

²Baker, J. A., Intro. Mark Cocker & Ed. John Fanshawe, *The Peregrine, The Hill of Summer & Diaries*, (London: Harper Collins, 2010), p290, Ingatestone Pedallers first took this route on Wednesday 24 April 2013.

Common.

Highwood Road, Edney Highwood on the right along Turn right on the right along Take Nathan's Lane, the Barn Lane if you wish). (you can cut the ride short to Writtle Park on the right past the bridge turning on to Wyses's Road on the left and travel up straight on to Wyses's Road on the left on the left. You pass the small church on the right and the turning Highwood. Go past school on the right and the new eco-friendly village Edney Cn'n Writtle". Turn right and travel through Loves Green, "Barrow Farm Riding Disabled Blackmore" and right to "Loves Green Blackmore Road/Highwood Road with the road sign pointing left to Lane and on to the junction with past Oddy's wood yard and Cock Deer). Past Highwood Cottage on the right and around the bend on the left and High Woods on Highwood with Deerslade Wood Ingatestone & Fryerning into Down the hill you pass out of



From Ingatestone Market Place proceed up via Bakers Lane to Fryerning Lane, turning left and following the road to the green at Huskards. Continue to The Crickeeters PH on Mill Green Common and through the woods (Stoneymore and Mill Green Common) to the Viper PH. Bear left at the junction and take Ingatestone Road towards Blackmore/Highwood.

Loves Green & Edney Common road sign



1955 – Sunday, April 24th N.W. Cold & strong. Sunny. 4.5-5.6. 9 A.M. to 2.30 P.M. To Barrow Wood, Deerslade Wood, W'park, and Edney Wood. I flushed a Partridge from the grass verge, on the Edney Common road.²



THE RIDE



Ingatestone Pedallers Social Cycling Group

"J. A. BAKER LOOP"

CYCLE RIDE



MAPS: OS: Landranger 167 - Chelmsford, Harlow & Bishop's Stortford, Explorer 175 - Southend on Sea & Basildon and 183 - Chelmsford & The Rodings; Sustrans Cycle Maps: Essex & the Thames Estuary Cycle Map
START & FINISH: Ingatestone Market Place, grid ref TQ649994
FURTHEST POINT IN THE RIDE: Junction of Nathan's Lane and Margaretting Road at Bumpstead's Farm grid ref TL671046

King Wood and Chapel Wood bisected by the Margaretting Road, looking north-June 2010¹

¹ All photographs Robert W Fletcher

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Swan Lane at the Tye.

Lanes by Chelmsford City Council, the other in Margaretting being are both designated Green turning on the left further on, Lane and the Handley Green right to Copfold Hall. Ivy Barn past the private turning on the You travel along Ivy Barn Lane

Family friend "Tony" with H J C "Skip" Seymour at Copfold Hall, Margaretting-c-1968



Turn right at the junction and go past the houses on the right and Southwood Farm on the left until Wood on the right and Chapel Lodge and Copfold Hall Cottages on the right and Bearman's Farm on the left to the A12 bridge before Margaretting. Turn right before the A12 bridge by the hotel and down the road and cross the oncoming A12 slipway from the London direction carefully to take Ivy Barn Lane towards Mill Green.

Ride past the few houses at the top of the lane, and then sweep down with views of open country across Writtle and Mid-Essex on your left and Little and Great Edney Woods on the right. Past Jordan's Farm and the other properties to the junction with Margaretting Road, with Writtle to the left and Margaretting to the right. It is suggested you rest here, the furthest point in the ride from the start.

"1955 – Monday, April 25th N. - cold & strong. Sunny, 5.6-4.2. Sunny first, cloudy later. 5.45. to 10.30. Edney Wood & Writtlepark... As I rode down Nathan's Lane, Owls called on both sides of the xxx lane, five or six of them, at least. I've never heard so many together, seeing me off.³

You ride past Dawes Farm on the left and come to the brideway emerging on the right from Writtle Park at Redindyke Farm and Wells and Sheds. Keep on past Whitegates on the right until go up the short hill where you reach the Ingatestone Road junction near The Viper PH once again. You then travel back to Ingatestone Market Place in reverse or, if so inclined, you can turn left by Mill Green House taking Mill Lane, Back Lane, Little Hyde Lane and New Road to the High Street and thence to your starting point at Ingatestone Market Place that way.

Ceramic mural by Philippa Threlfall (1968) on The Chequers, Market Place, Ingatestone-October 2010



The ride is approximately 10 miles and the loop has taken you around some of the favourite Essex woodland of naturalist and writer J. A. Baker (1926-1987).

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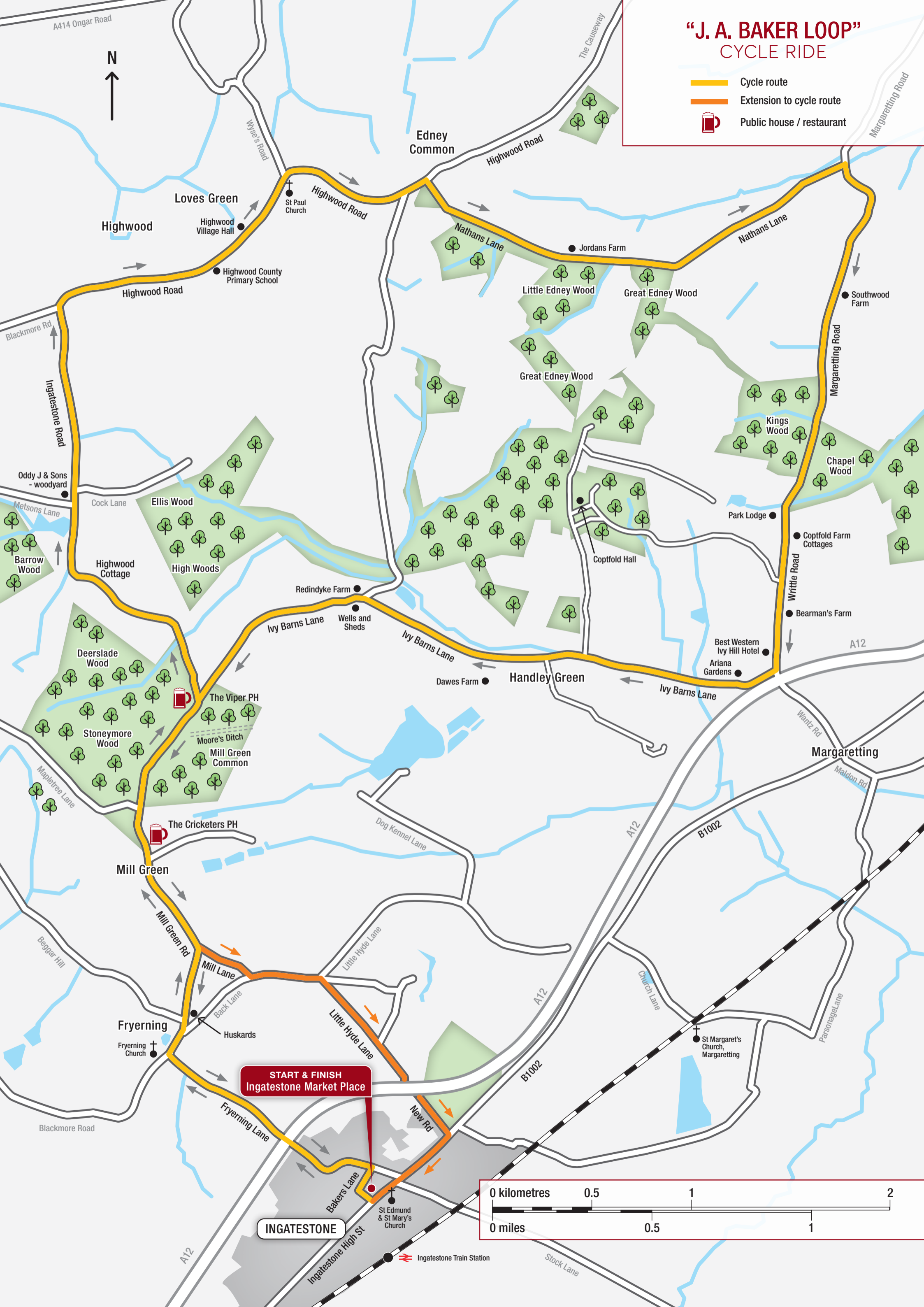
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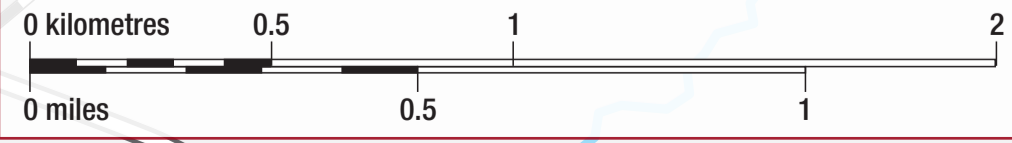
Sunlight falls down through the tree canopy in King Wood, looking east-June 2010

"J. A. BAKER LOOP" CYCLE RIDE

-  Cycle route
-  Extension to cycle route
-  Public house / restaurant



START & FINISH
Ingestone Market Place



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St Edmund & St Mary's Church
Ingestone Train Station