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Sak's ride on Sunday took us to The Dog Lane fishery café in Napton, which has recently been taken over by new owners. They are very helpful and friendly, so we will certainly be calling in again. Lunch was at Cropredy, pretty much on the limit of how far we can get on a Sunday Ride. Everyone enjoyed using some lanes that we rarely visit and from the high ground we watched rain showers circling round us - luckily missed most of the showers although we could see, from the state of the roads that some places had received quite a deluge.

Centenary Reminders

Please make your booking for the **Centenary Barbecue** by emailing Keith Jeacock: k.jeacock@btinternet.com to book your place. Cycling and non-cycling partners are welcome and there is ample parking at the Village Hall, so you don't even have to drive there, although there will be some rides from the War Memorial Park to the event. Full details can also be seen on the website: <https://coventryctc.org.uk/special-celebratory-bbq-at-fillongley> Doors open at 12.00hrs at Fillongley Village Hall on **18th July** and remember that we are holding a bring and buy book sale. All the proceeds will be donated to the Air Ambulance Service.

100-mile Bike Week Challenge - Don't forget to register for our 100-mile Bike Week Challenge, by emailing Peter Seamen, 100-miles@CoventryCTC.org.uk. It's a bit of fun to accumulate 100-miles during Bike Week - more information can be seen on the website: <http://coventryctc.org.uk/bike-week-100mile-in-a-week-challenge>.

Meriden - 5th September - There is good news about the Meriden Cyclists'

Service: we are being allowed to have use of the sports pavilion by the roundabout for the first time. It will be used for catering and toilets and the outside area will be used for two displays of vintage cycles, one provided by the Veteran Cycle Club and the other display will be brought by the Army possibly including some paratroopers folding bikes from World War II.

A couple of marshalls are needed on the day: if you can help please email David Hearn, Dave@MargaretHearn.plus.com

100-km Challenge Ride - this is a fully catered ride and is the big cycling event of our year on **12th September**. Full details, including a route map are on the website: coventryctc.org.uk/100-km-centenary-challenge-ride, but I would like to add a few details. 100-km is 64-miles, which doesn't sound quite so far. The pace of a ride is more critical than the distance and because we have a morning coffee stop, a lunch stop and an afternoon tea stop you will never have to ride more than 20-miles between refuelling stops. You will be provided with drinks and snacks at the morning and afternoon stops and a light 2-course meal at lunchtime. This is a formula we have used successfully on the National Tri-ennial 100-mile Veterans ride that we have been running since 2001, so the emphasis is on an enjoyable, sociable ride.

Now is the time to start increasing your ride mileages in preparation for the event, which will take you to some of the best riding we can offer in the area. There will be a maximum of 10-riders in each led group so there no need to worry about navigation - just turn up and enjoy. with a maximum of 10-riders per group.

There is a limit of 60-riders on the event because of catering constraints, so it would be as well to get your registration in quickly by emailing Bob Tinley:

Chairman@CoventryCTC.org.uk and make it your goal for the year.

Bike Week runs from 30th May to 6th June and there are lots of activities planned: including women's rides and rides to encourage new cyclists.

As well as the **100-mile Bike Week Challenge** mentioned above we are also running a **100-mile Century Ride** on 6th June starting from the War Memorial Park in Coventry. This is a replacement to the fully catered 100-mile ride that had to be cancelled and riders are asked to carry their own refreshments - it promises to be a good day out. Entrants must email Bob Tinley in order to take part:

Chairman@CoventryCTC.org.uk. More details can be viewed on the website: <https://coventryctc.org.uk/100-mile-centenary-ride> .

Vicky has prepared an **excellent short video** about our Bike Week activities - find out what's happening and **enjoy the video** here: <https://vimeo.com/548021666>.



The Upper Towy Valley (river) in 2013.

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. Although we are now allowed to ride in groups of up to 15 riders we will keep our booking system in place. We will be able to go into cafes but with a maximum of 6 people per table.
3. Please book for all rides by Friday evening following this Bulletin to allow leaders to arrange refreshments, or extra group leaders as necessary.
4. 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.
5. Refreshments will not necessarily be available during the ride, but the leader will tell you the situation in advance.

Sunday 23rd May

Libby had planned to lead an off-road ride, but an inspection of the course suggested that the going would be "soft". She has wisely decided to postpone the ride until the conditions are more favourable.

09.00hrs George Riches will lead a 78-mile ride from the War Memorial Park, Park & Ride Bus Stop to Ullesthorpe, Foxton Locks and Catthorpe. Please bring your own picnic. Please email George: George.Riches@CoventryCTC.org.uk to book your place and get full details of the ride.

09.15hrs Vicky Palethorpe will lead a 35-mile ride from the WMP, Tennis Court Café to Long Itchington, a picnic at Chesterton and home via Sherborne. Please email Vicky: Secretary@CoventryCTC.org.uk to book your place and get full details of the ride.

09.30hrs Helen Tolley and Marina Friend will lead a 15-mile ride from Millenium Square (The Transport Museum) on a "Building confidence in City riding" ride. Please email Helen: surffoxhelen@yahoo.co.uk or Marina: marinafriend@hotmail.co.uk to book your place and get full details of the ride.

Tuesday 25th May

10.15hrs Alan Jelley will lead a 33-mile ride from Stoneleigh, Farmers Fayre to Southam for lunch and back to Stoneleigh. Please email Alan: alan_jelley@outlook.com to book your place and get full details of the ride.

News

HS2

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

World Bicycle Day Virtual Bike Breakfast - 3 June

Join a Virtual Bike Breakfast and webinar with GB Cycling team member Hannah Escott on World Bicycle Day. Start the day with a bike ride if you can, then sit back and listen to her 30-minute motivational story followed by an interactive Q&A session. Find out more and register for the webinar.

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8299304396895723787>

City of Culture

The City of Culture team are currently looking for confident / experienced cyclists that are comfortable riding with others or as part of a

Peloton. Although at a slower and steady pace, participants will be needed to ride approximately 15 miles , split into two parts (7.5 miles each) along a designated route in Coventry. Each part needs to be completed in 1 hour 30 minutes (you will have a break inbetween). Riders also need to be open to wearing costume, a particular colour or theme. Get full details here: <http://coventryctc.org.uk/coventry-moves>



Where are we?

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



This is the town of Settle in the Yorkshire district of Craven.



This lady is a Coventry cycling legend, she began touring but became a racing cyclist breaking many records during her career.

Question Who is she?

Reminders

1. Book your ticket for the barbeque. k.jeacock@btinternet.com
2. Sign up for the Bike Week 100-mile Challenge. 100-miles@coventryctc.org.uk
3. Reserve a place on the 100-mile Centenary Ride. Chairman@CoventryCTC.org.uk
4. Prepare for and reserve a place on the 100-km Centenary Challenge Ride. Chairman@CoventryCTC.org.uk