

## ***OXON 40 - 2000***

### ***Route Description***

Place names: **CAPITALS** = name appears on O.S. Landranger 175 (1:50,000)

*Italics* = name can be seen from route

Abbreviations: **T**=turn      **L**=left      **R**=right      **LHS/RHS**=left/right hand side  
**enc**=enclosed   **FP**=footpath   **BW**=bridleway   **tk**=track   **rd**=road   **junc**=junction  
**X**=cross/across   **ahd**=ahead   **thru**=through   **opp**=opposite   **nr**=near   **fld**=field  
**wd**=wood   **fm**=farm   **K/G**=kissing gate   **G/way**=gateway   **FPS**=footpath sign  
**WM**=waymark   **CB**=compass bearing (magnetic)   **GR**=O.S. grid ref   **RWP**=Ridgeway Path  
**cont**=cont   **immed**=immediately   **PH**=Public House   **m**=metres   **CW**=Chilton Way

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*Before you start: - Please check for any amendments to the route. Details will be on display.*

1. **Start**                      Out of main entrance & TL up tk to rd. X ½R (**with care**) & along *Vicarage Rd.*  
 At junc TR & ahd 630m. At school (on L), ahd, thru barrier, for 200m to rd. Cont ahd to rd junc. X  
 ½L (**with care**) & along *Deanfield Ave* opp. At top of hill bear R to main rd.                      GR 756 826
  
2. **1.6 km(1.0 miles)** X ½R (**with care**) & along *Hop Gardens* opp. At T-junc X ½L to grass area opp.  
 Pass to the R of garage block & bend R down to rd. TL & at T-junc TR. At next T-junc TR (*Luker  
 Ave*). In 50m (FPS) TL on enc FP to playing fld. X ½R (CB 70) to hedge corner & cont, with hedge  
 on L, to rd. X (**with care**) & TL. In 20m TR (FPS - Oxfordshire Way). Enter wd & in 50m fork L  
 uphill to go thru K/G. Ahd up fld & thru 2nd K/G (L of barn) Ahd on RHS of next fld. At far side go  
 thru 3rd K/G (at drive bend) & immed TL on enc FP, which soon becomes a sunken tk. Ignore tk on  
 R & cont downhill to reach stables on L. X minor rd & ahd on rd opp (R of large grassy triangle) to  
 main rd at LOWER ASSENDON.                      GR 745 847
  
3. **4.9 km(3.0 miles)** X rd (**with care**) & along *private* tk opp. TR up lane for 1300m to reach house  
 (*Grey Lodge*) on L. In a further 30m TR thru gap in hedge & immed TL along LHS of Bix Common.  
 Pass L of church & TR on rd. In 270m (where rd bends R) TL on tk to fld. Ahd X fld & in 200m, at  
 X path, TR (CB 15) to wd. Cont ahd on FP(white WMs). Where wider tk joins from L, cont ahd  
 along wd edge. In 150m, where tk enters field on R, cont ahd on FP which soon bends R to reach a  
 gate. At gate, TL to X stile & down RHS of fld. X stile & TR on tk. Where tk bends R, cont ahd,  
 thru gate to pass between buildings (VALLEY END FARM) to rd.                      GR 727 867
  
4. **8.5 km(5.3 miles)** TL on rd. In 250m (just before church ruin) TL up tk (FPS *Crocker End*) for  
 500m to wd. Ahd thru wd & in 800m X stile into fld. Keeping hedge on L follow LHS of fld round  
 to reach stile in fld corner (CROCKER END). X stile & ahd on tk. X minor rd & ahd (keeping to  
 LHS of green). X 2nd minor rd & ahd, first with houses, then tree-lined hedge on L, to emerge on rd.  
 TL. In 80m ahd at rd junc. In 330m ahd thru barriers to side rd (*The Old Kiln* on R). X rd (**with care**)  
 (*Watlington Street*) & continue ahead 150m along main rd past *White Hart* to checkpoint on R.

**CP 1. NETTLEBED VILLAGE CLUB    GR 699 868    11.7 km(7.3 miles).**

**08.20 - 10.30**

(no parking at club for supporters-please park at village common)

**OXON 40 Route only:**

5. **11.7 km(7.3 miles)** Exiting checkpoint towards rd TR to side of club & TR (FPS) up fp leading to back of club. Cont ahd passing surgery on R to reach rd at bend. TR on pavement passing bowling green on R. Cont ahd (FPS) to gravel tk & rd. X rd (*with care!*) & TL. In 50m TR (FPS) up *Mill Road*. At end thru posts & follow FP swinging R (WM). Over X tks & TR on lane leading to MAGPIES. Immed before house TR on FP (*SW21*). Cont ahd on RHS of grounds passing pond to X st. Cont on RHS of fld. When hedge turns R cont ahd (CB0) to X st at wd corner. Cont down thru wd on clear FP to X st to tk. TR & in 5M TL in fld to X st to tk. Ahd over tk to X st into fld. Ahd to X st into large fld. Cont ahd uphill (CB20 - midway between power poles). Cont ahd thru trees (no obvious path) to reach st in fld corner (Note RHS fence bends towards this corner). X st to junc with tk joining from R. TL on this tk, ignoring other fps. Straight ahd on tk. In 1km turn L at T junc (ignore earlier L at telephone wires) & ahd 1km to rd at *Cookley House* on L (CW). GR 697 903
6. **16.2 km(10.1 miles)** TL on verge. In 30m X rd & X RHS of green to join gravel tk to rd. X rd to 2nd rd. Turn R (*restriction to vehicles of 7.5T*). 60m after white gates on L, X stile on L & cont on FP thru wd. Pass R of conifers & keep ahd down thru scrub to K/G. Ahd (CB290) down thru park to K/G & enc FP. X drive & follow FPSs & TR thru churchyard (water tap on L) to lane. TL & ahd on RWP thru G/way. In 500m (RWP turns L) cont ahd on tk. In 650m fork L on BW eventually cont on RHS of fld. Thru wd to lane & TR down lane 350m to BW junc. GR 663 906
7. **20.2 km(12.6 miles)** TL on tk(WM). In 850m (X-tks) ahd (hedge on R) 850m to T-junc. TL on wide tk. In 1050m (just beyond cream bungalow) where tk bends R, TL. In 30m TR on enc FP. In 800m TR on RWP. X fld & into wd & up to rd. TL on verge & X rd (**extreme care!**) to checkpoint beyond PH.

**CP 2. GANGSDOWN HILL GR 675 877 24.3 km(15.1 miles).  
10.00 - 13.00**

8. **24.3 km(15.1 miles)** From CP retrace steps past PH to RWP FPS. Follow beside R of cottage & along lawn. Follow white posts X golf course & thru wd then X fairway R of clubhouse (**beware flying golf balls!**) to K/G. X next fld to church at NUFFIELD. TR on rd (water supply nr church tower). In 100m TL on RWP on LHS of fld. Thru gap (RWP), & ahd thru wd. In 120m at fork TL (leaving RWP) along wd, then on LHS of fld to ladder stile. Follow FPSs to drive. X stile opp & on RHS of fld. Opp house on R (FPS) TL along old fld boundary & ahd to drive. TR on drive (*UPPER HOUSE FM*). GR 663 863
9. **26.6 km(16.5 miles)** Pass house & ahd on tk. Pass sheds & cont on WM tk down & out of MONGEWELL WDS. Ahd between flds. In 800m, at junc, bend R & down to fm. Immed beyond fuel tanks TL up WM tk in WICKS WD. At top (staggered X-tks) ahd & down to field. Ahd X fld (CB 190) then on wide tk. Between fm buildings in dip & ahd 580m up to rd at HAILEY. TR on rd. In 300m (WM) X fence on L & ½R X fld (CB240) to road. X rd & on same line X next fld to X stile. X rd & X st opposite. X field (CB 240) to X st. TR to reach grass tk. TL down to rd. Up FP opp, pass R of hedge & ahd to (Ipsden Cricket Clubhouse) drive & out to rd. GR 634 850
10. **32.1 km(19.9 miles)** TL on rd. In 60m TR (CB175) X fld to far LH corner. TR on rd. In 350m, pass *BRAZIERS COLLEGE* & in 80m, fork L & up lane. At top, beyond white house, cont ahd on tk. In 500m, at WM cont ahd on tk for 600m to reach rd. GR 661 843  
TR on rd. In 100m TL into fld immed before tk (*Keepers Cottage*). Ahd on RHS of fld to corner. Ahd on path thru wood (WM) which eventually leads down to a stile at edge of wood. X stile & ahd

along RHS wire fence to X stile. Ahd along RHS field hedge to rd. X rd & along FP opposite (FPS). In 150m (at corner of paddock fences on L) TL off path (WM on trees: the original path continues to a house) to continue on enc path (WM) between paddock fences. X stile & ahd pass stables to X stile to lane. GR 651 852

**11. 36 km(22.4 miles)** TR on lane. Continue ahd for 500m to farm buildings. Continue ahd between building on tk. Continue ahd for 1km to pass house on R & reach junc with tk from R. Ahd with tk passing WM post & continue to rd. TL on rd. In 200m ignore RH tk (*Right of Way*) opposite (*Homer only*) on L & in 15m ½R into wd (FPS). X drive & ahd to stile. On RHS of fld then follow stakes to far corner. TR on lane. Beyond big house on R, cont ahd on enc tk. At house (*Oakingham End*) TL down drive to T-junc. GR 684 851

**12. 39.9 km(24.8 miles)** TR on lane. In 550m (15m beyond long paddock) TL (FPS) thru wd, later beside fence to tk junc. Ahd on tk to T-junc (*Newnham Hill Fm*). TL. Pass R of fm & thru metal gate. Beyond barn X stile & along LHS of fld to wd. X stile & along FP inside wd edge then ahd 50m to wide tk. TL. Where tk leaves wd, TR & down RHS of fld. At bottom ½R on BW into wd. In 300m TL to stile & out of wd. Ahd on RHS of fld. Pass R of fm. At church TR thru gap in flint wall & ahd to rd at NETTLEBED. TR on rd thru village. X rd **when safe**. In 150m TL into checkpoint.

**CP 3. NETTLEBED VILLAGE CLUB GR 699 868 43.5 km(27 miles).**

**11.50 - 16.00**

(no parking at club for supporters-please park at village common)

**13. 43.5 km(27 miles)** TL on main rd past *White Hart Hotel*. X rd (*Watlington Street*)(**with care**) & thru barriers. Cont ahd on minor rd (*The Old Kiln* on L) until level with large tree on common on R. X common (CB140) towards wood. Cont on fp thru wd for 200m to reach lane. TL & in 100m TR (*CATSLIP*) on stony tk. At far end, TR to reach main rd. X rd (**extreme care!**) & along BW opp. Follow white arrows(WM). In 220m, at junc, bear L (ignoring any paths leading off L) & cont ahd for 200m, dropping down to reach X tk in dip. Cross & cont ahd uphill (CB204) on FP, meandering thru wd, for 250m to reach X tk. TL. In 360m reach tk junc (big house MERRIMOLES on far L). Ahd on tk opp. In 300m, at junc (*FPS Estate Office*) TL on 1st tk to go thru G/way passing house on R & ahd on enc tk to enter wd. In 900m reach gate & drive (cattle grid on L). TR along drive to rd (bend). Cont straight ahd & in 150m TL on FP into wd. In 100m fork L. In further 100m, at FP-junc (WM) cont ahd (keeping near to wd edge on R) to reach rd junc at SATWELL. TL along rd (*Shepherds Green*). Just before *Lamb Inn*, TR on rd to T-junc. GR 706 833

**14. 47.3 km(29.4 miles)** X main rd (**care!**) & along BW opp soon descending thru wd. At valley bottom (x tks) TR along FP (field visible on L). In 500m (WM) TL up BW & cont ahd for 550m to reach gate/rd (*BURNT PLATT WD*). X rd, thru barrier opp & immed TR up FP (fence soon on R). In 350m TL on FP. In 200m, just beyond dip, fork R up to wide gravel rd. X rd & ahd on FP opp thru wd. At gate (open) cont ahd, soon with guard fence on L, to reach rd. X ½L & up *Neals Lane* opp. In 450m at x-tks (*Neals Farm* on L) TL. In 110m bear R on grassy tk alongside edge of wd on L. In 450m (at RH bend) TL (WM) into wd. In 30m, at x tk, TR. In 150m bear R on tarmac tk. In a further 30m at tk junc (gate on R), bear ½L on narrow (WM) FP down thru scrub & trees. FP bends L to reach FPS near fence. Cont ahd, downhill, thru felled trees area, to rd. GR 677 824

**15. 51.3 km(31.9 miles)** TL on rd. In 25m (FPS) TR up tk. In 140m (WM) bear L (CB245). Follow direction of yellow WMs for 560m to reach fenced area (near Beechwood Farm on far L). Keep R of fence to X plank bridge over ditch. Cont ahd on FP round LH bend & in 25m TR (yellow WM on

tree) on obscure FP thru scrub. In 200m, at X tk (white house over on R), TL on a clearly defined BW. In 400m leave wd & cont ahd on enc BW to rd at LOWER FARM. TL on rd (ignore rd on R) & in 250m fork L on rd (signpost *Peppard*). In 1200m, at x rds, TR. In 700m (just beyond *Kate's Cottage* on L) TL on tk to wd. Enter wd & in 140m go thru gap into enc wooded area (NEW COPSE). Immed TR on FP (just inside wd edge). In 700m go thru barrier on R & immed TL along BW. In 300m, pass house & tk on R, & cont ahd in the same direction to reach tk/fence at far end of wd. TR to rd. X rd & along FP opp. In 80m X stile & TR to checkpoint.

**CP 4 BISHOPSWOOD. GR 699 808 57.2 km(35.5 miles)**

**13.15 - 18.15**

**18.15 is the cut-off time. Marshals will retire walkers who arrive at this cp after the cut-off time!**

(no parking for supporters in Bishopswood - please park on roadside before checkpoint)

**16. 57.2 km(35.5 miles)** From checkpoint return to wd over large tree-trunk. Enter wd & in 10m TR on FP (follow WM) thru wd (CB90) for 330m then bending R (CB105)(with WM) for a further 40m (WM) to reach FPS, near fence corner. Ahd with fence on R to gate/barrier. Go thru & ahd along rd for 600m to reach T-junc (*Woodlands Rd*) at SONNING COMMON. TL. In 60m TR on enc FP. X rd & cont on enc FP opp down to rd. GR 711 802

**17. 58.7 km(36.5 miles)** Ahd up *Blackmore Lane* opp. In 500m (just before *Pond Fm Cottage* on L) TL (FPS) thru hidden gap & along fence. X stile & ahd. X stile & TL along tree line. At *Footpath* sign TR X fld (CB 35) to FPS/rd. TR. In 30m TL on FP (*Henley 3*) along strip to hedge, then X fld (CB 70). At far corner, ahd down RHS of next fld. TR thru bottom gap & ahd (fence on R) & steeply up KENTS HILL. X stile into fld. Ahd with hedge on R. X stile on R. X stile & cont on enclosed FP. X stile & ahd to lane at *Kingsfield House*. TR down to T-junc at *OLD PLACE*. GR 732 804

**18. 61.4 km(38.2 miles)** X rd & TL. In 100m TR up BW (*Binfield Heath 1½*) ignoring FP. At top, ahd passing L of *North Lodge* & in 50m TL X stile & ahd on *Forest Walk*, emerge to TR down lane. At house fork R up wide tk to rd & ahd up rd. In 350m TL down BW (*Perseverance Hill*) soon forking L down sunken tk to rd. TR on rd. In 200m, TL up (RH) lane to *Harpesden Hill Cottages* passing *Hunts Farm*, bending R to top & ahd on FP. ½L (CB30) X fld to stile. Cont ahd to stile/rd junc. GR 747 814

**19. 64.2km(39.9 miles)** TR, X *Gillots Lane* & ahd on tk. At multi-junc, ignore barrier on L & cont ½L with wooden fence on L along DRAWBACK HILL. Beyond *Cilgerran House*, ahd on metalled lane, becoming *Peppard Lane*, & ahd down to main rd. X rd & ahd down tk opp. At bottom TR to YMCA & finish.

**HENLEY YMCA SPORTS PAVILION GR 766 815 66 km(41 miles).**

**07.00 - 20.00 WELL DONE!**