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Broad Street Consultation



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Reading Borough Council (RBC)

The efforts to rally support for cycling in Broad Street were rewarded with nearly 60% of respondents wanting to allow cycling in all of Broad Street.

The alternative of stopping all cycling in Broad Street would have caused problems for many cyclists, as routes across the town centre would have been severed.

However, at its 10 March meeting, the formal consultation results of 653 for

and 604 against were considered to be 'inconclusive'.

It's a pity that the Council did not try to get an experimental Traffic Order to allow cycling in Broad Street West as that may have had less opposition. Or at least allow cycling for the times that delivery vehicles can access Broad Street. Then the argument about cyclists being unsafe can have little validity.

Traffic Management Sub-Committee, 14 January

This contained a number of matters of interest to cyclists:

The Broad Street cycling noted above, where it was saddening to hear Cllr >>

Campaign News

<< Jones, Cllr Duveen and some others speak against cycling.

Funding for transport schemes presentation described the numerous funding sources that can be available to Councils.

These include the Challenge Funds including the Local Sustainable Transport Bid; Local Transport Plan/ Local Investment Plan; Section 106 and Community Investment Plan; DfT Major Projects; and EU projects.

So despite government cuts, there is scope for funding and bidding for cycling schemes.

School expansion and sustainable transport gives scope for improved cycling (as well as walking) to expanding schools. But are any cycling improvements going to be funded?

Implications of the 'Traffic Signs and General Regulations and Directions' updating, which is still awaited from the DfT.

This will simplify the provision of 20mph zones, so Reading is now to progress 20mph area implementation on the assumption that the changes will be approved within the next few months.

This could lead to more 20mph limits and zones which would benefit cycling.

Reading Cycle Forum, 9 February

Top of the list was the proposed shared-use cycling in Broad Street going west.

We were shown plans of the proposed changes to Oxford Road once the Cow Lane bridges have been widened later this year. The improvements for cycling are relatively minor with some new lengths of cycle lane, some new and changed bus lanes, and numerous cycle symbols on the carriageway. A 20mph limit is apparently being considered separately.

The Reading cycle maps are to be updated with a simplified key for facilities and routes, and including updates that we suggested. Web and paper versions are to be available.

Town centre signing, route improvements and additional routes were discussed briefly. It was good to see that RBC had a list of most of the issues that we had previously raised and their action status, with many either being carried out or being considered. A great change from the previous meeting when we appeared to be hitting our heads against a brick wall. There are some further points to be added to the list, as there always will be, but the list is a useful tool and is good progress.

Traffic Management Sub-Committee, 10 March

The issue of Broad Street West cycling, yes or no, was discussed. The results were 653 for cycling and 604 against. Lead Councillor Tony Page 'accepted' that this was not a strong enough mandate to allow cycling, although he stated that he was in favour of the measure to allow more consistent cycling rules in Broad Street. It appeared that Cllr Tony Jones was the strongest opponent to cycling, seemingly unaware of the limited options for cycling in the town centre. His constituents may want to hear his comments on the Reading website, where the meeting recording can be watched. Cllr Ricky Duveen (Liberal Democrat) also spoke against cycling in Broad Street and similarly showed no understanding of the difficulties that cyclists face. We need to get them and others out on bikes!

West Reading (West Berks District Council) Cycling Improvements

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So if you cycle in these areas and have any comments and/or would like to help checking the areas' roads and routes please contact the relevant person. The comments and reports need to be completed by the end of March 2016!

John Lee
RBC Campaigner



Wokingham Borough Council (WoBC)

Wokingham Borough Council has submitted a planning application to itself to develop Elms Field. The application contains no cycle facilities on the re-aligned Elms Road that will link Shute End and Wellington Road.

After some consideration, I decided not to object about the absence of any cycle lanes. The new road is in the centre of Wokingham, so I hope that the concept of 'shared space' will be applied to it.

Indeed, if severe traffic calming is not implemented, the new road will become a major rat-run to avoid the Station Link Road. It is not clear whether cycling will be permitted on the paths across the redeveloped Elms Field.

The Council has also agreed the design for the North Wokingham Distributor Road, which will run from the M4 motorway bridge at Winnersh all the way to the Coppid Beech roundabout through the three new housing estates.

I'm happy to say that WoBC has proposed that the default cycle provision should be shared-use foot/cycleways on both sides of the road. Unfortunately, there appear to be stretches where there will not be enough space for this.

Cycle facilities which stop, while the adjacent road continues, are a strong discouragement from using them so this is very regrettable.

However, I think the Distributor Road will be a route of choice for few cyclists between Winnersh and Twyford Road because it starts by hugging the M4 motorway and adopts an indirect route.

I hope that, when the new road is finished, better cycle facilities can be added to the existing roads. For example, the A329 cycle lane could be continued through the Old Forest Road junction, and new cycle lanes could be added to Old Forest Road, Commons Road and Matthewsgreen Road as traffic calming to encourage traffic to use the Distributor Road.

There's so much building work planned in Wokingham Borough that it is difficult to keep up with applications. If you become aware of any significant planning applications, please let me know so that I can comment on the provision of cycle facilities.

Finally, construction of the next stage of the A329 cycle lane from Winnersh through to Woosehill is about to start. The parts around the petrol station are disjointed, but it'll be all change in five years when the Distributor Road mentioned above is built.

Peter Howe
WoBC Campaigner

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More than 600 riders pedal the quiet roads of South Oxfordshire, choosing from 5.5, 12 or 20 mile long routes. The event is suitable for riders of all ages and makes a great day out. Last year two plucky 4-year olds managed to complete 5.5 miles with their parents and children as young as six have pedalled the full 20 miles.

The sight of local roads packed with cyclists from across the generations is both dramatic and inspirational. It's a great chance for families to rediscover the joy of riding together.

The ride's running costs are met by generous donations from local sponsors including AW Cycles.

This year, all entrance fees will be divided between the Sue Ryder Home in Nettlebed, Sonning Common Primary School PTA and the Coronary Care Unit at the Royal Berkshire Hospital.

There is no need to raise sponsorship and the entrance fees have been kept to £5 per person if bought in advance (£8 on the day).

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Chairman's Letter

Dear RCC members,

I just read that February was the warmest ever February ever recorded. Nice for us, little frost, no snow, if this keeps up we could be on the beach in winter, la la la.

This is global temperature, not nice sunny days in Berkshire. At the root of the problems in the Middle East was the drought that made farming in the once fertile Euphrates valley and elsewhere virtually impossible. This caused a huge migration of once farming folk into towns and cities, starving and destitute.

Within a few years that conflict had become war that had caused massive migration, and we now have millions of people leaving a zone that is not only at war, but is also suffering famine.

So the decision to block cycling in Broad Street was a disappointment, not for my shorter ride to the post office, but one of total political failure.

The interest of our politicians is nothing to do with us helping to minimise our impact on the planet's resources, it is maximising it. Broad Street's purpose is to shop, and to have people riding bikes spoiling our shopping trip was unacceptable.

It isn't as if our politicians needed any help. Two separate votes were in favour of the change, to allow cyclists to ride through 200 yards of the street. Yet our weak kneed politicians could only see the down-sides. For 6 hours a day when we all go shopping the cyclists might have made the street environment less amenable to wandering around without having to look out for cyclists. No regard was given to the other 18 hours in the day when people could use the street to get around.

Getting around is at the core of the Council's transport policy. Every effort is made to facilitate people moving. Traffic lights are configured

to smooth the flow, and relieve hold ups when they occur. Vast sums are spent to smooth the flow of cars off the motorway and into our town centre. Vast sums are being spent right now to facilitate the people who are expected to drive to the new IKEA.

Unless, of course, you want to ride a bike. You might - as a bike rider - bump into a pedestrian and this possibility is thought so horrendous that anyone who rides a bike pays the penalty in advance for the possible collision of the future.

Not that there is any evidence that you will, or anyone will. Cyclists have remarkably few collisions with pedestrians despite both groups being more or less completely untrained. Compare that with the roads where our cars go. Daily these highly trained and regulated users collide and roads are closed, people are hospitalised, and not a murmur of objection.

Permitting cycling in a pedestrianised area presents a great opportunity to not just make a shorter route across town, away from the buses and taxis, which make the alternatives so unpleasant, but to make Reading a little bit more cycle friendly. Not much, but symbolically. Which is why even though the votes were very clearly in favour of permitting cycling the Council chose to keep the present ban. They have put short term consumerism before sustainability. And sustainability means thinking about our impact on our climate, and sadly shopping comes first.

You may have noticed the news item about the average speed of vehicles going along the London Road, the slowest A road in Berkshire ('Slow going? London Road in Reading named slowest commuter route in Berkshire', *GetReading*, 17 February 2016).

I am not sure the recent massive expenditure on that road and

Cemetery Junction will have made any difference; it will be interesting next year to have a look and see if it has. £1.2 million to "improve the pedestrian and cycling environment from Cemetery Junction to Pell Street". (Yep, £1.2 million).

Just recently though I have had to go and have a look at the Junction for an entirely different reason. I have been helping lorry drivers develop some safer driving skills and awareness of vulnerable road users. This is actually a great thing, more of that later.

One thing we do is stop and look at Cemetery Junction. The reason we do that is to understand why many cyclists don't use cycle facilities. Once you stop and look at what has been installed there with a critical eye, it is absolutely bonkers. We timed a cyclist crossing from the King's Road bus lane east bound to the Wokingham Road. 5 traffic light phases in 3 minutes and 45 seconds. Yet a cyclist making it across the Junction using the road was through in under a minute, having only to wait at just the one set of lights.

This is a difficult place. We have a huge volume of traffic going into and out of town, so anything that impedes the flow is going to make it even slower. What the vast expenditure has done is keep cyclists and pedestrians well out of the way of flowing traffic, giving them unreasonably long journey times in the process. What is even worse is the lack of space on the crossings. If there were 6 cyclists on any one of the phases there would be nowhere to stand on two of the crossings.

How many cyclists does the Council expect to cross here? If three quarters of all journey are under 5 miles and half are under 2 miles, a lot of those journeys could be made on a bike, but when the latest bit of infrastructure is so laborious and awkward to use I wouldn't mind betting anyone who doesn't have to

Chairman's Letter



Adrian Lawson

use it won't. There are of two sorts of cyclists: confident cyclists on the road, and nervous ones on the pavement. That is what it is, pavement cycling, encouraged by design. Pity the confident cyclists though. The drivers won't be about to give them any quarter on the road. There's a "perfectly good cycle lane" right there. Why don't they use that?

The lorry drivers really got this, to my surprise. They all understood the reasons why cyclists don't use cycle lanes.

Just for a laugh we cycled along the cycle lane on the Wokingham Road heading out of town. Here there is a 1.2 metre wide lane, 300mm narrower than the minimum recommended by the government guidance. And as a consequence it is pretty awkward to say the least. Drivers don't feel there is any need to move over to pass you, which they normally do on an unmarked road, so almost every single one of them passes much too close. In contrast when we cycled on London Road towards town past the Cemetery, we got the whole left hand lane to ourselves; people passed in their cars as they are supposed to do, by overtaking, moving over.

The obvious conclusion is that this narrow cycle lane actually makes for less safe cycling.

I must try and offer this training to Councillors and Transport Planners. I wonder if they would take it up!

The brilliant part of the lorry driver training is manifold. One is every single lorry driver can ride a bike. We have yet to have one that can't. Once we get them in Palmer Park to get them started they start grinning, and those grins stay with them all through the ride. They have immediate understanding of cyclists' road positioning. When you mention riding close to parked cars they immediately agree that riding in the middle of the road is obviously safer. When they consider the hold-up they shrug and say the cyclist is going to be gone ahead soon, they always beat the lorry in town, or the road is soon wide enough to pass safely.

It was ironic that on my way home a driver of a large tarmac carrying lorry passed too close, and moved over before he had passed me, forcing me to brake to avoid getting forced off the road. I let it go, and passed him anyway when he was stuck at the lights. After the lights he started hooting his horn at me to get out of his way, and then overtook me as we came up to a pedestrian refuge, again forcing me to a stop, but then he had to stop for a right turning car, and I was tempted to pull alongside and have a chat. I didn't, but I did make a note of the company and the registration number, and I had a chat with the company later who seemed to take it very seriously.

I am sure one day he will have to undergo the course (it is now part of their licencing system) where they have to do 35 hours of training every 5 years, so soon our lorry drivers will be much better drivers than most.

Adrian Lawson
Chairman

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- 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 News

The Mystery of the Missing Bike Stands

If you wondered what happened to the bike stands outside Thornton's Chocolate shop and also outside the Halifax bank in Broad Street, don't panic!

We have received an email from the Council confirming that they have been removed, but will be replaced in the near future.

Hopefully the new facilities will be an improvement.

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CTC Bike Rides Listings

The quarterly CTC rides leaflet has been discontinued, but the rides are listed in this newsletter and are updated online. Please ALWAYS check the CTC website at <http://www.readingctc.co.uk/rides> for additions and changes.

Date	Destination	Start	Leader	Lunch	Miles	Information
Tue 1 Mar	Little London (SW) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Plough 175/621597					
Wed 2 Mar	Wolverton Townsend (SW)	10:30 Mortimer	Morris Dowding 989 0326	George & Dragon 174/563587	30	Meet 10:30 – 11:00 Mortimer Bakery Cafe
Wed 2 Mar	Reading (W)	19:30 Fountain	Sean Hayden 07801 414707	Allied Arms 175/714733	20	Moderate
Wed 2 Mar	Reading (W)	19:30 Fountain	tbc	Allied Arms 175/714733	15	Off road
Sun 6 Mar	Frieth (N)	10:00 Fountain	Brian Maunder 01491 573722	Prince Albert 175/798907	40	Moderate
Sun 6 Mar	Minley Wood	Train Assist	Dave Keeble 07816 679453	Pub en route	30	Off road -Train RDN - North Camp (10.03)
Sun 6 Mar	Waltham St Lawrence (E)	10:00 Earley	Richard Underwood 986 2444	Bell 175/8377	25	Leisurely
Tue 8 Mar	Crazies Hill (NE) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON – Horns 175/799809					
Wed 9 Mar	Marlow (NE)	10:30 Hare Hatch	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Slug and Lettuce 172/85086	30	Meet Hare Hatch Sheeplands Garden Centre
Wed 9 Mar	Reading (E)	19:30 Fountain	David Rees 07971 289 909	Fishermans Cottage 175/727735	23	Moderate
Wed 9 Mar	Reading (E)	19:30 Fountain	Peter Nightingale 932 0297	Fishermans Cottage 175/727735	15	Off road
Sat 12 Mar	Saturday pm meander	13:00 Dinton	Ian Moore 07773 300 665		35	Moderate. Back by 17:00
Sun 13 Mar	TBC	10:00 Fountain	Al Neal 967 9666	pub en route	25	Off road
Sun 13 Mar	Ecchinswell (SW)	09:15 Earley	Allan Adams 988 3044	Royal Oak 174/498595	50	Moderate. 11's Bramley bakery
Sun 13 Mar	Aldworth (NW)	10:00 Earley	Richard Underwood 986 2444	Bell 174/556797	35	Leisurely/Moderate. Some rough stuff
Sun 13 Mar	Bucklebury (W)	10:00 Theale	Duncan Edwards 0794 440 3661	Bucklebury Farm Park Cafe 175/552701	25	Leisurely. a few hills
Sun 13 Mar	Morning Ride (N)	09:00 Fountain	Martin Soanes 948 4057	Return to Reading before lunch	25	Offroad
Tue 15 Mar	Rothenwick (S) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON – Coach & Horses 175/7156					
Wed 16 Mar	Hermitage (W)	10:30 Theale	Morris Dowding 989 0326	White Horse 174/504729	30	Meet 10:30 - 11:00 Theale La Baguetterie
Wed 16 Mar	curry ride	19:30 Fountain	Jeanette Jeans 07897 512 491	Indian Restaurant	20	Leisurely/Moderate
Wed 16 Mar	Curry ride	19:30 Fountain	Sel Dixon 954 6306	Indian restaurant	20	Off road
Sun 20 Mar	TBC	10:00 Fountain	TBC	pub en route	30	Off road
Sun 20 Mar	Bucklebury (W)	10:00 Theale	Wie San Lau 079 5746 6477	Bucklebury Farm Park Cafe 175/552701	20	Leisurely/Moderate. Back by 13:00
Sun 20 Mar	Benson Marina (NW)	10:00 Fountain	Steve Conway 375 9932	Riverside Café 175/613917	35	Leisurely/Moderate
Sun 20 Mar	Clarken Green (Oakley) (SW)	08:45 Earley	Lesley Adams 988 3044	Beach Arms	50	Moderate. One stop. Buffet breakfast £3.99
Sun 20 Mar	Hungerford (W)	09:00 Earley	Graeme Hoyle 07879 838 424	Tutti Pole Cafe 174/338687	60	Brisk. One stop
Tue 22 Mar	Binfield (E) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON – Victoria Arms 175/842713					
Wed 23 Mar	Hailey (N)	10:30 Henley	Morris Dowding 989 0326	King William IV 175/643858	30	Meet 10:30 - 11:00 Henley Catherine Wheel
Wed 23 Mar	Reading (S)	19:30 Fountain	Simon Bird 07846 219114	The Butler 175/709735	22	Moderate
Wed 23 Mar	Reading (S)	19:30 Fountain	Elliot Dean 07879 647681	The Butler 175/709735	15	Off road
Sun 27 Mar	Bagnor (W)	10:00 Theale	Nora & Clive Gordon 942 5371	Blackbird 174/454693	40	Leisurely
Sun 27 Mar	Hermitage (NW)	09:15 Fountain	James Blagden 0750 490 767 6	Hilliers Garden Centre 174/501730	60	Brisk
Sun 27 Mar	Berwyn Hills, Wales	Glyn Ceiriog	Ian Doyle 07974 409607	pub en route	40	Off road tour - bunkhouse accommodation
Sun 27 Mar	Alton (S)	09:30 Earley	Joe Edwards 986 7855	tbc	50	Moderate
Tue 29 Mar	Upper Bucklebury (W) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON – Cottage Inn 174/5426					
Wed 30 Mar	Old Basing (S)	10:30 Beech Hill	Morris Dowding 989 0326	The Crown 186/663527	30	Meet 10:30 - 11:00 Beech Hill church cafe
Wed 30 Mar	Sonning Eye (E)	19:30 Fountain	Charles Redfern 07932 042 324	Flowing Spring 175/747767	22	Moderate
Wed 30 Mar	Sonning Eye (E)	19:30 Fountain	Martin Soanes 948 4057	Flowing Spring 175/747767	15	Off road
Sun 3 Apr	Odiham (S)	09:30 Earley	Mike Hardiman 9793147	Bell 186/743509	40	Moderate. One stop(see King John's castle!)
Sun 3 Apr	TBC	10:00 Fountain	TBC	pub en route	30	Off road
Sun 3 Apr	Henley (N)	10:00 Fountain	Steve Conway 375 9932	Catherine Wheel 175/762827	25	Leisurely
Sun 3 Apr	Farnborough (W)	09:15 Fountain	Mick Simmons 954 3537	Saddleback Farm Shop	60	Brisk
Tue 5 Apr	Witheridge Hill (N) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON – Rising Sun 175/696841					
Wed 6 Apr	Ewelme (N)	10:30 Sonning Cmn	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Shepherds Hut 175/639919	30	Meet 10:30 - 11:00 Sonning Common Bakery
Wed 6 Apr	Three Mile Cross (S)	19:30 Earley	Ian Swan 07766 244 816	Swan 175/715679	25	Brisker
Wed 6 Apr	Three Mile Cross (S)	19:30 Fountain	Charles Redfern 07932 042 324	Swan 175/715679	22	Moderate
Wed 6 Apr	Three Mile Cross (S)	19:30 Fountain	Paul Roberts 07702 006105	Swan 175/715679	15	Off road
Wed 6 Apr	Three Mile Cross (S)	19:30 Earley	Richard Underwood 986 2444	Swan 175/715679	15	Leisurely
Sun 10 Apr	Local HONC	09:00 Fountain	Peter Nightingale 932 0297	pub en route	50	Off road
Sun 10 Apr	Hell of the North Cotswolds	09:00 Winchcombe	Ian Doyle 07974 409607	Bun en route	60	www.winchcombecc.org.uk/honc
Sun 10 Apr	East Stratton (SW)	09:00 Earley	Allan Adams 988 3044	Northbrook Arms 185/5439	65	Moderate pace but long. Roadside 11's
Sun 10 Apr	Little London (SW)	10:00 Earley	Richard Underwood 986 2444	Plough 175/621597	30	Leisurely/Moderate
Sun 10 Apr	Bracknell, South Hill Park	10:00 Fountain	Graeme Hoyle 07879 838 424		30	Leisurely. Cycle ways and byways
Sun 10 Apr	Morning Ride (N)	09:00 Fountain	Martin Soanes 948 4057	Return to Reading before lunch	25	Off road
Tue 12 Apr	Silchester (SW) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON – Calleva Arms 175/628621					
Wed 13 Apr	Swallowfield (S)	10:30 Mortimer	Lesley Adams 988 3044	Crown 175/725649	30	Meet in Mortimer Bakery Cafe. Ride via The Crown to Spencers Wood for Birthday Ploughmans

CTC Bike Rides Listings

Date	Destination	Start	Leader	Lunch	Miles	Information
Wed 13 Apr	Tidmarsh (W)	19:30 Earley	Nick Clark 07866 033 638	Greyhound 175/635747	25	Moderate/Brisk
Wed 13 Apr	Tidmarsh (W)	10:00 Fountain	Jason Pyke 07932 652368	Greyhound 175/635747	20	Off road
Sun 17 Apr	Shalden Green (S)	09:15 Fountain	Sean Hayden 07801 414707	Avenue Nurseries 186/693438	70	Brisk. One stop
Sun 17 Apr	Crazies Hill (NE)	10:00 Fountain	Sel Dixon 954 6306	Horns 175/799809	30	Off road
Sun 17 Apr	Reading	09:30 Fountain	Joe Edwards 986 7855	Reading town centre	30	Leisurely/Moderate. "Reading's hills, rivers & lakes". 11's Gorge cafe
Sun 17 Apr	Lambourn	09:15 Theale	Simon Bird 07846 219114	Cafe Lambourn 174/324787	60	Moderate, Roadside 11's
Tue 19 Apr	Fifield (E) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON – Fifield Inn 175/908764					
Wed 20 Apr	Middle Assendon (N)	10:30 Hare Hatch	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Rainbow 175/738858	30	Meet Hare Hatch Sheeplands Garden Centre
Wed 20 Apr	Gallowstree Common (N)	19:30 Prospect Park	Tony Rodriguez 07825 213 637	Reformation 175/689802	25	Brisk
Wed 20 Apr	Gallowstree Common (N)	19:30 Fountain	Martin Soanes 948 4057	Reformation 175/689802	20	Off road
Sun 24 Apr	Kidmore End (N)	09:15 Fountain	Lesley Adams 988 3044	New Inn 175/699793	30	Moderate. 11's Ewelme
Sun 24 Apr	Kidmore End (N)	10:00 Fountain	Michael Lernihhan 07526 127000	New Inn 175/699793	20	Off road: short
Sun 24 Apr	Kidmore End (N)	10:00 Fountain	Paul Roberts 07702 006105	New Inn 175/699793	25	Off road: long
Sun 24 Apr	Kidmore End (N)	10:00 Earley	John Lomas 01344 420031	New Inn 175/699793	20	Leisurely
Tue 26 Apr	Hermitage (W) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON – Fox 174/510731					
Wed 27 Apr	Burghclere (SW)	10:30 Theale	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Carpenter's Arms 174/463607	30	Meet 10:30 - 11:00 Theale La Baguetterie
Wed 27 Apr	Shiplake (NE)	19:30 Fountain	Simon Bird 07846 219114	Plowden Arms 175/764783	22	Moderate
Wed 27 Apr	Shiplake (NE)	19:30 Fountain	JD 07917 063231	Plowden Arms 175/764783	20	Off road
Sun 1 May	Offroad tour	TBC	TBC	Pub en route	40	Off road - tour camping or bunkhouse
Sun 1 May	North Waltham (SW)	09:15 Earley	Lesley Adams 988 3044	Fox 185/563458	55	Moderate
Sun 1 May	Streatley (NW)	10:00 Fountain	Paul Irving 07909 528 722	Bull 174/591807	25	Leisurely
Sun 1 May	Dinton Pastures (E)	09:30 Theale	Anne & Terry Davis	Dragonfly Cafe 175/785718	28	Leisurely. Hybrids ideal
Tue 3 May	Hailey (N) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON – King William IV 175/643858					
Wed 4 May	Watlington (N)	10:30 Henley	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Carriers Arms 175/692945	30	Meet 10:30 - 11:00 Henley Catherine Wheel
Wed 4 May	Swallowfield (S)	19:30 Earley	Ian Swan 07766 244 816	Crown 175/725649	25	Brisker
Wed 4 May	Swallowfield (S)	19:30 Fountain	Martin Pearce 07919 448 148	Crown 175/725649	25	Off road
Wed 4 May	Swallowfield (S)	19:30 Earley	Richard Underwood 986 2444	Crown 175/725649	15	Leisurely
Sun 8 May	Lower Wield (S)	09:15 Earley	Mike Hardiman 9793147	Yew Tree 185/637397	65	Moderate/Brisk. 11's Conkers GC
Sun 8 May	East Hendred (NW)	09:00 Fountain	John Singleton 07813 818719	Plough 174/4588	55	Off road
Sun 8 May	Checkendon (N)	10:00 Fountain	Richard Underwood 986 2444	Black Horse 175/667841	25	Leisurely
Sun 8 May	Watlington (N)	09:15 Fountain	Paul Irving 07909 528 722	Carriers Arms 175/692945	45	Moderate
Tue 10 May	Sherborne St John (S) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON – Swan 175/626553					
Wed 11 May	Dogmersfield (S)	10:00 Beech Hill	TBC	Queens Head 186/786528	40	Meet 10:00 - 10:30 Beech Hill church cafe
Wed 11 May	Whitchurch Hill (NW)	19:30 Fountain	Simon Bird 07846 219114	Sun 175/643794	22	Moderate
Wed 11 May	Whitchurch Hill (NW)	19:30 Fountain	Jim Thompson 07906 164 486	Sun 175/643794	20	Off road
Sun 15 May	Farnborough (W)	09:30 Theale	Nora & Clive Gordon 942 5371	Saddleback Farm Shop 174/436809	45	Leisurely
Sun 15 May	Wooburn Common (NE)	10:00 Dinton	John Lomas 01344 420031	Royal Standard 175/923876	40	Leisurely/Moderate
Sun 15 May	tbc	09:15 Earley	Erica Johnson 966 6913	tbc	60	tbc
Tue 17 May	Jealot's Hill (E) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON – New Leathern Bottle 175/868732					
Wed 18 May	Wheeler End (NE)	10:30 Sonning Cmn	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Brickmakers Arms 175/802931	30	Meet 10:30 - 11:00 Sonning Common Bakery
Wed 18 May	Theale 'Sheffield Bottom' (SW)	19:30 Fountain	Tom Walton-Evans	Fox & Hounds 175/648698	23	Moderate
Wed 18 May	Theale 'Sheffield Bottom' (SW)	19:30 Earley	TBC	Fox & Hounds 175/648698	20	Off road - short
Wed 18 May	Theale 'Sheffield Bottom' (SW)	19:30 Fountain	Angus Mitchell 07794301935	Fox & Hounds 175/648698	25	Off road - long
Wed 18 May	Theale 'Sheffield Bottom' (SW)	19:30 Earley	Richard Underwood 986 2444	Fox & Hounds 175/648698	15	Leisurely
Sun 22 May	TBC	10:00 Fountain	Elliot Dean 07879 647681	pub en route	35	Off road
Sun 22 May	Alton (S)	09:00 Earley	Graeme Hoyle 07879 838 424	Cafe 186/7139	60	Brisk. One stop
Sun 22 May	Winchester	09:15 Earley	Joe Edwards 986 7855		50	Moderate. 11's Shalden Green, Return by train
Sun 22 May	Braisiers Park (NW)	08:30 Dinton	Ian Moore 07773 300 665		50	Brisk. 11's Goring, back by 13:00
Sun 22 May	tbc (W)	09:15 Fountain	Chris Davey 942 2358		40	Moderate
Sun 22 May	Morning Ride (N)	09:00 Fountain	Martin Soanes 948 4057	Return to Reading before lunch	25	Off road
Tue 24 May	Brimpton Common (SW) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON – Pineapple 174/567628					
Wed 25 May	Kingsclere (SW)	10:30 Mortimer	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Crown 174/5258	30	Meet 10:30 - 11:00 Mortimer Bakery Cafe
Wed 25 May	Waltham St Lawrence (E)	19:30 Earley	Phil Rassell 07960733464	Bell 175/8377	25	Leisurely/Moderate
Wed 25 May	Waltham St Lawrence (E)	19:30 Fountain	John Singleton 07813 818719	Bell 175/8377	25	Off road - short
Wed 25 May	Waltham St Lawrence (E)	19:30 Fountain	Malcolm Fleming 986 4166	Bell 175/8377	30	Off road - long
Sun 29 May	South Gloucestershire	TBC	Martin Pearce 07919 448 148	Pub en route	35	Off road tour - camping
Sun 29 May	Kingsclere	09:15 Earley	Simon Bird 07846 219114	Nelson's Diner 174/519594	60	Moderate. Roadside 11's
Sun 29 May	Brockhill (E)	09:15 Dinton	John Lomas 01344 420031		25	Leisurely morning ride coffee at Oak Tree GC
Sun 29 May	Sherfield on Loddon (S)	09:30 Fountain	Don Stead 988 3189	Four Horseshoes 175/680579	35	Leisurely/Moderate
Tue 31 May	Ewelme (N) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON – Shepherds Hut 175/639919					

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