for cyclists.

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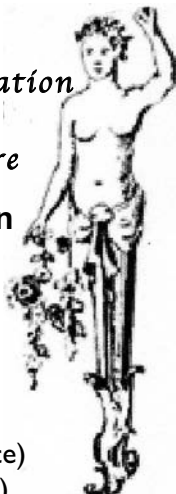
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Date	Destination	Start	Leader	Lunch	Miles	Information
Sun 15 Jun	Hardwick (N)	08:30 Fountain	Nick Clark 07866 033 638	The Bell 165/805193	95	Brisk. 11s Thame http://ridewithgps.com/routes/3518001
Sun 15 Jun	North Waltham (SW)	09:15 Earley	Lesley Adams 988 3044	Fox 185/563458	60	Moderate. Roadside 11s
Sun 15 Jun	Playhatch	10:00 Fountain	Jeanette Jeans 07897 512 491	Flowing Spring	18	Leisurely
Sun 15 Jun	TBC	10:00 Fountain	Elliot Dean 07879 647681	TBC	30	Offroad
Tue 17 Jun	Holyport (E) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON	- George 175/893777				
Wed 18 Jun	Knowl Hill (E)	19:30 Fountain	Charles Redfern 07932 042 324	ARoyal Oak 175/825796	25	Moderate/ brisk
Wed 18 Jun	Knowl Hill (E)	19:30 Earley	Nick Clark 07866 033 638	Royal Oak 175/825796	22	Leisurely with some easy off-road if dry
Wed 18 Jun	Knowl Hill (E)	19:30 Fountain	Malcolm Fleming 986 4166	Royal Oak 175/825796	25	Offroad - short
Wed 18 Jun	Knowl Hill (E)	19:30 Fountain	Sel Dixon 954 6306	Royal Oak 175/825796	30	Offroad - long
Wed 18 Jun	Morris's Midsummer Madness	08:30 Cafe	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Quainton, Bucks (165/ 747203)	100	10s Chinnor Village Centre (165/757012) (depart 10:30). Tea at Benson Marina Cafe
Fri 20 Jun	Checkendon (N)	19:00 Fountain	Simon Bird 07846 219114	Black Horse 175/667841	24	Leisurely evening ride
Sat 21 Jun	Stratfield Saye (returning to Mortimer)	14:00 Mortimer (car park opp Horse & Groom)	Zoe Charlesworth 0775 781 2864		15	Women only bike week ride perfect for beginners
Sun 22 Jun	Hannington (SW)	09:30 Theale	Nora & Clive Gordon 942 5371	Vine 174/540552	45	Leisurely/ moderate
Sun 22 Jun	Chearsley (N)	09:15 Fount	Mike Hardiman 9793147	Bell 165/716105	70	Moderate/ brisk
Sun 22 Jun	Lewknor (N)	09:00 Fountain	Ian Doyle 07974 409607	Olde Leathern Bottel 165/715975	60	Offroad
Sun 22 Jun	Morning Ride (N)	09:00 Fountain	Martin Soanes 948 4057	Return to Reading before lunch 175/784843	25	Off road
Tue 24 Jun	Sherborne St John (S) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON	- Swan 175/626553				
Wed 25 Jun	Mortimer (S)	19:30 Mortimer Station	Simon Bird 07846 219114	Horse and Groom 175/655645	23	Leisurely - Train assist option meet 18:55 by Reading Station (3 Guineas)
Wed 25 Jun	Holme Green (SE)	Train Assist 18.52 train from Rdg to Martins Heron	Angus Mitchell 07794301935	White Horse 175/825675	25	Offroad. Meet Lookout car park 19.30.
Wed 25 Jun	Mortimer (S)	19:30 Earley	Richard Underwood 986 2444	Horse and Groom 175/655645	20	Leisurely/ moderate
Sat 28 Jun	Box Hill/Leith Hill loop	07:30 Dinton	Chris Rutter 961 9781		95	3 starts 9:30 Newlands Cnr (large free car park (40 mi) Gomshall Stn (09:04 train from Reading)(36 mi)
Sun 29 Jun	Caversham	09:15 Fountain	Sean Hayden 07801 414707	Caversham BBQ	50	Brisk, one stop at Marlow
Sun 29 Jun	Caversham	10:00 Fountain	Sarah Parish 07584579515	Caversham BBQ	25	Offroad - short
Sun 29 Jun	Caversham	10:00 Fountain	TBC	Caversham BBQ	30	Offroad - long
Sun 29 Jun	Caversham	09:30 Fountain	Joe Edwards	Caversham BBQ	25	Moderate with coffee stop
Sun 29 Jun	Caversham	10:00 Fountain	Terry Davis 941 2282	Caversham BBQ	20	Leisurely, coffee at Herb Farm
Tue 1 Jul	Hailey (N) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON	- King William IV 175/643858				
Wed 2 Jul	Theale (SW)	19:30 Fountain	Richard Pearson 07930 548379	Crown 175/6471	18	Leisurely
Wed 2 Jul	Theale (SW)	19:30 Fountain	John Singleton 07813 818719	Crown 175/6471	15	Offroad - short
Wed 2 Jul	Theale (SW)	19:30 Fountain	TBC	Crown 175/6471	20	Offroad - long
Wed 2 Jul	Theale (SW)	19:30 Theale	Zoe Charlesworth 0775 781 2864	Crown 175/6471	23	Moderate/ brisk
Wed 2 Jul	White Waltham (E)	11:00	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Beehive 175/850773	50	Meet 10:30-11:00 Henley Rowing Museum Cafe (175/763823)
Sat 5 Jul	OFF AND ON ROAD TOUR DE YORKSHIRE CAMPING AND CYCLING WEEKEND					
Sun 6 Jul	Micheldever (SW)	08:45 Earley	Allan Adams 988 3044	Half Moon & Spread Eagle	70	Moderate/ brisk, 11s Kingsclere shop
Sun 6 Jul	Frieth (N)	09:30 Fountain	Brian Maunder 01491 573722	185/517388	45	Moderate
Sun 6 Jul	Odiham (S)	10:00 Earley	Graeme Hoyle 07879 838 424	Prince Albert 175/798907 Water Witch 186/746517 4	45	Longer leisure ride 11s at Conkers GC and afternoon stop
Sun 6 Jul	Offroad tour	Yorkshire	Peter Nightingale 932 0297		50	Offroad tour - camping
Sun 6 Jul	Swallowfield (S)	10:00 Earley	Richard Underwood 986 2444	Cycle race en route	20	Very Leisurely
Tue 8 Jul	Odiham (S) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON	- Bell 186/743509		Crown 175/725649		
Wed 9 Jul	Witheridge Hill (N)	19:30 Fountain	Sel Dixon 954 6306		25	Offroad - short
Wed 9 Jul	Witheridge Hill (N)	19:30 Fountain	Martin Soanes 948 4057	Rising Sun 175/696841	30	Offroad - long
Wed 9 Jul	Witheridge Hill (N)	19:30 Fountain	David Rees	Rising Sun 175/696841	28	Moderate/ brisk
Sat 12 Jul	Kingsclere (return to Mortimer)	14:00 Mortimer (Car park opp Horse & Groom)	Zoe Charlesworth 0775 781 2864	Rising Sun 175/696841	27	Moderate
Sun 13 Jul	TBC	10:00 Fountain	Paul Roberts 986 8470	TBC	30	Offroad
Sun 13 Jul	Blacknest (S)	09:15 Fountain	Sean Hayden 07801 414707	Jolly Farmer 186/7941	80	Brisk. 11s Odiham
Sun 13 Jul	Charter Alley (SW)	10:00 Earley	David Roberts 986 2763	White Hart 174/595577	40	Leisurely/ moderate

CTC Bike Rides Listings

Date	Destination	Start	Leader	Lunch	Miles	Information
Sun 13 Jul	(Oxford)	Reading Station (3 Guineas) 08:10	Wie San Lau	Wallingford	40	Train to Oxford. Return to Reading on NCN5
Sun 13 Jul	Morning Ride (N)	09:00 Fountain	Martin Soanes 948 4057	Return to Reading before lunch 175/784843	25	Off road
Tue 15 Jul	Dorney (E) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Palmer Arms 175/929792					
Wed 16 Jul	Streatley (NW)	19:30 Fountain	Paul Irving 07909 528 722	Bull 174/591807	0	Pace & distance to follow
Wed 16 Jul	Streatley (NW)	19:30 Fountain	TBC	Bull 174/591807	20	Offroad - short
Wed 16 Jul	Streatley (NW)	19:30 Fountain	Martin Pearce 07919 448 148	Bull 174/591807	25	Offroad - long
Wed 16 Jul	Mapledurwell (S)	11:00	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Gamekeepers 186/686513	55	Meet 10:30-11:00 Café Active - Spencers Wood - (175/715668)
Sat 19 Jul	Bath, 2 tunnels & Bradford on Avon	10:00 Bath	Simon Bird 07846 219114	Pub/cafe en route	60	Train/car assist from Reading. Register inter- est with Simon. Mod
Sun 20 Jul	Emsworth	08:00 Beech Hill	Chris Rutter 961 9781		100	Moderate/ brisk, 11s Lakeside Petersfield
Sun 20 Jul	Sherfield on Loddon (S)	09:30 Theale	Nora & Clive Gordon 942 5371	Four Horseshoes 175/680579	45	Leisurely/mod
Sun 20 Jul	Ash Ranges	Train Assist	Dave Keeble 07816 679453	Pub en route	30	Offroad. Train Rdn - North Camp
Sun 20 Jul	Sherfield on Loddon (S)	10:00 Earley	Nick Clark 07866 033 638	Four Horseshoes 175/680579	30	Leisurely
Tue 22 Jul	Ashmore Green (W) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Sun in the Wood 174/495693					
Wed 23 Jul	Shiplake (NE)	19:30 Sonning Common	Simon Bird 07846 219114	Baskerville Arms 175/7678	25	Brisk. Meet Murco garage Peppard Road, S.Common
Wed 23 Jul	Shiplake (NE)	19:30 Fountain	Peter Nightingale 932 0297	Baskerville Arms 175/7678	20	Offroad - short
Wed 23 Jul	Shiplake (NE)	19:30 Fountain	Jim Thompson 07906 164 486	Baskerville Arms 175/7678	25	Offroad - long
Wed 23 Jul	Shiplake (NE)	19:30 Fountain	David Roberts 986 2763	Baskerville Arms 175/7678	20	Leisurely with some hills
Sat 26 Jul	Audax rides of 100km, 200km or 300km starting Beech Hill Village Hall 06:00, 08:00 & 09:00 www.aukweb.net					
Sun 27 Jul	Saunderton Station (N)	09:15 Fountain	Lesley Adams 988 3044	Golden Cross 165/815980	60	Moderate. Roadside 11s
Sun 27 Jul	East Hendred (NW)	09:00 Fountain	John Singleton 07813 818719	Wheatshaf 174/4588	55	Offroad
Sun 27 Jul	Little London (SW)	10:00 Earley	Nick Clark 07866 033 638	Plough 175/621597	30	Leisurely post-audax ride
Sun 27 Jul	Henley	09:00 Fountain	Wie San Lau		25	Coffee at Henley. Return by 1 pm
Tue 29 Jul	Chalgrove (N) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Red Lion 164/6397					
Wed 30 Jul	Checkendon (N)	19:30 Fountain	Steve Albon 07801 287 616	Black Horse 175/667841	27	Moderate
Wed 30 Jul	Checkendon (N)	19:30 Fountain	JD 07917 063231	Black Horse 175/667841	20	Offroad - short
Wed 30 Jul	Checkendon (N)	19:30 Fountain	Malcolm Fleming 986 4166	Black Horse 175/667841	25	Offroad - long
Wed 30 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)
Sat 2 Aug	Hannington (return to Mortimer)	14:00 Mortimer (car park opp Horse & Groom)	Zoe Charlesworth 0775 781 2864		30	Brisk
Sun 3 Aug	Bagnor / Stockcross	09:00 Fountain	Al Neal 967 9666	pub en route	60	Offroad
Sun 3 Aug	Chilton (NW)	09:30 Fountain	Joe Edwards	Rose & Crown	50	Moderate. 11s en route
Sun 3 Aug	Pangbourne (W)	10:00 Fountain	Nick Clark 07866 033 638	Little Henry's Cafe 175/63676	16	Very leisurely with coffee stop and return for late lunchtime
Sun 3 Aug	Wooton Rivers (W)	08:30 Theale	Sean Hayden 07801 414707	Royal Oak 173/198632 1	100	Moderate/brisk. 11s Hungerford
Tue 5 Aug	Old Basing (S) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Bolton Arms 186/667534					
Wed 6 Aug	Beech Hill (S)	19:30 Earley	Steve Albon 07801 287 616	Elm Tree 175/695641	25	Moderate
Wed 6 Aug	Beech Hill (S)	Train Assist	Karen Blofield 07771 800883	Elm Tree 175/695641	20	Offroad - short. 19.38 from Rdn to Mortimer.
Wed 6 Aug	Beech Hill (S)	19:30 Fountain	Dave Keeble 07816 679453	Elm Tree 175/695641	25	Offroad - long
Wed 6 Aug	Beech Hill (S)	19:30 Earley	Nick Clark 07866 033 638	Elm Tree 175/695641	15	Very Leisurely
Sat 9 Aug	Oxford (Train return)	10:00 Fountain	Jeanette Jeans 07897 512 491		35	Leisurely/ mod return from Oxford by train
Sun 10 Aug	Odiham (S)	10:00 Earley	Graeme Hoyle 07879 838 424	Water Witch 186/746517 4	45	Longer leisurely ride. 11s Redfields GC and afternoon stop
Sun 10 Aug	TBC	10:00 Fountain	Sel Dixon 954 6306	TBC	30	Offroad
Sun 10 Aug	Pamber End (SW)	09:30 Earley	Keith Alexander 921 2871	Elm Park Gdn Ctr Cafe 175/612587	35	Moderate
Tue 12 Aug	Littlewick Green (E) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Cricketers 175/838800					
Wed 13 Aug	Rotherfield Peppard (N)	19:30 Sonning Common	Simon Bird 07846 219114	Red Lion 175/709819	23	Moderate - meet at Murco garage, Peppard Rd
Wed 13 Aug	Rotherfield Peppard (N)	19:30 Fountain	TBC	Red Lion 175/709819	20	Offroad - short
Wed 13 Aug	Rotherfield Peppard (N)	19:30 Fount	Martin Soanes 948 4057	Red Lion 175/709819	25	Offroad - long
Wed 13 Aug	Shabbington (N)	11:00	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Old Fisherman 165/678065	65	Meet 10:30-11:00 Benson Marina Cafe (175/613917)
Sun 17 Aug	Medstead (S)	09:15 Earley	Erica Johnson 966 6913	Castle of Comfort 185/655373	65	Moderate/ brisk. 11s Conkers GC
Sun 17 Aug	TBC	10:00 Fountain	TBC	TBC	30	Offroad
Sun 17 Aug	Knowl Hill (E)	10:00 Earley	Richard Underwood 986 2444	Bird in Hand 175/8279	25	Leisurely
Tue 19 Aug	Cold Ash (W) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - The Castle 174/513697					
Wed 20 Aug	Barkham (SE)	19:30 Earley	Martin Paintin 07715 164 610	Bull 175/780669	24	Leisurely

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Campaign Diary

Monthly Meetings

Monthly meetings are held at 7.30pm on the third Wednesday of each month:

Wednesday 18 June - open meeting / AGM

Wednesday 16 July - committee meeting

Wednesday 20 August - open meeting

Meetings are held in Room 1 of RISC, which is up the stairs that are located beyond the bar. Keep an eye on the RCC Facebook Page for any updates on meeting details. We hope to see you there.

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