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## CTC Coventry & CTC Rugby - Weekly Bulletin

**13th January 2021**

It is with great sadness that I have to report that Paul Whitehead died last week in Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham. His recovery from a brain operation was complicated by Covid and pneumonia. Paul will always be remembered for being cheerful and helpful - he regularly led rides, organised tours and was masterminding the Air Ambulance collection for our Centenary. He has left some lasting memories in the excellent videos of tours that he made with humour and appropriate music. We have created a page of memories on our website which you can view and add your own comments at: <https://coventryctc.org.uk/>. The videos are included in the memories.

**We will all miss Paul.**



Paul on Route 68 north of Buxton in 2018 on the way home from his Isle of Man Tour.

HS2 are carrying out works along the M42 over the weekend of 15th-18th January. Whatever your view of the project you cannot help being impressed by the complexity of the task of threading the HS2 junction with its northern link through the M6 / M42 junction. More information can be found by following this link:

[https://hs2inwarwicks.commonplace.is/news/2021/01/04/hs2-notification:-temporary-24hour-lane-closures-will-be-installed-along-the-m42-from-8pm-on-friday-15-january-2021-to-5am-on-monday-18-january-2021?utm\\_campaign=NewsPost&utm\\_content=HS2+Notification:+Temporary+24-hour+lane+closures+will+be+installed+along+the+M42+from+8pm+on+Friday+15+January+2021+to+5am+on+Monday+18+January+2021&lang=en-GB&utm\\_source=cp-email&utm\\_medium=email](https://hs2inwarwicks.commonplace.is/news/2021/01/04/hs2-notification:-temporary-24hour-lane-closures-will-be-installed-along-the-m42-from-8pm-on-friday-15-january-2021-to-5am-on-monday-18-january-2021?utm_campaign=NewsPost&utm_content=HS2+Notification:+Temporary+24-hour+lane+closures+will+be+installed+along+the+M42+from+8pm+on+Friday+15+January+2021+to+5am+on+Monday+18+January+2021&lang=en-GB&utm_source=cp-email&utm_medium=email)

HS2 also report, *"Over 300,000 trees will be planted by our specialist ecology teams across the Phase One route during the winter months, taking the total number of trees planted between London and the Midlands to more than 730,000 by this spring.*

*The planting initiative is part of our extensive Green Corridor programme, designed to create a network of bigger, better-connected, habitats and new green spaces for people to enjoy. 430,000 trees have already been planted across Phase One and up to 7 million trees will eventually be planted along this part of the route, with many new grasslands, meadows and recreational areas for local communities.*

*In Warwickshire and the wider West Midlands, 60,000 trees will be planted at locations around South Cubbington Wood, Ashbeds Wood, Fulfen Wood, Ravenshaw and Broadwells Wood. A broad range of tree and shrub species will be planted to reflect each local area, including oak,*

*hazel, birch, holly and hawthorn. This builds on the 80,000 trees already planted in the Midlands, with 40 ponds and many acres of wetland, heathland and meadow also created across the region.*

*Through Hertfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Northamptonshire, advanced planting and woodland compensation planting is being undertaken at West Hyde and Horn Hill, Wendover Dean, Aylesbury, Calvert and near the village of Ladbroke, by specialist ecology and landscape companies.*

*In West Ruislip, planting will create new woodland areas to provide connected habitats for bats. Trees being planted include field maple, hornbeam, hazel, holly, bird cherry, mountain ash, yew and spindle. There will also be areas of grassland and ponds created to protect local biodiversity and create new homes for a mix of wildlife.*

*These areas will quickly develop to create new opportunities for wildlife and people, bolstering local wildlife corridors by linking with existing woodlands and other habitats. New wildlife habitats in a variety of locations also include badger setts, bat houses, bird boxes, reptile banks and bug houses to help local wildlife populations thrive.*

#### *Green Corridor prospectus and mapping tool*

*We have developed a new online map showing where we are delivering Green Corridor activities and highlighting our additional funded environmental projects along the route. You can view relevant Community and Environment Fund (CEF) and Business and Local Economy Fund (BLEF) projects, the Woodland Fund, other local panel funds, and our environmental works in your area.*

*The Green Corridor Prospectus accompanies the map, outlining how the Green Corridor and associated funding can benefit communities. Used together, these tools will enable community and environment groups to identify local opportunities to enhance and enjoy the natural environment using the funds available.*

*Funding is available for a wide range of independent environmental projects to benefit nature and communities along the route, including creating new parks and play facilities, investing in green spaces in urban areas, regenerating areas along canals, and conserving and enhancing the historic environment. By working in partnership with organisations and individuals, the Green Corridor will deliver a positive, long-term legacy for the natural and historic environment, and for people and communities across the country.*

*On Phase One and Phase 2a, the £7m HS2 Woodland Fund is helping local landowners create new native, broadleaf woodlands and restore existing ancient woodland sites. The first £1.25m has been allocated as part of a grant scheme managed on our behalf by the Forestry Commission, supporting 28 woodland projects that will deliver approximately 105 hectares of new woodland and restore a further 68 hectares of ancient woodland."*

[https://hs2inwarwicks.commonplace.is/news/2021/01/11/hs2-set-to-reach-730,000-planted-trees-landmark-by-spring-2021?utm\\_campaign=NewsPost&utm\\_content=HS2+set+to+reach+730,000+planted+trees+landmark+by+spring+2021&utm\\_source=cp-email&utm\\_medium=email](https://hs2inwarwicks.commonplace.is/news/2021/01/11/hs2-set-to-reach-730,000-planted-trees-landmark-by-spring-2021?utm_campaign=NewsPost&utm_content=HS2+set+to+reach+730,000+planted+trees+landmark+by+spring+2021&utm_source=cp-email&utm_medium=email)

And here is the answer to last week's puzzle plus another teaser from Dave Hearn:



This ford is on the River Arrow, near Coughton Court. (Beware of a gap between concrete slabs running the length of the ford, which can act like a tramline.)



A couple of years ago on the way to the Great Dorset Steam Fair we stopped off for a wander around this little town (plus a tea and cake stop, as one does). It featured in the iconic Hovis ad years ago to the soundtrack of the Largo from the symphony from the New World by Dvorak.

Question 1 Which town are we in?

Question 2 What is the name of the hill?

And finally...

Here is a video about losing weight the French way - it will put a smile on your face.

[https://mcusercontent.com/5e2249b09ebf5579476d01caa/files/580ccfc4-0cb0-47b6-971a-15c0e3a6fb5d/2021\\_01\\_13\\_Losing\\_weight\\_the\\_French\\_way.mp4](https://mcusercontent.com/5e2249b09ebf5579476d01caa/files/580ccfc4-0cb0-47b6-971a-15c0e3a6fb5d/2021_01_13_Losing_weight_the_French_way.mp4)