

CTC Coventry & CTC Rugby - Weekly Bulletin

30th September 2020

On Sunday Jeff took the 09.00 ride to Tardebigge, the home of an impressive flight of locks on the Birmingham and Worcester Canal near Bromsgrove: an area we don't use much on our regular rides, but very pleasant cycling country.

Vicky led a delightful 40 mile Women's ride through Barston, Knowle and Earlswood Lakes with a challenging bit which we met with a special approach. We are planning to continue running Women's rides on the last Sunday of every month. Please check the Bulletin for more information and to sign up.

Photos with the "challenging bit" and a pure delight are attached.

On Tuesday John took us on a rural circular ride which circum-navigated Coventry. An interesting ride that took us to familiar places, but approached from a different direction.

CyclingUK Women's Festival in July 2020 was a great success in Coventry. It included a Sunday ride, midweek rides, ZOOM meetings and a lively WhatsApp group of local women CTC members. This group is continuing to share ideas, problems and tips related to women's cycling and also organises "Pop-Up" midweek rides.

If you would like to sign up and for more information, please contact Vicky secretary@coventryctc.org.uk.



From top left: Marina's photos on the women's ride - Earlswood Lakes and the Tapster Valley (*glad to see you maintaining the Club traditions, ed*); Mick Jeynes' photo of Mike and Lester at Devitts Green last Sunday; Libby's photos on her off-road ride the previous Tuesday - Bob on the bridge over Inchford Brook and the group at Hatton Bottom Lock.

Have a look at what people have been saying about our rides by [clicking here](#) and please add your own comments.



25.8 x 28mm



Butterfly Clasp

We now have a stock of lapel badges to celebrate our centenary. They are available through our website at £2.50 each plus £1.00 for post and pack. They are an attractive souvenir, which we will be giving to everyone who takes part in our 100-mile, or 100-km Centenary Rides next year. In the mean time anyone who wishes to purchase one should visit our Club shop

at <https://coventryctc.org.uk/centenary-enamelled-lapel-badges-order-form>

Government guidance on groups sizes has been tightened and we will have to insist that rides will be restricted to 6-riders and must be pre-booked. If there are too many riders the ride will be split into two, or more, groups, with each group having its own leader.

Please book your place on our rides by 10.00hrs on Friday to give us sufficient time to adjust the size of rides and make a refreshment booking if appropriate.



Many thanks to the many riders and leaders who took part in our 20 organised rides in September.

Please follow this link to a short video, showing what we got up to and how the Air Ambulance collection is progressing - you may even spot yourself... <https://vimeo.com/463471596>

...and thanks once again for your contributions so far. Enjoy October.

On Sunday 4th October a number of rides will leave the War Memorial Park, Park and Ride facility:

09.00hrs: Mike Thomas will lead a 55-mile ride from War Memorial Park to Draycote and on to The Skylark Café at Staverton for lunch. Please email Mike (mike999thomas@gmail.com) to reserve your place and get full details of the ride.

09.15hrs: Marina Friend will lead a 34-mile ride from War Memorial Park to Long Itchington. Please email Marina (marinafriend@hotmail.co.uk) to reserve your place and get full details of the ride.

09.30hrs: Carl Lewis will lead a 30-mile ride from War Memorial Park to Lavender Hall

Fishery. Please email Carl (carl.lewis9@icloud.com) to reserve your place and get full details of the ride.

On Tuesday 6th October

1015hrs: Bob Tinley will lead a ride from NAC Stoneleigh to Gongoozlers Barge, Braunston. Please email Bob (chairman@coventryctc.org.uk) to reserve your place and get full details of the ride.

HS2 work has affected the northern end of the Kenilworth Greenway. You are no longer able to use the ramp up to the road in Burton Green but you will be diverted shortly before that point. Bearing in mind the length of time the diversion will be needed it is rather sub-standard, but discussions are on-going with HS2 which we hope will improve relations with the company and improve the quality of the diversion.

Binley Road Cycleway

The consultation for Binley Road Cycleway is now live at <https://letstalk.coventry.gov.uk/binleycycleway> This covers phase 1 as far as Binley Business Park. A consultation on phase 2 from Binley Business Park to the hospital is to follow in the autumn.

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



At Blyth End, by Shustoke Reservoir. It used to house a beam engine, which pumped water into the distribution system.



On the hills between Tysoe and Brailes, near to Winderton stands this stone structure which we have got off our bikes and wandered over to on a couple of occasions.

1 What is it known as?

2 What was it used as long ago (even before my time)?

And finally... two more pictures from Mike's collection of crazy photographs from around the world;



Keep safe

Bob