1988 OXON 20 / OXON 40 Routes

Place names: CAPITALS - name may be seen on the route lower case - name appears only on OS map

Abbreviations used:

T=turn X=cross L=1eft R=right Tjunc=T-junction FP=footpath RD=road Bw=bridleway TK=-track opp=opposite BWS / FPS=bridleway / footpath sign yds=yards m=miles CB=compass bearing from MAGNETIC NORTH GR=OS map reference

START From YMCA entrance TL between bollards. At RD X & TL to Harpsden. Pass church & TL at RD Junc on FP beside WOODLANDS RD. Just before top fork L with remains of fence (CB 170). Join & TL on RD. GR 762 804

1.0 m At corner in 400 yds X RD & ahead on FP with fence on L. At lane X ½R & over field (CB 220). Ahead on TK, thru wood & cont for further 250yds to bar /stile. TR on TK for 180 yds. TL opp KILN LAND bungalow on FP to RD. GR 758 786

2.2 m X RD to stile to L of WHITE HART pub. X field to double pylon (CB 180). $\frac{1}{2}$ R to next pylon where $\frac{1}{2}$ R over next field (CB 270). X sunken FP to field & $\frac{1}{2}$ R along edge to wood. TR on FP thru wood & then cont along edge of 2 fields to RD. GR 743 782

3. 4 m TL to Binfield Heath & in 200 yds TR on GRAVEL ROAD. 30 yds past HEATHDRIVE TL into field thru 2nd gap in hedge. Ahead to X plank bridge & TR.Follow line of ditch on R & later on L to field corner where ahead to drop ontoBw. TL & follow until drive to CHAPMANS FARM on R (FPS). TR & in 50 yds fork Lover bridge. TL along field edge to RD.GR 737 772

4.4 m X RD ½R to FP & then earth lane to Littlestead Green. At T-junc TR. Join RD on corner & ahead for 80 yds to stile on L. X field ½R (CB 285). At RD X & TL for 30 yds. TR on drive to BRYANTS FARM. GR 727 776

5.4 m At end of hedge on L, TL over stile & ahead for 30 yds to field stile. X & TL along field edge to corner. Ahead over stile & beside fence to RD. X RD & TR for 40 yds. TL on FP to TOWER CLOSE & ahead to B481 RD by water tower. GR 722 775

5. 8 m TR for 40 yds. X RD & along lane opp. At end ahead on BW between hedges (BW is prone to f]ooding!) Cont to join lane at Chalkhouse Green. Ahead to junc by phone box. GR 709 781

7.0 m X RD & TR for 100 yds. TL on TANNERS LANE. At fork TR sharply over stile beside drive to CRISPINS WAY. Follow & then down field to stile & ahead on TK. At surfaced lane TL. Fork L onto RD at Tokers Green. TL for 30 yds & TR on ROKEBY DRIVE. In 300 yds at recreation ground on L is checkpoint.

CP 1 Tokers Green GR 697 776 8.3 miles 10.00am - 11.45am

8.3 m Cont on RD to Tjunc.BEWARE FAST TRAFFIC HERE. TR for 20 yds & X RD tostile.Ahead along field edge to stile.X RD & TL for 80 yds.TR on sunkenFP.At bottom swing R with TK.At top swing L with TK & after gate cont withcopse on L to Rose Farm.GR 685 766

9.5 m Thru yard & follow concrete drive for 400 yds to Tjunc. Ahead X field to wood corner (CB 280) & cont among trees for 250 yds. At far side TL with waymark. (Vi ew across Thames is of Reading .½L, Purley ½R, Pangbourne far R). Follow TK to swing R along hillside. At statue TL (down) & immediately fork R. Continue diagonally down to pass yellow/white posts leading to stile. Ahead down to further stile & TR on concrete drive to RD at Mapledurham. GR 671 769 (To see more of Mapledurham house, church & mill, TL on RD in opposite direction to route.)

10.6 m TR on RD for 160 yds to FPS on R.GR 671 77020 mile & 40 mile routes divide here. Please go to correct paragraph on page 2.

20 mile route only

10. 7 m X stile & up R field edge to stile. X & TR along R field edge to 3rd electricity pole. ¹/₂L X field towards cottage. X stile to lane & TR. At junc TL. Follow to Tjunc opp CROSS LANES (house). GR 678 784

11.9m X RD & ahead on FP to R of house. After dropping down edge of a copse, X stile. Ahead up over field (CB 10) to stile. Ahead to stile at bridlegate near corner. X & follow waymark ½R among trees to A4074 RD at Cane End. GR 679 795

12. 6 m BEWARE ROAD TRAFFIC. X RD & TL past FOX INN. Cont beyond HORSEPOND RD

for 70 yds to TR on drive to 2nd house (CLERVAUX). At gateway TL over stile & ½R X field to gateway at end of garden (CB 340). Along R edge of next 2 fields & ahead in tree belt. Cont along L field edge & then R field edge to earth lane. GR 669 807

13.6 m TR past cottage & into field. Follow R edge to lane. X & ahead into wood. Cont with conifers of Nippers Grove on L and later fields on R. Go R at fork to lane. X RD to CP opp.

CP 2 Nippers Grove GR 682 813 14.6 miles 11.00am- 3.30pm

20 mile route continues on page 4 at 14.6/34.0 m

40 mile route only

10. 7 m Cont on road for 50 yds & TL on BW. In 750 yds X stile on R & ½L up field to wood in top corner. X stile & follow path. Where path joins from the L, cont ahead down. At bottom X TK & follow waymarked BW gradually up (it soon becomes stony). Leave wood & TL on drive at Collins End. GR 661 785

12.0 m Ahead on Iane. Pass NEW COTTAGES & at Tjunc TL on earth Iane. Ahead to X RDs. TR & X RD to wicket gate on corner. Follow permitted path to drive where ahead past front of Ainutt's almshouse & primary school. At WOODLAND COTTAGE TR

on unsurfaced lane to B4526 RD.

GR 656 798

13. 0 m X RD to BW opp. Ahead past house & along R field edge into wood. Cont & in 100 yds ahead between holly trees on narrow central path of 3, Follow waymarks to X-TK & ahead to fire-break where TL. At end go to L of field along wood edge. Leave wood, TR & immediately TL on drive to reach RD. GR 646 812

14.5 m ½L X RD to POTKILN LANE & immediately TR into wood. At X TKs TL (CB 270) & at stile in 200 yds leave wood. Along L edge of 1½ fields then ahead to stile. TR on RD for 400 yds. At X-RD TL & in 120 yds X stile on R. ½ L (CB 250) over large field - pass beside trough then touch L edge of two tree clumps, finally heading for electricity transformer on pole. Thru gateway to TK. GR 633 808

15.5 m TR on TK for 700 yds to RD. TL & in 130 yds TR onto BW. Join & follow fence on L & in 550 yds enter wood. At Tjunc in wood TL over stile. Descend to wood edge & TL on fenced path leading to RD. GR 614 815

17. 3 m TR for 15 yds then ½L on FP. Cont ahead at field to X stile at far side. In further 25 yds ½L over stile beside brick garage. X lane & TL on FP into LOCKSTILE WAY. Down to Tjunc & ahead on alley then TR to B4009 RD. GR 602 808

18.2 m X RD & TL towards station. At QUEENS ARMS pub TL on B4526 RD (CRAYS POND

sign) then TR on RAILWAY COTTAGES. At end ahead between fences to sports field & CP beyond changing rooms.

CP 2 Goring - Whitehill Sports Field GR 603 806 18.4 miles 12.15am - 2.30pm

18.4 m Return past changing rooms & TR along edge to stile in 2nd corner. TL up field edge. Follow L edge of further field to 2nd corner. X stile & enter wood at nearest corner. Follow FPS past all turns until BW joins from L at a bridle-gate. TR up BW. At top TL to bridlegate, then fieldgate. $\frac{1}{2}$ L (CB 70) X field to fieldgate & lane at Stapnal's Farm. GR 627 800

20.2 m TR on lane. Ahead at 1st junc & fork R at 2nd at Cold Harbour. Meet X B471 RD. X to TK opp. At field, cont on enclosed path on L. Thru wood & ahead X concreted area to reach B4526 RD. TR for 300 yds then X RD to BWS. GR 645 801

21.6 m Follow BW & waymarks thru wood. X a RD & cont past pond on R to follow more waymarks to X-TK 20 yds before fire-break. TR & follow waymarks for 1100 yds to B4526 RD. TL to junc with A4074 RD. GR 666 805

23.5 m X RD & follow TK opp. In 300 yds pass cottage & ahead into field. Follow R edge to lane. X & ahead into wood. Cont with conifers of Nippers Grove on L and later fields on R. Go R at fork to lane. X RD to checkpoint opp.

CP 3 Nippers Grove GR 682 813 24.7 miles 1.00pm - 4.00pm

24.7 m From CP, TR on RD (away from field opp). Cont at X-RD & later pass a cottage on R and then a field on L. At field end TL (FPS) inside wood. In 150 yds swing L off TK (CB 240) on waymarked FP that leads thru a conifer stand. At far side X plank over ditch & TL to a cottage (Beechwood Fm). Opp cottage TR & in 25 yds join FP ahead swinging slightly R (CB 290). X BW coming from cottages on R & in 40 yds TL on earth lane (CB 280). Follow to RD. GR 666 822

26.4 m TR on RD for 200 yds to drive to CORKERS FARM. $~1\!\!{}^{2}\!L$ on BW between RD and

drive to the far end. TL on RD for 70 yds. TR on lane (HAMMONDS FARM sign). Ignore R turn to FARM & cont on TK, continuing ahead at each junc, to descend thru wood & out to lane. GR 644 834

28.2 m TR on lane to drive to BOTTOM FARM HOUSE. Over stile on L & diagonally X paddock to stile in far corner. Follow fence round tennis court, then gradually up away from fence (CB 40) to further stile. Up into wood beside rail & TR on FP. BL at waymark in 300 yds & in further 800 yds TR at X-TKs. GR 656 844

29.2 m In 350 yds fork L at waymark & follow TK for 580 yds to Scots Farm. X RD & before barn in 25 yds fork L (CB 70). Cont to X-TKs in 500 yds (BUSHMOOR to R) & ahead for 80 yds to RD. GR 668 840

30. 0 m TL for 15 yds to stile on R. Along field edge to wood corner & ahead (CB 100) to stile & RD near Basset Manor). TL for 40 yds & TR over stile. Follow field edge & into wood. In 50 yds TL (CB 80) to field. Cont L then TR on fenced FP to TK. TL for 240 yds to TR at metal barrier. Between fences to wood & ahead to brick arch onto RD (HAINED IN WOOD house name). GR 681 837

31.0 m TL & in 250 yds TR on FP past DALTON SUPPLIES leading to further RD. TL to X-RDs & ahead on NEWLANDS LANE. At wood TR into & follow wood edge. In 350

yds X RD.

GR 689 840

31.8 m Ahead on BW (CB 120) in wood & in 300 yds swing to R of conifers. Find a small bank/ditch 10 yds to R of conifers & follow this. After 400 yds join fir trees on R & continue for further 200 yds. Thru gateway on R & TL along fenceline. At multiple junc, leave forestry land but turn sharp R (CB 270) with forest fence on R past "NO CARS" sign. Swing L at fork. Leave wood onto surfaced lane. GR 693 831

32.5 m Ahead & beyond 2nd house TR beside wall onto BW. X RD & along TK opp. X private RD & ahead on BW past fields to RD. X & over bank & TR. Ahead among trees with RD to R to checkpoint at further RD.

CP 4 Nippers Grove GR 682 813 34.0 miles 3.00pm - 6.30pm

20 mile & 40 mile routes rejoin at this checkpoint & are identical hereafter

14.6/34.0 m From CP, TL on RD (field on R). At end of wood on L, TL on TK beyond house. Keep to wood edge when it turns R and later also when it turns L at houses of Gallowstree Common. At wood edge in further 1100 yds TR on firm TK to RD. GR 698 808

16.3/35.7 m X RD & follow FP opp. X stile, ahead for 40 yds & TL into wood. $\frac{1}{2}$ R (CB 95) following occassional waymarks for $\frac{1}{4}$ m to houses at far corner of wood. TL beside wire fence & down out of wood to RD. X & up enclosed FP opp. At further RD TR & then fork L past garage to CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH in 80 yds. GR 708 809

16.9/36.3 Immediately before church TL on enclosed FP & cont into wood. In 40 yds path swings R & in further 100 yds fork L down to bottom edge of wood. TR to stile near corner. Leave wood, X valley between fields & up L field edge to stile. Ahead on enclosed FP to Rotherfield Peppard church. GR 714 814

17.6./37.0 m TR & at end of earth lane TR to field & TL along its edge. Thru gap at copse & along R field edge to stile in far corner. TR over 2 stiles into wood. In 60 yds TL on wide TK. After 500 yds at narrow neck of woodland TL up Kent's Hill with fence & field on R. At top follow field edge to X thru hedge at gap & cont beside it to house. GR 729 808

18.8/38.2 m TL on lane to cottages at King's Farm. Fork R past "NO HORSES" sign on TK to entrance to Upper House Farm. X drive into field & (CB 68) to stile 0 way along far hedge. OR (CB 57) to isolated tree and cont to field corner. Thru gap, TR & in 10 yds TL X field to gap between houses. TL on RD. GR 742 817

19.8/39.2 m TR on RD for 700 yds to Tjunc, Ahead on TK opp junc of 6 FPs. Take 3rd from L (CB 90) to cont with bungalows/gardens on L along top of Drawback Hill. Join RD & cont to PEPPARD LANE. Ahead down to junc with HARPSDEN ROAD. X

to FP on L of phone box. At end of path TR into the YMCA sports ground.

FINISH WELL DONE !

Henley YMCA Sports Pavilion 21.4/40.8 miles GR 766 815 8.15 pm latest