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CTC Coventry & CTC Rugby - Weekly Bulletin

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Sunday was a perfect day for cycling being warm and no wind - a few Easter Bunnies were spotted walking around the local villages enjoying the sunshine. How it changed on Tuesday - after coffee at Stoneleigh Park we had a good ride to Napton with the wind behind us. In the afternoon we had a delightful ride down the gated road to Lower Shuckburgh through fields of sheep with their new lambs. From then on it was into the wind and we could see the storm clouds building ahead of us. We had a few showers of mixed hail and snow, but all in all we had a good day and it was certainly nice to be riding in a group again.

It seems that as we are an organised group we are allowed to ride in groups up to 15 in size, although the rule of six still applies at refreshment points. We will continue to use the email booking system for rides, which has served us well up to now.

You may remember I included a picture of some of our regular riders, Jill Seamen, Ann Thomas, Mike Thomas and Dave Hearn, who are working as volunteers helping with the national Covid Vaccination programme. The Cycling UK Cycle Clips electronic magazine also featured them with an article about the work they have been doing. I guess that most of you will already receive Cycle Clips, but this article was hidden behind some cryptic links and it was very easy to miss it.

To read the full story, please follow this link: <https://www.cyclinguk.org/real-life-stories/lockdown-love-coventry-ctc-member-group>



An Easter decorated post box in Baginton and one of the groups having lunch in Long Itchington.

Rides

1. Please remember that we are collecting voluntary contributions of £1 per person per ride for the Air Ambulance as part of our Centenary effort.
2. Please book for all rides by Friday evening following this Bulletin to allow leaders to arrange refreshments, or extra group leaders as necessary.
3. Sunday rides will start at a various points around the Coventry War Memorial Park. When you book with the leader you will receive full details of the ride including that crucial meeting point.
4. Refreshments will not necessarily be available during the ride, but the leader will tell you the situation in advance.

This weekend is the 100th Anniversary of the inaugural ride of the Coventry Section of the CTC to Fillongley. Today it may not sound very far away, but we have to remember that modern bikes are far superior to those in use then. Also few of the lanes would have been tarmacked in 1921, so progress would have been much harder and slower than today.

To mark this event two of our rides on Sunday are going to Fillongley.



GENT'S ROADSTER
BICICLETA PARA CABALLEROS



RALEIGH SUPERBE
ALL-STEEL SPECIFICATION

A couple of roadsters from 1921 and a cyclist in Fillongley.

I am pleased to announce the introduction of occasional Thursday rides to help people who are unable to make Tuesdays - everyone, of course, is welcome to join in. Thank you, Nigel Hickman, for kick starting the first Thursday ride next week.

Also, despite cancelling the 100-mile Centenary Ride, we have decided to put on a 100-mile ride as a special Sunday ride on 6th June. More information later, but it will roughly follow the previous route, but will start and finish in the War Memorial Park and will be entirely self catered.

Sunday 11th April

09.00hrs Jeff Palethorpe will lead a 56-mile ride from the Coat of Arms Bridge Road car park, WMP to Alcester Centenary Park for a picnic lunch. Please email j.palethorpe@icloud.com to book your place and get full details of the ride.

09.15hrs Vicky Palethorpe will lead a 22-mile ride from the tennis Court Café, WMP to Fillongley and Meriden for a break to enjoy your own refreshments. Please email Secretary@CoventryCTC.org.uk to book your place and get full details of the ride.

09.30hrs Alan Jelley will lead a 34-mile ride from WMP Bus stop to Fillongley and Coleshill for a picnic lunch. Please email alan_jelley@outlook.com to book your place and get full details of the ride.

Tuesday 13th April

10.15hrs Bob Tinley will lead a 24-mile ride from Lavender Hall fishery to Wedges at Illshaw

Heath. Please email chairman@coventryctc.org.uk to book your place and get full details of the ride.

Thursday 15th April

10.10hrs Nigel Hickman will lead a 34-mile ride from The Baginton Oak to Harbury and Barford where take out purchases will be available. Please email 22tandn@gmail.com to book your place and get full details of the ride.

News

With us all getting out and about a bit more you might be interested in this article from Cycling UK about Route Planning: <https://www.cyclinguk.org/article/guide-gps-and-route-plotting-cyclists>

I would just like to comment that they make no mention of Memory Map, which I find to be a very versatile tool, especially as it allows you to display multiple routes. Nor is Garmin BaseCamp referred to, which is a totally free application you can download from Garmin's site and can be used in conjunction with Open Street Maps, which are also free.

Adam Tranter has again been asking me to publicise the work on cycleways going on in Coventry, especially where consultations are in progress. In particular, Foleshill Road, Cannon Park and the Binley Cycleway. He has sent me too much information for the Bulletin, but George Riches has posted all his information on our website: <https://coventryctc.org.uk/category/campaign>

HS2

The latest news can be viewed here: <https://hs2inwarwicks.commonplace.is/news>

Website info about Cafés and HS2 road works

Alan Jelley sends thanks for recent information about cafés that are currently open and has created a webpage to give people guidance when planning their rides and can be found under the 'Rides' menu item, there is also information about HS2 roadworks..

<http://coventryctc.org.uk/routes-guidance-advice-on-available-cafes-takeaways-and-roadworks>

George Riches asks me to bring to your attention that you can scrap your polluting vehicle and get £1500 - £3000:

If you have an diesel vehicle which is not Euro 6 compliant (most of these were manufactured before 2016) or a petrol vehicle which is not Euro 4 compliant (most of these

were manufactured before 2006) and you live in one of the eight trial wards in Coventry, you can get somewhere between £1500 - £3000 in mobility credits for scrapping it. See

https://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/114/parking_travel_and_streets/3690/mobility_credits

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



The bike on the left with “diadrant” forks was made by Bates.

The bike on the right with the “curly” chain stays was made by Hetchins.



Here are a couple of images of Margaret in her home county of Yorkshire. Hopefully they will remind us what we have been missing: the ability to go cycling beyond our local range.

She is quite near Ribbleshead which carries the Settle to Carlisle railway, and the question is: the highest station on England’s railway network is on the Settle to Carlisle line, but which railway station am I referring to?