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Prioritising Cyclists, A Reading First?



Reading Bridge - on carriageway cycle lanes planned under the LSTF scheme

The series of Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF) workshops (see page 2) has now looked at cycling improvements in north, east and south Reading. The shortlisted schemes that get taken forward from these workshops take time to rumble through the Council's democratic and technical processes. Consequently we have to wait some time for a good idea to turn into a reality.

Some of the most needed improvements are those in north Reading; cyclists in Caversham will be aware of how the road network just north and south of the river is particularly unattractive for cyclists. The most significant of the ideas coming out of the LSTF workshop was for an improvement to Reading Bridge. The status of this proposal as reported to the Council's Traffic Management Advisory Panel in June was:

Subject to transport modelling, install advisory cycle lanes on George Street between Vastern Road roundabout and the petrol station. This will remove one southbound traffic lane from the bridge.

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

On the same subject, the cycle-friendliness of Vastern Road roundabout will come under scrutiny later this year when we look at proposed road layout changes associated with the new Reading Station northern access.

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Campaign News



Reading Borough Council (RBC)

Reading Hits Sustainable Transport Fund Jackpot

Reading Borough Council has been awarded almost £21m from LSTF, the largest such award outside the metropolitan authorities. The Council was the lead authority in the bid for central government funds for schemes to encourage sustainable transport choices, which was awarded in July. This is in addition to the previous award of £4.9m, which has been regularly reported on in these pages.

We are now in an unusual position of having a Council with money to spend on cycling, a well established forum for engaging with cyclists on the best use of the funds, and an urgency to get on with it - the funding is supposed to be spent in just three years.

Not all the money will be spent on cycling; a big chunk will go on buses and park and ride facilities, as well as personalised travel planning. However, the award now makes some of Reading

Borough Council's big idea cycling schemes possible; these include a 'Boris-bike' type cycle hire scheme with over 30 docking stations and a new cycle/pedestrian bridge over the Thames between the two existing bridges that will link with the remodelled Reading Station.

Another notable scheme that has languished on the wish list for years, but is now included in the funding package, is an upgrade to Milkmaid's Bridge that will give easy cycle access to the Kennet & Avon towpath from Southcote.

Over the last year a series of workshops were held involving RBC and local cycle groups (RCC, CTC, Sustrans, Greater Reading Environmental Network) to look at potential improvements that can be implemented using the LSTF award. There is sure to be debate on the best use of the funds, or even on the viability of a bike hire scheme in a town the size of Reading. If you have opinions or ideas for improvements then let us know so that they can be thrown into the mix: rbc@readingcyclecampaign.org.uk

Reading Station Development

First Great Western (FGW) attended the quarterly Cycle Liaison Group in July to provide us with information

regarding the ongoing redevelopment of Reading Station. FGW is responsible for the station upgrade; Network Rail is responsible for the track and bridge upgrades at Cow Lane, etc.

The redevelopment of Reading Station will include a new passenger over-bridge for accessing the platforms. We were told that there will no ramps to the over-bridge, but cyclists taking their bikes onto the trains will be able to use the lifts.

There will be a 'cycling hub' at the new northern access to the station. This will have parking for approximately 300 cycles - most of which will be provided by RBC rather than FGW due to its location outside the station premises.

The subway under the railway station is to be reopened to provide a non-passenger thoroughfare. Cyclists will need to dismount to use the subway.

Unfortunately, whilst the station upgrade work is ongoing, cyclists have to negotiate the melée of taxis, buses and pedestrians around Station Hill/Garrard Street junction. Last December we toured this area with one of RBC's transport officers to see what could be done to improve the situation, but nine months on there is no progress to report.



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

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Cycle Awareness Training for Bus Drivers

As reported in the last newsletter we held a positive first meeting with Reading Buses in May to discuss best practice for bus drivers when sharing the roads with cyclists. At the meeting we presented Reading Buses with a list of 5 top dos and don'ts covering: pulling out, pulling in, road narrowings, overtaking and cycle paths. Subsequent to our initial meeting RCC Chair Adrian Lawson held a cycle awareness training session for all the Reading Buses driving instructors.

Bike Week 2012

National Bike Week took place from 16-24 June with most events organised by the CTC Cycle Development Officer (Javed Saddique). Bike Week is

important for RCC to focus on getting our message out and engaging with a wider audience, as well as recruiting more members. RCC is the third largest such organisation outside London, and whilst there is the occasional person who wants to tar all cyclists as inconsiderate louts, most visitors to our information stands are supportive and interested in cycling matters.

This year we had information stalls at a very watery Waterfest, Broad Street amongst the throng of shoppers, and the Cycle Festival at Prospect Park. We recruited 25 more members to the cause in the process.

We also held a 'Tour de Caversham'. Not so much a sprint as a leisurely ride for a handful of RCC members to look at areas where improvements to cycle infrastructure are already

planned by RBC, as well as other areas where ideas for further potential improvements were considered.

Reading Borough Council's New Head of Transport

Anthony Bolton replaced Pat Baxter as RBC's Head of Transport earlier this year.

Anthony (a cyclist himself) has been with the RBC transport team for a number of years. He takes the helm (steering wheel, handlebars?) at a pivotal time for the Council's Transport Department with the recent award of over £20m to improve the provision of Sustainable Transport in the Greater Reading area. We wish Anthony well in his new position.

Keith Elliott
RBC Campaigner



Wokingham Borough Council (WoBC)

On behalf of RCC, I submitted feedback to Wokingham Borough Council about the poor cycle provision in their plans for the new Station Link Road. Access to the Reading-bound platform will be difficult and the only cycle facility is a shared-use path with two directions of cycle traffic and pedestrians all in the same space. The planning safety audit raised concerns about cyclists' safety, specifically the narrow carriageways and pedestrian crossings. The final plans have now been published by WoBC and few of the concerns have been addressed.

The good news is that they have added shared use cycle-paths from Station Road to the station entrance and from Wellington Road into Barkham Road. However, cyclists won't be allowed to turn right from Barkham Road into Wellington Road so will only be able to get to Wokingham

town centre by going along the link road and back down Reading Road. The shared-use cycle path along one side of the link road stops in the station car park, not at the entrance, and will be unusable during morning rush-hour owing to pupils walking to the Holt School.

The largest missed opportunity remains that cyclists from the town side of the station won't be able to cycle to the Reading bound platform because of the prohibition of left turns from, and right turns into, Oxford Road. I don't understand why "safe and efficient operation of the traffic signals" rules out a left-turn cycle-only lane on Oxford Road. Cyclists are instead expected to use "the new crossing facilities being provided as part of the new junction and the improved footway [...] on the northern side of the junction".

WoBC was part of the successful bid for an LSTF grant to improve the A329 which included funding for a cycling officer. I have asked the Council if they will involve RCC in the plans for the A329, and got a fairly positive reply, so watch this space.

Peter Howe
Wokingham Campaigner

Readers may recall from the last newsletter that Peter Glass's MP Rob Wilson was chasing WoBC to respond to two letters that Peter wrote about the A329 Wokingham Road shared pavements. Regarding the senior transport planner's letter below, Peter has often seen younger children and their parents travelling along the A329 in cars. Has any reader ever seen them cycling?

Dear Mr Wilson

Thank you for your letter dated 10 May, regarding Mr Glass's second letter to Wokingham Borough Council.

As you will know there have long been discussions on the merits of shared use cycleways. Experienced cyclists normally tend to dislike shared foot and cycleways and prefer to cycle on the carriageway as Mr Glass refers to in his letter. However, many inexperienced cyclists, particularly younger children and their parents, value shared cycleways as they can offer some protection and reassurance from faster moving traffic. Pedestrians and pedestrian groups also tend to dislike shared cycleways as they have the potential to cause conflict between faster moving bicycles and slower moving pedestrians.

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There are many shared surface cycleways in the Wokingham Borough that have been developed over the years as the highway network has expanded. On the whole the shared surfaces have been developed as a way of economically providing facilities that encourage less confident cyclists to cycle more often. Additionally shared use cycleways have been implemented in situations where there are physical highway capacity restrictions, maintaining the balance between providing enough highway capacity for cars, lorries, buses, etc, as well as making provision for both pedestrians and cyclists.

Included in the discussions around the merits of shared use cycleways are issues of cost. It is often much more economically effective to develop shared cycling and pedestrian facilities

than attempt to retro-fit existing highways with additional safe capacity for cyclists at a much greater cost.

Mr Glass offers his opinion on the possible conflict between the cyclist, motorists and the role of insurers, should any accidents occur where a cyclist is not using the shared surface provided. The Council believe that in the event of any accident between a motorist and a cyclist the issue of fault and the appropriate level of compensation is a matter to be resolved by Thames Valley Police and the relevant insurance company. As stated in our previous letter, the Council always undertake a Road Safety Audit as part of the development of any new cycleway.

Yours sincerely

David Wilby

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18 Month for Paralympian Hit and Run Driver

On the day of the opening ceremony of the London 2012 Paralympic Games, the driver who ended the hopes of competing there of one of Britain's Beijing gold medallists, Simon Richardson, was jailed for 18 months. Farmer Edward Adams, aged 60, was also banned from driving for five years, reported BBC News Wales.

Father-of-two Richardson, aged 44, spent several weeks in a coma after the hit-and-run incident near Bridgend last August, suffering multiple injuries including injuries include fractures of the spine and a broken pelvis and breast bone.

In a statement released after yesterday's sentencing hearing at Cardiff Crown Court, he said: "I have some significant health issues to still overcome following the collision, including further back surgery and long term recovery where my complete effort must be.

"I fully intend to battle my way back to elite competitive sport when I am fully recuperated."

He added that his focus is "now all about moving on.

"My objective throughout the case was to ensure that other cyclists who may be severely injured in collisions in the future, have a legal precedent upon which to base prosecutions against dangerous drivers," he added.

<http://road.cc/content/news/64779-driver-who-left-paralympian-simon-richardson-seriously-injured-sentenced-18> (30/8/12)

Caversham Businessman's JOGL for Deaf Children

Caversham businessman John Grimes plans a Land's End to John O'Groats cycle ride to raise thousands of pounds for deaf children.

The 65-year-old is set to embark on the 1,000 mile trip to raise money for The National Deaf Children's Society (NDCS).

Mr Grimes is hoping to raise more than £3,000 for the charity by pedalling from Land's End to John O'Groats.

Mr Grimes set out on 28 August and expects his challenge to last 12 days.

Mr Grimes, managing director of lettings business Drummonds, will be journeying through the West Country moors before continuing up the west

coast, passing through Tiverton, Shrewsbury and Carlisle.

http://www.getreading.co.uk/news/s/2118691-drummonds-boss-john-grimes-set_for_1000mile_cycle (30/8/12)

Build Your Own Cycle Lanes in Brooklyn New York

Brooklyn cycle campaigner Ian Dutton was so fed up with cars parking over his local cycle lane that he's had to take matters into his own hands. Using left over construction cylinders found nearby, Mr. Dutton improvised a short barrier to make a point about segregated cycle lanes.

"It really is an important matter," said Dutton, an airplane pilot and former member of a Manhattan community board. "A very simple change to the street resulted in a dramatically safer experience for a great volume of cyclists."

Although the barrier was eventually removed, it was so effective that a request has been lodged with the city community board to re-design the cycleway.

http://www.brooklynpaper.com/stories/35/35/dtg_bergenstreetlanegoeslegit_2012_08_31_bk.html (30/8/12)

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Chairman's Letter

Dear RCC members,

This is a momentous time for cycling, even in Reading. The Council has been awarded huge sums of money from the Local Sustainable Transport Fund.

We all know that cycling is the pinnacle of sustainable transport, and beats walking hands down if you are in a hurry, or have stuff to carry.

There will be no more excuses about a shortage of funds to make Reading a properly cycle friendly town, something that the campaign has been working towards for 30 years.

Not only that but most of the nation's superstars are also cyclists, thanks to Sir Chris Hoy, Queen Victoria Pendleton, Lord Bradley Wiggins, Dame Laura Trott and, of course, the genius behind it all, the deity David Brailsford. And if you know anything at all about cycle sport you will know that I have superstars aplenty I could add to that list.

There is now a TV programme, the Cycle Show, on ITV4. It isn't Top Gear - it is a bit low rent at the moment - but then so was that car show once. If it takes off and the TV companies put some more money into it it could grow enormously.

So we have the money, and we have the kudos.

Cycling is now acceptable, revered even, as an activity and you can bank on our politicians leaping on the saddle where once we had a band-wagon, to clamour for the cyclist vote.

One of the things that we have always yearned for is respect, so cheaply squandered by the likes of Jeremy Clarkson. No more will he be able to aim cheap jibes at people who have come to the forefront of the nation's consciousness. Anyone who witnessed the exploits of the greatest Olympians can't fail to be impressed by a knight of the realm winning two of the most amazing gold medals in London in the simplest of disciplines, demonstrating pure sporting prowess: no cunning and no tactics except simply trying to out-drag your opponents.

When Mark Cavendish set out on his mission to take the first gold medal more people went to watch than have watched an Olympic event ever, anywhere. That he failed on roads closed to drivers of cars for the whole day (and indeed the next day) only reinforced the superb drama that took place in the soaking wet

the following day when Lizzie Armitstead took silver in a thrilling game of cat and mouse. Last year when the roads were closed for a few hours in the try out event, one TV celebrity tweeted his outrage at being held up because of cyclists. But no one dared slag-off the race when millions watched by the side of the road and all over the world on the TV.

The fear of upsetting the motorist is what drove politicians of yore. Yet in London the politician who threatened traffic chaos in London, by bringing the Olympic family to the games on their own special highway did the complete reverse. For several days before the sport even started the traffic fell away. People chose other ways to get stuff done.

So many people switched to public transport, worked from home and hired cyclists to deliver parcels. The roads became quieter. Lots of people switched to bikes to avoid the chaos and found delightful journeys where not only did drivers give them more respect, but there simply weren't that many drivers. The cyclists in some places began to outnumber the vehicles. People began to ask if this politician might run the country too.

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Chairman's Letter

Now I wouldn't claim that the cycling was what did it for him - it is a bit more complex - but it certainly didn't do him any harm, indeed it did do him a lot of good. Which is actually a shame, because overall his transport policy is deeply flawed.

It has done a lot of other good though. Less fuel has been used. Petrol companies will have to be more competitive. The surge in cycling could drive down fuel prices - get that, drivers? The jams dissipated, journey times began to fall. Despite swarms of cyclists filling up the roads, there was little impact on journey times for drivers, but there were fewer sudden unpredictable hold ups. Thousands, millions even, got to travel a bit more reliably. The arrival of summer, with the timing of a conductor at the proms, helped enormously.

The rest of the summer, of course, was blighted by the weather: floods, storms and grey skies. Until we put our cars away and the sun came out that is. It's a bit simplistic, but there is a growing clamour that our burning of fossil fuels is damaging the climate, and the damaged climate presents itself in the winter drought (remember that?) followed by summer storms.

Now there are no excuses. Our politicians can safely prioritise cycling as a viable, popular activity. London next year will have a 2-day festival of cycling, with roads closed. I don't think it makes a massive difference to a sustainable transport policy, but it does show willing.

So how about it Reading? How about closing some roads, having some cycling, some racing, a proper festival instead of confining cyclists to a park?

Oh, and some investment in cycle facilities so that all those newcomers to cycling as a means of getting about can actually get about safely.

That would be a real Olympic legacy.

Adrian Lawson
Chairman



Adrian Lawson

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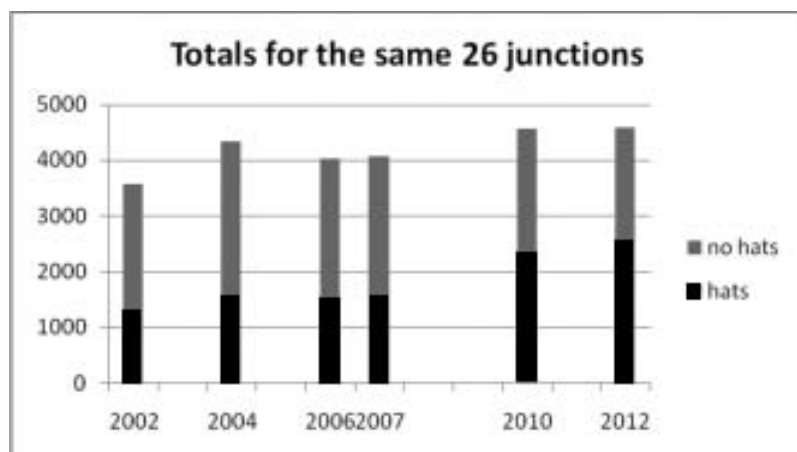
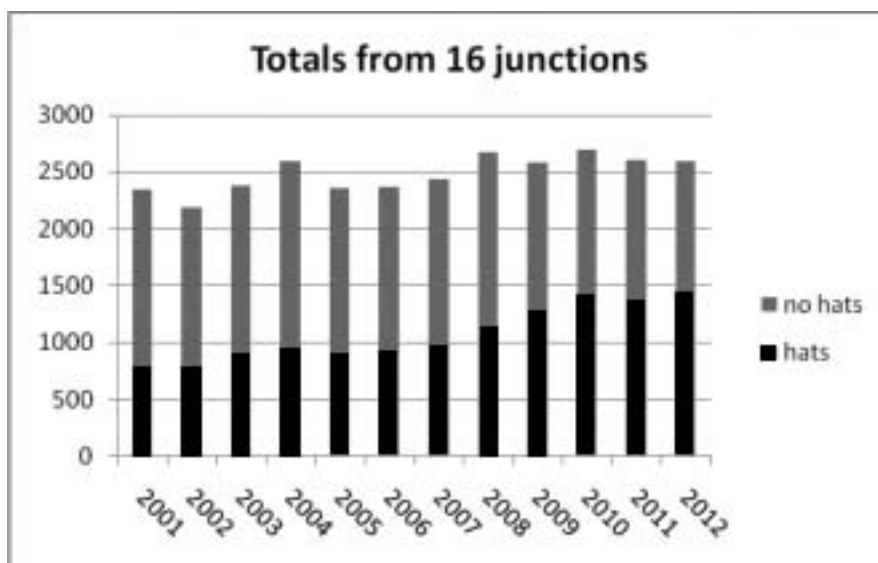
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- To campaign for better facilities for cyclists in Reading, in particular a network of safe cycleways linking residential, industrial and commercial areas, and giving access to the town centre.
- To work with Sustrans, the Cyclists' Touring Club (both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

Cycle Census 2012

Once again thank you for the efforts of all the volunteers this year. Those that could accepted electronic versions of the tally sheets which certainly kept the postal cost down a bit. Surprisingly the weather was kind yet again this year for the count, with warm and dry conditions (seventh in a row!). There was a good turnout of volunteers and cyclists alike with a total of 4587 cyclists counted. This is very similar to the number in 2010 (4571), which had all the same junctions counted (26 junctions). There appears to be a longer term upward trend in cycle counts over the last 10 years. This is shown below for the years with the same 26 junctions counted.



Note that 2002 was recorded as a wet day so the counts are likely to be lower. Another point of interest is that the ratio of helmet wearers has steadily increased as well with 55% in 2012 compared to 36% in 2002. The plot also hints at consistency in cyclist numbers over the last several years. By selecting 16 junctions, all of which have been counted every year since 2001, it is shown that cyclist numbers have reached a plateau since 2008. Note that the wet count days were in 2002 and 2005.

Bruce Main

Once again the committee would like to thank Bruce for his hard work organising and compiling the census.



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Support British Cycling's Campaign for a Justice Review

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We want members of Reading Cycle Campaign to get behind British Cycling in lobbying Members of Parliament to sign Early Day Motion 407 on "Victims of Road Accidents". This motion calls for a thorough review of the justice system regarding the marginalised victims of road traffic accidents, and sadly this group is mostly cyclists.

We have all heard too many stories of people killing cyclists, pedestrians and other vulnerable road users only to argue that they "didn't see them", etc, and receive only a short suspended sentence at best. Now is your chance to change this.

Please write to your MP asking them to sign EDM 407. Personal responses are always more effective, but if you do not have the time to write, you can use the pre-printed letter we've provided, which will be soon available on our website. Please feel free to use this as a template if you decide to write a message of your own.

If you do write your own response, please mention that you are a member of Reading Cycle Campaign; as we are one of the largest cycle campaign groups in the country, this should throw some weight behind your request. Also MPs are always keen to be seen supporting groups in their own constituency.

If you use our form, please make sure that you fill in the name of your MP and include your own name and address to show that you are a constituent.

If you prefer, you can use the British Cycling's website to email their standard reply, or for your own response go to this address: <http://www.britishcycling.org.uk/campaigning/article/cam20120828-Get-your-MP-to-support-our-campaign-for-a-justice-review-0>

The full text of EDM 407 is available on: <http://www.parliament.uk/edm/2012-13/407>

If you are unsure who your MP is you can find out here: <http://findyourmp.parliament.uk/>

Thank you.

Dear [MP's full name] MP

Re: Early Day Motion in support of British Cycling and Cycling Weekly's Campaign for a review of the criminal justice system and how it should be changed to better protect road users

I am writing to you as a constituent and concerned member of public, asking you to sign the Early Day Motion 407 "Victims of Road Accidents". As a cyclist and a member of Reading Cycling Campaign, it is clear to me that the current justice system often sends the wrong message about how we value life and the right of people to travel and cycle safely on the road.

A local example is Anthony Maynard, a popular local sportive rider and longstanding member of Reading Cycling Club, who died in 2008 after he was knocked off his bike in broad daylight. The driver argued simply that he didn't see him. The case never even went to court. In November last year the coroner decided that "no-one is to blame" when a woman was killed on her cycle at Bow roundabout in London by a tipper truck which didn't indicate and was being driven by a man talking on his hands free mobile at the time. Earlier this year the man who killed a former British Cycling employee was given a sentence of 200 hours community service, a fine and 18 months driving disqualification.

The huge success of Britain's cyclists at the Olympic Games is drawing more people to cycling than ever. But we can only truly capitalise on this if we have a safe environment for all cyclists, whether they are elite athletes, regular commuters or simply out for a weekend ride. This can only happen if the justice system is properly taking account of the consequences for victims and their families when things go wrong, and creates the right culture of care and responsibility on our roads.

British Cycling are calling on the Lord Chancellor to undertake a full review of the process in conjunction with his colleagues at the Home Office and Department for Transport and this EDM is in support of that call. There's more information on the British Cycling website: www.britishcycling.org.uk/campaigning

The EDM was tabled by Julian Huppert MP before the summer recess and has already received 36 signatures across all the main political parties. It says:

"That this House notes that many victims of road accidents do not feel that the criminal justice system adequately protects or supports them in the aftermath of their case; further notes that it is important that those who have suffered traumatic incidents are given effective and sympathetic support as they attempt to rebuild their lives; welcomes the work of British Cycling and other groups, including CTC, Sustrans, London Cycling Campaign, The Times, Cycling Weekly, RoadPeace and Brake to raise the profile of the issue; and calls on the Ministry of Justice to review carefully the evidence they have submitted and undertake a comprehensive review of each part of the criminal justice system, from crash investigation standards through to sentencing guidelines, to ensure that it is fairer for cyclists, pedestrians and other road users who are hurt or seriously injured on the country's roads."

As you can see, many organisations are in support of the review, as well as MPs. I hope you will consider my request and sign the Early Day Motion. Your support of this issue would mean a lot to me as your constituent. I would appreciate a response to know how you've considered my request.

Yours sincerely,

CTC Bike Rides Listings

The CTC Bike Rides leaflet is being discontinued, so instead the listings will now be printed in this newsletter. You can still check the CTC website on <http://www.readingctc.co.uk/rides> to confirm details prior to attending a ride.

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| Wed 19/09 | Shiplake (NE) | 19:30 Fountain | Paul Roberts 986 8470 | Baskerville Arms 175/7678 | 25 | Off road - long |
| Fri 21/09 | Night road ride to Lymington (Fri-Sat) courtesy of Simon Bird 07846 219114. Train return. Details on Google Groups Forum. Pre-register with Simon - needs numbers for breakfast. | | | | | |
| Sun 23/09 | Chawton (S) | 09:15 Earley | Mike Hardiman 9793147 | Greyfriar 186/709377 | 75 | Mod/brisk 11's Conkers |
| Sun 23/09 | Morning Ride (N) | 09:00 Fountain | Martin Soanes 948 4057 | Return to Reading before lunch 175/784843 | 20 | |
| Sun 23/09 | Beenham (W) | 10:00 Fountain | John Singleton 07813-818719 | Six Bells 174/585689 | 30 | Off road |
| Sun 23/09 | Stratfield Saye (S) | 10:00 Earley | Jenny Forkes | Iron Duke 175/682616 | 25 | Leisurely |
| Tue 25/09 | Eton Wick (E) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Greyhound 175/951784 | | | | | |
| Wed 26/09 | Sonning Common (N) | 19:30 Fountain | Sean Hayden 07801-414707 | Hare & Hounds 175/705806 | 27 | Brisk |
| Wed 26/09 | Sydenham (N) | 11:00 | Morris Dowding 989 0326 | Crown 165/729018 | 60 | Meet 10:30-11:00 Rowing Museum, Henley 175/764823 |
| Wed 26/09 | Sonning Common (N) | 19:30 Fountain | Paul Denley 948 3574 | Hare & Hounds 175/705806 | 15 | Off road - short |
| Wed 26/09 | Sonning Common (N) | 19:30 Fountain | Phil Allen 948 3454 | Hare & Hounds 175/705806 | 20 | Off road - long |
| Sat 29/09 | Henley Hilly Hundred 100km Audax from Kidmore end Village Hall, Sonning Common. See link on RHS to 'Local Audax'. | | | | | |
| Sat 29/09 | SOOT South Oxon Off-road Tour. 10:00 from Kidmore End Village Hall, Sonning Common. 35 miles. Ian Doyle 07974-409607. www.readingctc.com/soot . | | | | | |
| Sun 30/09 | North Waltham (SW) | 09:15 Earley | Martin Lindupp 986 3583 | Fox 185/5646 | 60 | 11's Elm Park GC Pamber End, mod |
| Sun 30/09 | Middle Assendon (N) | 10:00 Fountain | Phil Allen 948 3454 | Rainbow 175/738858 | 30 | Off road |
| Sun 30/09 | Holyport (E) | 10:00 Fountain | Mike Lingham 947 5480 | George 175/893777 | 45 | Leisurely/Moderate |
| Tue 02/10 | Whitchurch Hill (NW) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Sun Inn 175/643793 | | | | | |
| Wed 03/10 | Binfield Heath (NE) | 19:30 Fountain | Paul Irving 967 7931 | Bottle & Glass 175/743793 | 20 | Moderate |
| Wed 03/10 | Binfield Heath (NE) | 19:30 Fountain | Jim Thompson 07906 164 486 | Bottle & Glass 175/743793 | 20 | Off road |
| Sat 06/10 | Saturday - Sunday Overnight Adventure - offroad tour, details TBC - Angus Mitchell 07794301935. | | | | | |
| Sun 07/10 | Chieveley (NW) | 09:30 Theale | Nora & Clive Gordon 942 5371 | Old Red Lion 174/475738 | 40 | Leisurely/Moderate |
| Sun 07/10 | Waterperry Gardens (N) | 09:15 Fountain | Mick Simmons 954 3537 | Cafe 164/628064 | 70 | 11's Ewelme |
| Tue 09/10 | Frieth (N) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Prince Albert 175/798907 | | | | | |
| Wed 10/10 | Bentley (S) | 11:00 | Morris Dowding 989 0326 | Star 186/785439 | 70 | Meet 10:30-11:00 Le Petit Cafe, Hartley Witney 175/771571 |
| Wed 10/10 | Twyford (E) | 19:30 Fountain | Nick Clark 966 7882 | Wagon & Horses 175/786760 | 28 | Brisk |
| Wed 10/10 | Twyford (E) | 19:30 Fountain | Peter Nightingale 932 0297 | Wagon & Horses 175/786760 | 25 | Off road |
| Sun 14/10 | Dunsden Green (NE) | 08:45 Fountain | Sean Hayden 07801-414707 | AGM at Dunsden Village Hall 175/740773 | 40 | 11's Root one GC brisk |
| Sun 14/10 | Dunsden Green (NE) | 09:15 Fountain | Lesley Adams 988 3044 | AGM at Dunsden Village Hall 175/740773 | 40 | 11's Ewelme. Moderate |



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| Date | Destination | Start | Leader | Lunch | Distance | Information |
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| Sun 14/10 | Dunsden Green (NE) | 10:00 Fountain | Nick Clark 966 7882 | AGM at Dunsden Village Hall 175/740773 | 25 | Leisurely |
| Sun 14/10 | Binfield Heath (NE) | 10:00 Fountain | Angus Mitchell 07794301935 | Bottle & Glass 175/743793 | 30 | Off road - long |
| Sun 14/10 | Binfield Heath (NE) | 10:00 Fountain | Sarah Parish 07584579515 | Bottle & Glass 175/743793 | 20 | Off road - short |
| Tue 16/10 | Sherfield on Loddon (S) -MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Four Horseshoes | 12 NOON | 175/680579 | | | |
| Wed 17/10 | Gallowtree Common (N) | 19:30 Fountain | Simon Bird 07846 219114 | Reformation 175/689802 | 22 | Moderate |
| Wed 17/10 | Gallowtree Common (N) | 19:30 Fountain | John Sharpe 07775-824231 | Reformation 175/689802 | 20 | Off road |
| Sun 21/10 | Pamber End (SW) | 09:15 Fountain | Lesley Adams 988 3044 | Elm Park Gdn Ctr Cafe 175/612587 | 50 | One stop moderate |
| Sun 21/10 | Henley Rowing Museum | 09:15 Fountain | Terry Davis 941 2282 | | 45 | One stop brisk |
| Sun 21/10 | Morning Ride (N) | 09:00 Fountain | Martin Soanes 948 4057 | Return to Reading before lunch 175/784843 | 20 | Off road |
| Sun 21/10 | Silchester (SW) | 10:00 Fountain | Karen Blofield 07771-800883 | Calleva Arms 175/628621 | 35 | Off road |
| Sun 21/10 | Sherfield on Loddon (S) | 09:30 Fountain | Don Stead 988 3189 | Four Horseshoes 175/680579 | 35 | Leisurely/Moderate |
| Tue 23/10 | Wheeler End (NE) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Chequers | 12 NOON | 175/802931 | | | |
| Wed 24/10 | Ewelme (N) | 11:00 | Morris Dowding 989 0326 | Shepherds Hut 175/639919 | 35 | Meet 10:30-11:00 Herb Centre, Sonning Common 175/713795 |
| Wed 24/10 | Curry Ride | 19:30 Fountain | Nick Clark 966 7882 | Curry house - destination to be confirmed | N/A | Leisurely/ moderate |
| Wed 24/10 | Curry ride | 19:30 Fountain | Sel Dixon 954 6306 | Purveyors of fine Indian cuisine | 20 | Off road |
| Sat 27/10 | Off-road bash with London Bike Hash starting 12:00 at The Sun at Whitechurch Hill. | | | Details at www.londonbikehash.com/ Ian Doyle 07974-40960. | | |
| Sun 28/10 | Hindhead | 08:30 Earley | Chris Rutter 961 9781 | National Trust cafe | 60 | Brisk |
| Sun 28/10 | Aston (NE) | 10:00 Fountain | Steve Conway 375 9932 | Flower Pot 175/784843 | 35 | Leisurely/Moderate some hills |
| Sun 28/10 | Aldworth (NW) | 10:00 Fountain | Ian Doyle 07974-409607 | Four Points 174/554788 | 30 | Off road |
| Sun 28/10 | Brightwell cum Sotwell | 09:15 Fountain | John Lomas 01344-420031 | Root1 GC | 50 | One stop, moderate |
| Tue 30/10 | Woolhampton (W) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Rising Sun | 12 NOON | 174/586667 | | | |
| Wed 31/10 | Winnersh (E) | 19:30 Fountain | Nick Clark 966 7882 | Wheelwrights Arms 175/787717 | 28 | Brisk |
| Wed 31/10 | Winnersh (E) | 19:30 Fountain | Peter Nightingale 932 0297 | Wheelwrights Arms 175/787717 | 15 | Off road |
| Sat 03/11 | Upper Thames 200km Audax ride from Cholsey | | | | | |
| Sat 03/11 | Saturday - Sunday off-road tour. Details to follow. | | Becky Patterson 948 3454. | | | |
| Sun 04/11 | Shalden Green (S) | 09:15 Earley | Erica Johnson 966 6913 | Avenue Nurseries 186/693438 | 50 | One stop moderate |
| Sun 04/11 | Dinton Pastures (E) | 10:00 Dinton Pastures | Rob Butler | Tea Cosy Cafe 175/785718 | 20 | Very Leisurely |
| Sun 04/11 | Streatley (NW) | 10:00 Fountain | Denis Boltwood 947 2290 | Bull 174/591807 | 25 | Off road |
| Sun 04/11 | Off-road tour | | | | | |
| Sun 04/11 | Silchester (SW) | 09:30 Theale | Nora & Clive Gordon 942 5371 | Calleva Arms 175/628621 | 40 | Leisurely/Moderate |
| Tue 06/11 | Rotherfield Greys (N) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Maltsters Arms | 12 NOON | 175/823726 | | | |
| Wed 07/11 | Fingest (NE) | 11:00 | Morris Dowding 989 0326 | Chequers 175/777911 | 35 | Meet 10:30-11:00 Wyvale GC, Hare Hatch 175/802780 |
| Wed 07/11 | Caversham (N) | 19:30 Fountain | Nick Clark 966 7882 | Prince of Wales 175/716750 | 18 | Moderate |
| Wed 07/11 | Caversham (N) | 19:30 Fountain | Martin Soanes 948 4057 | Prince of Wales 175/716750 | 15 | Off road |
| Sat 10/11 | London (E) - Charing Cross | 09:15 Fountain | Simon Bird 07846 219114 | | 60 | Moderate using NCN4 for 17m. Train return - see Googlegroup forum. |
| Wed 11/01 | Hungerford (W) | 09:15 Fountain | Terry Davis 941 2282 | Tutti Pole cafe 174/3368 | 50 | One stop Mod/brisk |
| Sun 11/11 | Mystery destination | 10:00 Fountain | Sel Dixon 954 6306 | tbc | 25 | Off road - long |
| Sun 11/11 | Mystery destination | 10:00 Fountain | Carol Sunderland 07961109068 | tbc | 20 | Off road - short |
| Sun 11/11 | Benson Marina (NW) | 10:00 Fountain | Steve Conway 375 9932 | Riverside Café 175/613917 | 35 | Leisurely/Moderate some hills |
| Tue 13/11 | Riseley (S) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Bull | 12 NOON | 175/721632 | | | |
| Wed 14/11 | Reading (S) | 19:30 Fountain | Simon Bird 07846 219114 | Nag's Head 175/703733 | 23 | Brisk |
| Wed 14/11 | Reading (S) | 19:30 Fount | Malcolm Fleming 986 4166 | Nag's Head 175/703733 | 15 | Off road |
| Sun 18/11 | Long Sutton (S) | 09:15 Earley | Martin Lindup 986 3583 | Four Horseshoes 186/742472 | 50 | 11's Redfields GC, mod |
| Sun 18/11 | Rotherfield Peppard (N) | 10:00 Fountain | Paul Roberts 986 8470 | Red Lion 175/709819 | 20 | Off road |
| Sun 18/11 | Rotherfield Peppard (N) | 10:00 Fountain | Nick Clark 966 7882 | Red Lion 175/709819 | 25 | Leisurely |
| Tue 20/11 | Fifield (E) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Fifield Inn | 12 NOON | 175/908764 | | | |
| Wed 21/11 | Hermitage (W) | 11:00 | Morris Dowding 989 0326 | White Horse 174/503729 | 45 | Meet 10:30-11:00 Café Theale High St 175/643713 |
| Wed 21/11 | Reading (E) | 19:30 Fountain | Ian Swan 07766-244816 | Eldon Arms 175/725732 | 20 | Brisk |
| Wed 21/11 | Reading (E) | 19:30 Fountain | Al Neal 967 9666 | Eldon Arms 175/725732 | 15 | Off road |
| Sun 25/11 | Minley Woods & Ash ranges | Train Assist | Dave Keeble 07816 679453 | Pub en-route | 25 | Off road - 10:03 train from Reading |
| Sun 25/11 | Kintbury | 09:15 Earley | Lesley Adams 988 3044 | Sandford Springs Golf Club | 55 | One stop, mod |
| Sun 25/11 | Rotherwick (S) | 10:00 Fountain | Mike Lingham 947 5480 | Coach & Horses 175/7156 | 35 | Leisurely/Moderate |
| Sun 25/11 | Rotherwick (S) | 10:00 Earley | Nick Clark 966 7882 | Coach & Horses 175/7156 | 24 | Leisurely |
| Tue 27/11 | Burghfield Bridge (SW) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Cunning Man | 12 NOON | 175/681707 | | | |
| Wed 28/11 | Reading (S) | 19:30 Fountain | Paul Irving 967 7931 | The Alehouse (was The Hobgoblin) 175/717734 | 24 | Brisk |
| Wed 28/11 | Reading (S) | 19:30 Fountain | Paul Denley 948 3574 | The Alehouse 175/717734 | 15 | Off road |

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Could you be RCC's new Secretary?

After a number of years hard work for the campaign Linda Edwards has finally decided to hand over the handlebars. So, if you would like to make Reading more Cycle Friendly and could spare a little time to help with some of our administrative work we want to hear from you!

As a member of the committee you would also be involved in our monthly committee meetings and have a say in every decision about how the campaign is run.

Or our new Events Co-ordinator?

Jeanette Jeans has also had to move on from the committee so we need a new Events Co-ordinator.

This role includes organising RCC's presence at events like the Bike Week Cycle Festival and other local events, as well as our stalls in Broad Street and other venues.

This is a role that you can really make your own and we're always keen to hear new ideas. It could be new places to meet cyclists or regular social events for members - tell us what you think!

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