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The funeral for our cycling and walking friend Paul Whitehead will be held next week on 9th February at 14.15hrs. We know that many of you would like to pay your respects and attend the ceremony but unfortunately with the current restrictions his son, Stephen and the family are having to limit the number of attendees.

You may know that Paul had been suffering the effects of an aggressive Meningioma for a number of years and there seems to be a familial susceptibility to Brain Tumours. Stephen feels that making a donation to the Brain Tumour Charity, which has recently incorporated the Meningioma UK Charity would be the best way for us to recognise what Paul meant to us as a friend, cycling and walking companion. Paul was a quiet 'fighter' and contributing to a charity doing something positive and 'active' to fightback against the disease would be a fitting cause.

You can make donations at the following website - <https://www.thebraintumourcharity.org/>
Please click on the Red 'Donate Now' button at the top ... and indicate that you are donating in memory of Paul Whitehead.



Thank you, Peter Milton, for sending me these pictures of your ride through Hunningham last week of the River Leam by the Red Lion Pub.

Centenary celebrations will start (we hope) with Mike Thomas's tour from York to Edinburgh from 9th to 17th June. There are more details on our website and it would help the planning process if you would register your interest at <http://coventryctc.org.uk/centenary-uk-tour-from-york-to-edinburgh>.

The Special Barbeque at Fillongley has been moved to 18th July and Vicky Palethorpe's Women's Tour is unchanged from 6th to 8th August in Oxfordshire and Worcestershire. There are more details on our website and it would help the planning process if you would register your interest at <http://coventryctc.org.uk/2021-womens-tour>.

Alan Jelley decided that his South Downs tour would be too early in the recovery from covid period, so it is hoped to run the tour in 2022. Likewise, the 100-mile ride will be run in 2022, possibly as a combined Club/Triennial Veterans Ride.

The pop-up cycle lane in Charter Avenue has come in for a bit of criticism because of poor signing to get onto it, but in future it might form part of a longer cycleway linking the City centre to the University. More information about this and other projects can be viewed on our website at <https://coventryctc.org.uk/category/campaign>.

The Kenilworth to Leamington cycleway (K2L) is due to be constructed in the coming financial year. Phase 1 from Leamington to the Milverton Roundabout. Phase 2 to the next roundabout by the Avon. Phase 3 to Kenilworth via Rocky Lane.

More information can be viewed here: <https://www.leamingtoncourier.co.uk/news/people/k2l-cycle-route-between-kenilworth-and-leamington-gets-green-light-county-council-3116637>

HS2 have just launched a new information website for Warwickshire which is very well presented. You might be interested to see the complexity of the work involved and get a different view on the environmental works planned. It's just a shame they didn't sort this out earlier in the construction phase as it might have defused some of the antagonism - unless you're determined to see no good in it. <https://hs2inwarwicks.commonplace.is/>

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



Three Shires Head where the counties of Derbyshire, Staffordshire & Cheshire meet.

A number of interesting, cycling related pieces of public artworks have been left behind after the Tour de France's 'Grand Depart' in Yorkshire in 2014. Margaret and Dave went up to Yorkshire for the World Championships in 2019 and came across several of these. This one is in Knaresborough.

The question is not related to the sculpture, but which river flows through the impressive gorge.