

The Willy Warmer 200km

Saturday 24th January 2026

Promoted by The Willesden Cycling Club

Willy Warmer

ETYMOLOGY:

From Willesden and Warmer, something to keep the January cold out

Venue

Chalfont St Peter Community Centre, GR TQ000911. Enter Landranger Grid "500000,191073" into www.streetmap.co.uk for a detailed map.

***** Please don't park in the small Community Centre car park which is used by day visitors to the centre – see directions below for parking *****

Directions if heading N on A413 (e.g. from M25 & M40 jn1):

Be aware a popular car boot sale takes place on a Saturday morning at the Denham M40/A40 Roundabout and congestion can be expected. Please allow extra time. Continue on A413 to second roundabout (just after going under bridge).

By car: Take 1st exit \$ Chalfont St Peter Centre, shortly 2nd exit at mini-roundabout \$ Gold Hill and immediately R \$ 'Parking' into Church Lane.

A large car park is on the right (see below). Take the path as shown opposite to reach the Community Centre.

By bike: Take 2nd exit \$ Amersham, then after 200m L (green \$ 'Chalfont St Peter Community Centre') to the Community Centre.

Directions if heading S on A413 from Amersham: Continue on A413 to roundabout at entrance to Chalfont St Peter.

By car: Take 3rd exit \$ Chalfont St Peter Centre, shortly 2nd exit at mini-roundabout \$ Gold Hill and immediately R \$ 'Parking' into Church Lane. A large car park is on the right (see below). Take the path as shown opposite to reach the Community Centre.

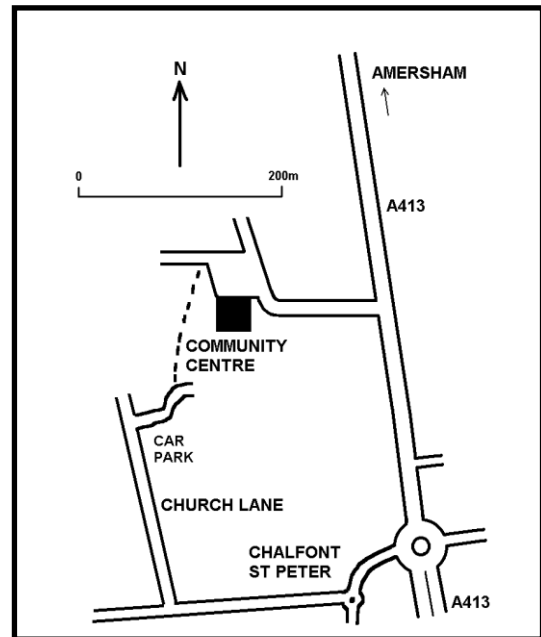
By bike: Take 4th exit (i.e. back the way you came) \$ Amersham, then after 200m L (green \$ 'Chalfont St Peter Community Centre') to the Community Centre.

Car Parking: The Council have recently introduced a Controlled Parking scheme and there are double yellow lines everywhere. The Pay and Display Car Park detailed above charges £2 for up to 4 hours and £3.50 for over 4 hours. Free on Sundays and Bank Holidays.

Public Transport: The nearest train station is Gerrards Cross on the London Marylebone line (but check for engineering works!); the 06:27 service from London will get you to the start line in plenty of time. Trains back into town depart at 16, 31 and 52 minutes past the hour. The closest London Underground station is Amersham, a 10 kilometres ride via the A4020, A40 and A413.

On Arrival

- Please make your way to the Community Centre and collect your brevet card from the Controller. Any last minute route amendments will be advised at this time (also see "Updates" on the next page).
- The Community Centre will be open from around 7am. Free tea & coffee will be available, along with cereal, bread and jam.
- If you are coming by bike and want to leave any bags behind, see me at the start, and I can look after them during the day (at your own risk). Don't leave bags in the Community Centre – other groups will use it during the day.



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The Ride

Bike: Due to the time of year and the risk of inclement weather, mudguards are recommended. Do not underestimate the route. You are strongly encouraged to carry good lighting as the later sections include unlit roads which you will have to navigate in the dark, so don't forget your headtorch!

Route: The route is intended to be a winter audax which may suffer from poor weather and short days, so the emphasis is on a fast route, good roads and not too much climbing. At the same time you will get to see some undulating country roads, so be prepared!

Route Options

Poor Weather Cutouts

Hopefully we shall have good weather on the day however it is a January event so the route includes some 'Poor Weather' options which follow main road to avoid country lanes which can be prone to snow/ice or flooding. These are clearly marked on the routesheet and gpx files.

Controls and Refreshments:

Pangbourne Control: The main control is the "Costa Café on the High Street where you can collect a sticker for your Brevet. If the café is busy collect a receipt from the supermarket or ATM.

Kingsclere (info) has a premier store opposite the church.

Hungerford Control: A long term favourite meeting point for Audax events. Collect a sticker or if the Café is busy, a receipt from anywhere in Hungerford. There is a large Supermarket on the left before the bridge in the High Street.).

Kingsclere (info) has a Co-op selling sweets and snacks in Swan Street opposite the church.

Winnersh Control:

Collect a sticker from the Java Café at the back of the car wash (was petrol station) on left at junction with A329. The café normally shuts at 6pm but will stay open till later for us. If closed, make a supermarket sweep at Sainsburys and get a receipt.

The Finish

- Please make your way to the Community Centre and register that you have completed the ride. Make sure you have completed your name and address, and have signed your Brevet before handing it in.
- There will be food and drinks available at the finish of the tea, cake variety, plus some simple hot snacks of the beans on toast variety at a nominal cost.
- There are washrooms and toilets, but no showers.
- Please respect the other users of the hall. Leave your bikes outside, and avoid crowding the lobby around the kitchen area.

If it all goes horribly wrong

Alas, once you leave the HQ you are on your own; there is no rescue service, and it can be difficult to return to the start using train services. However, you can get trains from Pangbourne, Hungerford & Reading to Slough, and Chalfont is approx 13km north from Slough up the B416 towards Gerrards Cross. The alternative is to take the train to Paddington and then back out to Gerrards Cross (but will involve transiting yourself and bike from Paddington to Marylebone station).

IF YOU DO ABANDON PLEASE PHONE ME ON THE NUMBER GIVEN ON THE BREVET CARD. If you don't call I'll be sitting at the Arrivee worried about you.

Have fun and be safe.

Paul Stewart

Forza Squadra!

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Information: This is an Event for experienced cyclists who will be aware of the following procedures:

- Whenever possible, familiarisation with the route before the event. Ensuring competence and fitness to complete the course, roadworthiness of the machine and possession of adequate cycle-repair equipment, spares and skills.
- During the event, riding safely, according to the rules of the road and personal capabilities and taking responsibility for personal feeding, warm clothing and rest periods, especially at night.
- Personally deciding not to continue if feeling unwell or too tired
- As with any journey on public roads being aware of and allowing for highway design and maintenance, other users (especially horses), busy traffic conditions, the state of disrepair of the surface (potholes, trenches, ironwork etc.), debris and obstructions of all kinds, poor or non-existent lighting on night sections and oncoming headlights.
- As some roads could be high and exposed, with hills that could be steep and strenuous, carrying adequate food, drink, clothing and equipment for any conditions; preparing the machine (and rider) and carrying spares and tools – and knowing how to use them.
- In the event of bad weather, making a personal decision over starting or continuing; also being equipped to deal with bad conditions.
- Making private arrangements if back-up or rescue facilities are wanted, although if this

is the case undertaking this ride at all should be reconsidered.

- Being adequately rested before traveling home after finishing

As with all Audax UK rides you are on a private excursion on the public highway and subject to the law of the land, so ensure that you are fully self-sufficient and capable of handling all conditions as found on the day.

You are, for the duration of the event, on a private excursion on the public highway and responsible for your own conduct at all times.

You should abide by Audax UK Regulations for this ride and be insured via your relevant Membership of CTC/BC/AUK, or apply for Temporary AUK Membership and pay the Fee of £2.00; (for all other requirements additional, adequate personal travel insurance will be necessary).



Please ensure that your Brevet Card is completed with all details, including contact in case of an emergency

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Chalfont – Pangbourne	
0.0	R with care from HQ onto A413
0.2	R (3E) RB \$ Village Centre
0.6	L (1E) RB
0.9	R @ T no \$, GERRARDS CROSS
3.4	R @ X on A40, BEACONSFIELD SA to Double RB
12.0	1E RB \$ WOOBURN GREEN
13.7	L @ T onto Town La
15.1	R (2E MRB) \$ Marlow, BOURNE END
16.1	R (2E MRB) \$ Marlow
17.5	BL (1E MRB), ϕ to Marlow Town Centre (Market Sq. with Obilisk)
21.7	SA (2E MRB) \$ A4155, HENLEY

33.7	R (2E MRB) \$ Wallingford Immed L onto Badgemore Lane
34.0	R @T tonto Lukar Av then Immed L onto Crisp Rd
34.2	L onto Hop Gardens (School)
34.7	R @ T no \$ (Climb!)
40.1	L @ T (B481)
41.9	Sharp R onto Stoke Row Rd \$ Village Hall EASILY MISSED
42.3	L onto Gallowstree Rd, \$ CANE END
45.5	R @ T on A4074, \$ Crowmarsh
47.1	L, \$ B4526, Goring
48.7	L @ T \$ Goring Heath
48.9	L @ Tri \$ Pangbourne
51.1	L @ T onto B471, \$ Pangbourne Cross river at toll bridge (cyclists free!)
53.4	1E MRB to PANGBOURNE Sticker from Costa or any receipt

Pangbourne - Lambourn	
53.4	L from Control, 1E MRB (eff. SA)
53.5	L (1E MRB) \$ Basingstoke Immed R \$ Yattendon
58.8	R @ T \$ YATTENDON
67.5	L @ T No \$
68.3	R (3E MRB) onto Priors Court Rd \$ CHIEVELEY
71.2	L onto School Rd (after Red Lion)
73.9	L @ T \$ B4994 Newbury
74.2	R \$ WINTERBOURNE
75.4	R \$ BOXFORD
78.6	BL @ Tri with tree!
78.9	R @ T \$ EASTON
84.8	R @ T no \$ shortly
85.0	L on RHB, \$ EAST GARSTON
92.0	LAMBOURN INFO CONTROL Crossroad with Church & Premier Store Record heading of first item on church noticeboard

Lambourn - Hungerford	
92.3	L @ X onto High Street
95.9	L @ T \$ Newbury
97.3	R \$ Chilton Foliat
102.6	L @ T \$ Hungerford
105.0	L @ T \$ Newbury
105.3	R (2E MRB) to Town Centre
105.5	HUNGERFORD CONTROL Tutte Pole Café on RHS after bridge See controller or collect any receipt

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Hungerford - Kingsclere

Continue up Hungerford High St passing under railway bridge	
105.7	L (1E MRB) onto Park St
106.2	Cattle grid onto common BR @ Tri and ϕ to KINTBURY
110.9	in Kintbury, BR onto Newbury St \$ HAMSTEAD MARSHALL
113.0	R on LHB \$ West Woodhay
115.2	R \$ East Woodhay
116.9	BL after BALL HILL sign R \$ Woolton Hill (after Ball Hill Garage on Left)
119.7	RL over A343 \$ PENWOOD
122.3	Cross bridge over A34
122.5	L @ T, \$ Burghclere

123.0	After traffic calming... R onto Spring La, \$ Ecchinswell POOR ROAD SURFACE
123.9	R @ T, \$ Ecchinswell
125.1	BL, L @ T \$ Ecchiinswell
127.3	L @ T, ECCHINSWELL
127.6	R after Royal Oak PH \$ Kingsclere
130.4	R @ T onto Newbury Rd
130.8	KINGSCLERE INFO CONTROL Church on corner of Swan Lane Record heading of first item on church noticeboard See also Toilets and Shoppe

Kingsclere – Winnersh

130.8	ϕ on Newbury Rd/George Street
131.50	RL over A339 \$ Aldermaston, ASHFORD GILL
134.8	R on LHB after B&W chevrons
136.1	L @ T onto Wolverton Rd no \$
136.6	R @ Tri by AXMANSFORD sign
137.9	R @ T no \$ L, STONEY HEATH, RAMSDELL
140.7	L @ X onto Monk Sherborne Rd \$ CHARTER ALLEY
141.5	L on RHB onto Old Chapel Lane
142.1	R onto Pamber Rd
142.6	L @ T \$ Pamber
143.8	RL over A340 \$ BRAMLEY Continue to Bramley Level Crossing

148.6	Immed after Level Crossing L onto Bramley La \$ STRATFIELD SAYE
152.4	RL STGX onto New Street
154.7	L @ T onto Trowes La No \$
155.7	R @ T onto Beech Hill Rd (The Elm Tree PH)
158.8	L @ T onto Basingstoke Rd
159.2	R @ TL onto Hyde End Rd
162.0	3E RB \$ Arborfield SA (2E RB) \$ Arborfield SA (1E RB) \$ Reading
163.9	L onto Churchill La
165.0	L @ T onto Moles Rd \$ Winnersh
167.5	SA (2E RB), SA (1E RB), SA@X
168.5	WINNERSH CONTROL Java Café by carwash on LHS If closed, receipt from Sainsburys

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Winnersh – Chalfont	
168.5	Cross A329 onto Robinhood La
171.1	On blind LHB, Fork R (eff. SA) \$ St NICHOLAS CHURCH
172.5	L @ T \$ Twyford then R onto Hinton Rd \$ Ruscombe
173.8	R @ T onto B3018 \$ Bracknell
174.5	L onto Hungerford La no \$
176.7	SOX \$ PALEY STREET
179.7	L (1E RB) onto Howe La \$ PALEY STREET
180.8	R @ T \$ Maidenhead, ¢ PALEY STREET
182.3	L @ T onto A330 \$ Maidenhead
183.1	R onto Forest Green \$ Windsor
183.8	L onto Moneyrow Green, ¢ HOLYPORT
184.7	ATTN! Fork R by Large Tri no \$ R @ T onto Holyport Rd

186.0	L @ T (1E MRB) Immed R after underpass \$ Bray
188.4	SA (2E RB) \$ Slough
188.7	R @ TL onto A4
189.4	SA (2E RB) @ RB
189.5	L immed after Maidenhead Bridge onto Mill La L at T to stay on Mill La BR then pass through bollards Climb!
190.7	L @ T onto Berry Hill
196.2	R @ T \$ Littleworth Common
196.7	L @ T \$ Burnham Beeches
200.4	L onto A355 Move to RHL to...

200.6	R @ TL L (1E RB) onto Hedgerley La
203.2	L @ T onto Hedgerley lane
205.9	L @ TL onto B416 \$ GERRARDS CROSS
206.9	SOX with A40 \$ CHALFONT ST PETER
209.2	L onto Lower Rd (before RB)
209.9	R (2E MRB) onto High St
210.0	L (1E RB) onto A413
210.2	L into Community Centre ARRIVEE

Key

L:Left, BL: Bear Left,

R:Right, BR: Bear Right

L/R @ T/Tri: Turn at T Junction or Triangle

L/RHB: Left or Right Hand Bend

SOX: Straight over X Road

¢ Continue on, SA Straight Ahead

LR/RL STGX: Staggered X Road

1/2/3/4 E RB/MRB: Take Exit on Roundabout or
Mini RB

\$ Town : signpost for Town

TOWN : Enter Town / Pass Boundary Marker