SUSTRANS ROUTE 5 (AREA 4)

PRUE EVANS

- 1 The Warwickshire County Cricket Ground, Edgbaston, marks the start of my cycle path although the Sustrans National Route 5 is a long-distance route passing through both the beautiful British countryside and some of its historic towns and cities. It travels in sections from Reading to North Wales.
- 2 Crossing the river, the path enters Cannon Hill Park, as the well crafted signpost shows.
- 3 Well tended flower beds, many mature trees and green spaces adorn this stage of the path. The park, probably the most popular in Birmingham, has many amenities, notably the Midlands Arts Centre, funfair and boating.
- 4 Way behind the crazy golf, the university clock tower. At 100m tall, Old Joe is the world's tallest free-standing clock tower.
- 5 In a sadly dilapidated state, The Golden Lion, built in 1520 in Deritend High Street, was moved here in 1911. Over the centuries it had many uses, including accommodation for clergy, a school house, tannery and Inn. It was dismantled brick by brick to be rebuilt and used as a pub, then a cricket pavilion.
- 6 'The Infinite Wave' an interesting monument, designed by the George King architects is the Sousse And Bardo Memorial, dedicated to the 31 Brits who lost their lives and all those affected by the two terrorist attacks in Tunisia in 2015.
- 7 The signpost on bridge between the breeding pool and "swan lake". The end of the formal park.
- 8 The path now edging the river, passes a playground, wild flower meadows and a small ford. Kingdom Forest Garden, is one of several community orchards along the route.
- 9 Signpost in front of an electricity substation.
- 10- A train from Kings Norton Station crosses the bridge over the river Rea, which flows through a short tunnel, marks the end of my journey.