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Recently

Three riders joined Martin Lee on last Saturday's "High Intensity Stamina Building" ride. Just the thing for these winter days which are too short for many miles and too cold for hanging around. They arrived back at the edge of Coventry before 12:15.

Sunday was warm and still - a welcome contrast from Saturday - about a dozen enjoyed a ride to Hatton Locks for a light lunch and continued to Kenilworth, Time for Tea for the club Christmas Dinner. Thank you, Dave Hearn, for organising the event, which was enjoyed by 22 participants, including our President Gordon Mead who is now in his mid-90s.

What next?

The **next Clubroom on 4th January** will start at 2000hrs at the Friends Meeting House in Hill Street, Coventry when Dave Hearn will look back over our Centenary celebrations. [A program for the new year may be viewed by clicking here.](#)



A camping weekend near Gumley in Leicestershire.

Rides this week

Whatever ride you're on, please ensure that you have a set of working lights on your bike. Whilst we aim to finish our rides before lighting-up time, it is often sensible to show lights earlier in the day.

An online copy of our Rides Planning chart can be viewed in the 'Upcoming Rides' section of the website to help you with your own planning. [Here is a quick link to it.](#) It should be understood that this is a work in progress document and will be subject to continuous editing.

Important:

We are still asking all riders to email rides leaders to secure a place on the rides of your choice. You will receive a copy of the route and details of any special arrangements. It also means that you can be informed if there are any last minute changes, for example cancellation due to the weather.

Saturday 18th December Martin Lee is leading a 30-mile "Low Intensity Stamina Building Hilly Ride" to Hoar Park for coffee and back to WMP to help members prepare for the touring season in the spring. Meet at the War Memorial Park, Park and Ride facility at

09.30hrs - [there is more information on the website](#). Please email

Martin: martinjacklee@yahoo.co.uk to join the ride and get full details.

Sunday 19th December - WMP, Park & Ride

- **09.15hrs** Bob Tinley will lead a **30-mile ride** from War Memorial Park, Park & Ride facility to Draycote Water for coffee and optional cakes and back to WMP. Please email Bob: Chairman@CoventryCTC.org.uk to join the ride and to get full details.
- **09.30hrs** George Riches will lead a **40-mile ride** from Toll Bar End (meet at the Esso garage on the road to Southam to Waitrose at Lutterworth and return via Shilton and the Coventry Canal. Please email George: George.Riches@CoventryCTC.org.uk to join the ride and to get full details.

Tuesday 21st December

- **10.15hrs** Meet at Mike Thomas's house for mince pies before the ride. He will lead a 32-mile ride to The Greyhound Pub, Hawkesbury Junction. Return will be along the newly surfaced Coventry Canal towpath. Please email Mike: mike999thomas@gmail.com to join the ride and to get full details.

Tours Next Year

Nigel and Terry are offering a 3 day tour, from Friday 1st to Sunday 3rd April

2022, cycling out from and back to Coventry, with a night at each of the **Lichfield and Loughborough** Premier Inns.

Each day will be around 40-45 miles, including some good off-road cycle tracks. Please e-mail: Nigel + Terry 22tandn@gmail.com for more details. Nigel would like to remind you that the tour would be ideal for people who have not toured before as it relatively short and local.

It can also be viewed on our 2022 Tour Programme Page: <https://coventryctc.org.uk/go-touring> and an Itinerary page can be viewed at: <https://coventryctc.org.uk/staffordshire-leicestershire-triangle-tour-itinerary>

Mike Thomas is leading a holiday to **Mallorca**. This is something of a new venture for us based on a Jet2 package to Port Pollenca in the north of the island. Rides, walks and sightseeing will be arranged, or you can relax by the pool at the newly refurbished Park Hotel. The start date is Thursday April 21st, but members can be flexible when they join. More information can be found at <https://coventryctc.org.uk/mallorca-2022-tour-information>. Bookings are now open for this tour and it should be noted that Jet2 have a good refund policy should this holiday be cancelled because of Covid restrictions.

12 members have already booked, and some have taken advantage of occasional Jet2 promotional discounts. To take advantage of these discounts its best to book by phoning 0800 408 0778. Call Mike before booking on 02476 692792 or email mike999thomas@gmail.com for any updates he has, and email him for full details of the trip.

Alan Jelley is leading a **Peak District Trails Weekend** based on Hartington Youth Hostel on the weekend of 28-29 May 2022. This tour is now fully booked.

Paul Whateley is leading a tour to **The Isle of Wight in June**. Please see <https://coventryctc.org.uk/isle-of-wight-single-centre-tour-30th-june-to-4th-july-prospectus> for more details.

Vicky Palethorpe is leading a **Womens Tour to Cannock 23th-25th July**. Please see <https://coventryctc.org.uk/go-touring> for more details.

Alan Jelley is leading an **Off-road Tour to The New Forest 7th-10th October**. Please see <https://coventryctc.org.uk/go-touring> for more details.

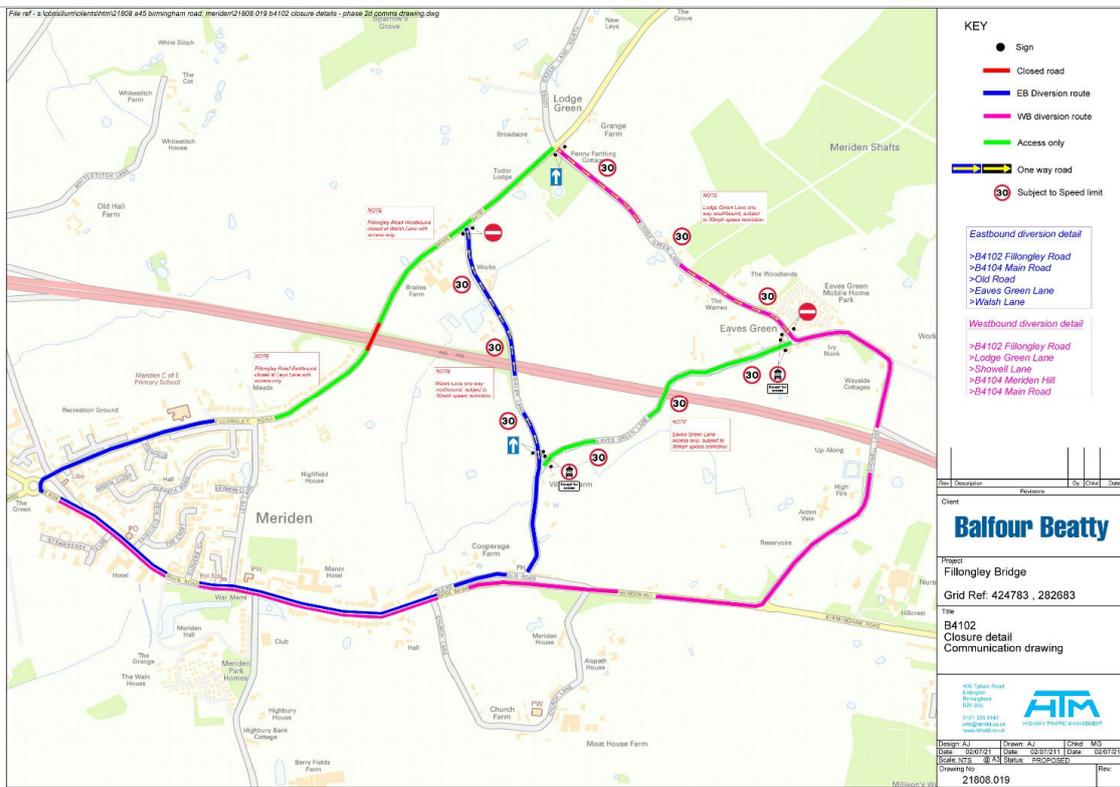
News

Adam Tranter has been promoted from self styled unpaid Cycling Mayor for Coventry campaigning for more good quality cycleways, to a paid position with the West Midlands council charged with bidding for government money to make it happen!

<https://www.bikebiz.com/west-midlands-mayor-appoints-adam-tranter-as-cycling-and-walking-commissioner/>

E-bikes for hire. Those wondering how they handle, can try them out - at least in the WMCA area - details: www.wmcyclehire.co.uk

Fillongley road closure - this is important as many of these road closures will affect our rides for the next 9-months.



The B4102 Fillongley Road bridge over the A45 is having its deck reconstructed. The date for the closure of the B4102 and any public rights of way in the vicinity is currently planned for November 2021 and will run until August 2022.

<https://www.meridenparishcouncil.org.uk/fillongley-road-bridge-updates/>

The Lias Line Greenway construction began in October 2021 and is expected to be completed in September 2022.

So far during construction, Sustrans and the principle contractor (CLM) have endeavoured to keep the Greenway open to the public as it is well loved and used by the community. However it has become clear that due to the quantity of people passing through, the Lias Line Greenway will be closed to the public until construction is completed in September 2022.

The public right of ways that cross the disused railway will remain open but members of public are advised to follow signage at these areas to keep them and the contractor safe. Heras fencing and signage will be installed at access points to let people know and to prevent access onto the railway line in the coming days.

The National Cycle Network 41 between Welsh Road and A423 (along Long Itchington Road, Stonebridge Lane, section of greenway at Bascote Road and Grand Union Canal) will be closed during this construction period due to HS2 road closures and temporary closure of the Lias Line Greenway. The National Cycle Network 41 will temporarily follow the Canal Towpath.

HS2

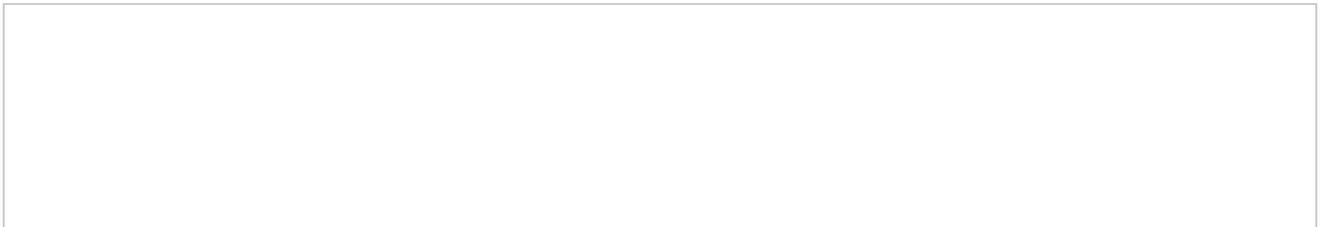
The latest news can be viewed here: <https://www.hs2.org.uk/in-your-area/local-community-webpages/hs2-in-warwickshire/>. Also, you can subscribe for updates at <https://engagement.hs2.org.uk/join-mailing-list/>

On Tuesday 4 January 2022, **Truggist Lane** will be fully closed from 8.00am until 6.00pm. <https://www.hs2.org.uk/work-items/notice-of-temporary-closure-of-truggist-lane/>

From Monday 17 - Friday 21 January 2022 **Lavender Hall Lane** will be closed: <https://www.hs2.org.uk/work-items/notice-of-temporary-closure-of-lavender-hall-lane/>

Temporary daytime road closure Monday 10th January until Friday 28th January 2022 between 09:30am and 3:30pm on **Diddington Lane, Hampton-in-Arden**

In order to prepare for the future construction of the railway, we will be removing vegetation along Diddington Lane in January 2022. In order to conduct this work safely, we need to temporarily close the road. This closure will be in place on weekdays from Monday 10th January until Friday 28th January 2022 between 09:30am and 3:30pm. <https://www.hs2.org.uk/work-items/traffic-management-on-diddington-lane/>



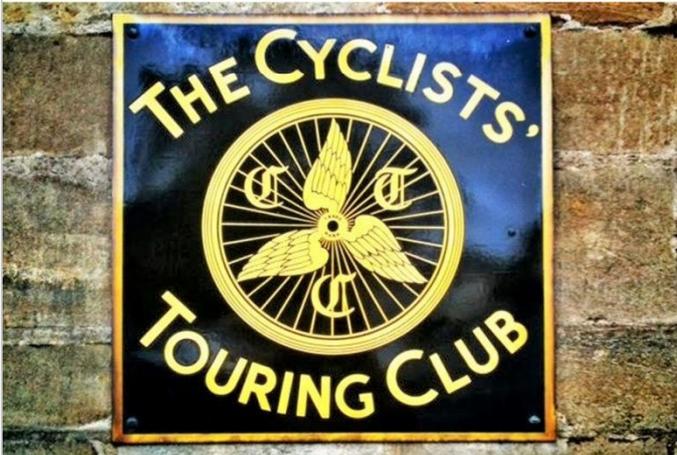
Where are we?

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



The folly in Wentworth Woodhouse Park, Rotherham is known as “The Needle’s Eye” and is a grade 2 listed structure built in the 18th century.

Yorkshire’s greatest Olympian with 3 Golds in the Team Pursuit & 1 Bronze in the Omnium is Ed Clancy.



We are returning to the traditional ‘Winged Wheel’ this week: there are still a number of these badges to be seen, these two are both in the Cotswolds.

Here are two different examples:

1. The enamel plaque is fitted outside the Black Bear. Where is the Black Bear please?
2. This cast-iron wheel is on the outside of the Old New Inn. Where is the Old New Inn please?

GPS hints - episode 10 Route Converter

We are now going to look at some of the route planning apps for phone and PC: before we look at **Route Converter** I'd like to ask for some help with Viewranger / Outdoor Active. **Viewranger** was a much loved planning and navigation app based on OS maps, but the company recently combined with **Outdoor Active**. Unfortunately the new app is not as well received as the old Viewranger. It's not an app I use, but for completeness I really want to talk about it - so please let me have your thoughts and any tips for getting the best out of Outdoor Active.

Route Converter - runs on PC or Mac

1. I find this a very useful application for looking at the detail of where a route goes and for tidying up ragged bits in a .gpx file. I'll explain what I mean and then talk about installing it (if you want it).
2. On-line maps are used, so you must have a wi-fi connection to use the system, but several maps are available from Google and Open Street Map – you can decide if you want roads only or want to see footpaths and tracks; contours and/or hill shading can be chosen; or you can have a satellite image instead of a map background.
3. There is a plethora of data formats to save your data in. We normally use .gpx being the common standard across all apps, but you could choose .kml/.kmz for input into Google

Maps; .tcx is Garmin's proprietary format; and if you wanted to play around with gpx data in spreadsheets you could save the data as .csv or .xls/.xlsx

4. When you load a .gpx file into Route Converter the course will be displayed on a map background on the left of the screen with a list of data points on the right and an elevation plot at the bottom of the screen (if there is elevation data in your .gpx file). By clicking on the first data point and repeatedly tapping the  button you can step through the whole course with the currently selected point in the centre of the screen. You can change the scale of the map by rolling the scroll button of your mouse.
5. I mentioned tidying up a **ragged .gpx file**: as you step through the course you may come to points that are in the wrong place – maybe a waypoint added in a route planning app has slightly missed a junction or stepped off to the side. You can delete these rogue points as you go along, or insert points if you missed a bend, say. Then you can finish off by saving the tidied-up file. Now, when you load up your GPS it won't tell you to turn "left", when you're sure it's "right", and then tell you you're "off-course" making you turn round and curse your GPS for taking you the wrong way.
6. If you take your GPS with you when you go into a café you may find that it's recorded a huge scattering of points all round the area: you can use Route Converter to delete all these points.
7. There's a handy facility in the "Position" menu which deletes duplicate points – you can "delete all points within 5 metres of their predecessor" (or whatever figure you chose), which will reduce the number of points without affecting the accuracy of the data. This can substantially clean-up the café scatter. There's a couple of other rules you can use for reducing the number of points, but you can investigate that yourself.
8. Under "Position List" you can convert a track to a route, or a route to a track and you can also reverse the direction of a route but beware it doesn't allow for the direction of travel on a roundabout.
9. Now if you can't wait to get this application on your PC: click on <https://www.routeconverter.com/home/en>. Select Downloads/Stable Releases and Windows, Linux or Mac as appropriate. Select, or create, a suitable folder to store "RouteConverterWindows.exe" and press "Save". Create a shortcut to this .exe file on your desktop and, if you cast your mind back to section 7, also copy the shortcut into the shell:sendto folder. Now when you right click on a .gps file can select "SendTo"/"Route Converter" and Route Converter will be fired-up with the .gps course ready loaded.