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## CTC Coventry & CTC Rugby - Weekly Bulletin

**9th June 2021**

### **Bike Week Resumé**

A big effort was made by the Women's team to promote cycling in Stoke Aldermoor as part of a community project. I have to report that the results have been very disappointing as very few riders turned up to a large number of organised rides.

### **100-mile Challenge**

Well done everyone who met the challenge and especially well done to Peggy and Elena for riding nearly 120-miles on one day on the 4-Cathedrals ride (Coventry, Worcester, Hereford & Gloucester) and rode over 200-miles in the week; to the ten riders who completed the 100-mile Century Ride on Sunday 6th; to Nigel, Terry, John, Dennis, Tony and Sak who all rode over 200-miles in the week; and last, but not least to Steve who rode nearly 360-miles. Thanks to everyone who helped to amass a grand total of nearly 6200-miles.

### **100-mile Centenary Ride - 6th June**

**Sak sent the following report:** Despite the glorious weather on the Saturday, the forecast for Sunday was somewhat dire, so it was with some trepidation that I rode to the start, hoping that no one else would show up and I could go back to bed. But no, they were all there, so there was nothing to do but to press on.

Bob's route took us along some quiet roads including some that most of us hadn't been on before up to Edgehill, then along the top with some glorious views along the way. We found a spot by Todenham Village Hall for lunch, then continued towards home.

As we approached Ebrington, we saw a sign that said "real dairy ice-cream". How could we

resist? It turned out to be a farm shop and café called "Vegetable Matters". We had drinks and homemade cakes or ice-cream on the terrace, and even the sun came out.

Then with the wind behind us, we wound our way back towards the tea-stop at the M40 Warwick services. It was much busier than when we were last there, but at least we could get a hot drink and a bite. The last 20 or so miles went by fairly quickly as the wind was mostly helpful, and we finally rolled into the War Memorial Park just after 1815.

The promised drenching never arrived and the wettest we got was going through the aptly named "Traitor's Ford" just before Stourton and we only had a couple of minor mechanical problems that were soon fixed.

We are all looking forward to doing it again next year in conjunction with the Triennial Veterans' Ride with full catering and a much bigger entry.

## **Centenary Reminders**

Please make your booking for the **Centenary Barbecue** by emailing Keith Jeacock: [k.jeacock@btinternet.com](mailto: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.

**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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:Chairman@CoventryCTC.org.uk) and make it your goal for the year.



Descending to Coalcleugh on the Coast 2 Coast in 2011.

## 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.
6. We all understand that cafe proprietors have had a very tough time over the last year - please be sure to respect any directions you may be given.

### Sunday 13th June

**09.00hrs** Ben Jackson will lead a 60-mile ride the Coat of Arms Bridge Road Car Park, WMP to Coleshill, Birmingham and Longbridge. Refreshments can be bought en route. Please email Ben: [jacksonb123@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jacksonb123@hotmail.co.uk) to book your place and get full details of the ride.

**09.15hrs** Helen Tolley will lead a 20-mile ride from the WMP, Park & Ride Bus Stop to Beausale, stopping for coffee in Kenilworth on the way home. Please email Helen: [surffoxhelen@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:surffoxhelen@yahoo.co.uk) to book your place and get full details of the ride.

### Tuesday 15th June

**10.15hrs** Alan Jelley will lead a 30-mile ride from Lil Greens, Kenilworth to Wellesbourne for lunch and back to Leek Wootton. Please email Alan: [alan\\_jelley@outlook.com](mailto:alan_jelley@outlook.com) to book your place and get full details of the ride.

## News

### Lias Line Greenway Project

Planning permission for the project has been granted by Rugby, Warwick and Stratford-upon-Avon District Councils and the project has now entered the tendering stage.

## **HS2**

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

## **Kenilworth Naturewatch**

For a full listing of the family-friendly events from Sat 29th May to Sunday 6th June and relevant booking links click here: [www.kenilworthweb.co.uk/knw21/](http://www.kenilworthweb.co.uk/knw21/).

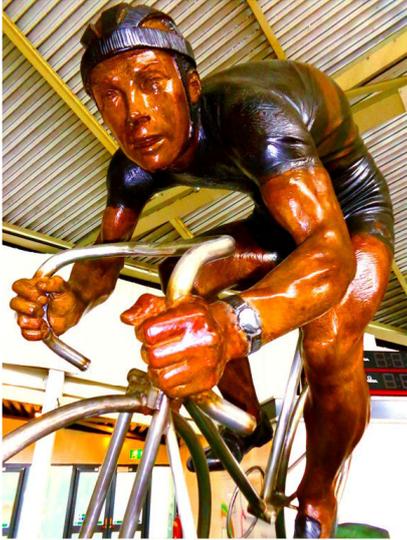
## **Warwickshire County Council**

WCC is inviting local people to suggest improvements to make it easier and safer to travel on foot and by cycle. The council has launched an interactive map and are asking for suggestions, by 9 July 2021, for the best places for improvements:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/cycling/developing-warwickshires-cycle-network/3>

## Where are we?

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



This is Reg Harris, who regularly rode on the Butts Track and had this statue erected at Manchester Velodrome.



This road is the longest continuous climb in England, rising 968 feet in 5.5 miles. What is it called and where is it?

## Reminders

1. Book your ticket for the barbeque. [k.jeacock@btinternet.com](mailto:k.jeacock@btinternet.com)
2. Prepare for and reserve a place on the 100-km Centenary Challenge Ride. [Chairman@CoventryCTC.org.uk](mailto:Chairman@CoventryCTC.org.uk)