



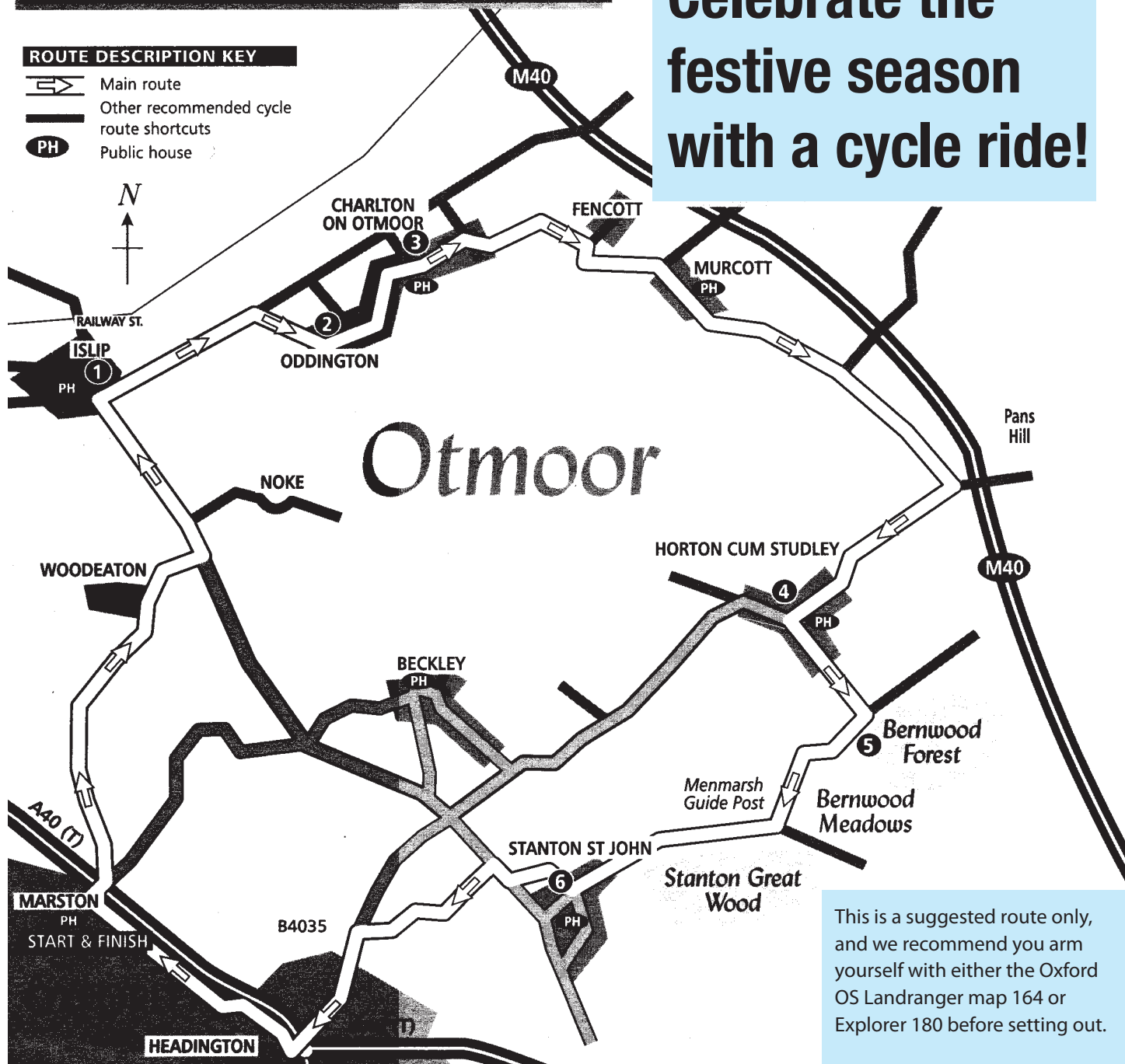
December 2009

Tour of Otmoor Bicycle Ride

Celebrate the festive season with a cycle ride!

ROUTE DESCRIPTION KEY

- Main route
- Other recommended cycle route shortcuts
- Public house



This is a suggested route only, and we recommend you arm yourself with either the Oxford OS Landranger map 164 or Explorer 180 before setting out.

The route starts at the mini roundabout at Marston, by the garage and shops. Cross over the ring road, and take the right turn to Woodeaton. Follow signs to Islip. When you reach Islip turn right in front of the pub towards Otmoor, taking in the villages of Oddington, Charlton on Otmoor, Fencott and Murcott. The Nut Tree pub at Murcott makes a good halfway stop.

Stay on this road, climbing a short hill, before taking a right turn at a T-junction towards Horton cum Studley. From here head for Stanton St John, and Oxford, to return via the Green Road roundabout and Headington. Allow plenty of time to complete this 20 mile ride in daylight - around three hours at a leisurely pace allowing time for one or two stops.

On your bike

We hope that you'll enjoy getting out and about on your bike over the festive season. There are a number of websites that can help you plan cycle routes and rides:

Oxford route planner

The Open City Map, available on the Cyclox website, helps you plan your rides across the city. <http://oxford.cyclestreets.net/journey/> Or via www.cyclox.org

Local rides

This cycle blog describes a range of rides, from a 25km trundle around the ring road, to a 100km route to London, and even further afield. <http://cyclingroutesoxford.blogspot.com/>

Oxfordshire County Council website

The County has links in their long walks and rides section. You can also download the Oxford Cycle Map from their website. www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cyclemaps

Oxford Cycle Touring Club (CTC)

Organises regular rides. www.oxonctc.org.uk/

Sustrans

Information about long distance routes around the country, including rides from Oxford. www.sustrans.org.uk/sustrans-near-you/south-east/oxfordshire

Join Cyclox

Membership, only £12 a year (£10 by standing order, £6 concessions), brings a wide range of benefits including:

- A voice that local politicians and councils recognise and hear
- Meetings on issues that matter to Oxford cyclists
- Fun rides and social events
- Discounts at local cycle shops and at GoOutdoors
- Advice on what to buy e.g. 'hi-vis' (reflective) jackets
- Access to the cycling chat forum (www.cyclox.org/newsgroup.htm)
- Access to cycle training

See our website www.cyclox.org for more about Cyclox, and to download an application form.

DIARY DATES

Cyclox Christmas Social gathering

Thursday 17 Dec: Drop in any time 7–11 pm
The Rusty Bicycle pub, 28 Magdalen Road, Cowley OX4 1RB. Come and meet us!

Isis Women's Cycle Group rides

Thursday 17 Dec: Christmas Lights ride! Around 3-4 miles. Meet 6.30pm Sheldonian Theatre. Women only.

Saturday 19 Dec: a mixed social ride to Waterperry Gardens, 20 miles. 10am start, meeting outside Café Noir, Headington. Male friends and partners welcome.

Cyclox Public Meeting

Thursday 28 Jan 2010: Cycle Hubs 7.30pm - 9pm Friends Meeting House, St Giles.

Cyclox holds regular public meetings to highlight and debate issues that concern all cyclists. Oxford needs a cycle hub, ideally in the new Westgate, where we can park safely, and under cover - and even get advice, information and repairs! Find out what Cambridge and other cities are doing. All welcome.