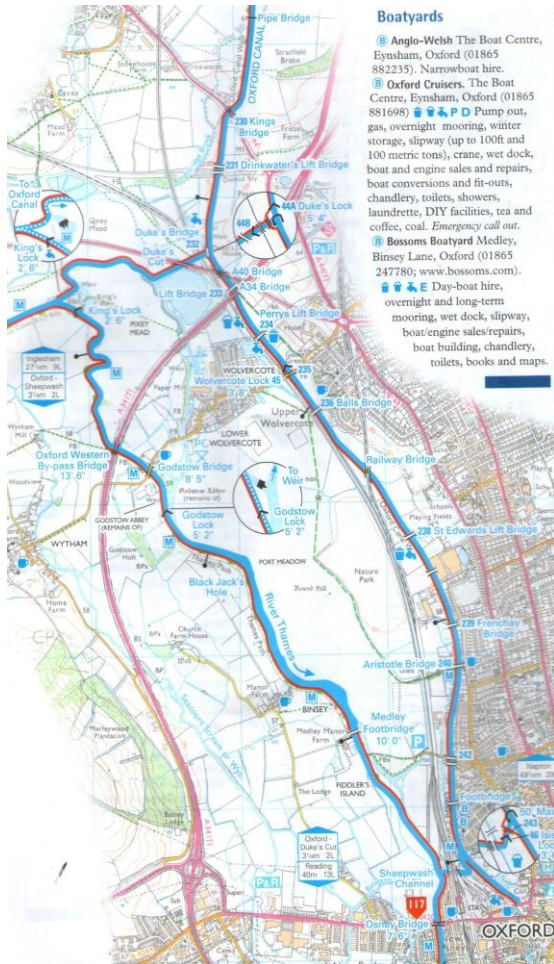


## Trip Aboard NB Roma on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014

This visit has been organised by John Temple

The visit is a trip aboard John Temple's Narrowboat, Roma. She is named after his mother, and he is aware of the pun and also of the meaning of the reverse spelling of her name.



From Osney Bridge (the lowest on the navigable Thames) we shall proceed upstream to Sheepwash Channel where we will cross to the Oxford Canal. Northwards through three locks and some swing bridges brings us to Duke's Cut, where we shall stop for lunch. (The "O" in Osney is pronounced as in *show* not as in *stop*.)

After lunch we'll continue through Duke's Cut to the River Thames. Turning south and negotiating several oxbows and two locks, we come to Godstow and then Port Meadow. And then we are back at Osney Bridge. The estimated time for the trip is four hours but remember that boats only have firm destinations. *ETA* is literally an estimate.

**Meet:** Aboard Roma, moored on Osney Island, south of Osney Bridge, at 11.00 am ready for departure before 11.30.

**Getting there:** by car: From A34, exit for Swindon (A420) and follow signs to Park and Ride. (Seacourt)

From M40 exit at J8 to Oxford; in about 5 miles turn left onto A4142 (Ring Road) and follow signs to A34 (north). Exit at A420 (Swindon) and follow signs to P&R (Seacourt).

From P&R: Take the P&R bus and get off at Osney Island. Cross the road, turn left and walk towards the bridge. Roma will be moored on the right. Note that there is a parking charge at Seacourt, currently £2.00 for 24 hours, but the P&R bus is free with a senior bus pass.

**You are advised not to drive through the city centre.**

**By train:** On leaving Oxford station do not go down the steps. Turn right to cross the Botley Road by the footbridge and follow walkway signs towards Botley. As you cross the river (by Osney Bridge), you will see Roma moored on the left. The walk takes less than 5 minutes.

**Lunch:** I will provide a sandwich lunch with beer, wine, tea or bottled water.

**Maximum size of party:** 8 (If more than 8 want to come, a second trip may be arranged.)

**Cost:** Free but a £5 donation towards the cost of lunch would be appreciated.

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**Latecomers:** Please don't be late.

This is Roma (so that you know what you're looking for)



and this is me (in case you forgot).

*John Temple*