

Right: Jordan Gibbons



WAY TO GO

I'm excited by the new Rebellion Way long-distance route. My buddy and I, who organise tours for Huddersfield CTC, are making arrangements for a club tour next summer. We have bought the excellent guidebook.

Two early observations: YHA Wells told us we had to book the whole hostel (14 beds); and Sheringham is entirely booked when we want to tour. Finding alternative accommodation there or in Cromer is proving a nightmare.

The other thing is a request for advice. What device should I use for navigation? The route is not specifically way-marked and paper maps are not ideal when cycling. I need something that displays imagery akin to an OS map, with the route marked on. Don't give me a choice – just tell me what's best.

Stephen Kennedy

Check out the *grouptest* on page 69. See also cyclinguk.org/cycle-magazine/group-test-navigation-apps for smartphone alternatives.

WARM WELCOMES

I wrote to Cycle some years ago praising Warmshower.org as being an essential resource for touring cyclists. I've stayed with Warmshowers hosts in Britain and France, and I and my wife have hosted people from far and wide – most notably a couple on day three of their year-long tour to New Zealand. (I followed their blog subsequently and it was fantastic reading.)

It's a great staying with people who are themselves cyclists, and reciprocating by having others stay with you. My recollections of staying with Warmshowers hosts are among the best parts of my touring holiday memories.

Steve Kinsella

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EIRE MAIL

I've been catching up with the current edition and enjoyed the short item about Shelagh and Ed cycling the Wild Atlantic Way (pictured). I apologise if you've been bombarded with emails from Irish readers but *Eire*, as used in your heading, has not been the correct term for the country of Ireland since the constitution of 1937, except when speaking/writing Irish Gaelic.

Perhaps because of our complex and intertwined history, it is not unusual for people in the UK to use the term *Eire* but it can be associated with the period before Ireland became an independent republic in 1949, and as such be unintentionally offensive.

Thank you for everything you do for cycling!

Catherine Nalty



DEALING WITH DOGS

Does Cycling UK have any practical as opposed to legal advice for how to deal with dogs, specifically on bridleways. Having been chased by several dogs recently, one finally succeeded and knocked me off. Is there any advice for dealing with loose dogs that don't return to their owners? I always try to give them a wide berth but with the increase in canine population since Covid, I now find there's as much conflict off road as there is on road.

Phill Cook

The website doesn't address that specifically, although there is advice on riding with a dog (cyclinguk.org/blog/how-train-your-dog-enjoy-trails) and on what to do if one knocks you off (cyclinguk.org/article/what-do-if-you-are-involved-cycling-collision-animal).

Photo of the month

TRIKE AT NIGHT



On an audax permanent ride in December, the freezing weather prompted me to ride my trike rather than my solo. The route crosses the Ham cycle bridge, over the A4440 Worcester bypass.

Cycling up the approach ramp at night, I was struck by the symmetry of the top arch against the dark sky and the converging low-level side-lighting. And then I realised the trike could sit as a prominent cycling statement as it is self-supporting. **Stephen Poulton**

CYCLING UK FORUM

Get immediate feedback from other members at forum.cyclinguk.org. Here's an abridged extract from a recent thread: cyclinguk.org/yearly-totals.



YEARLY TOTALS

Pebble: My target for the year as 6,500 miles (125 per week) and tonight, at 16:41, I hit that target. No piper, no champagne and no podium girls. But I still got off the bike to mark the historic moment **ANTONISH:** This topic brings back to mind Cycling Weekly's annual mileage charts of the 1950s. Numbers of cyclists filled these in religiously and submitted them for analysis. Still, with at most two black-and-white TV channels, the evenings were long. **foxyrider:** I've done 14,584km so far this year. I gave up chasing my 16,100km/10k-mile target at the end of November when I had a bout of 'flu. **pedalsheep:** Like foxyrider I had a target of 10,000 miles again this year. Now done

10,048 and would expect to have another 200 or so by the end of the year. Slow but steady! **brianleach:** If you use the Strava app it gives you your total distance and climbing with a big fanfare! **awavey:** I don't like setting yearly totals as targets. It's easy to fall into that mindset of obsessing about it, and every ride becomes solely about the distance. You miss the important stuff about why you ride in the first place. **Audax67:** I'm 75 and I did exactly 100 rides last year for a grand total of 7,500km. Well, nearly: it's 7,558. It'd be one ride so far this year if the \$\$\$&/neighbours hadn't been letting off fireworks until the wee smalls. I hope they all have hangovers.