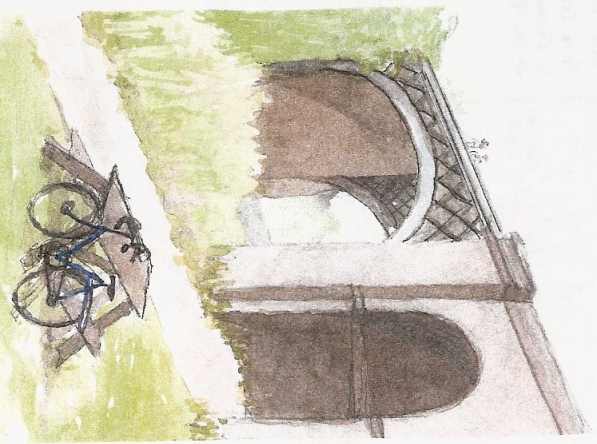


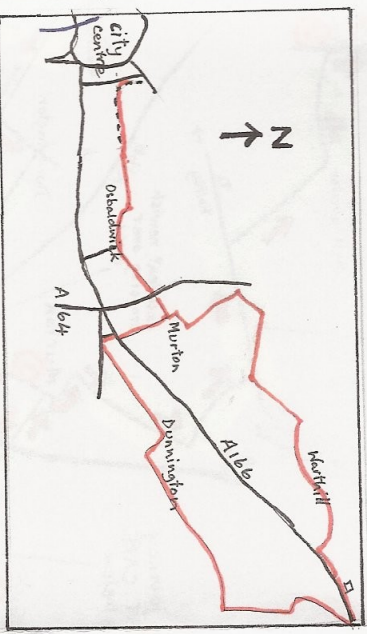
Mainly off-road family cycle ride

A circular ride from Morrison's chimney to the Balloon Tree Farm Shop & Café at Stamford Bridge



STAMFORD BRIDGE

Monica Nelson



This ride may take 1 1/4 - 1 1/2 hours each way but allow time for coffee & for exploring the viaduct. About 8 miles each way

Thanks to members of First Friday Cycle Group for the info. & to Monica Nelson for the watercolour Olwyh Founseca

- 1 Foss Islands Cycle Track uses the track of the old Derwent Valley Light Railway. It comes up to road level, very briefly follows the pavement of James Street (where we join it) & then returns to its old level.
- 2 Follow Route 66 signs. This is part of the National Cycle Network (N.C.N).
- 3 At the T junction in Murton Route 66 turns right whilst we turn left
- 4 If you decide to use the short cut take the track between the pub and the pond.
- 5 An ancient, & much-loved horse-chestnut tree, locally called 'the balloon tree', because of its regular shape, stood on the corner of this lane to Buttercrambe.
- 6 The viaduct is wide & safe - a good place for a picnic. The cycle track to it is on the south side of the Albion through the woodland.
- 7 The return journey again follows Route 66. The 4 miles from Intake Lane Dunnington is a perfect beginners ride for Dunnington families. The primary school, the cubs & the Brownies all have an annual ride and picnic on the viaduct.
- 8 Hagg Wood is a community wood open to all. Entrance near farmyard. The interpretation board shows where the bluebell area is - visit April/May. If you chain your bikes near the entrance to the wood please don't chain to the gate as forestry might require access.
- 9 Cattle Market & Auction Centre & Farming Museum. Coffee & food at both places but avoid planning a ride past here, especially with children, on an auction day or a car boot sale day (Sun am). Tel: 01904 489 731.
- 10 An alternative route is to keep on the north side of the A1079 on the cycle path round the roundabout or next to the dual carriageway. Turn right on Link Rd by B & Q.

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For a short ride take a picnic
 to Hagg Wood. Turn right at Murton
 and follow signs for Route 66

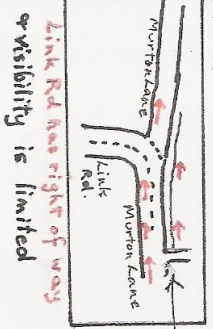
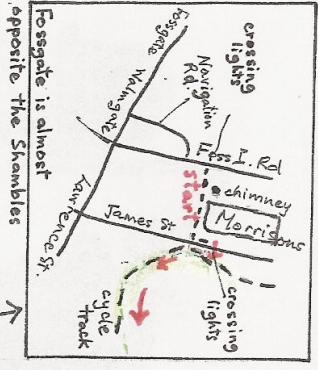
In summer you may like to try this
 short cut over Hungry Hill — but
PLEASE REMEMBER to WALK
 as it is a footpath not a bridleway

Single file here. This road
 from Hobby can be a rat run

Meeting at Morrison's chimney to start
 the ride.
 Foss Island Rd
 & James St are
 cycle-friendly

On return journey
TAKE GREAT CARE
 here. See below

On very wet days the track
 across the field near Lime Field
 Farm can be very muddy.
 The slightly longer route by
 Screeby Manor Farm &
 Lendebrough Lodge Farm
 may be preferable.



Children, &
 others who wish to,
 could use this
 pavement, after
 the entrance to
 the industrial
 estate.

