The Veteran-Cycle Club was founded in 1955 to promote the riding and conservation of older cycles, as well as the study of cycles and cycling history.

We publish nine magazines a year, which cover both cycle history and Club activities. News & Views focuses on current events, and The Boneshaker records aspects of cycling history.

We have a library of over 10,000 cycling related documents available for members to reference, and there is a rolling programme to make these available on-line.

We have access to specialists who can help with specific aspects of cycling history and machines.

The Club also operates the John Pinkerton Memorial Publishing Fund, which publishes new and reprinted books with historic cycle interest.

Find out more at:

http://www.v-cc.org.uk
Raleigh Lightweight Tour, City and Trail bikes are all hand-built by Lightweight Division craftsmen, the same Division that builds Raleigh's road and mountain racing team bikes. Lightweight is also responsible for Raleigh's continuous research and development programme dedicated to refining and improving cycle technology to produce the ideal machine for every cycling discipline.

RANDONNEUR
Raleigh's ultimate long-distance tourer, capable of carrying you and your equipment to the ends of the earth. A full 531ST tubeset with Shimano forged vertical dropouts is fitted with the proven Shimano Deore 7-speed SIS indexed Hyperglide cassette and 48-38-28 Biopace chainrings for the steep laden climbs.

Shimano cantilever brakes give superb control over heavy loads and fast descents and the unique Shimano PDT-100 dual-format pedals offer you the choice of flat-sole touring shoes or cleats.

From the Brooks Professional pre-softened leather saddle to the Mavic M3CD hard anodised rims laced with super-strength 13/14 gauge spokes at the rear, no detail is ignored for trouble-free touring - even down to the spare spokes on the chainstay braze-ons!

Load up your Blackburn 4-point rear carrier, your front low rider, and go...

Sizes: 54, 57, 60, 64cms. Weight: 13.40kg.
Colours: Gunmetal, White trim.
THE STRONG HEART
OF YOUR TOURING CYCLE

The frame is the heart of every bike's performance, whether you're climbing Alpine slopes or commuting through stop-start traffic.

Raleigh specify Reynolds butted main frame tubes for every bike in the Lightweight range, with additional Reynolds stays and fork blades for the premium models.

Reynolds tubing has an unequalled reputation for combining strength and lightness, responsiveness and durability, making it the ideal cycle tourist's companion.

ROYAL

Another superb long-distance touring cycle with full Reynolds 531ST tubeset, and all the braze-ons a serious tourist could wish for.

The 18-speed Shimano Biopace triple chainset and SIS indexed gears give you the capability to tackle any journey, with the confidence of cantilever brakes and strong Alesa anodised alloy wheels shod with 28C reflective tyres providing the grip to match the load.

The alloy randonneur bars and Isca leather-covered sprung saddle ensure long-distance comfort on a cycle that's begging to be ridden over any horizon.

Sizes: 54, 57, 60, 64cms. Weight 13.20kg. Colours: Black, Silver trim.

- especially in the purpose-designed 531ST Super Tourist tubing used on Randonneur and Royal.

Indeed, stock Randonneurs carried the British Army Trans-Himalayas expedition in 1987 to a successful ascent of two major peaks, and Raleigh Lightweights took the Crane brothers 2,984 miles in 58 days on their epic 'Journey to the Centre of the Earth' from Chittagong to the Dzungarian desert in Russia.

This year, the revolutionary new Dyna-Tech performance-enhanced frame is available on the Tour-Lite, giving this fast day tourer an ideal combination of strength, comfort and speed.

THE GEOMETRY OF COMFORT

All Raleigh Lightweights feature varying geometry according to frame size and type to give maximum rider comfort and efficiency, with the stability that touring loads demand.

Our ladies models are specifically tailored to their different dimensions.

Your Raleigh Lightweight dealer will give you expert advice on the correct frame size – the choice of model depends on your needs.
The Dyna-Tech frame on the Tour-Lite is the result of years of research and thousands of miles of testing under the most demanding conditions. Its revolutionary assembly process uses a high-technology bonding material to join Reynolds tubing with precisely-machined aluminium lugs in a frame that's up to 20% stronger in the critical tube joint areas. This extra strength shows up in the responsiveness, rigidity and pinpoint steering precision of the bike, making it ideal for the fast day tourer or cycle commuter.

**TOUR-LITE**

Revolutionary new Dyna-Tech training geometry frame with Reynolds 2055 main tubes, stays and fork blades. Equipped with the latest 21-speed Shimano 500LX groupset, its combination of Hyperglide indexed rear gears and Superglide Biopace chainrings offers slick, reliable shifting complemented by the smooth SLR Dual Pivot brakes.

Speed is the essence of this fast day tourer, with the sleek good looks of a racing machine blended with the practicality of full mudguards and 4-point fixing alloy rear carrier. Make light work of your next tour!

TOURISTE LADY

The perfect companion to the gentleman's model, the Touriste Lady is specifically designed to offer the lady cyclist maximum comfort without sacrificing pedalling efficiency. Reynolds 531 butted tubing makes up the heart of the frame, with all-alloy componentry from Shimano, Alesa, Sakae and Weinmann continuing the quality story. Indexed 18-speed gears and Shimano Biopace chainrings make for effortless progress, with comfortable touches throughout like ½ toeclips, female anatomic saddle and cushioned tape on the handlebars.

Touring, commuting or leisure riding, the Lady Touriste will prove a friend for life.


TOURISTE GENTS

A top quality tourer for the cost-conscious cyclist, the Touriste features Reynolds 531 butted main frame tubes for strength and responsiveness, with Shimano 18-speed SIS indexed gears and 48/38/28 Biopace chainrings to ease the climbs.

Naturally, cantilever brakes are fitted, as is an alloy rear carrier, full mudguards and Alesa alloy wheels with rustless spokes and 28C reflective tyres.

Cushion tape on the randonneur bars and an anatomic saddle give the final touches of comfort to this ideal combination of quality and affordability.


DYNA-TECH TOUR-LITE GEOMETRY

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The latest concept in cycles – machines that combine the best features of all cycling disciplines to produce the perfect leisure bike for city or country-orientated riding.

Mountain bikes, racing, cyclo-cross and touring bikes have all contributed; skilfully blended into designs that are the ideal multifunction bikes for today’s cyclist.

The latest developments from Shimano have also been adopted to make our new range more satisfying for every type of rider: STI (Shimano Total Integration) offers the benefits of indexed shifting for both front and rear gears with underbar push-push shift levers that give accurate, light control.

The responsive lightness of touring frames is combined with grippy ATB-style tyres and flat bars; the perfect match for city speed or country comfort!

City or Trail – the decision is yours, the quality is Raleigh's.
COUNTRY

A no-nonsense trail bike, available in both lady’s and gents frames, both featuring Reynolds 531 butted main frame tubing for lightness and strength.

A 21-speed Hyperglide / Biopace Shimano transmission is fitted, controlled by the new STI underbar shift levers for accurate, easy indexed gear selection.

ATB-style cromoly handlebars and cantilever brakes give pinpoint control and safe, progressive stops, while the 35C knobbly tyres provide firm grip and a smooth ride.

A Vetta gel-filled saddle and mountain toeclips and straps complete the impressive specification of a bike that can take you anywhere you want to go.

Sizes: Mens - 54, 57, 60cms.
Lady’s - 48, 52, 56cms.
Weight: 12.70kg.
Colours: White, Blue / Aqua trim.

TRAIL XC

Showing its cyclo-cross and mountain bike heritage, the Trail XC combines both in a lively, strong ’crossover’ design that’s equally at home blazing down the streets or tackling the trails with total confidence.

Reynolds 531 tubing is at the heart of this mean machine, with an oversize top tube for extra strength where it matters.

Shimano SLR cantilever brakes control the knobbly tyres on anodised rims, with 21 gears at your command combining Hyperglide rear and Biopace chainrings for crisp, efficient indexed shifting.

Drop bars give extra aerodynamics into headwinds, and a Vetta Turbo gel saddle ensures comfort even on the roughest rides!

Everything you need to blaze your own trail...

Sizes: 54, 57, 60, 64cms.
Weight: 13.30kg.
Colours: White, Fluo Plum / Pink trim.
DE VILLE
The star of Raleigh's City range, De Ville is available in gents and lady's styles, with Reynolds 531 main frame butted tubing for that Lightweight combination of liveliness and strength.

21 STI-controlled indexed gears allow you to power away from traffic and climb the steepest slopes with ease, with Shimano SLR cantilever brakes for rapid and smooth stops.

35C reflective tyres on alloy rims combine high visibility with smooth progress, and full mudguards plus an alloy rear carrier confirm De Ville's practicality as the ideal City commuter.

Take control of your transport with De Ville.
Sizes: Mens - 54, 57, 60, 64cms.
Lady's - 48, 52, 56cms.
Weight: 13.80kg.
Colours: White, Deep Blue trim; or Light Grey, Blue trim with white mudguards and carrier.

CLUB 7
A Lady's city slicker, the Club 7 offers the perfect partnership of quality, comfort and simplicity.

A responsive Reynolds 531 butted main tube frame is completed with Shimano STI 7-speed Hyperglide gears, with a guarded Biopace chainwheel for maximum practicality.

The raised handlebars give you command of the road ahead, and a Vetta gel saddle adds its high-tech comfort to the smooth-running 35C reflective tyres.

Full mudguards and practical alloy rear carrier make the Club 7 far more than a pretty face; it's the friend you need on your trips into town.
Colours: Pearl White, Yellow/Silver trim; or 'Splash' version in Ice Blue. White mudguards and carrier.
Your Raleigh Lightweight dealer is a specialist in selecting the right Raleigh Lightweight bicycle for you.

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