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Maidenhead to Marlow

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| Length: | Main walk | 14.2km (8.8 miles) |
| | Extension to Bourne End | 19.1km (11.9 miles) |
| | Extension back to Cookham | 21.1km (13.1 miles) |
| | Marlow Circular | 14.6km (9.1 miles) |
| | Cookham Circular | 14.3km (8.9 miles) |
| | Maidenhead to Cookham | 8.2km (5.1 miles) |
| | Cookham to Marlow | 8.2km (5.1 miles) |
| | Thames Path to Bourne End | 9.5km (5.9 miles) |
| | Thames Path to Marlow | 14.8km (9.2 miles) |

Toughness: 3 out of 10: flat, with one short but steep hill climb.
1 out of 10 on the Thames Path options

Maps: OS Landranger 175, OS Explorer 172

Features

This is a simple outing along a very pretty stretch of the Thames. It is suitable for all times of the year, though the whole walk, and in particular the morning section along the river, is especially lovely when the leaves are turning in autumn. In winter the route is not excessively muddy, exceptions being the riverside route from Marlow to Cookham (*not on the main walk but used by the extensions, the Marlow Circular and the Thames Path options*), which can be very slithery and (much more rarely) even floods.

To begin with the walk takes a somewhat prosaic route for a mile or so through Maidenhead to get to the river by Brunel's famous Maidenhead Rail Bridge, the widest brick arch ever built. It then follows the Thames Path to Cookham, with the wooded escarpment of the Cliveden estate on the far side of the river. After lunch you climb up onto an escarpment with fine views of the Thames Valley. Finally, you descend into Marlow, a pretty eighteenth century town with lots of tea choices.

Extending the walk

- A pleasant way to extend this walk is to go back along the river to either Bourne End or Cookham after tea in Marlow. It is **5.5km (3.4 miles)** to **Bourne End** station by this route, making a total walk from Maidenhead of **19.1 (11.9 miles)**, and a further **2.4km (1.5 miles)** to

Cookham station, making a total walk from Maidenhead of **21.1km (13.1 miles)**. For directions see paragraph 54 on page 7.

Circular walks

- **Marlow Circular (14.6km/9.1 miles)**. This uses the riverside extension route from Marlow to Cookham mentioned above and then switches to the afternoon of the main walk to go over Winter Hill to Marlow. For directions see paragraph 55 on page 7.

- A **Cookham Circular (14.3km/8.9 miles)** is also possible, starting at Cookham station, doing the afternoon of the main walk over Winter Hill and then following the extension from Marlow back to Cookham mentioned in **Extending the walk** above. To do this, come out of Cookham station and follow the main road straight ahead for 500 metres to Cookham Moor (a green space) and carry on across that to the village. Walk up the main street of the village to the T-junction with a busy car road at its top and refer to paragraph 23 on page 5.

Shorter walks

- Since Cookham has a railway station, so it is possible to do either the morning or afternoon of the main walk as a short walk - **Maidenhead to Cookham** or **Cookham to Marlow**. Both are **8.2km (5.1 miles)** station to station. Directions for finishing in Cookham are in paragraph 22 on page 5. **To start from Cookham**, see the instructions for the Cookham Circular walk above.

- Another pleasant option is to simply **stay on the Thames Path** after lunch at Cookham, following it to Bourne End and Marlow. It is **2.3km (1.4 miles)** from Cookham to **Bourne End** by this route, making a total walk from Maidenhead of **9.5km (5.9 miles)**, and a further **5.3km (3.3 miles)** to **Marlow**, making a total walk from Maidenhead of **14.8km (9.2 miles)**. For directions see paragraph 67 on page 8.

Transport

TFL Rail stopping trains and faster GWR ones go from **Paddington** to Maidenhead with a high frequency. Catch a train that gets you to Maidenhead between **10.30am** and **11am** (or arriving at Marlow or Cookham at the same time if doing the circular options).

Trains back from **Marlow** are hourly, changing at Maidenhead, so get **a day return to Marlow**, unless you have a TFL Freedom Pass, in which case you can travel for free to Maidenhead so long as you use TFL trains, and only need a single from Marlow to Maidenhead. **Bourne End** and **Cookham** are intermediate stops on the Marlow branch. Don't be alarmed when the train reverses direction at **Bourne End**.

Lunch

There is an **open air kiosk cafe** (open daily to 5pm or 6pm in summer, to 4pm in winter - weather permitting) on **Ray Mill Island** by Boulters Lock, 3.2km (1.2 miles into the walk) and also a terrace bar ("Boulters").

In **Cookham**, 7.1km (4.4 miles) into the main walk and 7.6km (4.7 miles) into the Marlow Circular walk, there are several pub options, all of them serving excellent food at the time of writing:

The oddly named **Bel and the Dragon** (01628 521263 www.belandthedragon.co.uk), which describes itself as a "country pub and eating house", is more like a restaurant in that it has table service and prices to match. It serves food 12-3pm on Saturdays and 12-9pm on Sundays.

The **Kings Arms** (01628 530667 www.thekingsarmscookham.co.uk) just down the street is a traditional inn that has been imaginatively revamped. It offers creative food at cheaper prices than Bel and the Dragon, though the portions are not that large. Food is served all afternoon daily.

The same might also be said about the **Crown** (01628 520163) at the bottom of the high street, just where it opens out onto Cookham Moor. This has had a also had a revamp and now has a menu with interesting twists on classic dishes. It has some outside tables overlooking the Moor.

The **Teapot Tea Shop** (01628 529 514) in Cookham High Street also serves light lunches - baked potatoes, paninis, welsh rarebit and the like, with large portions of salad. It has a garden area and is open till 5pm daily.

If you are on the **Cookham Circular** walk, **Marlow**, 7.4km (4.6 miles) into the walk, has plentiful lunch options: see below under **Tea**.

Tea

The best choice in Marlow, if you can get there in time is **Burgers** (01628 483389 www.burgersartisanbakery.com). Despite its name (which is Swiss and properly pronounced "burgers"), this is a very pleasant patisserie - a Marlow institution in fact - with a wide choice of homemade cakes. It is open until 5pm Monday to Saturday and 4pm Sunday, but last orders in the tea room are half an hour before that. There is both a table service section and a self-service counter.

Otherwise Marlow High Street has lots of other cafes, though they seem to change their names at regular intervals. Two reliable back stops are **Starbucks**, 150 metres up the high street on the left, open to 7pm daily, and the **George and Dragon Inn**, just before Burgers, which offers Costa coffee and tea and a good selection of deserts well into the evening. Also a good choice is the very comfortable **Marlow Donkey** pub just at the start of the station approach in Marlow, which also serves hot drinks and cakes.

On walk options passing through **Bourne End**, the **Bounty Inn** is a quirky pub with a lovely riverside setting and lots of outside tables. There is nothing near Bourne End station.

If **ending the walk at Cookham**, as well as the places mentioned under **Lunch** there are two pubs on the way to the Cookham station - the **White Oak** and the **Swan Uppers**, and just across the road from the station the **Pizza Dreams Cafe** open to 9pm daily. Just beyond the level crossing to the right of the station is a **Costa Coffee** open to 6.30pm daily.

WALK DIRECTIONS

Maidenhead station to Boulter's Lock (3.2km/2 miles)

For **Marlow Circular** walk go to paragraph 55 on page 7.

For any option **starting in Cookham** see the instructions in the description of the **Cookham Circular** walk on page 2.

1. Coming down the steps off the platform at Maidenhead, turn right to the rear exit of the station in Shoppenhangars Road, and turn left down the road
 - **If this exit is closed**, leave by the station by main exit and turn right towards the main road, passing to the right of the clock tower. Turn right under the railway bridge and at its far end turn left across the main road at the traffic lights. Carry on down the cycle path straight ahead of you and continue the directions in paragraph 3.
2. In 80 metres go straight across a dual carriageway main road at the traffic lights. Carry straight on down a cycle path beyond, signposted 'Stafferton Way
- Car Park', with the railway embankment to your left.
3. In 120 metres turn right with the cycle path, passing a brick multi-storey car park on your left.
4. In 80 metres turn left down the front of the car park and in 60 metres follow the cycle path around to the right in front of a retail complex, to come to a main road.
5. Turn left on the main road, with the retail complex now to your left.
6. In 200 metres, at the end of the retail complex and just before a bridge over a stream, turn right off the road onto a tarmac footpath, signposted as a cycle path and as 'Green Way to Bray'.
7. Follow this path with a stream to your left. In 250 metres turn left over a bridge, crossing what is now a river. Keep straight on down the lane beyond.
8. In 60 metres ignore a residential road to the left. In another 60 metres you come to a roundabout. Veer slightly left across this (ie more or less straight on) up a

road leading to a railway bridge. You need to cross to the right-hand side of this road as the pavement on the left-hand side soon ends.

9. In 150 metres keep straight on at a mini-roundabout to pass under the railway bridge and keep straight on.
10. In another 150 metres turn right up Oldacres.
11. Ignore ways off. In 350 metres, at the far end of this road, enter Guards Club Park. Walk straight ahead across the grass for 70 metres to get a fine close-up view of Brunel's famous brick railway bridge.

Maidenhead rail bridge, completed in 1839, is one of the great achievements of the brilliant 19th century engineer, Isambard Kingdom Brunel.

Its arches are the widest brick spans ever built - 128ft (39 metres) wide but only 24 ft (7 metres) high. Like many of Brunel's bridges, this was a one-off engineering solution built for a specific reason: he wanted the Great Western Railway line from London to Bristol to be completely flat, with no gradients, and so wouldn't allow a higher bridge with a slope up to it.

This is the bridge that features in Turner's famous 1844 painting *Rail, Steam and Speed*, now in the National Gallery. Its easternmost arch is also known as the Sounding Arch for its formidable echo. To try it out, cross the river via the road bridge and then take the first road to the right on the far side, which takes you right under the bridge on the Thames Path.

12. Turn left along the riverbank, noting an information panel to the right in 30 metres by a footbridge, which has the history of this small park. When level with this panel fork left across the grass to leave the park by its north exit in 70 metres.
13. Carry on down a tarmac driveway, which becomes a road and in 170 metres comes out on a large roundabout. Keep to the right of this to cross the approach road to the bridge. Beyond, keep to the left-hand edge of the park, following Ray Mead Road, the A4094 to Cookham.
14. Where the park ends, carry on past a row of white houses on the right. **[!]** But in 40 metres, at the end of the first set of houses, **turn right up a tarmac**

path, signposted Thames Path (but not very clearly). *If you miss this turning do not worry as the road brings you back to the riverside anyway in 130 metres.*

15. At the river, turn left along its bank. You now follow the Thames Path all the way to Cookham, a distance of 5km (3 miles).
16. In 900 metres you pass **Boulter's Lock** on your right.
 - A new terrace bar ("Boulters") just to the right is a possible **coffee stop**, but it is also worth taking 15 minutes or so to explore the tranquil **Ray Mill Island** beyond it, which has a seasonal **open air café** and gives you a fine view of the dramatic **Boulter Weir** (not otherwise seen on this walk). **To reach the island** cross the stone bridge over the lock and turn left before the terrace bar up a driveway. In 60 metres turn right through a green metal gate over a wooden bridge. Once across the bridge, ignore another one over the rest of the river, and turn left for the café (and **toilets**) as well as for the view of the weir from the far end of the island. There is no other exit from the island, however, so to continue the walk you have to return to Boulter Lock and turn right on the riverside path along the road.

Boulters Lock was "known throughout the Empire" in late Victorian and Edwardian times as a place where high society gathered to "mess about in boats", a popular pastime that also obsessed city clerks, as notably described in Jerome K Jerome's 1889 novel *Three Men in a Boat*.

There were regattas, carnivals and processions on this stretch of the river, particularly in Ascot Week in June, with bystanders dressing in their best clothes to watch. All of this was brought to an end by the outbreak of the First World War in 1914.

Boulter's Lock to Cookham **(4km/2.5 miles)**

17. Beyond Boulter's Lock keep along the riverside. In 250 metres veer right away from the road on the riverside path.
18. The path initially has house gardens to the left. There are then woods for 400 metres, and open fields after that. At

the start of this open section, look out for a fine view straight ahead of **Cliveden House** on top of the escarpment on the far side of the river. (It may not be visible in summer). The steep wooded slopes across the river belong to the house and are now owned by the National Trust.

19. After 1.2 kilometres of open fields, having passed two houses and a boat house on the Cliveden estate on the far side of the river (- a key location in the **Profumo scandal** of 1963 - see panel below), and nearly level with two more houses visible ahead, follow the path as it turns abruptly left away from the river.

Cliveden was famous as the home of the Astor family in late 19th and early 20th century, when it was the centre of high society. But in 1961 it also became the centre of the notorious 'Profumo Affair' when John Profumo, minister for war in the Conservative government, was found to have been meeting showgirl Christine Keeler at a time when she was also having an affair with an attache at the Soviet Embassy.

Seven Gable Cottage, the house after the Boat House on the far side of the river - visible in paragraph 19 of this walk - was the place where the two met. Cliveden house is now a hotel, but the National Trust-owned gardens are open to the public - though not accessible from this walk.

20. In 400 metres the path curves left, parallel to a tarmac driveway and in 200 metres merges with the driveway. Keep on along this, passing houses to the right.
21. In 500 metres you come to a main road where you go right.
22. In 200 metres you come to a three-way junction, with **Cookham High Street** to the left. The lunch stops are down this street: first **Bel and the Dragon** on the right, then **The Kings Arms** on the left, with the **Teapot Tea Shop** about 60 metres further on the same side, and finally **The Crown** on the right just after the High Street opens out into **Cookham Moor**, a wide open space.
- **To go to Cookham station at this point** (ie if you are on the **short walk** from **Maidenhead to Cookham**) simply follow the road across Cookham Moor, the open

space ahead, for 350 metres. Beyond, carry on up the road to find Cookham station on the left in 500 metres.

Cookham to Winter Hill **(3.8km/2.3 miles)**

23. After lunch **retrace your steps** to the **top** end of the high street, where the Bel and the Dragon pub is on your left and the Stanley Spencer Gallery on your right. Turn left here onto the main road, the A4094.
- **If you have had lunch at the Crown** come out of the pub and turn right along the edge of Cookham Moor. In 50 metres ignore a signposted path to the right, but in another 40 metres turn right up a track (and through a gate?) into a large open field. Keep up the right-hand side of this for 450 metres until you come alongside a yacht club and then carry on another 70 metres to the riverbank: turn left on this and refer to bullet point in paragraph 25, then paragraph 26.
24. In 80 metres veer left off the road up a side road - Church Gate - leading to Cookham Church. Walk through the churchyard, passing to the left of the church, and follow the path to the far corner of the churchyard to exit it through the remains of a kissing gate.
25. 50 metres beyond the gate turn left on the riverside path. To begin with there are buildings and then a sailing club to your left but in 250 metres you emerge into a wide riverside meadow.
- For **the Thames Path option to Bourne End or Marlow**, stay on the *riverbank* and refer to paragraph 67 on page 8.
26. Otherwise, in 120 metres more, as the river curves right, **leave the riverbank** by keeping more or less straight on across the grass, coming to a large ditch with mini-pylons running along it in 80 metres. Cross the ditch on a footbridge and turn right on the path along its far side.
27. In 400 metres the path curves left through a kissing gate to the left of a cattle grid and in 30 metres passes under a railway bridge.
28. Beyond the bridge ignore a track and gate uphill ahead but instead fork right, passing through a kissing gate in 20

metres. Carry on up a short slope to continue along the base of the hill with a line of trees to your right.

29. In 200 metres there is another kissing gate and you are now out in the open meadows (National Trust-owned **Cock Marsh**) with the hill rising steeply to your left.
30. In another 250 metres there is a causeway out across the meadows to your right. 10 metres beyond this **take a steep narrow path slanting up the hill to your left**, signposted by an arrow on a post.
 - This path can be a little slippery in wet weather: if you find it too steep, stay on the path along the base of the hill and in 300 metres or so you will find a wider track slanting up the hill: this is the track joined by the walk route in paragraph 33 below: but if you go this way you miss some fine views.
31. Climb all the way to the top of the hill on the steep path and carry on along the top of the ridge, with fine views to your right.
32. Ignore a path leading uphill to kissing gate in 250 metres to stay on the edge of the escarpment.
33. In 400 metres more the path enters a wooded area and descends for 200 metres to merge with a track rising up from the right. Follow this very gently uphill.
34. In 100 metres pass through a kissing gate to the right of a metal fieldgate.
35. In 170 metres, after a level section and 20 metres after the track has turned left uphill, **veer right off the track** onto a path, which follows the contour of the hill.
36. In 200 metres go straight ahead across a road junction, up a bank, across another road and on up a path into the woods.
37. In 50 metres ignore a path to the left up to the road, but instead fork right onto a path that stays inside the wood, still contouring the hill.
38. In 70 metres this path turns left up some wooden steps for 20 metres, then turns right again and levels off.
39. In another 60 metres it again turns left up some wooden steps, coming to a T-junction: turn right here, still on a path in the woods

40. In 150 metres the path emerges into an open space - the National Trust-owned **Winter Hill**, and keeps roughly to its top (left-hand) edge.

Winter Hill to Marlow **(3.2km/2 miles)**

41. In 300 metres, at the end of the open space, carry on up a path into the bushes.
42. In 40 metres turn right downhill on a track. In 20 metres more, just before the gates of a house, veer right onto a footpath.
43. Follow this path along the contour of the hill, with the wall and later chain-link fence of the house to your left.
44. In 250 metres keep right at a fork, slightly downhill.
45. In another 300 metres you come to a road. **Do not cross the road** but take the path to the right, downhill on steps.
46. Follow this for 400 metres to another road. Cross the road and carry on up a footpath on the far side into a wooded strip, with a stream to its right and open fields beyond.
47. In 250 metres turn right across a footbridge to go down the right-hand edge of a field.
48. In 130 metres, at the end of the field, pass through a gate and go under the A404 through the flood tunnels. ***If the tunnels* are flooded, return to the road you crossed in paragraph 46 and turn left on it. This will take you under the A404 and all the way to Marlow Bridge (paragraph 52). You have to be very careful of the traffic for the first 250 metres, but then a pavement starts on the right-hand side of the road.***

** Opened by local MP Theresa May in 2006, apparently...*
49. Beyond the tunnels pass through a gate and veer slightly left diagonally across a field (ie converging slowly with its left-hand edge). *The path across this field is sometimes indistinct or obscured by crops, but the official footpath route is as described.*
50. In 300 metres exit the field just short of its far left-hand corner and turn right down the edge of the adjacent field.
51. In 30 metres cross a track at a three-armed footpath sign and carry on along a path between two fields towards houses.

52. In 180 metres, when you get to the road, turn right on it. In 300 metres you come to **Marlow Bridge**. Cross this, passing the church on the right and with a park left.

Marlow Bridge, opened in 1832, is one of two remaining suspension bridges designed by William Tierney Clark. If it looks familiar, it is because the exact same design, though considerably scaled up, was used for the Széchenyi Bridge that links Buda and Pest in Budapest, which opened in 1849. Clark also designed the original Hammersmith Bridge in London (1827), but this was replaced by a more robust structure in the 1880s.

53. In 100 metres you pass the **George & Dragon** pub on your right-hand side, and 50 metres beyond it **Burgers** patisserie, the recommended tea stop, on the same side. Marlow high street, with other tea options, is straight on, including **Starbucks** on the left in 150 metres.
54. After tea **you have a choice:**
- **To get to Marlow station**, turn right up the road just beyond Burgers patisserie (ie opposite the entrance to the park - Station Road). In 80 metres ignore St Peter Street to the right, and in 200 metres ignore Mill Street to the right and Station Rise to the left. 200 metres beyond this you come to a five-way road junction with the **Marlow Donkey** pub on your right. Veer right here up Station Approach, ignoring ways off, and follow it all the way to the end to find **Marlow station's** single platform in 130 metres.
 - To do the **extension to Bourne End or Cookham** (or if you are on the **Cookham Circular**) retrace your steps down Marlow high street to the church. Enter the churchyard through the gap to the left of the gates and fork left on a tarmac path along a line of yew trees. In 70 metres the path runs between brick walls and in 60 metres emerges into a road opposite the Two Brewers pub. Turn right on this road and then in 20 metres, immediately after pub, turn left up another path between high brick walls. Follow the twists and turns of this until it emerges onto a road in 200 metres. Turn right on the road. Ignore Thamesmead Gardens to the left in 30 metres. In 80 metres more, with the river visible ahead, follow the road around to the left. *Now refer to paragraph 59 below.*
- Marlow to Cookham**
(7.6km/4.7 miles)
- This is the start of the **Marlow Circular***
55. From the single platform at Marlow station walk forward and up the station approach road.
56. In 130 metres cross Lock Road, passing the **Marlow Donkey** pub on your left, and carry on down Station Road.
57. In 180 metres ignore Station Rise, a cul du sac, to your right, but shortly afterwards **turn left** down Mill Road.
58. Follow this road for 300 metres to reach the River Thames just by **Marlow Weir**. Turn left along the road along the river.
59. In 100 metres there is a signposted path to **Marlow Lock** to the right, which is worth a quick look (it takes just a few minutes) but **your onward route** is to remain on the road.
60. In another 100 metres the road turns right and in 50 metres left again. In another 50 metres go sharp right onto a tarmac path into a park, following the Thames Path sign.
61. Follow this path for 150 metres until it comes to the riverbank and turns left along the bank, with the river on your left.
62. You now stay on the Thames Path. The way is never in doubt and passes first in 300 metres under the A404 road bridge, then past sport fields into open meadows with the railway line to your left.
63. In 3km (1.8 miles) you come to the houses of **Bourne End**. Ignore a way to railway line crossing to the left here and keep straight on along a riverside path that threads between the gardens of houses.
64. In 1km you come to a **railway bridge** over the Thames
- **To end the walk at Bourne End station** go under the railway bridge and 20 metres beyond it take an unlikely-looking path *sharp left* (that is doubling back towards the railway line) up steps to the left. This brings you alongside the railway line and

you follow this for 300 metres to the station.

- **For a refreshment stop** *cross the railway bridge* and when you come down the steps at its far end (at which point you are *facing* the river) *turn left* along the riverbank for 200 metres to come to the **Bounty Inn** on the left.
 - **To continue with the Marlow Circular walk** or the **Cookham Circular** or **the extension to Cookham** *cross the railway bridge*. When you come down the steps at its far end (at which point you are *facing* the river) *turn right* onto the riverbank. Continue with the directions in the next paragraph.
65. Follow the riverside path, with the river now on your left, for just over a kilometre until the river bends decisively to the left and you can see the houses of Cookham ahead to the left. **Leave the riverbank** at this point going more or less straight ahead (perhaps slightly to the right) across a big grassy open space. Aim initially just to the left of a line of mini-pylons on the right-hand edge of the open space.
66. As you approach the far end of the open space in 500 metres, aim for a point about 100 metres to the left of the mini-pylon line, where you will find a fieldgate with a kissing gate to its right. Pass through this.
- For the **Marlow Circular** walk, turn left just after this gate. In 200 metres you pass the **Crown Inn** on your left. Carry on up Cookham High Street, passing the **Teapot Tea Shop** and **King's Arms** on the right-hand side, and then, at the top of the high street, **Bel and the Dragon** on the left. At this point you come to a T-junction with a busy road. Turn left here and continue with paragraph 24 on page 5.
 - For **Cookham station**, walk forward 80 metres to cross a road and go 30 metres further on to climb a grassy bank turn right on an old road, over a stone bridge. In 130 metres you rejoin the car road. In 50 metres you pass the **White Oak** pub on your right, in another 100 metres the **Swan Uppers** pub. In 300 metres more the **Pizza Dreams Cafe** is on your right, **Cookham station** is ahead left and just beyond the level crossing on the left is **Costa Coffee**.

Riverside option from Cookham

**2.3km/1.4 miles to Bourne End,
7.6km/4.7 miles to Marlow**

67. Staying on the riverside in paragraph 25 on page 5, in 1.2km you come to Bourne End railway bridge, which you cross (*though for a refreshment stop do not cross the bridge but stay on the riverside for 200 metres to find the Bounty Inn*).
68. At the far end of the bridge (ie, having crossed it):
- For **Bourne End station** *turn right* for 20 metres and then take an unlikely-looking path *sharp left* (that is doubling back towards the railway line) up steps to the left. This brings you alongside the railway line to come to the station in 300 metres.
 - **To continue to Marlow** turn left and continue with the next paragraph.
69. For 500 metres or so the path runs between garden fences and then for another 500 metres along the riverfront of Bourne End, but finally you are out into riverside meadows again.
70. In another 3km (1.8 miles more), you pass under the A404 and in 100 metres more you are on a narrow path between a fence and the river. In 100 metres you emerge into a small riverside park.
71. In another 100 metres follow the tarmac path as it forks right, away from the river and across the grass. In 150 metres this brings you to a residential road. **Here you have a choice.**
- **For a direct route to Marlow station** turn right on the road and then left in 40 metres up Lock Road. Follow this for 300 metres to find the **Marlow Donkey**, a possible tea option, on your left: turn sharp right in front of the pub down the station approach to find the station at the end in 130 metres.
 - **For other tea options** turn left on the road and continue with the directions in the next paragraph.
72. In 50 metres the road turns right and then in another 50 metres left. In 100 metres there is a path to **Marlow Lock** on the left - worth a brief look, but a dead end. Otherwise, stay on the road.
73. In 100 metres the road turns right away from the river.

74. In another 100 metres turn left up a path between high walls. Follow this as it twists and turns until it emerges onto another road in 200 metres, with the **Two Brewers** pub to your right.
75. Turn right onto the road, but then in 20 metres, just after the pub, turn left up another path between high walls.
76. In 60 metres you emerge into Marlow churchyard. Keep straight ahead to come to a road in 70 metres.
77. Carry on up the road. In 60 metres you pass the **George & Dragon** pub on your right, and 50 metres further on **Burgers** patisserie, the recommended tea stop, on the same side. Marlow High Street with other tea options is straight on: eg **Starbucks** on the left in 150 metres.
78. After tea to get to Marlow station, turn right up the road just beyond Burgers patisserie - Station Road.
79. In 80 metres ignore St Peter Street to the right, and in 200 metres ignore Mill Street to the right and, just beyond, Station Rise to the left.
80. In 200 metres more you come to a five-way road junction, with the **Marlow Donkey** pub on your right. Veer right here up Station Approach and follow it all the way to the end to find **Marlow station's** single platform in 130 metres.