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**HENLEY-ON-THAMES
SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE**

**3 CIRCULAR WALKS
5.2, 5.5 & 6.8 MILES**



INTRODUCING BRAKSPEAR PUB TRAILS

We're delighted to present three circular walks all starting and ending at the Henley Town Hall. The Brakspear Pub Trails are a series of circular walks.



We thought the idea of a variety of circular country walks with a pub along the way was a guaranteed winner. We have fantastic pubs nestled in the countryside, and we hope our maps are a great way for you to get out and enjoy some fresh air and a gentle walk, with a guaranteed pub stop – perfect!

Our pubs have always welcomed walkers (and almost all of them welcome dogs too), so we're making it even easier with plenty of free maps. You can pick up copies in the pubs taking part or go to brakspearaletrails.co.uk to download them. We're planning to add new pubs onto them, so the best place to check for the latest maps available is always our website.

Once you're back in Henley town centre, visit one of our many pubs for a drink or bite to eat. At the weekend, please book in advance, as this is often a busier time, especially our smaller pubs.

And finally, do send us your photos of you out and about on your walk. We really do love getting them.

To find more walks involving pubs visit www.pub-trails.co.uk

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How to get there

These walks start at the Town Hall, Market Place, Henley RG9 2AQ.



Driving: Mill Meadows (RG9 1BF), Southfields RG9 1BJ, Henley Rugby (RG9 2JA) or Henley train station (RG9 1AY) all offer long stay parking.



Nearest station: Henley-on-Thames station is 0.5 miles away or a 10 minute walk.



Local bus services: From Oxford: The Thames Travel X39 or X40 to Wallingford, then the Thames Travel 139 service to Henley. From Reading or High Wycombe: The Arriva 800 or 850 service to Henley, or the new X80 Regatta service. From Maidenhead: The Courtney Buses 239 service to Henley. Bus stops are either in Hart street or Bell street.



Brakspear would like to thank the Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment and the volunteers who helped make these walks possible. As a result of these walks, Brakspear has invested in TOE2 to help maintain and improve Oxfordshire's footpaths.

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Respect – Protect – Enjoy

Respect other people:

- Consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors
- Leave gates and property as you find them and follow paths unless wider access is available

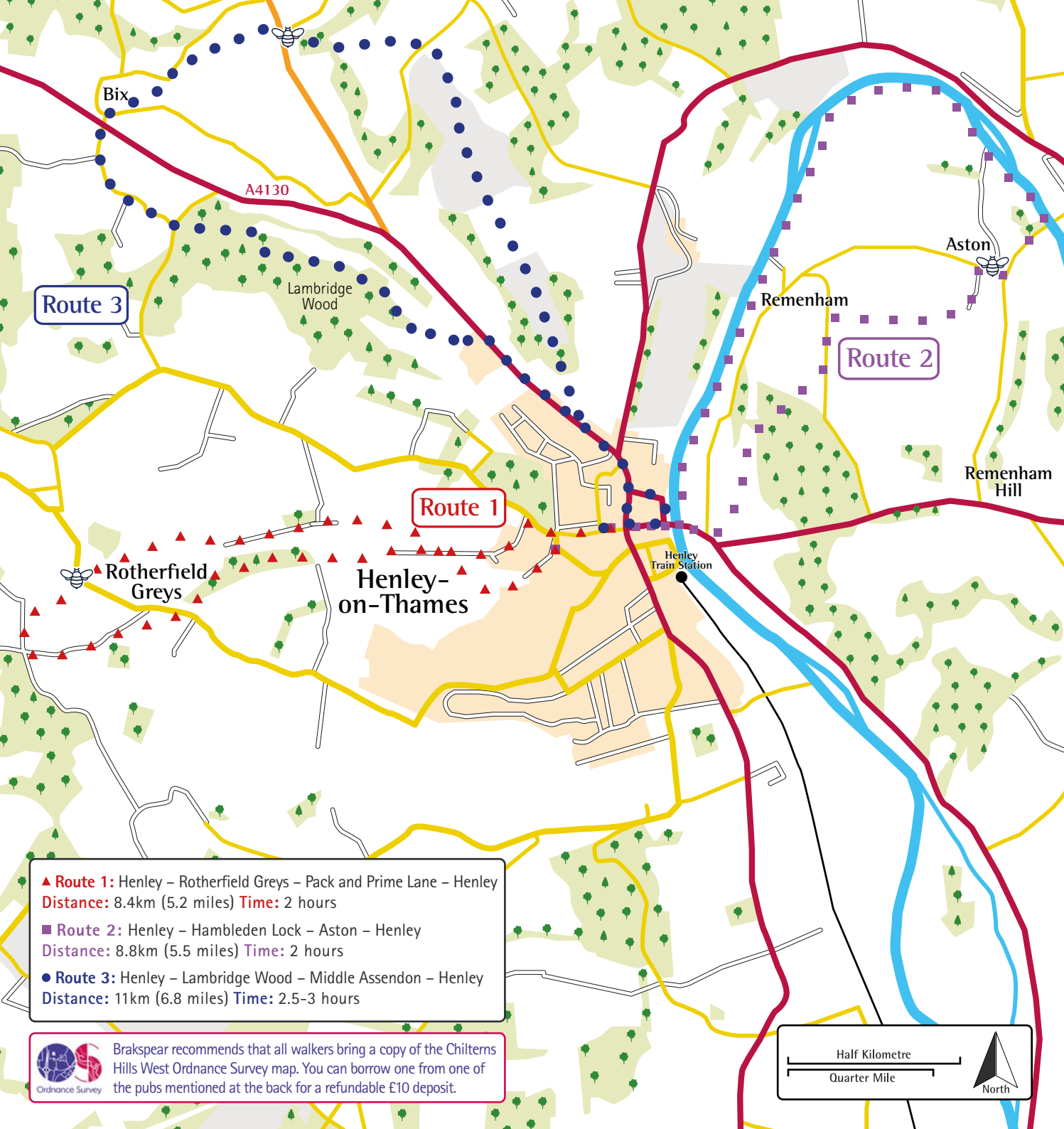
Protect the natural environment:

- Leave no trace of your visit and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under effective control

Enjoy the outdoors:

- Plan ahead and be prepared
- Follow advice and local signs

For more info visit: www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-countryside-code




Route 3

Route 2

Route 1

- ▲ **Route 1:** Henley – Rotherfield Greys – Pack and Prime Lane – Henley
Distance: 8.4km (5.2 miles) **Time:** 2 hours
- **Route 2:** Henley – Hambleton Lock – Aston – Henley
Distance: 8.8km (5.5 miles) **Time:** 2 hours
- **Route 3:** Henley – Lambridge Wood – Middle Assendon – Henley
Distance: 11km (6.8 miles) **Time:** 2.5-3 hours

 Brakspear recommends that all walkers bring a copy of the Chilterns Hills West Ordnance Survey map. You can borrow one from one of the pubs mentioned at the back for a refundable £10 deposit.

Half Kilometre

Quarter Mile



North

Route 1

An easy walk with no steep gradients.

Directions

Distance: 8.4km (5.2 miles) Time: 2 hours

01 From the Town Hall and Market Place walk up Gravel Hill and opposite the entrance to Friar Park, turn left and walk along Paradise Road.

DID YOU KNOW?

Friar Park was the home of George Harrison of the Beatles, his widow and family still live there.

02 Take the first right still on Paradise Road (signposted to Henley College Rotherfield Building).

03 Walk along the road for approximately 150m and where the road bends to the right, leave the road and bear left on to the footpath.

04 After about 250m, the path crosses an access drive to Henley College then splits. Take the right hand fork and continue on this footpath alongside Henley College playing fields.

05 Cross over another footpath, (called Pack and Prime Lane), and carry on straight ahead into the bottom of a dry tranquil valley.

DID YOU KNOW?

St Nicholas' Church Rotherfield Greys is Norman in origin and was restored in 1865. It includes the 16th century Knollys Chapel and the Knollys family tomb. Sir Francis Knollys' wife was a Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth I.

06 Cross a stile and pass Lower Hernes, a lovely isolated red brick cottage, then soon afterwards go through a five bar gate.

07 Follow the access track and the yellow arrows for about 500m, until the track turns to the right up a steep slope. Leave the track and keep straight on along the valley bottom to the right of the hedge line.

08 Ignore a path on the right, cross over a stile and shortly afterwards turn left over stile (in the hedge line) and follow the footpath uphill towards Rotherfield Greys.

09 Go through a kissing gate to emerge on a road opposite St Nicholas' Church, cross the road and walk past the church and up to the Maltsters Pub. Time to take a break for refreshments and a look round the church.

10 To return to Henley take the footpath between the church and the pub (beside Williams Cottage) and follow the yellow arrow through two gates and across a field.

11 Pass through another gate, stopping to read the notice about the Natural Burial Ground and then walk diagonally across the field.



St Nicholas' Church, Rotherfield Greys

12 Pass through a kissing gate and turn left on to a broad track (This is the Chiltern Way).

13 After a short distance, pass through a gate and turn left on to Dog Lane and continue walking along Dog Lane for just over 500m.

14 After passing a house on the right, leave Dog Lane and take the footpath on the right indicated by a yellow arrow.

15 Pass through two kissing gates in quick succession and walk across a field to the Greys to Henley road.

16 Cross over the road on to a footpath quaintly named Pack and Prime Lane.

DID YOU KNOW?

Pack & Prime Lane is part of the ancient track linking Henley to Goring and Wallingford, cutting across the top of a long loop in the River Thames. Local legend has it that the name derives from the time of pack-horses and highway man – pack your horse and prime your pistol.

17 Follow this path through the woods with a little valley to the left, continuing on for just under a 1km.

18 Ignore the broad track that crosses the footpath and continue on the footpath following the blue arrow.

19 After another 800m, you will cross a footpath that you might recognise as part of the outgoing leg of the walk.

20 Keep going straight and the footpath becomes a narrow lane finally emerging on to the main road between Henley and Greys Green.

21 Turn right on to the main road and walk down the hill back into Henley Town centre.

Route 2

Apart from a short climb mid way through, it is easy walking for the rest of the route.

Directions

Distance: 8.8km (5.5 miles) Time: 2 hours

- 01 Leave the Town Hall and walk down Market Place towards the traffic lights.
- 02 At the intersection with Duke Street cross straight over into Hart Street and carry on walking pass St Mary the Virgin Church and, on the opposite side of the road, Speaker's House.

DID YOU KNOW?

St. Mary's the Virgin Church is basically a 13th century building, but was enlarged and remodelled in the 15th century and again in the 19th century, so the building history is hard to decipher. The 13th century church consisted of a sanctuary (chancel), nave, aisles and probably transepts. Externally there is no remnant of this church and the Early English style of the west doorway is, in fact, Victorian.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Speaker's House in Hart Street is said to be the birthplace of William Lenthall. He was the Speaker of the House of Commons during 1640 – 1653 (the Long Parliament) and openly defied the King but was later pardoned.

- 03 At the traffic lights, cross the road and walk over the bridge, keeping to the left hand side of the road.
- 04 Once you have crossed the bridge, turn left into the entrance to the Leander Club and almost immediately bear left into a short alley way leading to the Thames path in front of the Leander Club. *(NB During the Henley Regatta this section of the Thames Path is closed and there is a signposted diversion route around the rear of the Regatta site.)*

DID YOU KNOW?

The world famous Leander Club, founded in 1818, is one of the oldest rowing clubs in the world, and the oldest non-academic club. It has many famous Olympians amongst its membership.

- 05 Follow the Thames Path for 4.5km passing Remenham, Temple Island, and Hambleden Lock until you reach Aston Ferry Lane.

DID YOU KNOW?

Temple Island was constructed and designed as a fishing lodge for Fawley Court by Architect James Watt in 1771. The Island is now owned by Henley Royal Regatta and is the starting point of the 1.25 mile Regatta course.

- 06 Turn right and walk up the lane to arrive at the Flower Pot pub, a good place to stop and have a refreshing drink and/or a meal.
- 07 Turn right outside the front of the pub and walk up Remenham Lane in a westerly direction for just under 200m.
- 08 Then take the footpath to the left, either going over the stile or manoeuvring round the end of the field gate.
- 09 Walk up the hill and follow the path keeping to the left of the field, through a narrow strip of woodland to the top.
- 10 At a T junction of paths, turn right onto the other footpath and follow this path across the top of the hill for just over half a mile with fine views looking over the Thames and Hambleden valley. You will eventually arrive at Remenham Church Lane.
- 11 If the field gate is closed and locked, you will have to use the stile, turn left here and walk along the lane for about 250m until a footpath is reached going off to the right, signed Chiltern Way Berkshire Loop.
- 12 Take this path and proceed in a diagonally left direction across the field to woodland.
- 13 Continue straight ahead walking through the wood, then go over a stile at the end. Walk across a sloped meadow towards the fence line and woodland following the path that leads straight ahead and slightly to the right. *(NB There might be a temporary gate here.)*
- 14 Continue straight ahead through the woodland until another stile is reached; go over it taking care as there is a sharp drop to the right. You have entered Wilminster Park, notice the small dog's grave on the right.
- 15 Walk diagonally across the meadow to cross another stile before reaching a gate to Remenham Lane.
- 16 Cross the lane to a gap in the hedge to the path leading to the rear of the Leander Club.
- 17 Walk pass the building and when you reach the main road, turn right and walk across the bridge towards the Red Lion Hotel.
- 18 At the junction cross over into Hart Street and retrace your steps back to the Town Hall.

Route 3

A long walk with some hills to negotiate and some lovely views.

Directions

Distance: 11km (6.8 miles) Time: 2.5–3 hours

- 01 From the Town Hall and Market Place walk downhill. At the crossroads, turn left into Bell Street, passing the Old Bell Pub on the right hand side (reputedly one of Henley's oldest buildings).
- 02 Ignore the turning on the right (New Street, which leads down to the river) and continue along Bell Street.
- 03 At the two mini-roundabouts, go straight over the first and bear left at the second (signposted Wallingford and Stonor Park) into Northfield End.
- 04 Go past the Quaker Meeting House on the left and then further on the road becomes The Fairmile, an avenue of Turkey oaks and lime trees.
- 05 Carry straight on for just over 600m until you reach Lambridge Wood Road (opposite a recently planted vineyard).
- 06 Turn left into Lambridge Wood Road, and after about 150m take the bridleway on the right marked with a metal fingerpost. (Look carefully for the signpost as it can be partially hidden by laurel bushes. The path is between numbers 6 and 8 Lambridge Wood Road, opposite a large, newly constructed brick and flint wall.)
- 07 Follow the narrow woodland path uphill (with some fencing on either side) to enter the ancient woodland of Lambridge Woods (a designated Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)).



Bix Manor



Victorian Water Tank at Bix

- 08 Almost at the top of the slope, turn right (following the white arrow on the tree) and then follow the path as it bears left, along the edge of the wood.
- 09 Continue along this path, passing two large oak trees on the left hand side. Shortly, the roofs of buildings will be visible on the right hand side.
- 10 At the junction with path leading down, continue straight ahead (with the deer park on your right).

DID YOU KNOW?

Bix Manor is a 17th century house with alterations dating from 19th and 20th centuries. It is now popular as a wedding and functions venue.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Water Tank at Bix was constructed in 1895. Water has always been scarce in the Chilterns but during the second half of the 19th Century it was discovered that a lack of clean drinking water was not just an inconvenience, but the cause of significant and often fatal diseases such as cholera. Consequently efforts were made to improve the water supply. After the advent of piped water the tank fell into disuse and became derelict but was eventually restored between 1998 and 2002. Boris Johnson MP took part in the commemoration ceremony.

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Directions

(Continued)

- 11 At the end of this path, turn left along a hard-surfaced lane opposite an attractive cottage with a beautiful garden.
- 12 Follow the road, passing a converted barn on the right and then through woodland to its junction with a wider road.
- 13 Go straight ahead on this narrow hedge-lined road (ignoring a steep downhill lane to the right), down a slight slope and up the other side, passing houses on both sides, including Bix Manor and its ancient barn on the right and on the opposite side of the road the Bix Water Tank.
- 14 At the junction with the dual carriageway, cross over both lanes of the road with care into Rectory Lane, Bix.
- 15 Bear right across Bix Common Field, with the church on your left, following the grass path diagonally to the opposite corner.
- 16 At the road, bear right and begin to go downhill (White Lane). After a few hundred yards, take the footpath on the right hand side, passing through a wooden kissing gate (set back from the road and near a communications mast) to go sharply downhill on this hard-surfaced leylandii-lined path.
- 17 Go through the kissing gate, continuing downhill to reach a field. Follow the path around to the left hand edge of the field, through two further kissing gates either side of a small paddock to reach the village of Middle Assendon and the B480.
- 18 The Rainbow Pub is on your left hand side and a place to take some refreshments.



Henley Park



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The Barn at Bix Manor

- 19 Cross over the road and take the road opposite (signposted Fawley), turning right onto the Oxfordshire Way after just a few yards.
- 20 Follow the path uphill, crossing five stiles with fields and paddocks to reach the lane opposite Pond Cottage.
- 21 Cross over the lane and continue ahead along the hard-surfaced Oxfordshire Way, passing paddocks on your right hand side and then several large houses on your left. Including Henley Park.

DID YOU KNOW?

Henley Park was a medieval deer park and the house was once the dower house for Fawley Court.

- 22 As the road bears to the left to go downhill, continue straight ahead through a wooden kissing gate into a large open grassland area (Henley Park).
- 23 Follow the clearly marked track through Henley Park (please note that there are almost always sheep on this land and that dogs should be kept on a lead). There are wonderful views to the left towards Hambleden and the River Thames.
- 24 Continue to follow the track before descending to a wooden kissing gate.
- 25 Go through the gate to a wide path leading downhill, initially lined with box trees.

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Directions

(Continued)

- 26 Keep right as the path branches at the end of the woodland, to continue down a narrow path between two fences with views of The Fairmile and a long brick and flint wall (built by an early owner of Henley Park).
- 27 At the end of the path, turn left to rejoin The Fairmile, at Rupert House playing fields.
- 28 At the two mini-roundabouts, bear right (signposted Maidenhead and the Kenton Theatre) and carry straight on along Bell Street passing Rupert House School on the left.
- 29 Turn left down New Street, passing the Kenton Theatre on the left and Hotel du Vin on the right.
- 30 At the river, follow the road around to the right and on the opposite side of the Thames you will see the Leander Rowing Club.

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- 31 At the bridge, with the Red Lion Hotel on the right and The Angel pub opposite, turn right up Hart Street, along the raised walkway by the side of St. Mary's Church. Just before the crossroads, pass the gold post box. (Celebrating the success of the town's Leander Rowing Club in winning Gold Medals for GB).
- 32 At the crossroads, go straight over to return to Market Place and the Town Hall directly ahead.



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Leander Club

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We've got loads more walks for you to try. Download the new Brakspear app and see our collection of pubs that have three walks each, all starting and ending at that pub.

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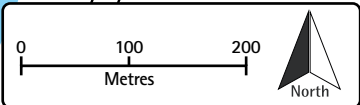


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Greys Hill

Anchor

58 Friday Street, RG9 1AH
01491 574753 www.theanchorhenley.co.uk
Open: Daily 12pm–12am
(10.30pm Sun)
Food served: All day.

Angel on the Bridge

Thameside, RG9 1BH
01491 410678 www.theangelhenley.com
Open: Daily 11am–12am (10.30pm Sun)
Food served: April to September
Mon–Sat 12pm–10pm Sun 12pm–7pm,
October to March
Mon–Fri 12pm–3pm & 6pm–10pm Sat 12pm–10pm
Sun 12pm–7pm

Bull on Bell Street

57/59 Bell Street, RG9 2BA
01491 576554 www.bullonbell.co.uk
Open: Mon–Thu 10am–11pm
Fri–Sat 10am–12.30am Sun 10am–11pm
Food served: Mon–Sat Lunch 12pm–6pm, Dinner 6pm–10pm
Sat–Sun Brunch 10am–1pm, Sun 12pm–6pm

Little Angel

Remenham, RG9 2LS
01491 411008 www.thelittleangel.co.uk
Open: Daily 11am–11pm
(Fri & Sat 12am and Sun 10pm)
Food served: Mon–Fri 12pm–3pm,
6.30pm–10pm, Sat 12pm–10pm
Sun 12pm–9pm

Old Bell

20 Bell Street, RG9 2BG
01491 414114 www.theoldbell.biz
Open: Mon 5pm–11.30pm
Tue–Thu 3pm–11.30pm Fri 3pm–late
Sat 12pm–7pm Thu 12pm–12am
Fri–Sat 12pm–2am Sun 6pm–11pm
Food served: Sun 12.30pm–4pm

Row Barge

West Street, RG9 2ED
01491 572649 www.therowbarge.com
Open: Mon–Thu 12pm–3pm, 5.30pm–11pm
Fri–Sun 12pm–12am
Food served: Tue–Sat 12pm–2pm, 7pm–9pm
Sun 12pm–3pm

Saracen's Head

129 Greys Road, RG9 1TE
01491 575929
Open: Mon–Fri 3pm–11pm
Sat 12pm–11pm Sun 12pm–10.30pm
Snack food served: Mon–Sat: All day
Sun lunch available 12pm–3pm

Station House

38 Market Place, RG9 2AH
01491 576561 www.stationhousehenley.co.uk
Open: Mon–Thu 12pm–11pm
Fri–Sat 12pm–12am,
Sun 12pm–10.30pm
Food served: Mon–Sat 12pm–3pm, 6pm–10pm
Sun 12pm–5pm

Three Horseshoes

90 Reading Road, RG9 1DN
01491 573971 www.threehorseshoeshenley.co.uk
Open: Daily from 12pm Mon–Thu until 11pm
Fri 12am Sat 11.30pm Sun 10.30pm
Food served: Mon–Fri 12pm–2.30pm, 6pm–9pm
Sat 12pm–9pm
Sun 12pm–7pm

Three Tuns

5 Market Place, RG9 2AA
01491 410138 www.threetunshenley.co.uk
Open: Tue–Fri 11.30am–11pm
Sat 11am–11.30pm Sun 11am–10pm
Food served: Tue–Sat 12pm–2.45pm, 6pm–9.45pm
Sun 12pm–4pm

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