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What's been happening

The Council have now planted the **Centenary Garden** in Greyfriars Green near the junction of Greyfriars Road and Warwick Road and close to the Starley Memorial. There's also a notice board which explains what it's all about. I've no doubt that it will look progressively better as the summer continues and the plants grow.

Peter Seamen sends the following report on the **100-mile Bike Week Challenge**: *Thank you for taking part in the 100 mile challenge. I was amazed at the response: 43 people cycled 100 miles or more during the week. 10 people completed 100 miles in single day; others accumulated the total during the week. Particular congratulations to those for whom 100 miles is significantly more than they usually ride in a week. There was a tandem, several bikes with electric assistance (including mine) and at least one Brompton. Between us we accumulated over 6600 miles.*

We hope to see those of you who do not regularly ride with us at some of our Centenary events.

Thank you, Peter, for organising the challenge.

Ten members enjoyed an excellent tour from **York to Edinburgh** and returned home at the end of last week on a variety of trains - some were shared with boisterous Scotland football fans travelling to London for the England/Scotland match. Thank you, Mike Thomas, for a lot of preparation work, which made the tour run very smoothly and for some hard negotiations at our nightly stops to obtain secure storage for our bikes. The weather was very kind to us, but this had a side effect of making the coast roads busy with visitors - Mike had wisely planned the route using Sustrans bike routes, but they weren't always built to the standards of the Kenilworth Greenway! All part of life's rich pattern. The final day saw us

climbing over the Lammermuir Hills and using a cycle path into Edinburgh via Hollyrood Park and past the Scottish Parliament with virtually no traffic to be seen. We're all ready for the next tour...

What's going to happen

Alan Jelley is resurrecting his **South Downs Fixed Centre Tour** from 20th to 23rd July and it is now open for booking. Please see the website, <http://coventryctc.org.uk/south-downs-single-centre-tour>, for more details and email Alan, alan_jelley@outlook.com, to reserve your place on the tour.

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.

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 just over 62-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.

Audrey Tinley will be running the **afternoon tea stop at Clifton-upon-Dunsmore Village Hall**, but she will need some help. If you don't think that riding this event is really for you, you can make a real contribution to the event by baking cakes and / or helping to run the tea stop on the day. Please will you email Chairman@CoventryCTC.org.uk to offer help. Let us know if you have a speciality cake, or if you would like ideas of what is required. Nearer the day I will confirm what type and quantity of cake are required. Your expenses will, of course, be reimbursed.



Top: Centenary garden in Greyfriars Green

Bottom: York - Edinburgh Tour including a sunset in Durham; River Wear in Sunderland;

near Tynehead; Mike summiting High Town Bank Road on the North York Moors; Sustrans cycle path near Berwick-upon-Tweed; crossing the River Tweed.

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 27th June

09.00hrs Paul Whateley will lead a 68-mile ride from the WMP, Park and Ride Bus Stop to the Garden Shed, Wellesbourne; picnic lunch in Alcester; and afternoon tea at Wootton Wawen. Please email Paul: paul.whateley@me.com to book your place and get full details of the ride.

09.15hrs Lester Marriner will lead a 30-mile ride from the WMP, Tennis Court Café to Wyndley Garden Centre, Knowle. Please email Lester: lm4451@hotmail.co.uk to book your place and get full details of the ride.

09.30hrs Alan Jelley will lead a 40-mile ride from the WMP, Park and Ride Bus Stop to Kingsbury Water Park. Please email Alan: alan_jelley@outlook.com to book your place and get full details of the ride.

Tuesday 29th June

10.15hrs Jill Seamen will lead a 30-mile ride from Lavender Hall Fishery to Earlswood Lakes for lunch. Please email Jill: pj@seamen.plus.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>

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:



These tricycles were made by Pashley's of Stratford-upon-Avon for the Cyclopaedia for use in conjunction with the 2012 Olympic Games.



This octagonal 'tower' is in fact a dovecote dating from the 1760's and thought to have been designed by Sanderson Miller.

Where are we?

Reminders

1. Book your ticket for the barbeque. k.jeacock@btinternet.com
2. Prepare for and reserve a place on the 100-km Centenary Challenge Ride. Chairman@CoventryCTC.org.uk
3. Bake cakes for the 100-km Centenary Challenge and volunteer to help run the Clifton tea stop. Chairman@CoventryCTC.org.uk
4. Send feedback on rides you've been on, or other aspects of the Club using the link on the right-hand side bar of the website. <http://coventryctc.org.uk/comment>