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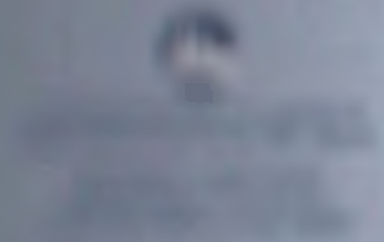
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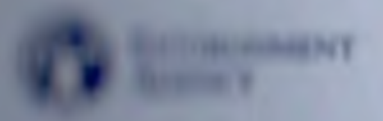
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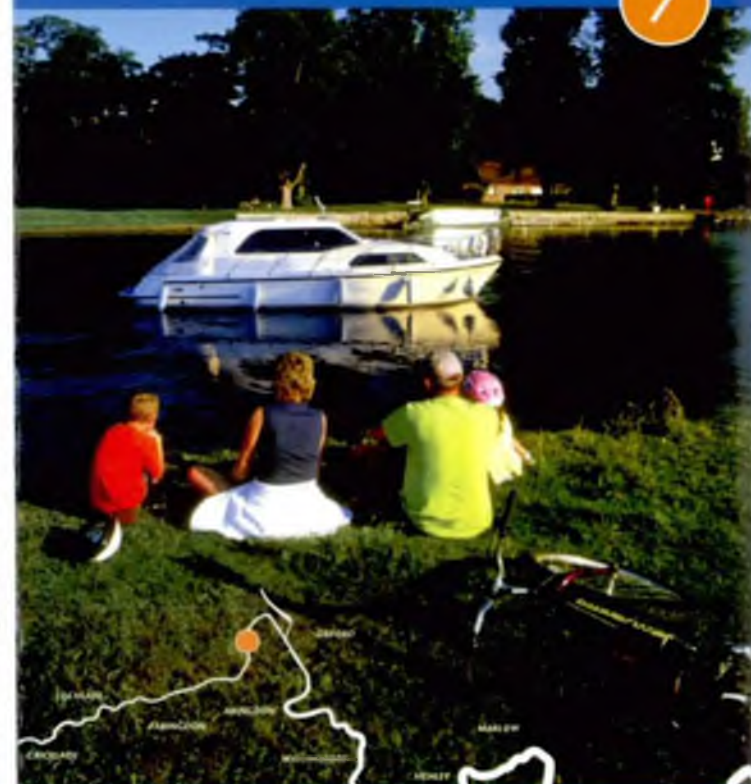


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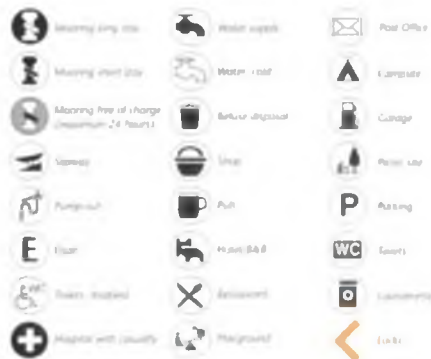
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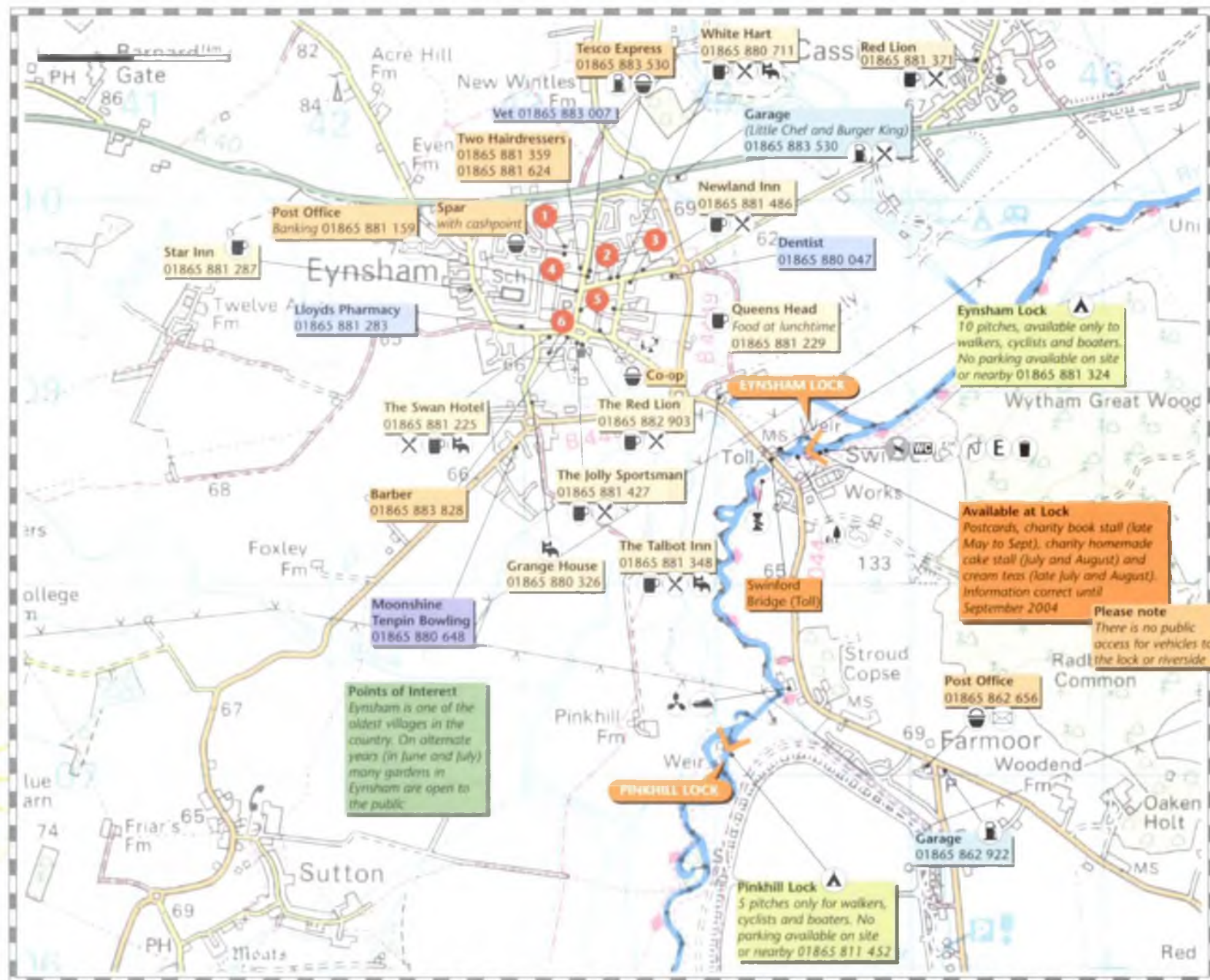
Take-aways/restaurants:

- 1 Smarts Chip Shop, 01865 880 631
- 2 Chinese Lantern, 01865 883 993
- 3 Little Italy Italian, 01865 881 384
- 4 Rainbow House, 01865 881 432
- 5 Snax, sandwich shop, 01865 883 439
- 6 The Granary, sandwich shop, 01865 884 132

Swan rescue: 01753 859 397

Wildlife Trust: 01865 775 476

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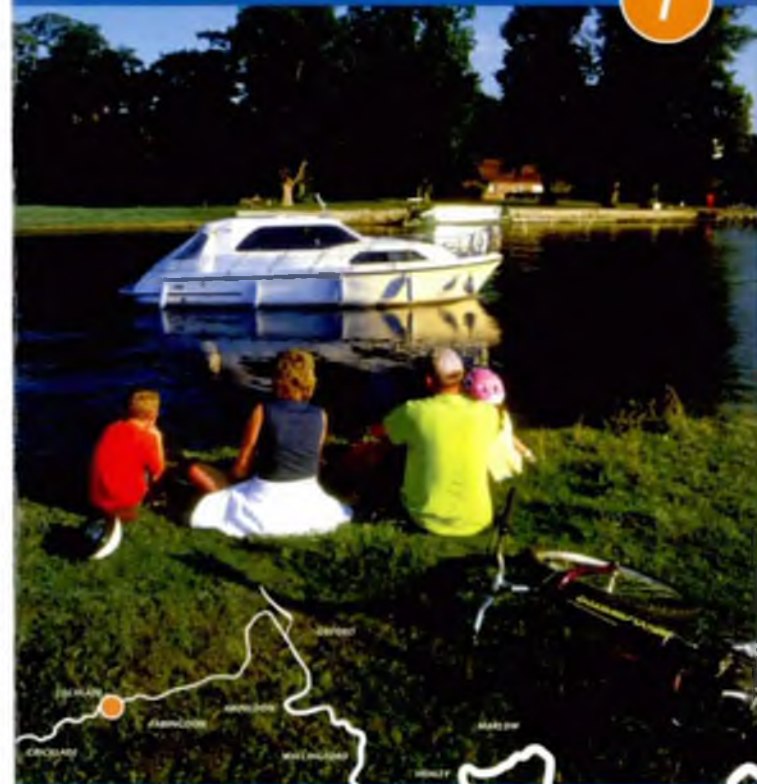


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Boat hire:
Cotswold Boat Hire, daily and weekly boat hire, 01793 700 241

Police: Nearest, Faringdon, 01235 776 000

Hospital: Nearest, Great Western Hospital, Swindon, 01793 604 020

Tourist information office: Oxford, 01865 726 871

Rail enquiries: 08457 48 49 50

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Stagecoach, Swindon, 01793 522 243
Thamesdown, 01793 428 428

Taxi: 01367 252 575

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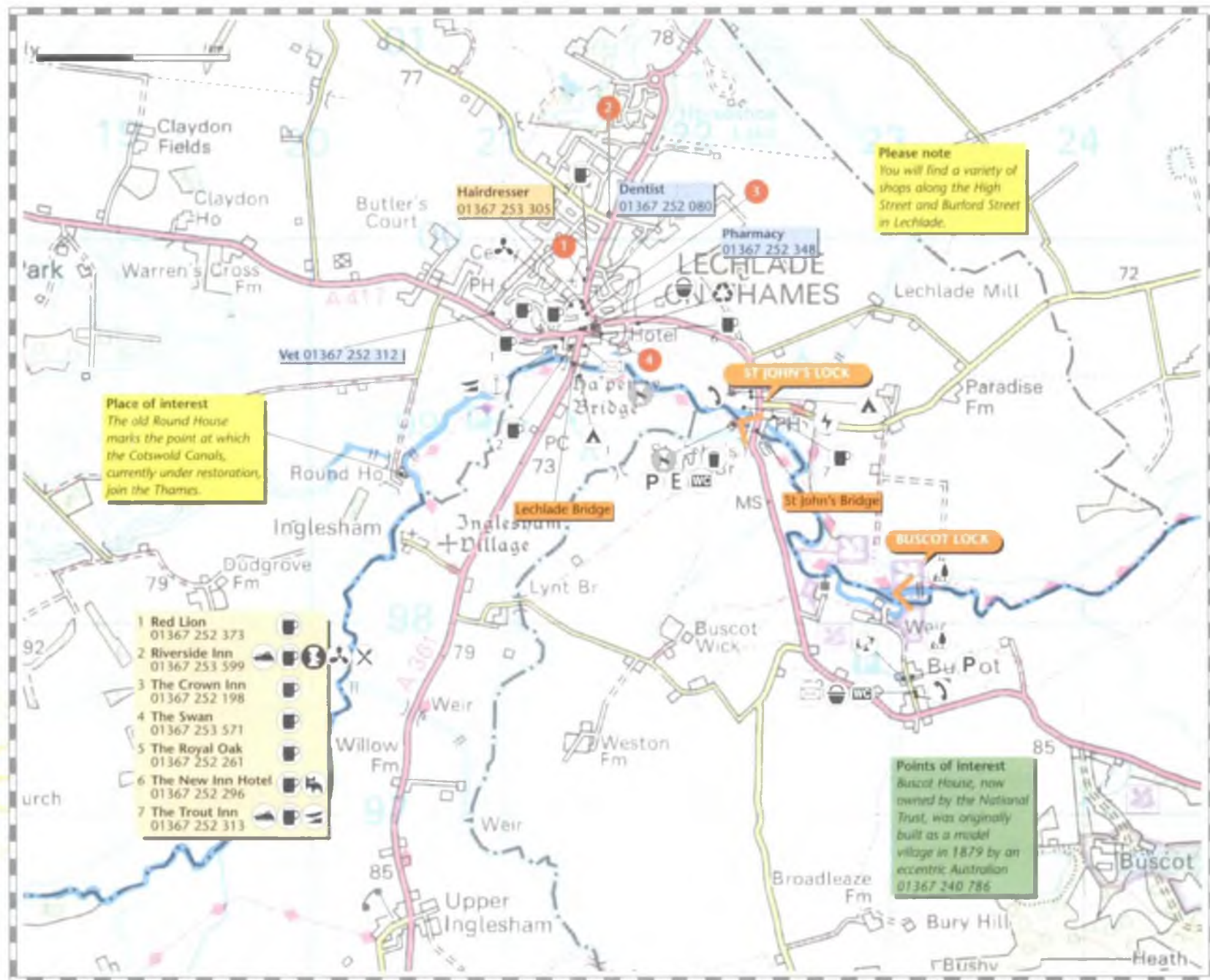
Campsite:
1 Bridge House Campsite, 01367 252 348
2 St John's Campsite, 01367 252 360

Take-aways/restaurants:

- 1 Beams, 01367 252 587
- 2 Lechlade Fish Bar, 01367 252 094
- 3 Jafong, Indian Restaurant, 01367 252 956
- 4 Colleys Supper Room, 01367 252 218

Swan rescue: 01753 859 397

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Place of interest
The old Round House marks the point at which the Cotswold Canals, currently under restoration, join the Thames.

- 1 Red Lion 01367 252 373
- 2 Riverside Inn 01367 253 599
- 3 The Crown Inn 01367 252 198
- 4 The Swan 01367 253 571
- 5 The Royal Oak 01367 252 261
- 6 The New Inn Hotel 01367 252 296
- 7 The Trout Inn 01367 252 313

Please note
You will find a variety of shops along the High Street and Burford Street in Lechlade.

Points of interest
Buscot House, now owned by the National Trust, was originally built as a model village in 1879 by an eccentric Australian 01367 240 786

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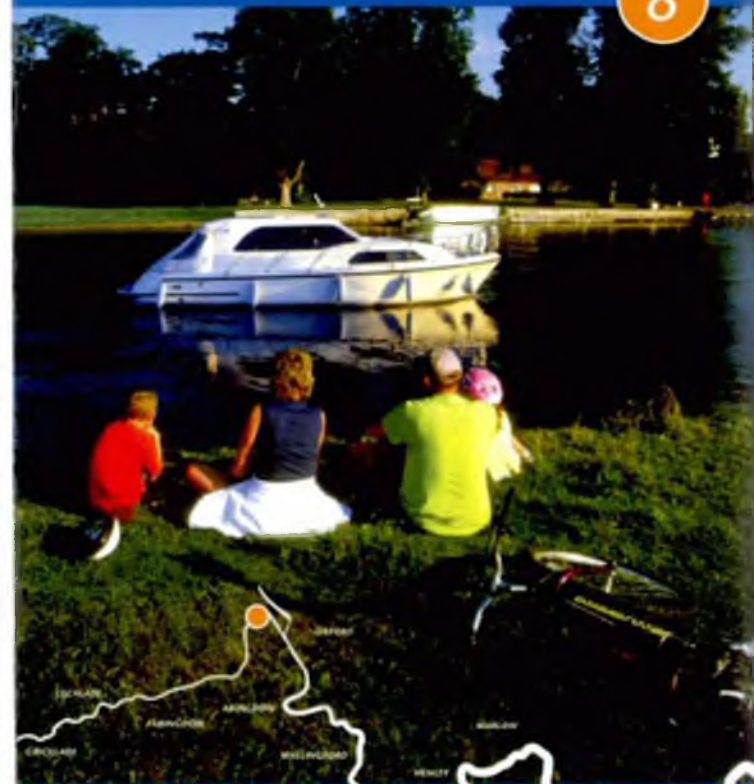


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Hospital: Nearest, John Radcliffe Hospital, 01865 881 348
 01865 741 166

Tourist information office: Witney, 01993 775 802
 Oxford, 01865 726 871

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 Thames Travel, 01491 837 988

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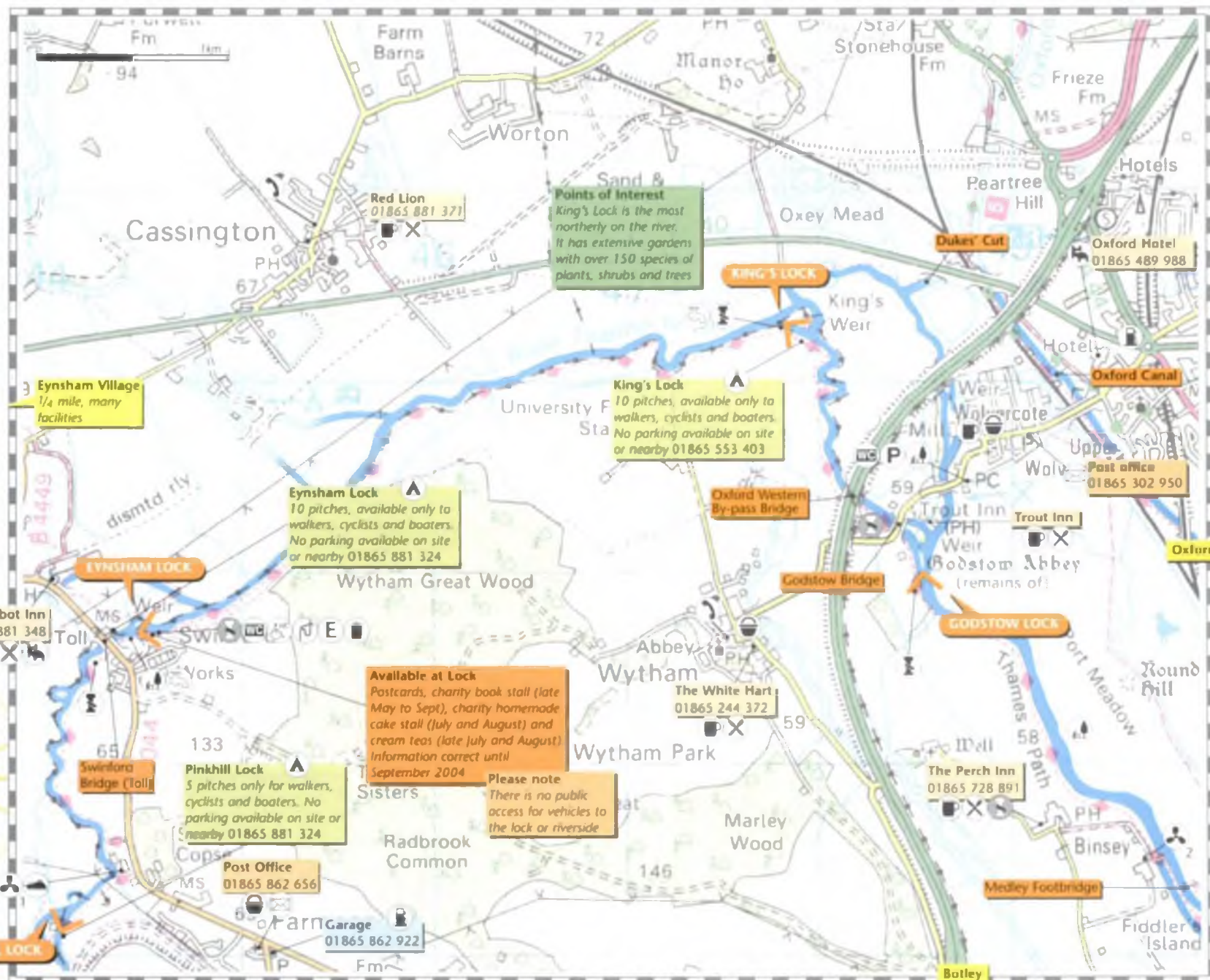
Dentist: Nearest, Botley, 01865 250 214

Optician: Nearest, Oxford High Street, 01865 246 206

Vet: Nearest, Oxford, Botley Road, 01865 243 225

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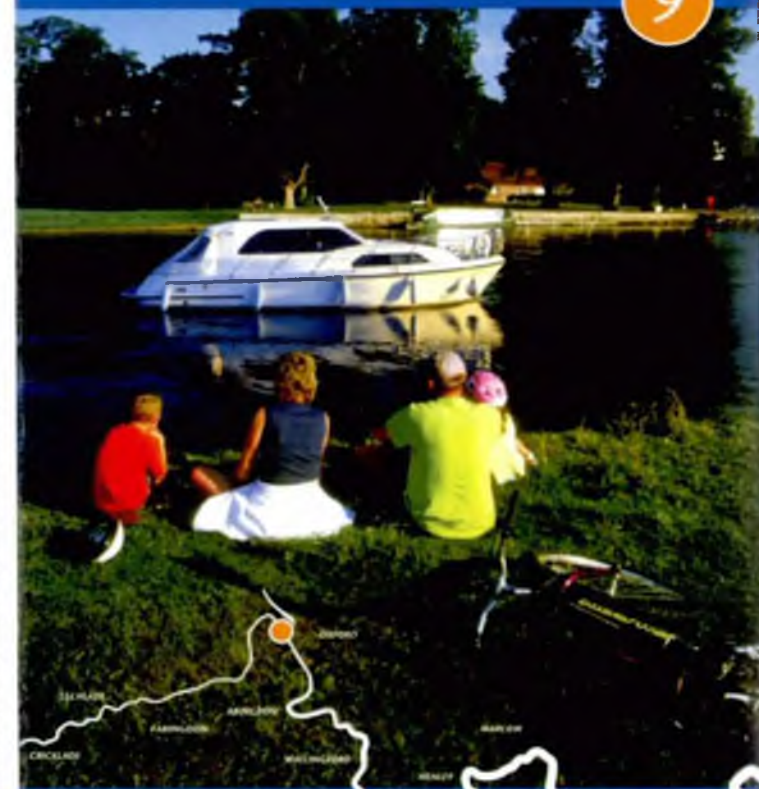


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Passenger boat dining: Rosamund the Fair, cruising narrowboat restaurant, 01865 553 370

Police: Thames Valley, 01865 846 000

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 Thames Travel, 01491 837 988
 City Sightseeing Bus, 01235 819 393

Taxi: 01865 240 000

Camping:
 King's Lock, 10 pitches, available only to walkers, cyclists and boaters. No parking available on site or nearby, 01865 553 403

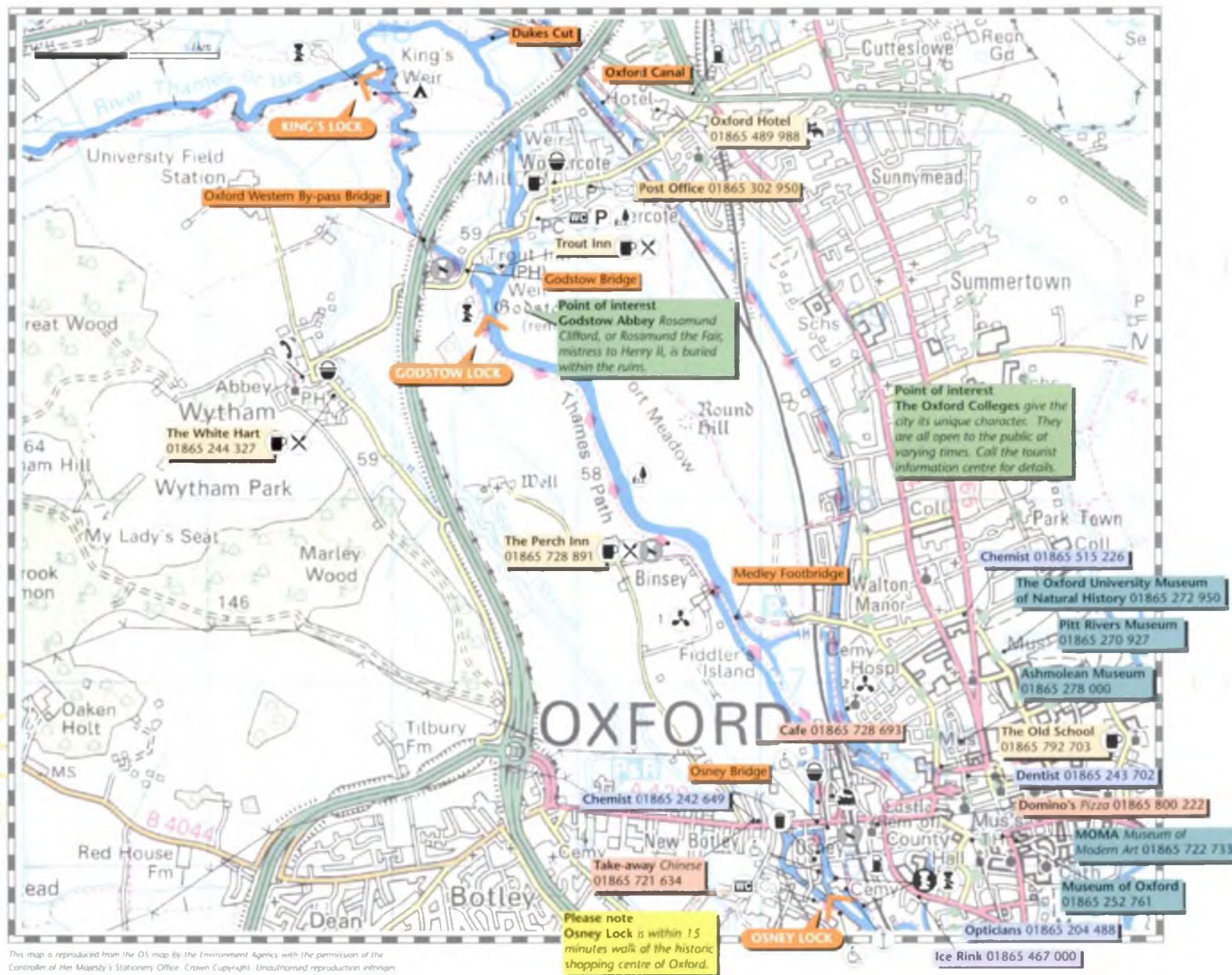
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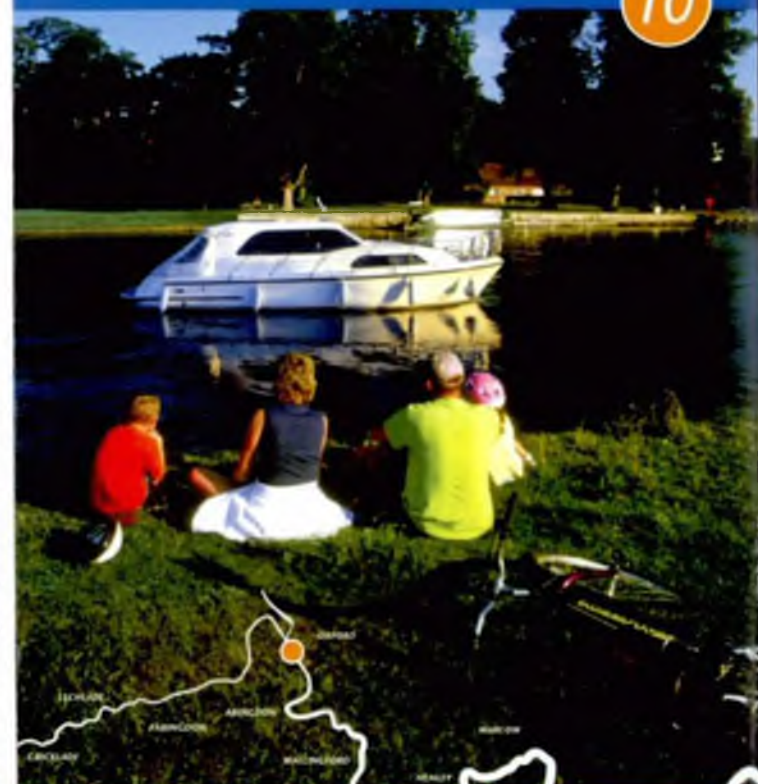
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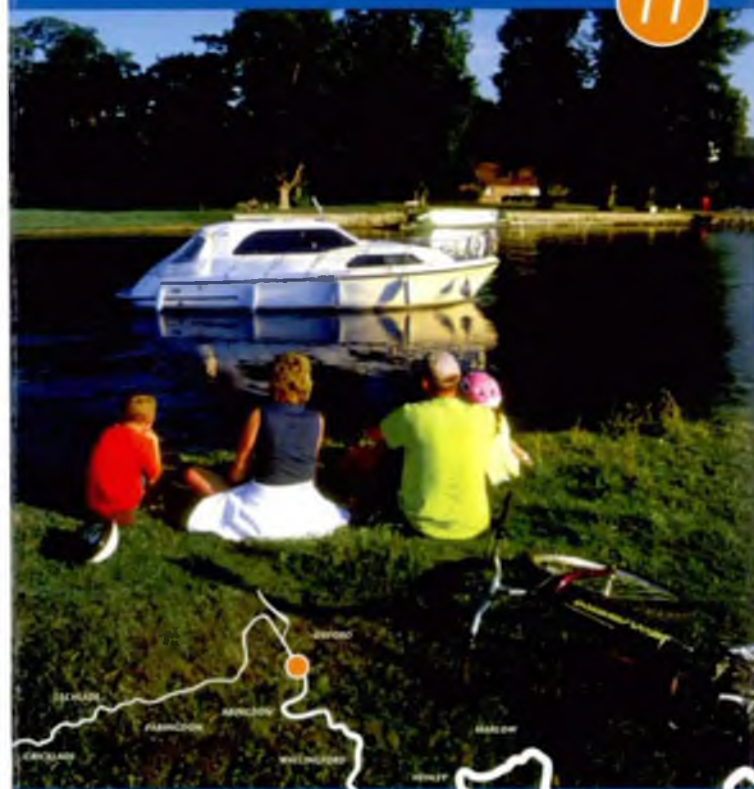


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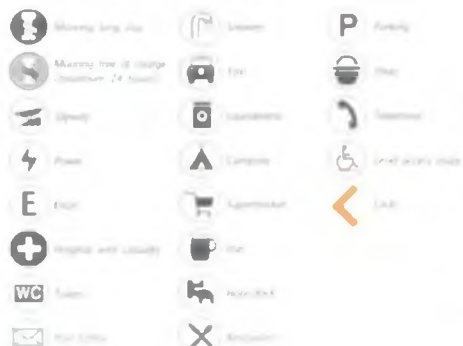
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 2 Riverside Boating Co Ltd, day boats for hire, 01865 722 426

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Bus enquiries: Oxford, 01865 785 400

Taxi: 01865 739 655

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2 Diamond House, Chinese, 01865 735 831

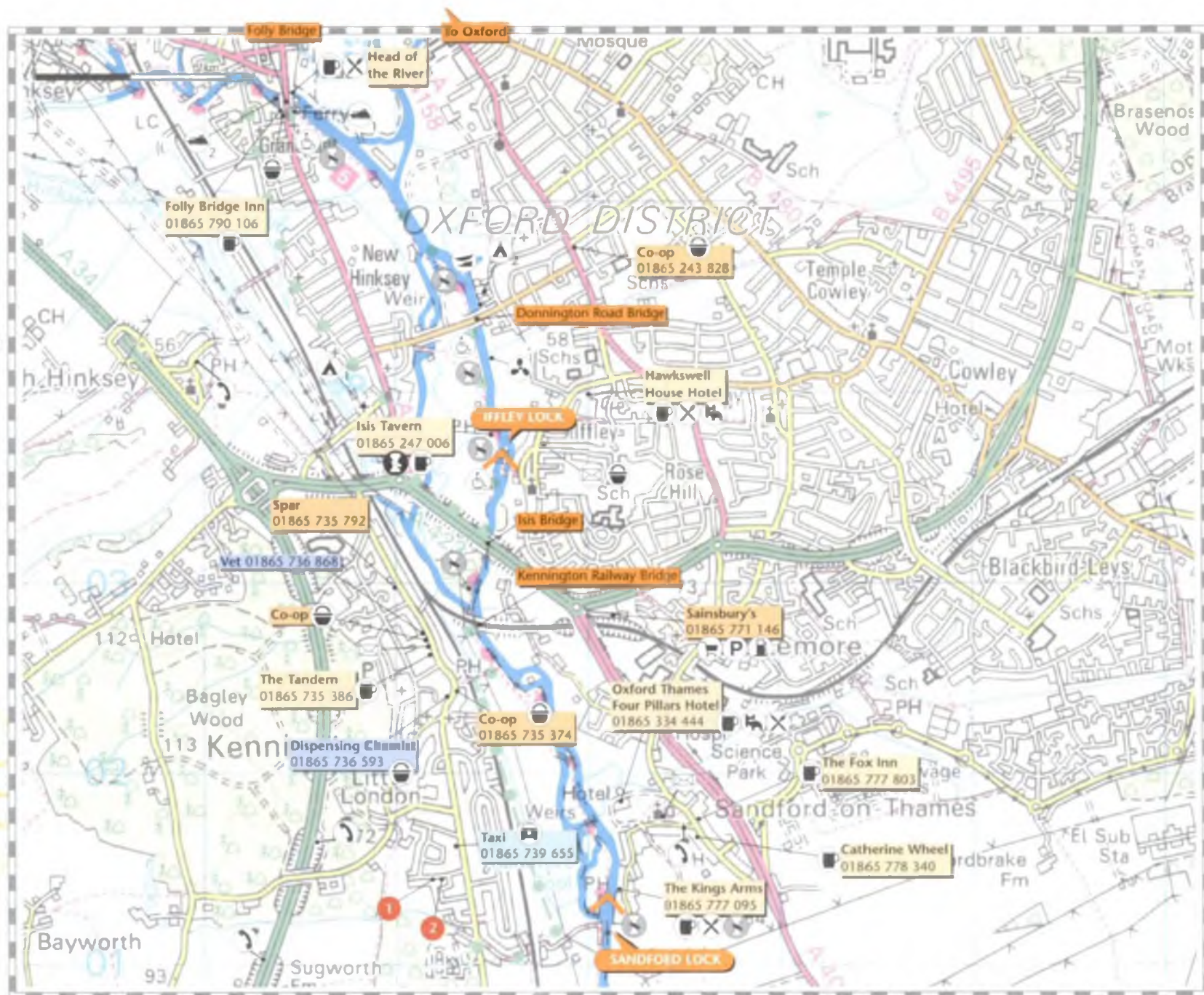
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1 Oxford Camping International, 01865 244 088

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Who we are

This leaflet is produced by the Environment Agency for England and Wales and the Scottish Environment Protection Agency, who are working together to protect our environment. We are charged with safeguarding and improving water and air quality and with ensuring that waste management activities do not cause pollution or harm to human health. We are committed to improving wildlife habitats and conserving the natural environment in everything we do. The Environment Agency has additional responsibilities for flood defence, regulating abstractions from rivers and groundwaters, protecting and improving fish stocks and promoting water based recreation.

What we do

We keep a regular check on river water quality. Anyone discharging effluent into rivers must obtain legal permission from us first in the form of a 'discharge consent'. The effluent is monitored regularly to check that it is up to standard. Our staff are also on call at all times to cope with pollution incidents. We also regulate the disposal into and onto land of wastes containing listed substances, such as solvents, in order to protect groundwater quality.

We also ensure that all waste is handled and disposed of properly. Household waste, other than that collected by the local authority, must be collected by a 'waste carrier' registered with the Agencies, or taken to a civic amenity site.

Although the Agencies have strong enforcement powers, we firmly believe that prevention is better than cure. Our aim is to make everyone aware of the risks to our rivers and groundwater and what steps can be taken to prevent pollution. Most of the steps needed to prevent pollution are simple and cost little or nothing and we are pleased to offer advice free of charge. In addition, our staff regularly visit industrial estates, farms and other business premises to see what pollution prevention measures are in place and to advise owners and managers if anything further needs to be done. We also work closely with local authorities and sewerage undertakers in dealing with wrong connections to surface water drains and illegal waste disposal activities.

All water pollution and uncontrolled waste disposal is an offence and polluters can be prosecuted. The Agencies are available to give help and advice at any time. Get in touch with us and take action before it's too late.

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) also publish advice on solvents, telephone (01787) 881165.

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Solvent pollution

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The problem of solvent pollution

Polluting rivers and underground water supplies is a criminal offence, with courts able to impose fines up to £20,000. And of all potential pollutants, solvents are among the most serious.

Solvents are widely used in industry for cleaning and degreasing. Because of the way they are used they become contaminated and must then be recovered. In the past, they were often poured onto the ground in the belief that they would evaporate. This is not true – solvents always soak into the ground, contaminating the soil and underground water supplies (or groundwater). As a result, they are one of the most widespread and severe causes of pollution. And one of the most expensive to clean up – bills of over £500,000 are not uncommon. What's more, it may not even be possible to clean them up at all – even after you have paid the price of trying.

- Over 70% of boreholes in some urban areas are contaminated with solvents.
- Just one litre of solvent is enough to contaminate 100 million litres of drinking water – equivalent to 50 Olympic-sized swimming pools
- Just one teaspoonful will contaminate a medium-sized village's water supply – water for 500 families.



Waste solvent containers should be clearly marked and stored securely

The causes of solvent pollution

Solvent pollution usually occurs as a result of at least one of the following:

- Old and poorly maintained equipment
- Faulty storage
- Accidental spillage
- Bad housekeeping
- Illegal disposal

The safe and secure storage of solvents is essential to prevent pollution. Underground storage tanks may leak for a long time before the loss is noticed. Un-bunded storage areas and permeable floors will not contain spills or leaks – they will soak into the ground. Old and corroded drums pose a similar threat. And it is also important that any pipework associated with solvent storage and handling is protected from accidental damage and consequent leakage.



Even the residue left in drums could be enough to cause pollution

Solvents are valuable materials and should be treated as such. All too often they are used carelessly with resultant spillage. Even small accidental spillages can have a disproportionately large impact on the purity of the water if they are not properly contained and cleared up.

The disposal of used solvents requires special care. All producers of waste have a responsibility to ensure that it does not escape their control and that it is properly disposed of. Tipping solvent onto the ground or into drains causes pollution of groundwater or streams and rivers and must not be done. Discharging solvents to the foul sewer will cause dangerous conditions for sewer workers and damage sewage treatment processes.

Action you can take

- ✓ Do not dispose of solvents onto the ground or into drains.
- ✗ Do not store more solvent than is necessary; it costs you money and increases pollution risk.
- ✓ Do not attempt to wash away spillages. Block nearby drains and contain and absorb the solvent with sand or absorbent granules for proper disposal via your supplier or waste contractors.
- ✓ Do not allow stocks of waste solvent to build up. Use your supplier's recovery service. If they do not provide such a service, change to a supplier who does, or consult the Chemical Recycling Association for a suitable recovery service in your area.
The Chemical Recycling Association (CRA)
74 Ack Lane East, Bramhall
Stockport SK7 2BH
Tel/fax 0161 439 7589 Email cra@cwcom.net
- ✓ Do store solvents in sealed containers in a well-ventilated area, out of direct sunlight.
- ✓ Do ensure that bulk storage tanks are surrounded with a sealed bund wall on an impermeable base with no drain. Fit lockable discharge valves, which should be within the bund, and appoint a responsible person to issue and keep account of solvents and solvent use.
- ✓ Do protect pipework which might be vulnerable to damage and inspect it regularly.
- ✓ Do establish safe procedures for disposal of solvents. Most manufacturers will offer a recovery and reclamation service and may even pay for the used solvent, which may be recyclable.
- ✓ Do comply with the Duty of Care. Take all reasonable steps to look after your waste solvents and prevent their illegal disposal.

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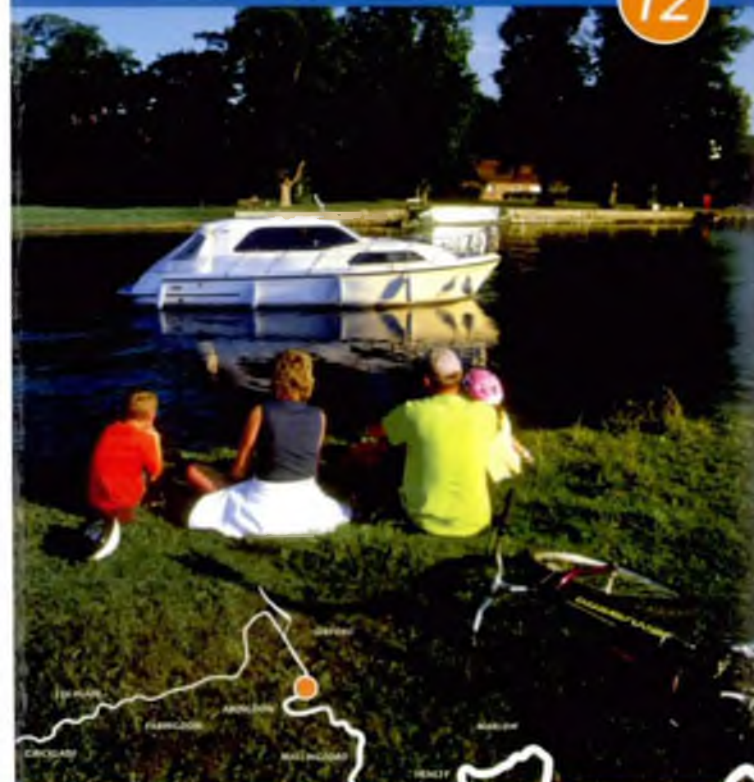
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 Oxford, 01865 741 166

Tourist information office: 25 Bridge Street,
 Abingdon, 01235 522 711

Rail enquiries: 08457 48 49 50

Bus enquiries: 01491 837 988

Pubs:

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2 Crown & Thistle Hotel, 01235 522 556

3 Upper Reaches Hotel, 0870 400 8101

4 Nags Head, 01235 536 645

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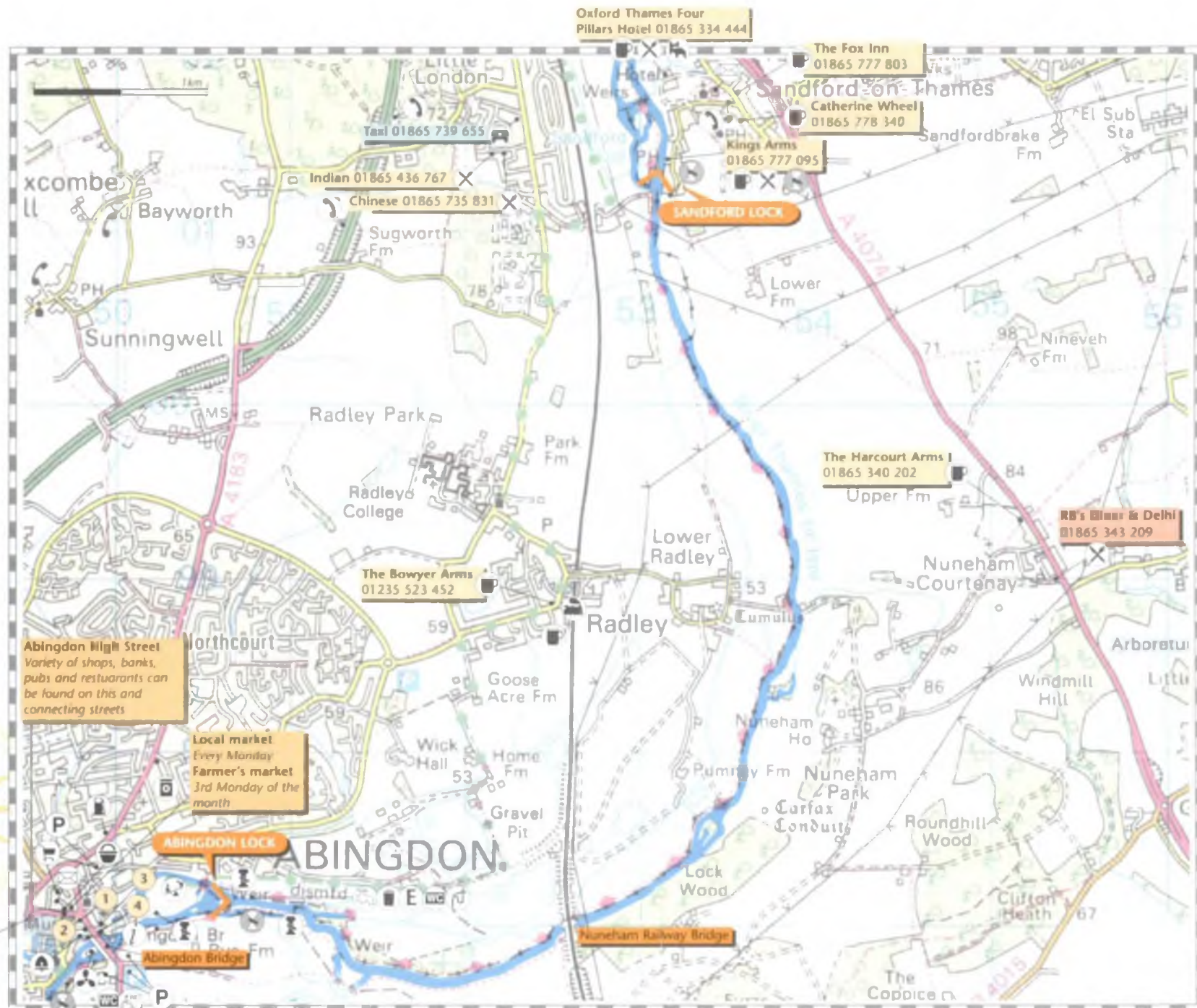
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 Admission free
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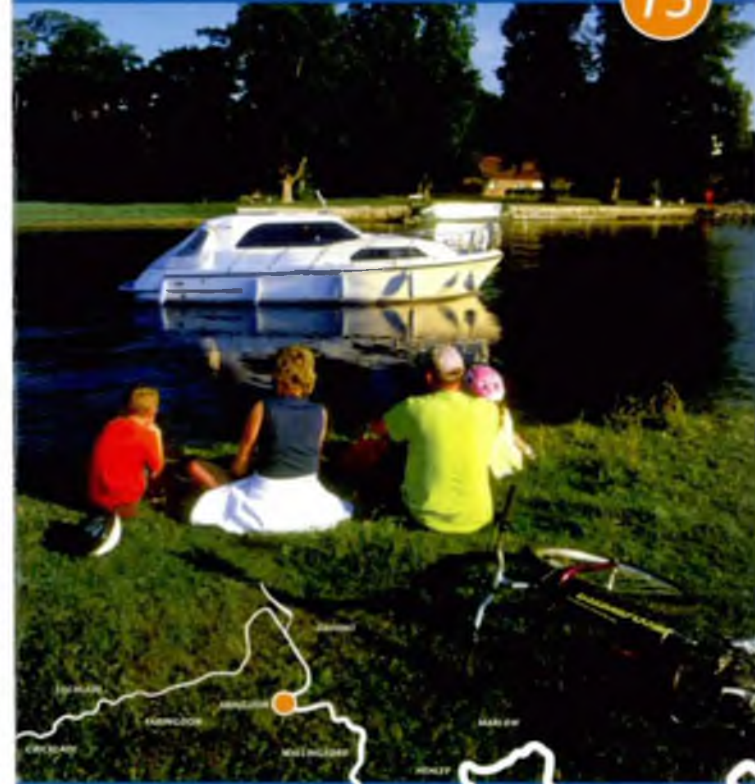
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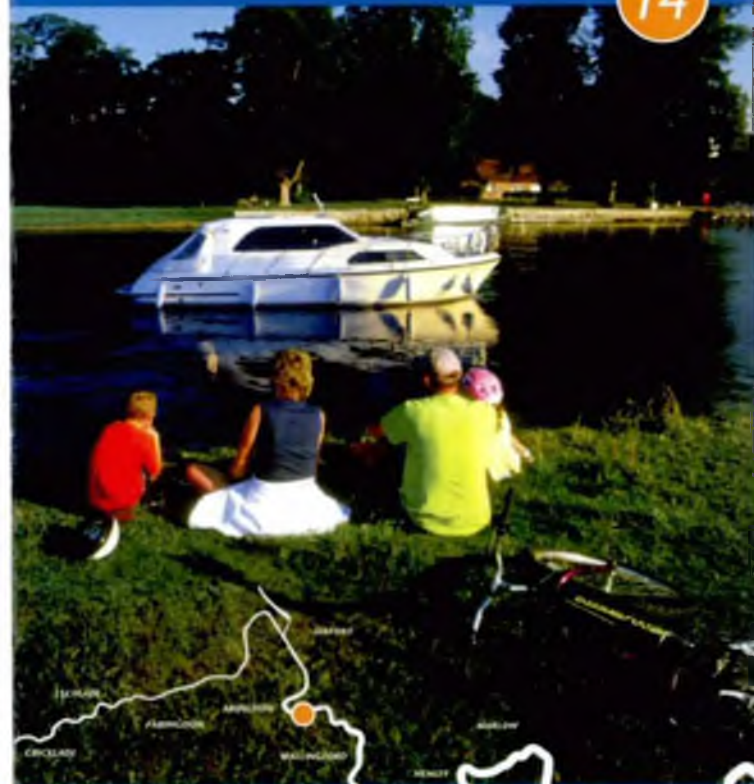


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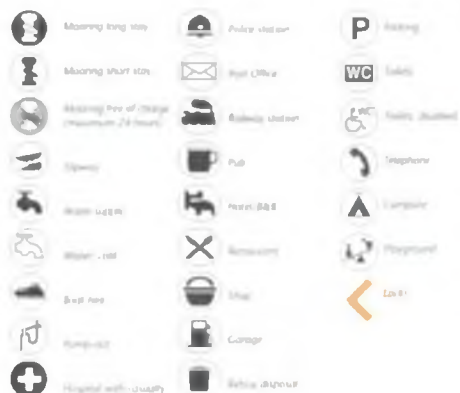
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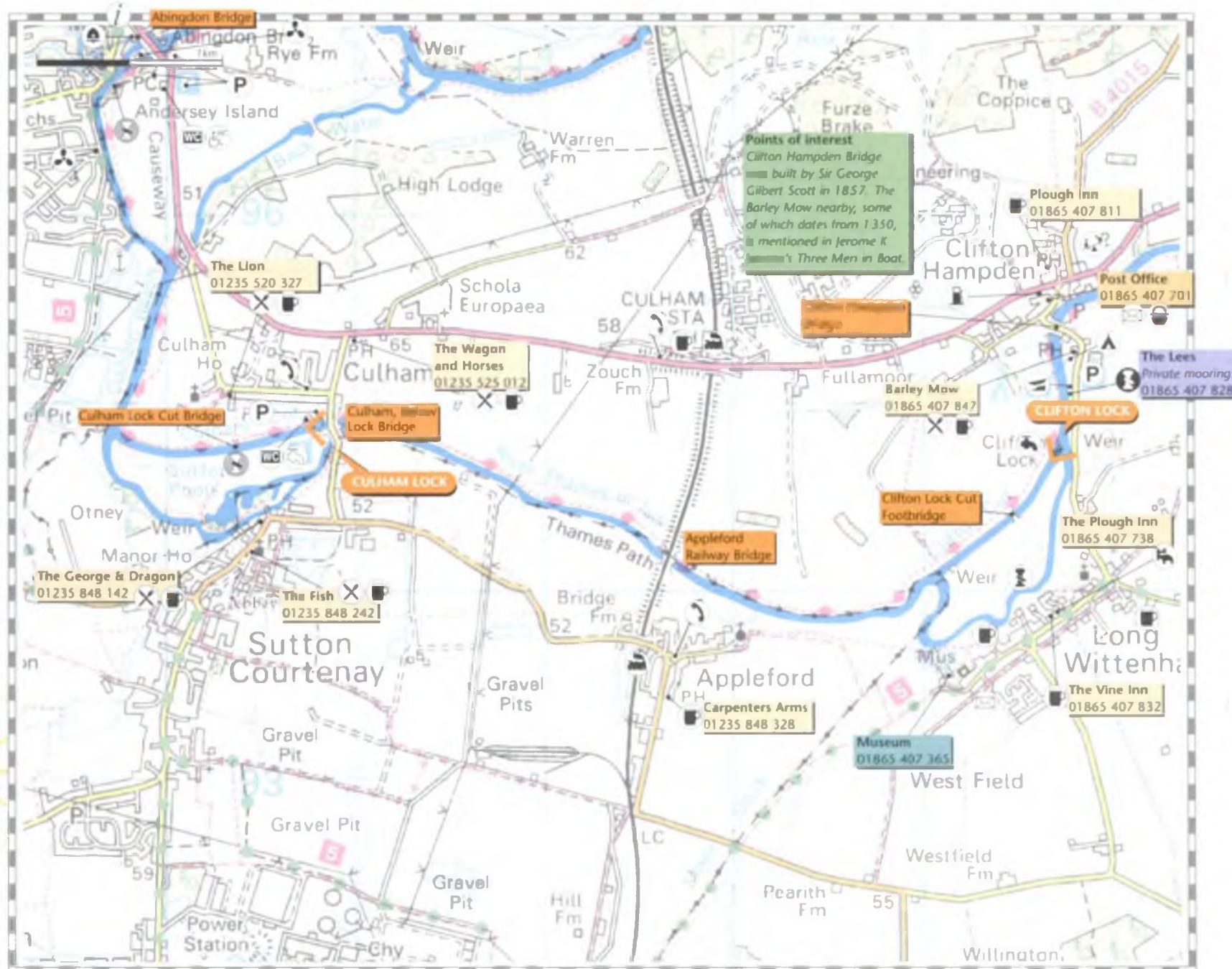
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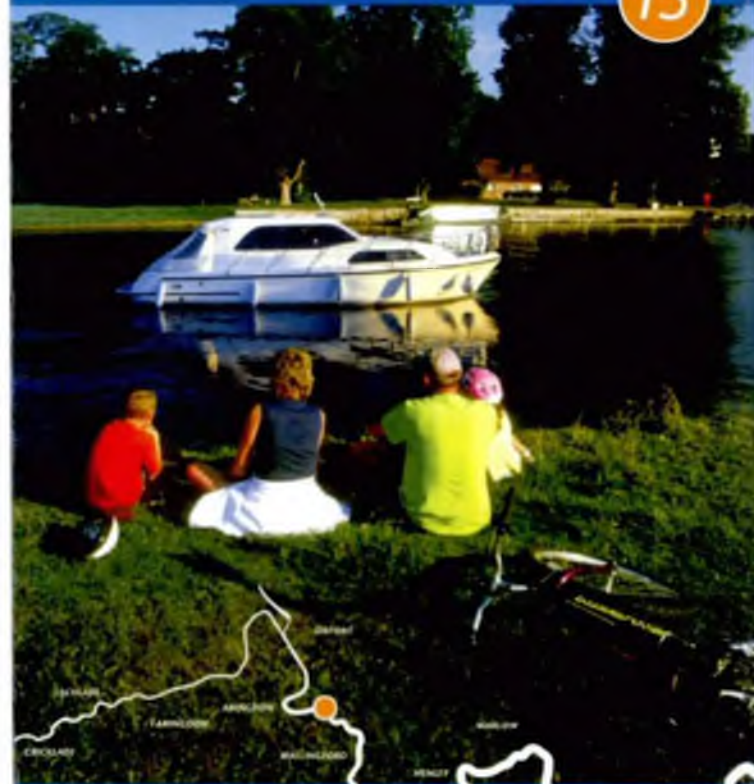
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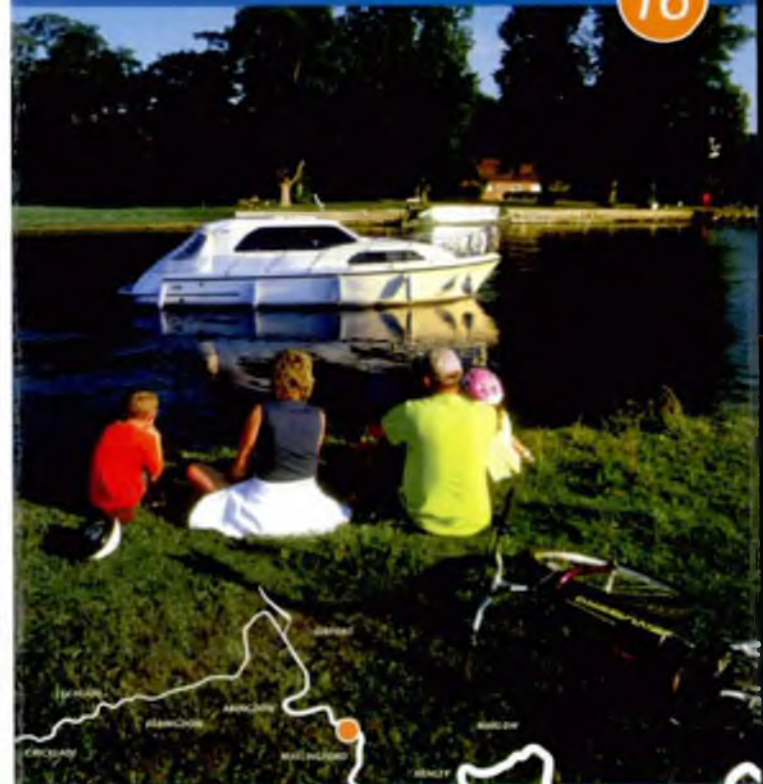
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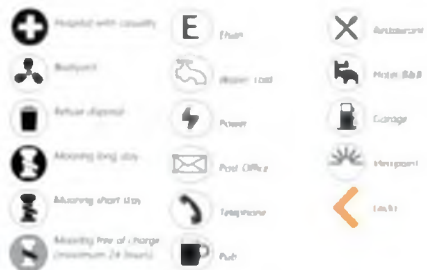


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Boatyards:

- 1 **Swancraft Ltd**, marine engines, diesel, Calor Gas, weekly cruiser hire, water point, pump-out, chemical toilet disposal, slipway, 01491 836 700
- 2 **Boat Breakdowns**, breakdown service and emergency repairs, 01491 833 526/120

Boat hire:

Benson Waterfront Ltd, permanent and visitor moorings, restaurant, car park, shop, caravan, camping, 01491 838 304

Police: Nearest, Wallingford, 01491 821 531

Hospital: Nearest, John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, 01865 741 166

Tourist information office: Nearest, Abingdon, 01235 522 711

Rail enquiries: 08457 48 49 50

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Taxi: Benson, 01491 826 679

Benson High Street:
Selection of shops and parking

Supermarket: Sumerfield, 01491 838 312

Camping:

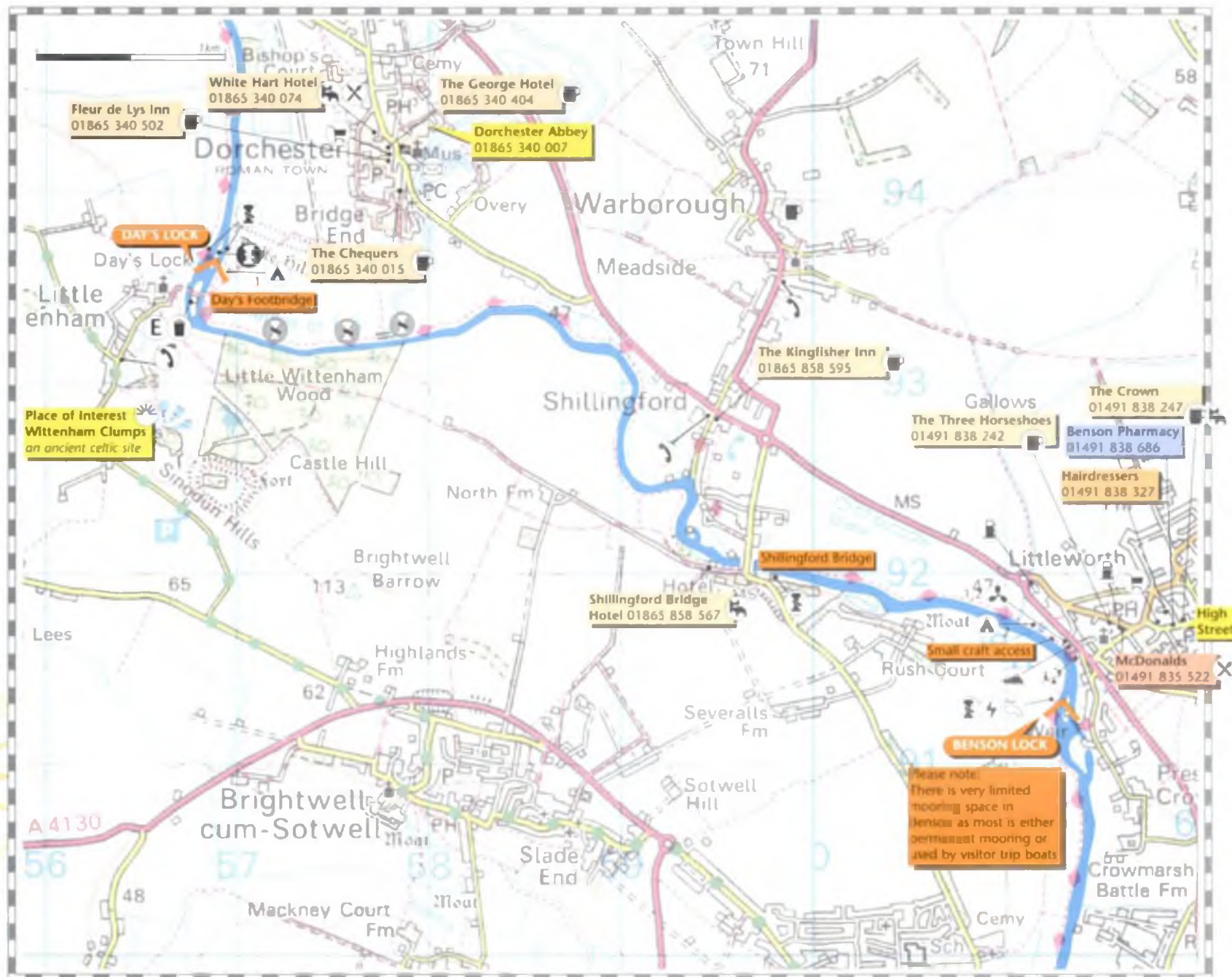
1 **Day's Lock**, only for those travelling the river by foot cycle or boat. There is **no parking available on site or nearby**, 01865 407 786

2 **Benson Waterfront Ltd**, 22 pitches, 01491 838 304

Vet: Nearest, Benson, 01491 651 379

Swan rescue: 01753 859 397

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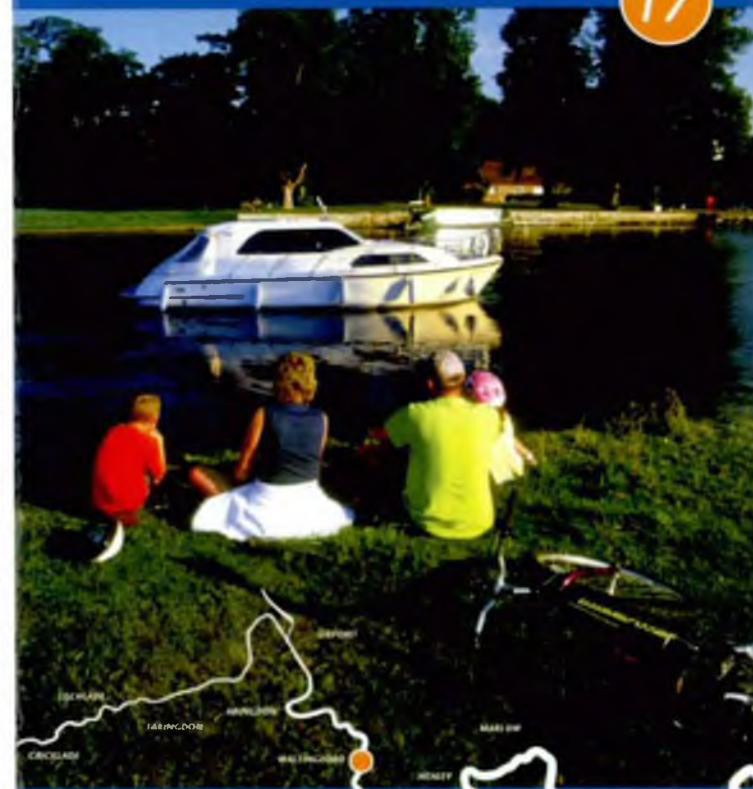
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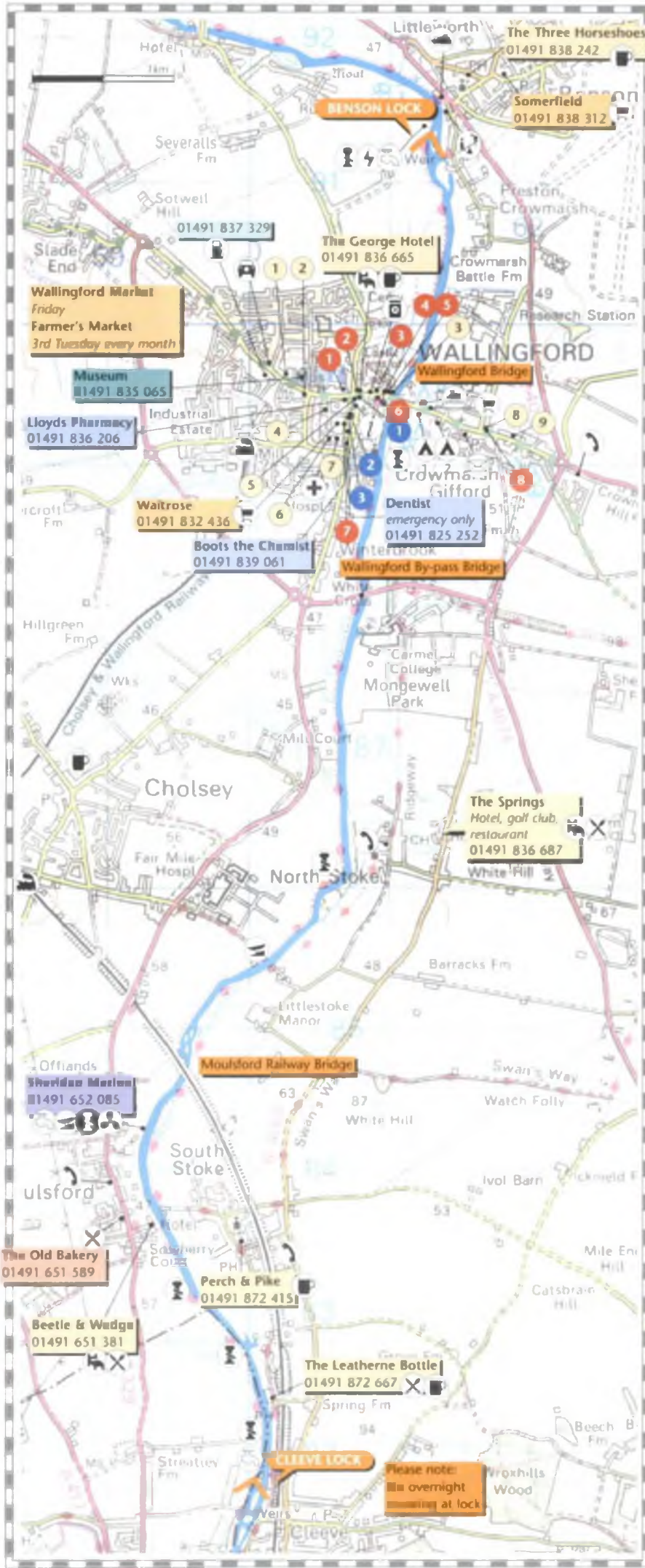
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- Hospital
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- Boatyard:**
Sheridan Marine, repairs, restoration, diesel, Color Gas, chandlery, groceries, day boat hire. 01491 652 085
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- Police:** Wallingford, 01235 512 929
- Hospitals:**
 Nearest, Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading, 0118 987 511
 Wallingford Community Hospital, 01491 208 500
- Tourist information office:**
Wallingford, 01491 826 972
- Rail enquiries:** 08457 48 49 50
- Bus enquiries:** 01491 837 988
- Taxi:** 01491 837 022
- Pubs:**
1 Cross Keys, 01491 826 377
2 Kings Head, 01491 838 309
3 The Town Arms, 01491 824 406
4 The Coach & Horses, 01491 825 054
5 The Dolphin, 01491 837 377
6 The Coachmakers, 01491 839 382
7 The Green Tree, 01491 835 355
8 Queens Head, 01491 839 857
9 The Bell, 01491 839 857
- Banks:**
1 NatWest, 0870 240 1144
2 Barclays, 01235 703 333
1 Lloyds, 0845 072 3333
- Take-aways/restaurants:**
1 Delhi Brasserie, 01491 324 579
2 San Sicolrio, 01491 834 078
3 Wallingford Tandoori, 01491 833 133
4 Nello's, 01491 835 500
5 The Boat House, 01491 834 100
6 Anokhi Cuisine, 01491 838 077
7 The Royal, 01491 837 183
8 Thai Orchid, 01491 839 857
- Camping:**
1 Riverside Park, 01491 835 232
2 Bridge Villa Caravan and Camping International, 01491 836 860
- Swimming:** outdoor pool, 01491 835 232
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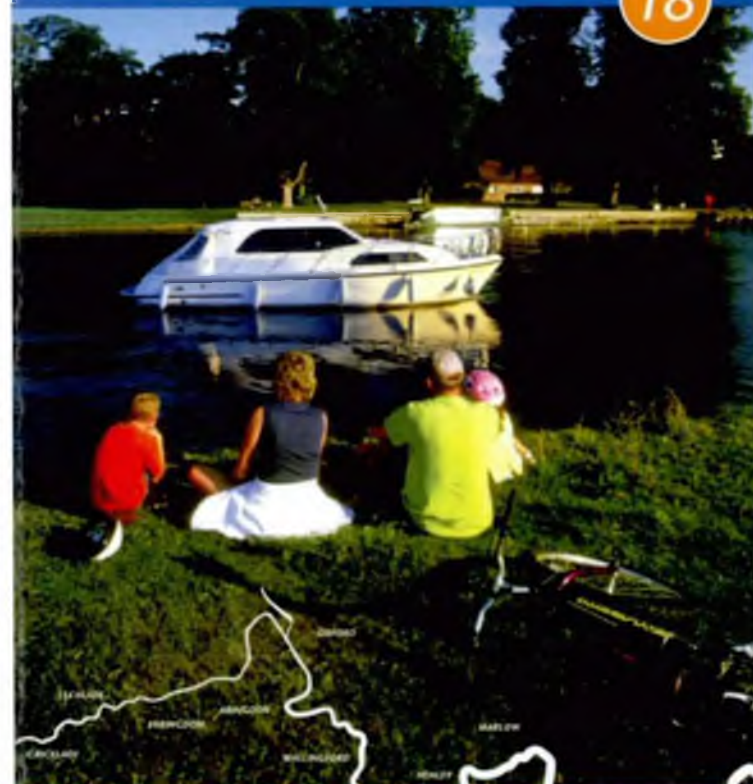


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Tourist information offices:

Reading, 0118 956 6226

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Takeaway: Chef King, 01491 872 485

Pubs:

1 The Bull, 01491 872 392

2 The Swan at Streatley, 01491 878 800

3 The Miller of Mansfield, 01491 872 829

4 The John Barleycorn Inn, 01491 872 509

5 The Catherine Wheel, 01491 872 379

6 The Queens Arms, 01491 872 825

High street:

General store, 01491 872 626

Newsagent with Post Office, 01491 872 592

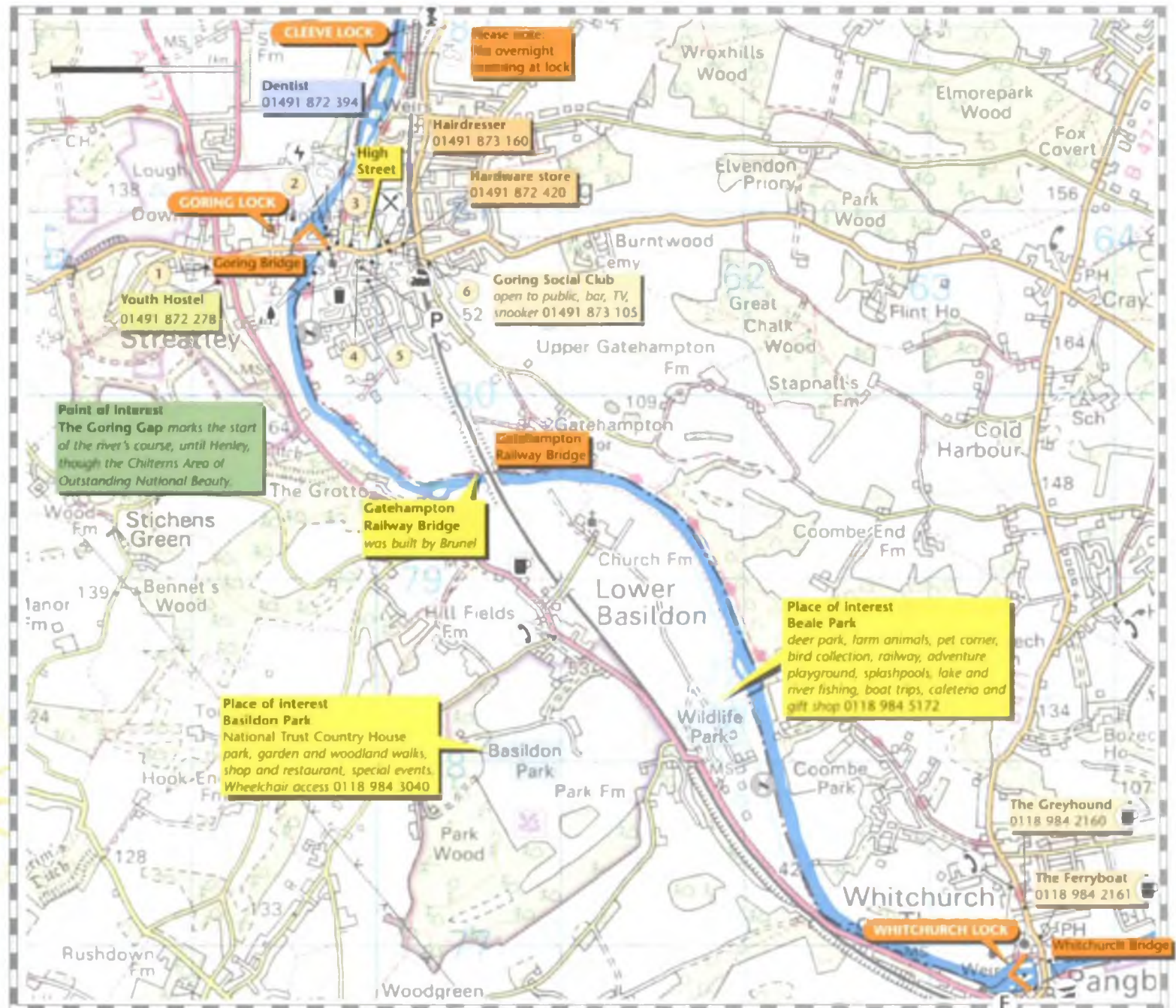
Chemist, 01491 872 124

Butchers, 01491 872 501

Vet: Nearest is in Chalsey (not on map), 01491 651 379

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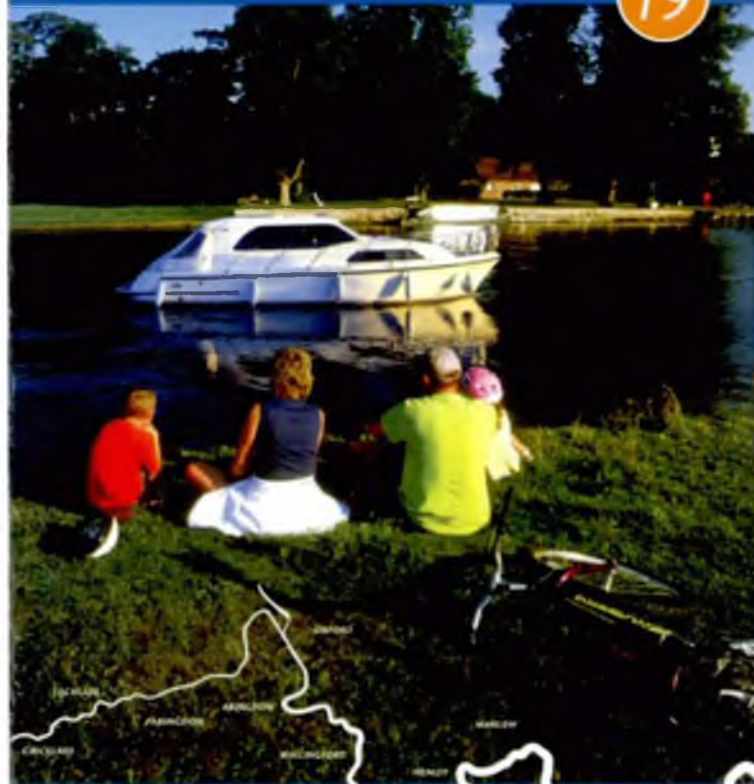


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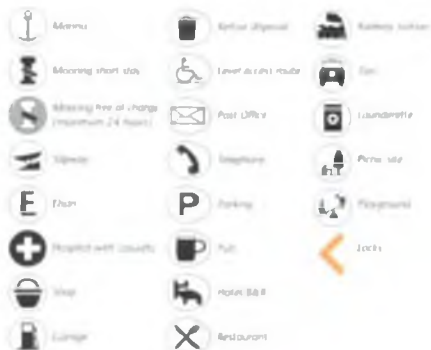


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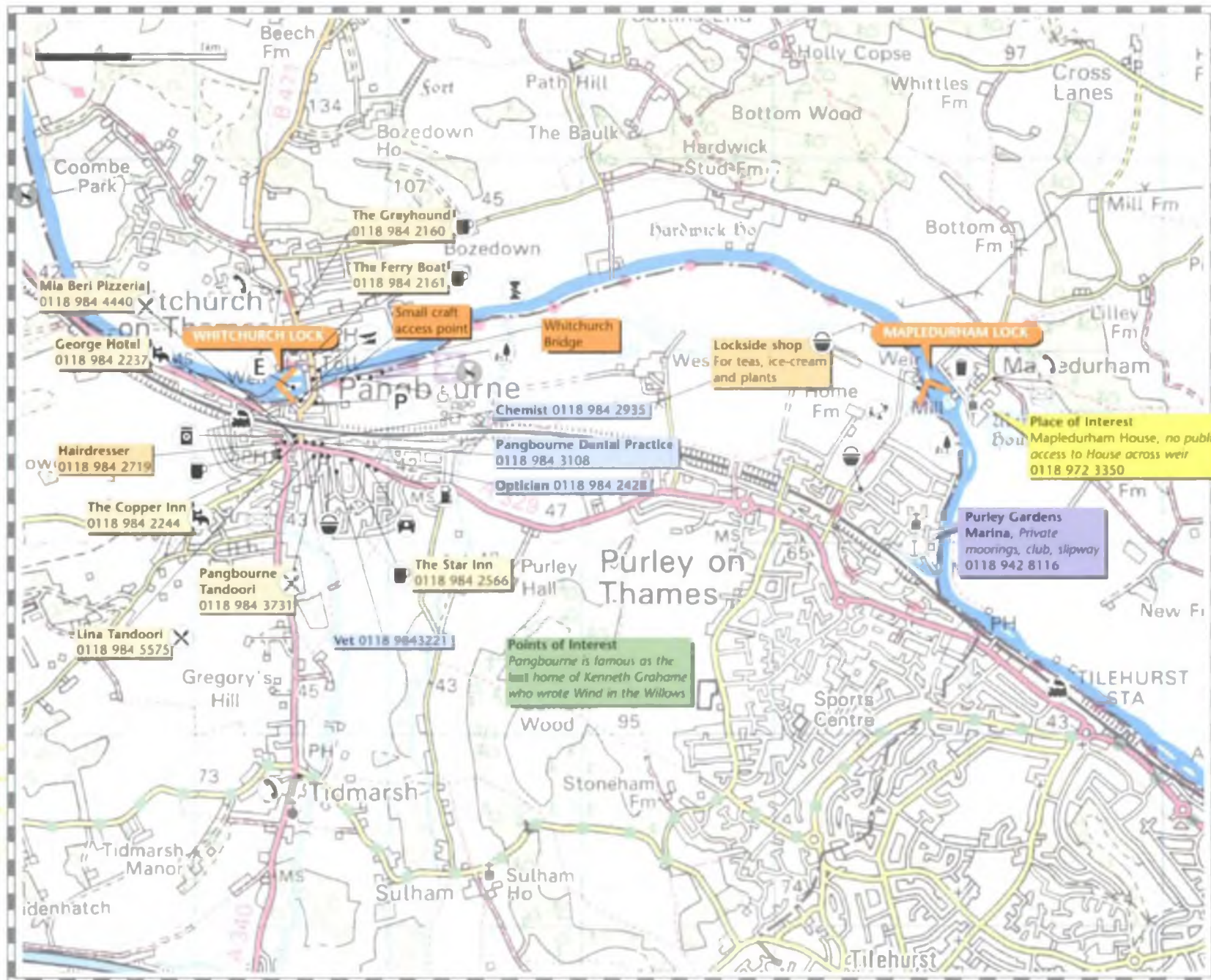
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Wallingford, 01491 826 972
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- Bus enquiries:** Reading, 0118 959 400
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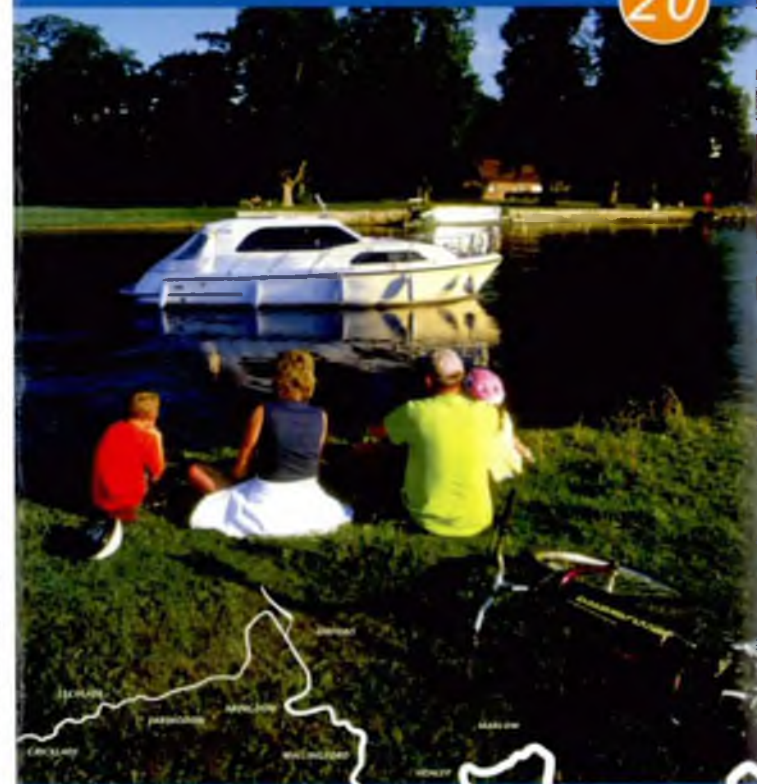
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- 2 **Caversham Boat Services**, boat hire, repairs, Calor Gas, diesel, slipway, moorings, water, pump-out, 0118 957 4323

Boat hire:

- 1 **D&T Scenics**, public passenger trips, 0118 948 4574
- 2 **Thames Rivercruise**, day and evening charter, boat hire, party hire, 0118 948 1088
- 3 **Salter Brothers Ltd**, passenger launch, public trips, party hire, 0118 957 2388/01865 243 421
- 4 **Bridge Boats Ltd**, holiday boat hire, boat repairs, temporary moorings, 0118 959 0346

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Take-aways/restaurants:

- 1 Church Rd, selection of take-aways
- 2 Restaurant Le Shanghai, Chinese, 0118 947 02097
- 3 Caversham Tandoori, Indian, 0118 946 4058
- 4 Caversham Kebab House, Kebab, 0118 947 2565
- 5 Prospect Street, selection of restaurants

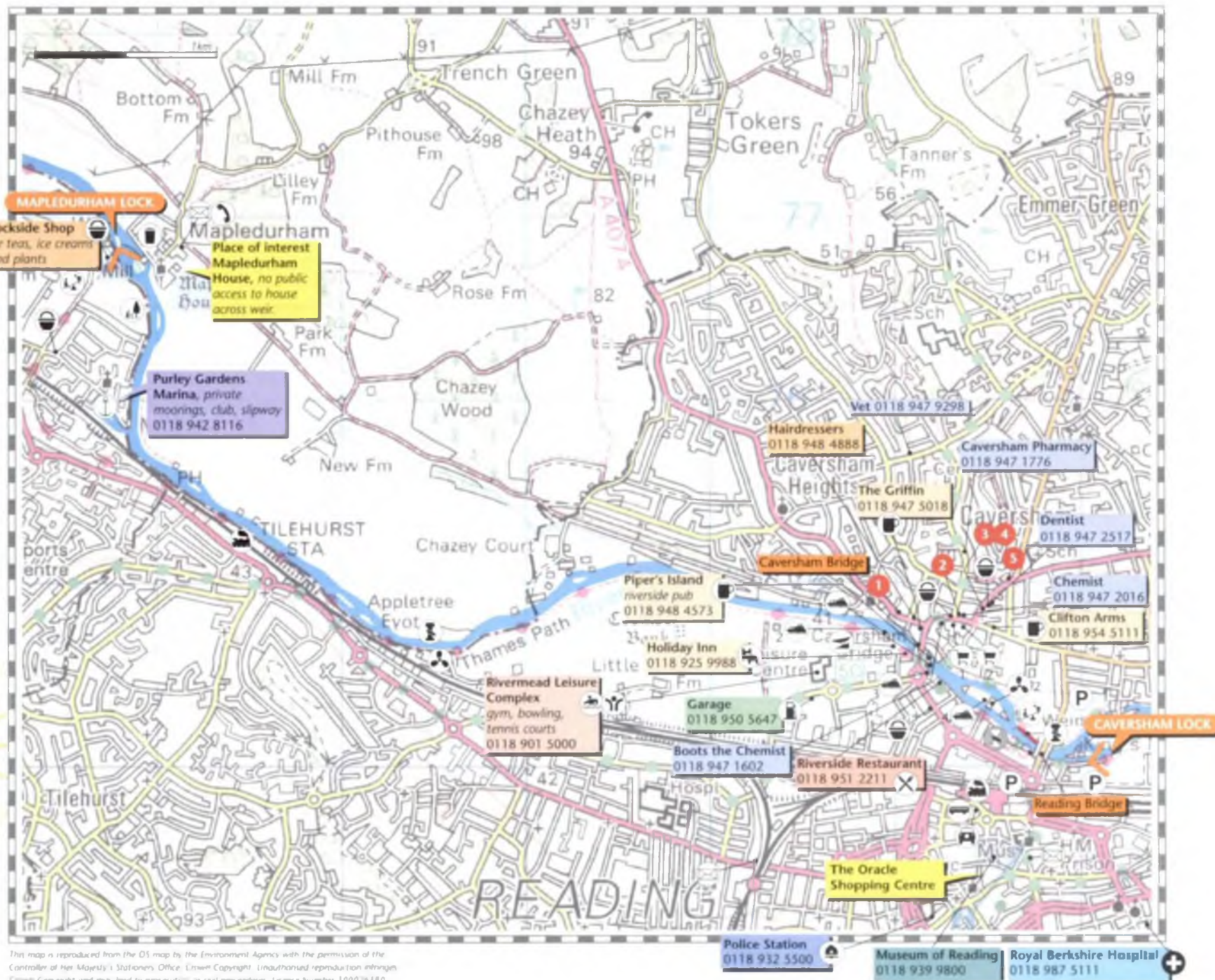
Supermarkets:

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Cinema: Warner Village, 0870 240 6020

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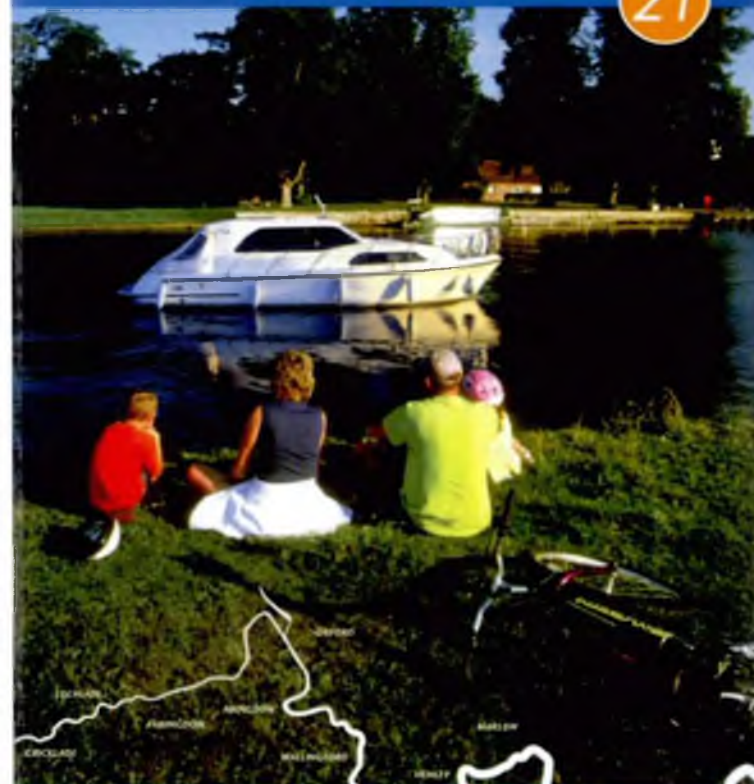
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Marina:

Thames and Kennet Marina, diesel, fuel, toilets, 0118 948 2911 (River Cruiser Marina) 0118 946 1734 (Canal Boat Marina)

Boatyards:

- 1 Caversham Boat Services, repairs, Color Gas, diesel, slipway, moorings, water, pump-out, day and week boat hire, 0118 957 4323
- 2 Better Boating Company, permanent moorings, diesel, fuel, crane, water, toilets, pumpout, 0118 947 9536
- 3 Mid Thames Chandlery, paints, Color Gas, 0118 947 9536
- 4 Butcher Marine, boat repairs, antifouling, 01635 867 820 / 07860 191 981
- 5 D. Walker Outboard Services, sales, service, repairs, 0118 947 8641
- 6 Marine Windows Ltd, boat windows, port holes, windscreens, diving services, 0118 948 2664 / 07836 250 219
- 7 Aladdin's Cave Chandlery Ltd, Color Gas, chandlery, clothing, groceries, 0118 947 0944

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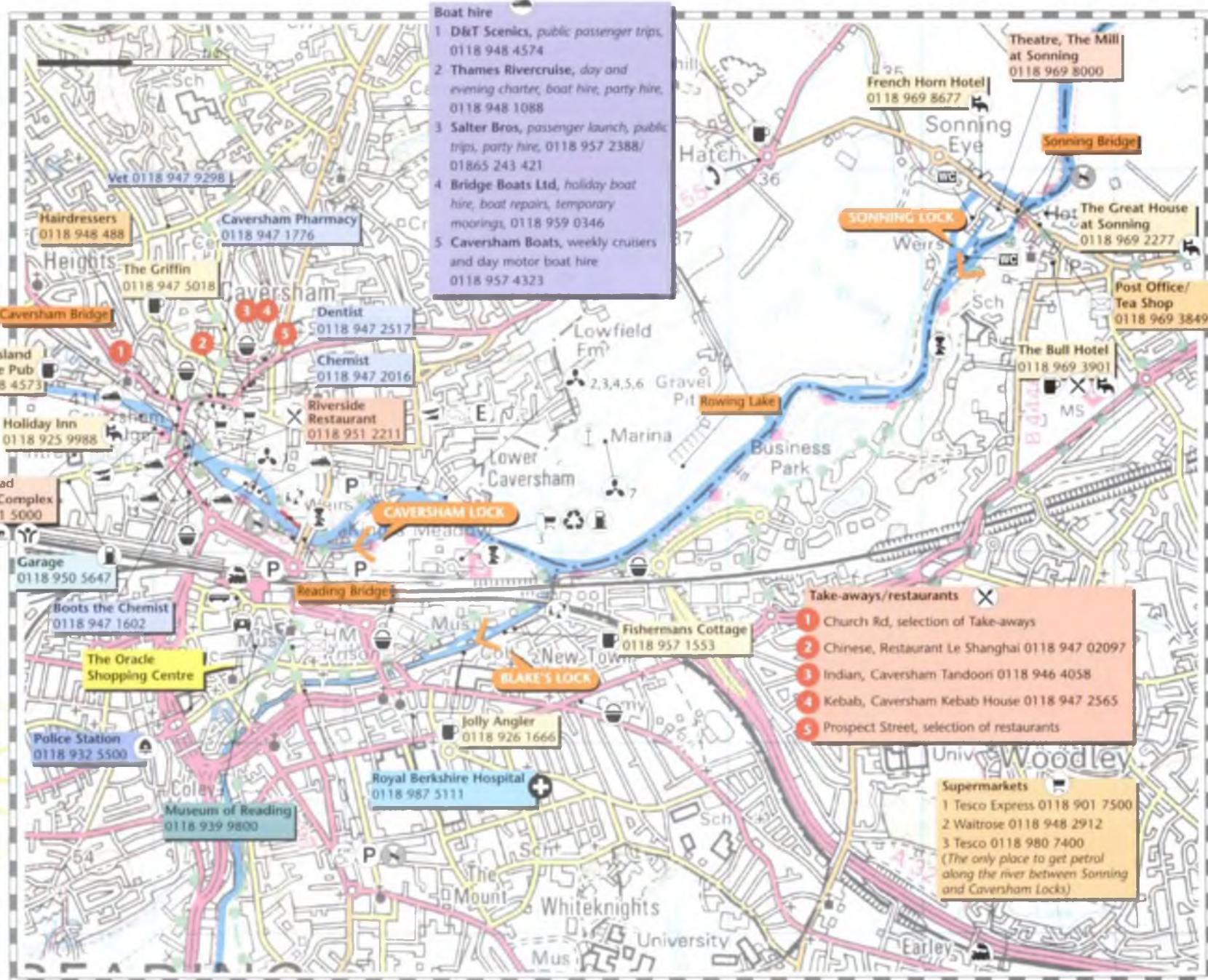
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- 4 Kebab, Caversham Kebab House 0118 947 2565
- 5 Prospect Street, selection of restaurants

Supermarkets

- 1 Tesco Express 0118 901 7500
 - 2 Waitrose 0118 948 2912
 - 3 Tesco 0118 980 7400
- (The only place to get petrol along the river between Sonning and Caversham Locks)

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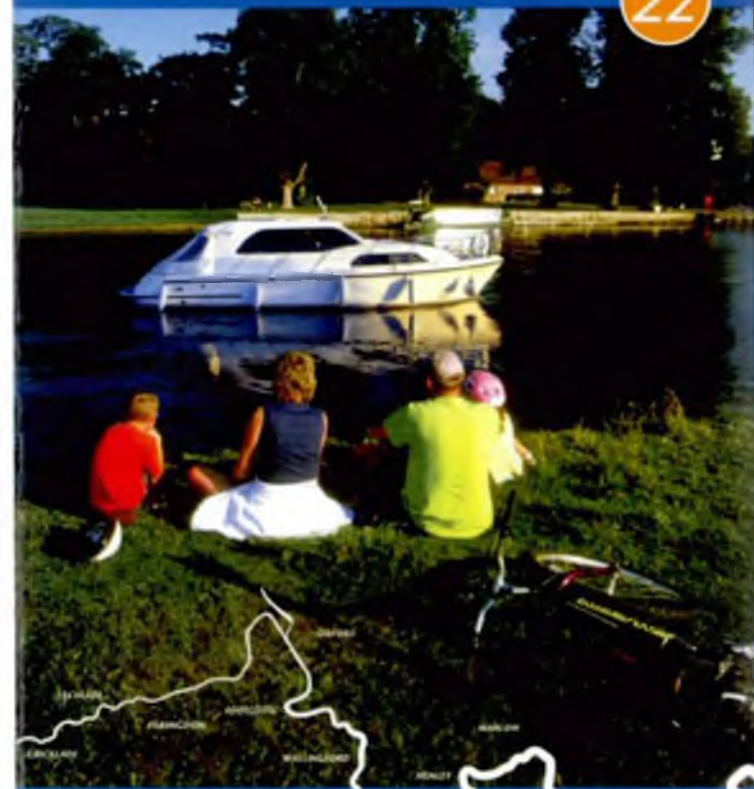
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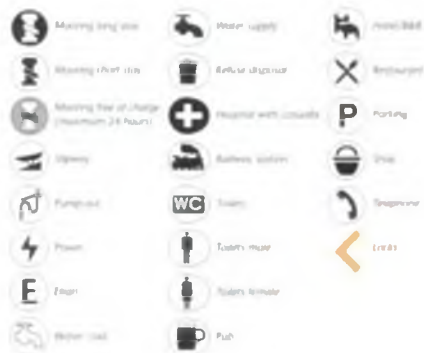
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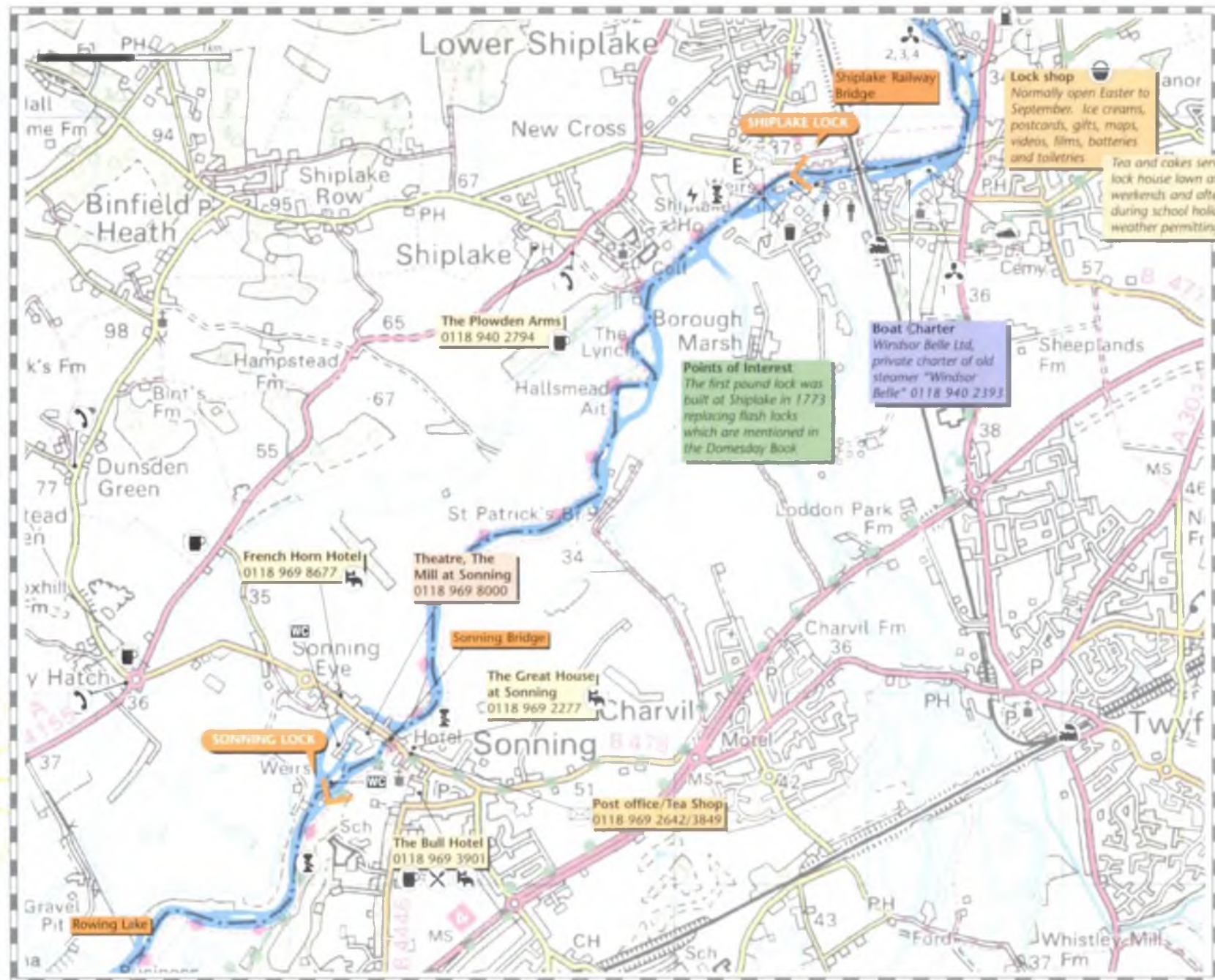


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Bridge heights:

Bridge	Headway in metres (feet and inches)
Teddington Lock Cut	5.58 (18'4")
Kingston Railway	6.81 (22'4")
Kingston	7.29 (23'11")
Hampton Court	5.92 (19'5")

Published headways assume standard head water level and low flow.

Lock opening times: Summer and Winter

It is anticipated that locks will be manned during the following hours but river users are advised to check with the notices displayed at each lock.

Teddington Lock: 24 hour attendance

For all other locks (except Blake's Lock) see below:

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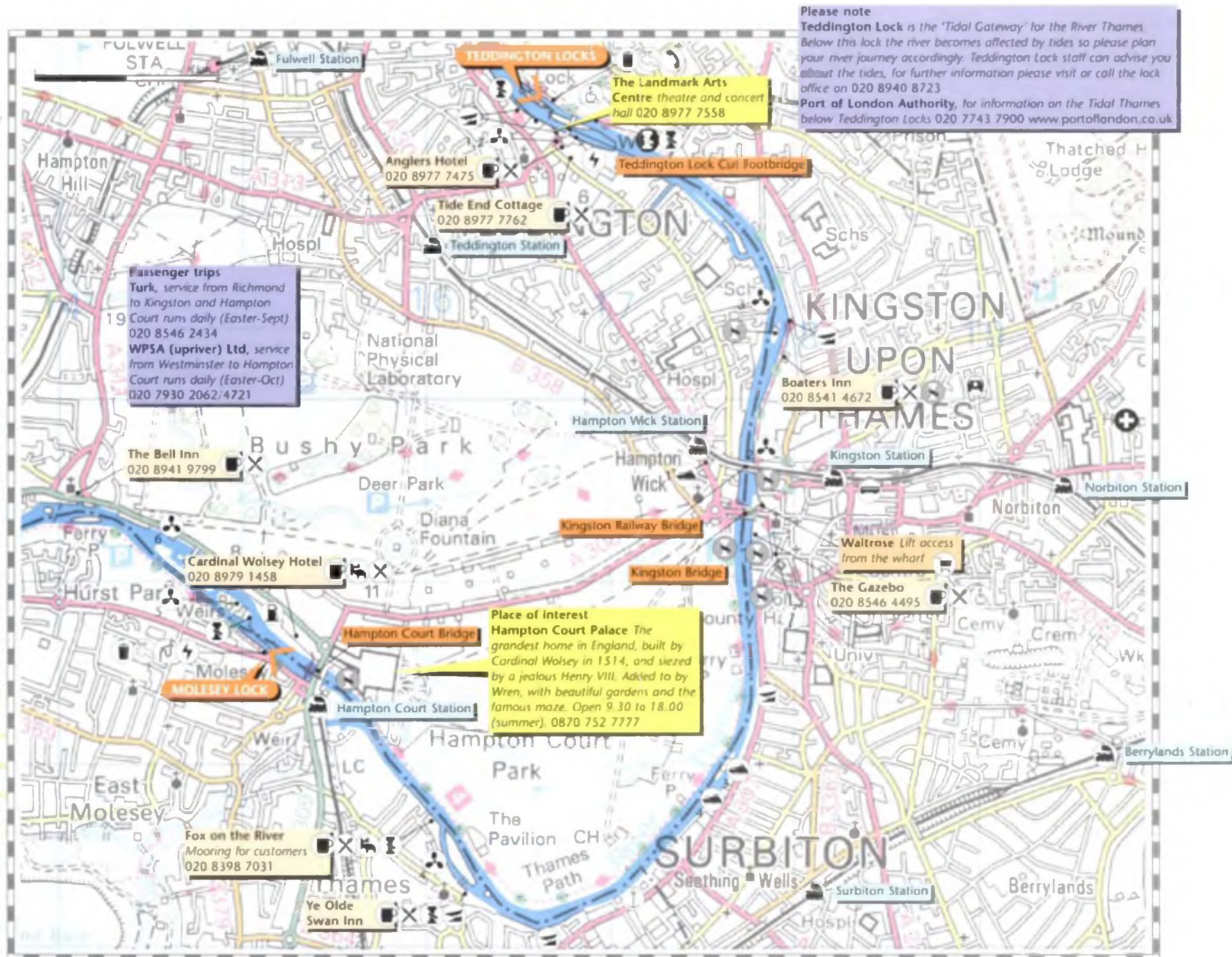
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OUT AND ABOUT GUIDES

The Out and About Guides have been designed to help you make the most of your visit to the River Thames. Each Guide is presented in map form, covers one lock and the reach upstream of it and contains useful information such as:

- Local marine services, e.g. boatyards, moorings, pump outs, sanitary stations and charging points;
- Important telephone numbers such as nearest hospital with a casualty department, police and public transport;
- Local facilities such as post office, launderettes, taxis, campsites and picnic areas;
- A selection of local shops, restaurants, hotels and pubs;
- Things to do, such as local museums, sites of local historical interest and the tourist information centre.

The first 18 are now ready, covering the following reaches:-

Buscot - St Johns (Guide Number 1)	Days - Clifton (15)
Eynsham - Pinkhill (7)	Benson - Days (16)
Kings - Eynsham (8)	Cleeve - Benson (17)
Osney - Kings (9)	Whitchurch - Cleeve (18)
Ifley - Osney (10)	Mapledurham - Whitchurch (19)
Sandford - Ifley (11)	Caversham - Mapledurham (20)
Abingdon - Sandford (12)	Sonning - Caversham (21)
Culham - Abingdon (13)	Shiplake - Sonning (22)
Clifton - Culham (14)	Teddington - Molesey (39)

The remaining Guides will be sent automatically **FREE** of charge to you in Spring 2004 together with any updated versions of the existing Guides. In order for us to log your ownership of this binder and to ensure all your contact details are correct for future mailings, please complete and send back the tear off slip below to Out and About Guides, Waterways Department, Environment Agency, Kings Meadow House, Kings Meadow Road, Reading RG1 8DQ.

I have received my Out and About Guides Binder including the current 18 Guides and look forward to receiving the remaining Guides in Spring 2004.

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A river is born: the Jubilee River is a totally new man-made environment providing flood alleviation for the people of Maidenhead, Windsor and Eton.



Five years of engineering and landscaping works have culminated in the creation of a unique flood channel – a natural looking river 11.6 kilometres long, running alongside the River Thames in Berkshire and Buckinghamshire.



This area of Southern England has suffered frequent flooding from the Thames, causing repeated inconvenience and stress. During the last major floods in 1947, over 2000 homes were affected. Experts advised that a flood of this



scheme proposed by the Environment Agency's predecessor body, the National Rivers Authority.

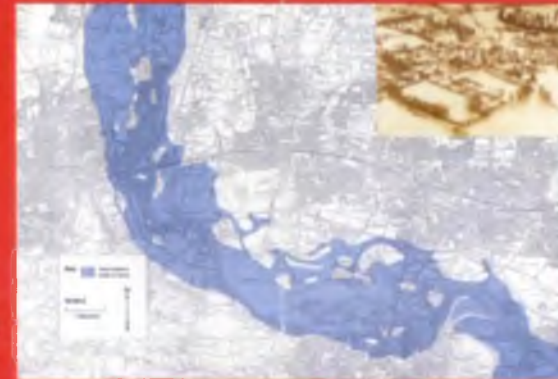
Local people were invited to name the new river in a competition. A panel of local judges

selected "Jubilee River" as the most appropriate from

5500 homes, 12500 people at risk

magnitude today would devastate over 5500

homes, 12500 people and many businesses in the area, unless a flood alleviation scheme was developed. Flooding would seriously disrupt essential road and rail networks, communications and utilities, not to mention significant personal upheaval for those involved.



In summarising the inquiry findings the Inspector said, "I find the evidence presented, strongly suggests that the scheme would be a uniquely attractive addition to the landscape between Maidenhead and Eton." However it was not until March



hundreds of entries. Windsor Castle provides a beautiful backdrop to the river in the Dorney and Eton area, and with Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee celebrations in 2002, the royal connection was made.

The largest scheme of its kind in the country, it is designed to alleviate flooding in Maidenhead, Windsor and Eton for years to come, bringing peace of mind to residents.

A Public Inquiry opened in October 1992 to consider the benefits of the flood alleviation

1995 that the Secretary of State gave the go ahead for the scheme. The channel was excavated between 1996 and 2001.

creation of a unique flood channel





Ponds Lane bridge, Eton



Reed bed and pond dipping platform



Dorney wetlands



Family recreation

Canoe portage points, marked by white posts will be sited adjacent to the main car parks and weir structures.

Four small car parks accessible via the A4 are located at Mill Lane and Marsh Lane in Taplow, also at Lake End Road in Dorney and In Slough Road.

These provide the main access points to the Jubilee River, though several existing footpaths and cycle routes also provide local links.

The channel passes beneath the M4 motorway and the main A4 road route. Both of these bridges are conventional in design, and construction was made possible by diversions – a full six-lane diversion was needed on the M4.



The Jubilee River leaves the River Thames on the east bank immediately upstream of Boulter's Weir in Maidenhead, flowing in a south easterly direction through the beautiful parishes of Taplow and Dorney. It continues alongside the M4 motorway near Slough before re-entering the Thames downstream of Black Potts Viaduct Eton, in the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead.



Dorney Wetlands, a unique ecological study area, will provide educational opportunities for local schools, with bird hides, boardwalks and pond dipping platforms – essential elements to nature study in safe areas away from deep water.

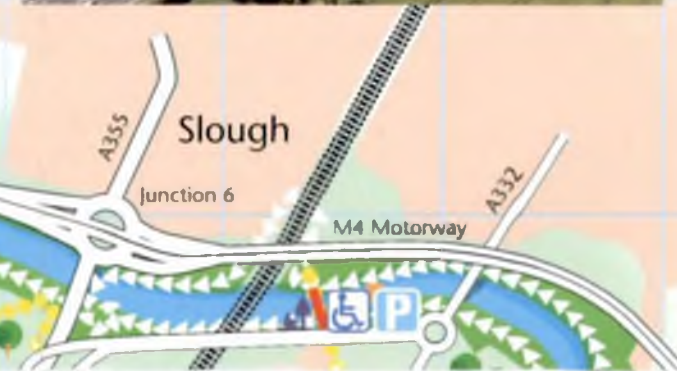
Highly valued public open space is provided in abundance in this new and exciting environment, with pathways, footbridges, bridleways, and picnic areas presenting fantastic recreational opportunities, well away from traffic.



Aerial view A4 and Dorney wetlands



M4 motorway junction



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Who we are and what we do

The Environment Agency was established by the 1995 Environment Act and became fully operational on 1 April 1996.

We are one of the largest and most powerful environmental protection agencies in Europe. We have wide-ranging responsibilities and strong powers to protect and, where necessary, improve the environment in England and Wales.

In carrying out our work, we are guided by our duty to protect the environment in a way that works towards achieving sustainable development. This involves meeting the needs of present generations without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

Our vision

To help ensure a better environment in England and Wales for present and future generations. *In working towards a better environment, the Agency's vision encompasses the following themes for the future:*

- A better quality of life
- An enhanced environment for wildlife
- Cleaner air for everyone
- Improved and protected inland and coastal waters
- Restored, protected land with healthier soils
- A 'greener' business world
- Wiser, sustainable use of natural resources
- Limiting and adapting to climate change
- Reducing flood risk

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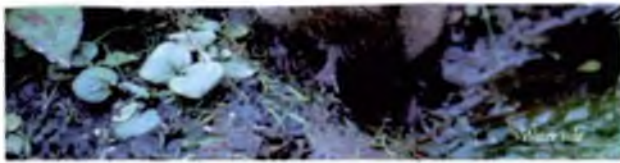
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The Jubilee River created by man with nature in mind



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Conservation and sustainability were high priorities in the design of this unique river. Significant wildlife habitats, previously lost through increasing development of the area and other pressures, have been replaced. The Environment Agency, English Nature and the RSPB have worked together with engineering experts to create a man-made wildlife corridor, a new and exciting environment for fish, birds, animals and people to enjoy, whilst achieving its main purpose – flood alleviation.

Extensive new habitats created throughout the whole 11.6km length of the river to attract wildlife include:

- Fish passes on all five weirs to encourage migration of Thames freshwater fish populations, with



spawning areas created for breeding.

- Shallow cliffs with overhanging trees and vegetation for kingfisher and sand martin, whilst low mudbanks with shallow water areas provide the right environment for invertebrates – essential food for wading birds.

- Extensive reedbeds and areas of open water for birds like sedge warbler, reed warbler, bearded tit and water rail, and wildfowl such as teal, dabchick and shoveler. This environment may in time attract marsh harrier and the elusive bittern.
- Grasses along the banks of the river for shrew, short tailed vole and the much-endangered water vole.



Mature grasses

Wildflower areas containing cowslip, ragged robin and meadow buttercup will attract birds, butterflies, harvest mice and grass snake.

- 250,000 native trees and shrubs planted along the river include oak saplings



Perch

grown from acorns collected by local children. Other species include ash, willow and alder.

- 250,000 aquatic plants include yellow water lily, marsh marigold and yellow flag.
- Many islands have been created to provide refuge for a variety of



nesting birds, some planted with reedbeds, others unplanted with gravel and shingle providing camouflage for ground nesting species, such as the tern and little ringed plover.



Dace



The river itself gives a real impression of freedom and space with an average width of 50 metres, though some areas are significantly wider. It is bordered by

open pasture, woodland and farmland, and for the most part is away from built up areas.

A single-track pathway along

the river is designed for wheelchair users, walkers and cyclists on a shared basis, providing a relatively level surface throughout, though some gradient does exist in places. Attractive wooden footbridges provide the ideal stop off point to rest and take in the view.

The National Cycle Network "Sustrans" route number 61 runs alongside the Jubilee River, and extensive new bridle-ways link to existing ones, giving additional opportunities for horse riding.

Designated areas will be provided for anglers, and wheelchair users will have special angling platforms built near to the Lake End Road car park.



State of the art engineering techniques helped construction of the river, with G.P.S. satellite technology used for much of the channel excavation. Ground freezing techniques enabled the bridge under the main Western Region Railway line close to the A4 to be built without interrupting rail services. Weighing some 8,000 tonnes, this bridge was constructed next to the rail embankment. Then as tunnelling machinery dug away at the frozen bank, 36 heavy-duty hydraulic jacks followed, pushing the bridge under the embankment inch by inch.



At the other end of the time spectrum, during excavation work archaeologists uncovered burials, ditches, flintwork, pottery, weaving articles and personal effects. One site, close to the Pineapple Pub in Lake End Road, Dorney, is believed to date back some 4000 years. Neolithic pits show that this area was first occupied between 2500-2000 BC by Stone Age man.

Ditches and cremations were found dating from the Bronze Age, suggesting the site was used for settlements and burials during

1500-800 BC, whilst further work uncovered an Iron Age settlement around 400 BC.



Archaeology on site



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River Thames a user's guide

River Thames camping



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in boats' says Ratty in *Wind in the Willows*



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River Thames

is nothing – absolutely
as simply messing about

Boating on the non-tidal Thames

This leaflet gives you information about all the boat operators on the non-tidal Thames, and some ideas about what to do with your time on the river.

Did you know? The Thames is the only river in England to have fully manned locks. The legendary Thames lock keepers, some of whose families have been on the river for generations, work the 44 locks along the river from the highest lock at St Johns at Lechlade to the last one at Teddington, 235 kms away on the outskirts of London. They control water levels, manage the weirs, lock gardens, campsites and towpaths and help boaters. It doesn't take much to get them to tell you their colourful tales of river lore, of local characters, and the best place to get a pint.



For more information on transport links and what to do during your break on the non-tidal Thames, please visit our website which has an interactive map to help you find lists of clubs, boat operators, restaurants, hotels, fishing spots, tourist attractions and events happening on or near the river. Alternatively call our Information Line on 0845 601 5336.

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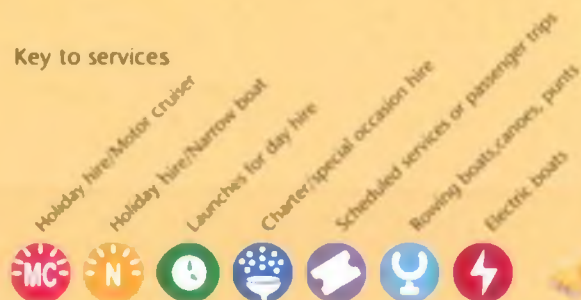
What does the Environment Agency do on the River Thames?

The Environment Agency is the navigation authority for the non-tidal Thames, and as such makes the river 'work'. We operate the 44 locks along the river and keep the channels clear, navigable and safe. We also licence all boats on the river and the money from these fees is spent on improving locks, slipways and towpaths, providing facilities such as canoe portage, boat moorings and electricity charging points and on habitat improvement.

Rivers play an important role in improving our quality of life and the Agency works actively with river businesses and others to develop leisure facilities and to promote the river for boating. The Agency's navigation and recreation work on our waterways is also critical to flood control, water management and conservation and is closely linked to the operations of these other Agency departments.

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Messing about in boats

Take a boating holiday

Hiring a boat is probably the ultimate get away, whether you fancy playing Swallows and Amazons with your family, or just cruising with friends. There are hire companies along the length of the river. A boat for four people for a week in low season will cost you about £450 and in high season £800 – that's from £16 up to £30 per person per night and, unlike most hotels, it moves with you.

Try a picnic afloat

You can hire a boat for the day or by the hour. A rowing boat costs about £8 per hour or £40 for the day. A motor launch costs about £20 per hour or £100 for the day, plus a refundable security deposit.

Play at Three Men in a Boat

You can still hire a camping skiff complete with all cooking gear and bedding and row down river, just like Jerome K. Jerome over a hundred years ago. At night, you can moor anywhere, and sleep under the stars.

Take the river bus

There are passenger boat services running nearly the whole length of the river from Oxford to Staines. You could take a train one way and come back on the river bus. Tickets cost from about £4 per adult depending on the route you chose.

Take a pampered break on a hotel boat

These are usually two narrow boats tied together, with the skipper and cook on one, leaving you free to totally unwind. As a guest, you are welcome to help out as much or as little as you like.

Website

Services available

www.steamshiptreatley.co.uk



www.rivertime.com



www.brayboats.co.uk



www.clivedenhouse.co.uk



www.maidenheadsteam.co.uk



www.methotels.co.uk



www.boat-trips.co.uk



www.salterbros.co.uk



www.kriscruisers.co.uk



www.chnscruises.co.uk



www.charteruk.com



www.boatsstames.com



www.hampton-online.co.uk



www.igf-boats.co.uk



www.turks.co.uk



www.famcombeboats.co.uk



www.guildfordboats.co.uk



www.lensbury.com



www.dale-and-shire.co.uk

www.oxfordshirenarrowboats.co.uk

www.s2do.co.uk/dt

Boat operators on the non-tidal Thames

Do you want to hire a boat for an hour, a day or a week? Or organise a party for a special occasion? Or take an organised trip? Here is a list of every operator on the river, divided for ease of reference into the sections shown on the map on the first page.

The information contained within this leaflet was correct to the best of the Environment Agency's knowledge at the time of publication (Summer 2002). Please let us know if any entries are incorrect.

Company	Town	Telephone	Website	Services available
Upstream to Watlington				
Riverside Ltd	Lechlade	01367 253599	www.riverside-lechlade.co.uk	  
Cotswold Boat Hire	Lechlade	01793 700241	www.the-trout-inn.sagenet.co.uk	  
Halcyon Boating Holidays	Eynsham	01926 864156 or 07711 589808	www.halcyonboats.co.uk	
Oxfordshire Narrowboats Ltd	Bicester	01869 340348		 
College Cruisers Ltd	Oxford	01865 554343	www.collegecruisers.com	 
Head of the River Public House	Oxford	01865 721600		 
Cherwell Boat House	Oxford	01865 515978	www.cherwellboathouse.co.uk	 
Rosamund the Fair	Oxford	01865 553370	www.rosamundthefair.co.uk	
Salter Brothers Ltd	Oxford	01865 243421	www.salterbros.co.uk	 
Abingdon Boat Centre	Abingdon	01235 521125		  
Travel in Style	Brightwell-cum-Sotwell	01491 838846	www.travel-instyle.co.uk	
Downstream to the sea				
Swancraft Ltd	Benson	01491 836700		   
Reading Marine Co.	Padworth	0118 971 3666	www.readingmarine.com	
Pipers Boat Hire	Reading	0118 948 4574	www.thamesrivercruise.co.uk	 
Caversham Boat Services	Reading	0118 957 4323		  
Kennet Cruises	Reading	0118 987 1115	www.kennetcruises.co.uk	 
Berry Brook Boats	Reading	07831 574673	www.berrybrookboats.co.uk	
Bridge Boats Ltd.	Reading	0118 959 0346	www.bridgeboats.com	 
Salter Brothers Ltd	Reading	0118 957 2388	www.salterbros.co.uk	 
Thames Rivercruise Ltd	Reading	0118 948 1088	www.thamesrivercruise.co.uk	 
Windsor Belle Ltd	Shiplake	0118 940 2393		
Cruise and Dine Ltd	Wargrave	0118 940 2162	www.cruisedine.co.uk	
Hobbs & Sons Ltd.	Henley	01491 572035	www.hobbs-of-henley.com	   
J Hooper	Henley	01491 576867 or 07770 937132	www.riverthames.co.uk	 
Hambleton Sales and Charter	Henley	01491 548870	www.henley-on-thames.co.uk/hamble	

Company	Town	Telephone
Boating and Boat Hire		
Steamship Streatley Ltd	Marlow	01628 474047
Thames Steamers	Bourne End	01628 826119
Rivertime	Cookham	01628 530600
DB Marine Cruisers	Cookham	01628 526032
Maidenhead River Services	Maidenhead	01628 634247
Bray Boats	Maidenhead	01628 637880
Cliveden Hotel	Maidenhead	01628 668561
The Maidenhead Steam Navigation Co. Ltd	Maidenhead	01628 621770
Monkey Island Hotel	Bray	01628 623400
Gamble and Logie	Windsor	01753 869054
French Brothers	Windsor	01753 851900
Salter Brothers Ltd	Windsor	01753 865832
Kris Cruisers	Datchet	01753 543930
Chris Cruises Ltd	Addlestone	01932 855120
Charterline Thames	Penton Hook	0800 5872397

Chambers Boatyard	Wraysbury	01784 482051
Assured Boating Co.	Egham	01784 473300
Wraysbury Boathouse	Chertsey	01784 482569
Chertsey Meads Marine	Chertsey	01932 564699
Hampton Ferry Boathouse Ltd	Shepperton	020 8979 7471
DBH Marine	Walton on Thames	01932 226555
JGF Passenger Boats	Walton on Thames	01932 253374
George Wilson & Sons Ltd.	Sunbury	01932 782067
Turks of Sunbury	Sunbury	020 8546 2434
Farncombe Boathouse Ltd	Godalming	01483 421306
Guildford Boathouse Ltd.	Guildford	01483 504494
Taggs Boatyard Ltd	Thames Ditton	020 8398 2119
J Martin & Son	Hampton Court	07941 870137
Ferryline Cruisers	Thames Ditton	020 8398 0271
Harts Cruisers	Surbiton	020 8399 4009
Lensbury Club	Teddington	020 8977 8821
Thames Skiff Holidays	Richmond	020 8844 2580

Hotel Boats

Dale & Shire Hotel Narrowboats	Burnham	01628 603764
Heart of England Hotel Narrowboats	Bicester	01869 340348
Thames Heritage Cruising Ltd	Hampton	020 8395 0158

Go electric

The river is getting quieter thanks to electric boats – and the Agency has installed charging points the length of the river. It's much nicer to float along having your summer picnic with only a gentle purr in the background, and many of the boats have traditional finishes and canopies to add a touch of style.

Go rowing, canoeing or sailing

The river, home to the world's largest rowing regatta at Henley every July, is the country's most important rowing venue, with 23 clubs open to the public. Canoeists and sailors are also well looked after, and for the really adventurous canoeists there is white water at some weirs such as at Hurley. See www.visitthames.co.uk or phone 0845 601 5336 for information on clubs open to the public.



Boating for people with disabilities

The River Thames Project is a registered charity which operates day trips and holidays on a wheelchair-accessible barge. See www.visitthames.co.uk or call 020 8940 3509.

