Minutes
Coventry CTC Annual General Meeting 2026
17th April 7.30pm Friends Meeting House, 25 Hill St., Coventry CV1 4AN

1. Attendance:
Mags Adams-Aston, Mike Aston, Roy Bhakta, Ian Foster, Marina Friend, Dave Hearn, Margaret Hearn, Nigel Hickman, Nick Holloway, Shona Hudson, Michael Jaye, Alan Jelley, Sumeet Kajagal, Martin Lee, Carl Lewis, Ann- Marie McIntyre, Tony McIntyre, Terry Moles, Kenna Murray, Vicky Palethorpe, Brid Reeves, George Riches, Pete Seaman, Carla Skinner, Mike Thomas, Louise Thompson, Bob Tinley, Sak Wathanasin.

2. Apologies:
Ruth Brown, Sheila Coad, Gye-Soon Cross, Elizabeth De Mello, Neill Duke, Libby Foster, Keith Jeacock, Carol Lee, Andrew Marsh, Paul Morton, Ian O'Donnell, David Rafferty, Val Ravenhill, Jill Seaman, Penny Spooner, Patrick Taggart. Yvonne Wilkinson.

3. Minutes of Previous AGM 16/04/2025 and Matters Arising: Accepted without query.

4. Financial Report including Statement of Account:
George Riches, Treasurer, provided an account of changes to our financial provisions over the past year which is detailed in his report. Please also refer to the accompanying Financial report.

Discussion: The AA total was collected over 2 years. It was agreed that a formal presentation to the Air Ambulance was not necessary. Vicky thanked George for the very clear report.

Takeaways from Attached Finance Report:
- A healthy surplus balance.
- £ 2,643 collected over 24 months to be distributed to the Air Ambulance charity.
- Clubroom in profit.
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5. Approval Of the Financial Report:
Unanimous approval of the report subject to Audit by Robert Perkins.

6. Chairman's Review of the Year.

Bob Tinley presented a pictorial slide show recollecting all of the tours in 2025. In addition he described the changing make-up of CTC Coventry during his long tenure on the committee, as DA Secretary, Section Secretary and Chairman. In the past numbers were strong, with many couples but now more women involved. The biggest challenge facing the survival of the club is encouraging members to lead rides.

On the Bike Group: Nigel reported that the group is addressing the difficulty filling weekly slots for Short, Intermediate and Long rides with an initiative to encourage and support new Ride Leaders. Womens' and Intermediate rides are well supported. Currently, of 32 leaders, 6 led more than 10 each. Another incentive to lead, would offer ride leaders and Back markers a discount for 100k which is happening this year.
There were 6 tours planned for 2026. Nigel and Terry's tour to Somerset has already taken place. The Tri-Vets event was a great success, taking a beautiful route into the Northamptonshire countryside.
The planning for this year's 100k on Sept. 6th is well underway.

Off the Bike Group: Dave Hearn is co-ordinating the Annual Meriden Memorial Service for the past 10 years. Next one is May 17th 2026 at 11.00 am.
Clubroom remains popular with a variety of interesting speakers and makes a small profit. Numbers slightly down on last year but explained by last event being cancelled.
Christmas Dinner was held at Kings Hill nurseries and a curry night at the Lazy Monkey was also enjoyed.

Publicity and Promotions: Vicky described that she has been low key. She maintains a link with Kiddical Mass, the next event being held on May 9th. George is managing the CTC Facebook page.

Tech Support Group: George, Alan, Sak and Bob continue to manage the various strands, including maintenance of the website, preparing and sending the weekly Bulletin, managing E mails and compiling statistics.

Advocacy: George keeps up to date on the latest developments. Cycling infrastructure improving more in Coventry than the rest of Warwickshire.

Registration: Sak Wathanasin monitors local Cycling UK registration

The Year Ahead:

Events: Kiddical Mass May 9th
Meriden Cyclists' Memorial Service May 17th 11.00 (Dave Hearn)
100k Challenge September 6th (Marina Friend & Dave Thomas)

Tours:

Croatia: April 2026, Mike Thomas
Wiltshire Pick n Mix: April 2026, Alan Jelley
Peak District: June 10th -11th 2026 Martin Lee
Way of The Roses: June 24th - 29th, Martin lee
Bridgnorth Bunkhouse: Nigel Hickman
Majorca: 13-23rd April 2027 led by Mike Thomas

Isle of Wight 2027 : A possibility, Carla Skinner

7) Chairman's Report adopted unanimously.

8) Election of Key committee positions for 2026 - 2027:

i. Chairman: Dave Hearn Proposer: Bob Tinley
Seconder: George Riches

ii. Secretary: Brid Reeves Proposer: Carla Skinner
Seconder: Nigel Hickman

iii. Treasurer: George Riches Proposer: Vicky Palethorpe
Seconder: Mike Jaye

iv. Safeguarding Officer: Michael Jaye Proposer: Brid Reeves
Seconder: Terry Moles

Vicky kindly agreed to liaise with and support Mike with women's issues.
All of the above approved by majority vote.

9) Election of other Committee Members

i. Advocacy Co- ordinator: George Riches Proposer: Pete Seaman
Seconder: Terry Moles

ii. Bulletin Editors: Bob Tinley } Proposer: Mike Thomas
Sak Wathanasin } Seconder: Shona Hudson

iii. Diversity and Inclusion Champion: No one in post. Agreed that anyone interested could approach the committee at a future date.

iv. Information Technology Officers: George Riches & Sak Wathanasin
Proposer: Terry Moles
Seconder: Marina

v. Publicity and communications Officer
Vicky Palethorpe standing down. No nominations

vi. Registration Officer: Sak Wathanasin Proposer: Carl Lewis
Seconder: Vicky Palethorpe

vii. Ride Lead Co-ordinator: Nigel Hickman Proposer:Vicky Palethorpe
Seconder: Ian Foster

viii. Website manager: Alan Jelley Proposer: Pete Seaman
Seconder: Marina Friend

ix. Womens Group Co-ordinator: Marina Friend Proposer: Margaret Hearn
Seconder: Ann-Marie McIntyre

x. Social Secretary: Dave Hearn Proposer: Carl Lewis
Seconder: Martin Lee

xi. Officer without Portfolio: No nominations.

10. Appointment of Auditor: Robert Perkins is auditing the past year's accounts. He has decided to step down from this role. We are grateful to Robert for performing this role so efficiently over many years.
There are no nominations at this point for the role. The club is therefore actively seeking an Auditor for the coming year.

11. Resolutions:

i. '*That the Club's name CTC Coventry be re-named Coventry CTC*'
Proposer: Bob Tinley Seconder: Michael Jaye

Amendment to Resolution:

The term " *Coventry Cyclists Touring Club may be used as an alternative in those places where the committee deems it to be advantageous."*

Proposer: George Riches Seconder: Vicky Palethorpe

Both the resolution and the amendment were agreed by the voting members.

ii. "*To continue raising funds for the Air Ambulance. The suggested £1 donation should remain."*

Proposer: Paul Morton Seconder: Ian Foster

A discussion arose suggesting an increase in the minimum suggested donation. It was agreed that individuals can give more if they wish.

Resolution agreed.

12. Any Other Business:

i. Brid thanked the outgoing Safeguarding Officers for their tenure on the committee.

ii. Mike Thomas proposed that Bob Tinley be made President of Coventry CTC. Marina Friend seconded. This was overwhelmingly agreed.

iii. Anne Marie McIntyre and Mags Adams-Aston expressed thanks for the presence of Louise Thompson, BSL interpreter, to assist those members who use sign language.

iv. Presentation To Bob Tinley, (Outgoing Chairman)

Dave Hearn gave a warm and well received tribute, recalling Bob's long association with Coventry CTC and in particular his 33 years of continuous service on the committee, including as DA Secretary, Section Secretary and Chairman. Dave recollected anecdotes from Bob's many tours all over Europe and the UK. Dave's tribute will be available to read on our website.

Dave Hearn presenting Bob Tinley with his Lifetime Achievement Gold Award

Dave presented Bob with a Cycling UK Life Time Achievement Gold award acknowledging his exceptional service to Coventry CTC.
Marina, on behalf of the club presented Bob with National Garden Vouchers. Vicky, also on behalf of the club presented Bob with a floral bouquet, to be given to Audrey, (Bob's wife) as a token of the club's gratitude for her support for Bob and the club, over many years.

We congratulate Bob on his election as Club President.

Meeting Closed 21.30

Brid Reeves
April 2026