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CTC Coventry AGM 1st November 2019

Chairman's Review

Thank you all for attending the meeting tonight – not only is the meeting essential for the election of officers, but it also allows the membership ask questions and steer the direction taken by the Club.

Sunday and Tuesday Rides have continued to be well attended and it would be nice to offer two speeds of morning ride on Sundays. However, we struggle to find enough volunteers to take additional rides and I put out a plea for more of our riders to lead with us. There is usually someone going home from coffee on the longer ride, so there is not a problem with navigating home, or finding an alternative route: this provides an excellent way for riders with limited time at their disposal to do a slightly more challenging ride and to take advantage of a greater variety of rides.

For a long time, Cycling UK has had a policy of encouraging new riders to cycle with us on three, or four, occasions before signing up for membership and we happily embrace this policy. In the longer term it isn't fair to freeload on the backs of fully paid up members by taking advantage of the significant efforts made by the Club to keep the programme of events going. There are other good reasons for joining Cycling UK: members receive a well-produced magazine, benefit from Cycling UK's continuing fight for cyclists' rights and receive legal assistance if they should be unlucky enough to need it. There are, also, touring services for route finding and special knowledge you might need when touring abroad. One of the most compelling reasons for joining is the inclusion of third-party insurance covering members when they are on their bikes. However, what you may not know is that registered leaders are protected by additional insurance against claims from the group they are leading. This may sound a bit academic, but sadly it's something we must think about these days.

In the past we have not rigorously checked that regular riders are members, but that is about to change: we will also insist, in future, that tour participants must be members and they must also have travel insurance on foreign tours.

I'm glad to report that we have several well attended tours this year: in April, Alan Jelley took fourteen people to the Cotswolds. Most participants rode from Coventry on Friday to Witney and enjoyed a delightful day cycling in the Coln Valley on Saturday. Sunday was another hilly day when we visited Bourton-on-the Water and Stow-on-the-Wold and then cycled back to Coventry on Monday.

In May, Mike Thomas took eight people to Sardinia for nine days of cycling in the northern half of the island. We had some excellent accommodation and enjoyed a variety of weather, which was mitigated by a well-chosen rest day. Mike planned an interesting route through the mountains in the centre of the island and along the west and north coasts.

We have been organising a National Triennial Veterans 100-mile ride for many years now, but this year in early June we used a new route taking us into Rutland and Leicestershire. The ladies of the Women's Institute provided an excellent lunch at Great Easton, thank you David Hearn for organising that and we had a travelling team to run the morning and afternoon tea stops at Sibbertoft and West Haddon respectively: thank you Pip Milton and team for a very efficient service. Thank you all our bakers, who made cakes of all descriptions and also Audrey Tinley who managed a refreshment team of helpers at Binley Woods Village Hall at the start and end of the event and to Keith Jeacock who kept records of when the riders started and finished the event. Thanks, also, to Tony Benn, who spent the day photographing the event for us and produced some stunning results. Oh – I nearly forgot there were 49 riders up to 79-years old, who enjoyed the variety of scenery and gated roads that we can offer in Warwickshire and in the adjacent counties.

Vicky Palethorpe organised a women's tour at the end of June. Eight ladies spent a long weekend cycling into Northamptonshire and Leicestershire. A good time was had by all.

In the past we have had a minimal presence at the HSBC Ring-road event. Thinking ahead to our Centenary in 2021, we decided that we should give Cycling UK more publicity this year. A sub-committee did a lot of preparation work ahead of the event, which proved its worth when a very successful stall was run on 8th September. Many thanks to the team of twelve volunteers who ran the stall throughout the day. Special thanks go to Paul Morton, who negotiated a generous funding award from HQ allowing us to put our plans into action. Thanks also to Vicky Palethorpe for planning the stall and to Mike Thomas for managing the team throughout the process: he made significant efforts to obtain a Watt Bike from Warwick University and it proved to be a popular feature of the stall.

In October, Bob Tinley led a group of seven for a long weekend in the Peak District, riding from Coventry to Derby Travelodge, to the Youth Hostel in Edale, where we cooked our evening meal. We then headed south through Millers Dale, to the Travelodge in Ashbourne and back home to Coventry on Monday. The weather forecast was grim for most of the weekend, but in the event the weather was not a problem. Unfortunately, by the time we arrived in Ashbourne we had been thoroughly sprayed with crushed limestone slurry from the surfacing of the Tissington Trail.

We have truly moved into the digital age: the new website, which Alan Jelley designed and constructed has served us well and the on-line route planning sheet has worked well on our Sunday and Tuesday rides. The only real snag has been the changes in the licensing arrangements for Google Maps has caused some of the mapping sites that we use to malfunction. We are currently looking at ways around the problems.

Attached to this report is an outline programme of events for 2020 and a programme of special events planned for 2021 when CTC Coventry will be 100-years old. We have a sub-committee working on various aspects of our celebrations, but we will be looking for help to put our plans into practice.

Finally, I would like to thank all riders who have participated during the year and especially our leaders who make everything happen.

Bob Tinley

CTC Coventry outline calendar - 2020

Sunday and Tuesday rides

14 th – 24 th	April	Mallorca – John Naughton
17 th	May	Meriden Service
3 rd – 11 th	June	East Anglia Tour – Alan Jelley
End June		Ladies Tour
		Various tours
September (?)		HSBC Lets Ride Ring Road Event
Sunday 13 th	December	Meriden Christmas Service
		Christmas Dinner

CTC Coventry Centenary Celebration calendar - 2021

Sunday	4 th April	Easter Sunday
Friday	9 th April	The 100 th Birthday day – an event at The Transport Museum
Sunday	16 th May	Meriden Service and 100 th Birthday of Meriden Service
		Ride to Fillongley and barbeque
Tuesday	18 rd May	Anniversary of the inaugural ride to Fillongley – a special Tuesday Ride Lunch.
Early June		A 10-day tour to Portugal
Sunday	27 th June	100-mile ride – Little Woolford
September (?)		HSBC Ring Road event
Sunday	12 th September	100-km ride
Friday	1 st October	Celebration Dinner at Hearsall Golf Course
November		Presentation by guest speaker
Sunday 12 th	December	Meriden Christmas service
		Christmas Dinner