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Upcoming events

- **Special Centenary Barbeque** on 18th July at Fillongley Village Hall is almost upon us. There are rides from War Memorial Park to Fillongley, there is a cycling book stall, a celebration cake and, of course, food and time to catch up with acquaintances old and new. <https://coventryctc.org.uk/special-celebratory-bbq-at-fillongley>
- **South Downs single centre tour** 20th - 23rd July. <http://coventryctc.org.uk/south-downs-single-centre-tour>.
- **Women's Tour** 6th - 8th August. <https://coventryctc.org.uk/2021-womens-tour>
- **Meriden Cyclists' Service**, which is also celebrating its Centenary on 5th September. <https://coventryctc.org.uk/cyclists-memorial-service-sunday-september-5th>
- **100-km Centenary Challenge Ride** 12th September. Please register for the biggest fully catered cycling event of our centenary year. You will be conducted on a showcase ride to share some of the best cycling in our area. <http://coventryctc.org.uk/100-km-centenary-challenge-ride>
- **Sunday and mid-week rides** are a regular feature of our activities.

Immediate action

- **Special BBQ** - Mike Thomas would like to know if you are able to lend us a gazebo for use at the Barbeque. Unfortunately the current Covid restrictions will not be relaxed until the day after this event at the earliest, which means the majority of the event will

have to take place outside whatever the weather. The provision of a few gazebos will make life a load more comfortable if the weather is against us.

- **South Downs Single Centre Tour** - 20th - 23rd July will soon be upon us, so please contact [Alan Jelly](#) soon to get the joining instructions.
- **100-km Centenary Challenge** - all the catering arrangements have been made for morning coffee in Long Itchington and lunch at Badby village hall, but we need cakes for afternoon tea at Clifton-upon-Dunsmore village hall (expenses will be reimbursed) and also a few people to run the tea stop. Please contact [Bob Tinley](#) with offers of help.

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Rides

Last Sunday Paul Whateley took us on an innovative ride to Alcester. Coffee at the Garden Shed in Wellesbourne proved to be a protracted event apparently caused by difficulties with the coffee machine. Anyway, we eventually set off for Preston-on-Stour, a delightful village, and headed for Weston-on-Avon via a track paved with loose pebbles reminiscent of trying to ride on marbles. Between Weston and Welford there was another track beside the River Avon that none of us had used before - full marks for that and we soon found ourselves enjoying a picnic in the park in Alcester. Tea was efficiently dispensed at the Cow Shed, Wootton Wawen and we returned home having had a thoroughly good day's cycling.



Libby's off-road ride on 20th June - she took us on some lesser used tracks in the Coombe Abbey-Brinklow area. Next time we'll fix knives to Carl's recumbent wheels and send him through first. We had a great time and even managed a coffee and excellent cake from Pumpkins in Brinklow - not normally open on Sundays.

Rides this week

The Air Ambulance Fund is now about £780, so well done to everyone who has been donating £1 per ride. The fund will be presented to the Midland Branch of the Air Ambulance Service at the Centenary Dinner in October.

Booking rides: for the time being we are continuing to ask riders to contact the leader in advance to reserve a place on their chosen ride. Please check on the **meeting point**, which may be different from what you have become used to.

Sunday 4th July

09.00hrs Jeff Palethorpe will lead a 63-mile ride from the WMP, North Gate onto Leamington Road to the Ullesthorpe Garden Centre, Naseby for lunch and tea at Manor Farm, Catthorpe. Please email Jeff: j.palethorpe@icloud.com to book your place and get full details of the ride.

09.00hrs Marina Friend will lead a 40-mile women's ride from the WMP, Tennis Court Café to Earlswood Lake. Please email Marina: marinafriend@hotmail.co.uk to book your place and get full details of the ride.

09.15hrs Vicky Palethorpe will lead an easy paced 20-25 mile ride from the WMP, North Gate by Leamington Road to the café at Hatton Country World. Please email Vicky: Secretary@CoventryCTC.org.uk to book your place and get full details of the ride.

Tuesday 6th July

10.15hrs Alan Jolley will lead a 35-mile ride from Hunningham Hill Top Farm to the Lord Nelson canal pub, Braunston for lunch. Please email Alan: alan_jolley@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>

Rouncil Lane Closure

Rouncil Lane is due to be closed from 5th July 2021 for 6-weeks with no through route for pedestrians or cyclists. Nigel Hickman has kindly sent a suggestion for an alternative route involving a short, easy off-road section, which can be viewed here: <https://cycle.travel/map/journey/234675>

Reminders

1. Book your ticket for the barbecue. k.jeacock@btinternet.com
2. Collect some of your old cycling books to take to the barbecue - proceeds will go to our Air Ambulance fund.
3. Lend a gazebo to the barbecue. mike999thomas@gmail.com
4. Enter the 100-km Centenary Ride. Chairman@CoventryCTC.org.uk
5. Bake cakes and help run the afternoon tea stop on the 100-km Centenary Ride. Chairman@CoventryCTC.org.uk
6. Book a place on the South Downs Single Centre Tour. alan_jolley@outlook.com

Where are we?

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



This octagonal dovecote dating from the 1760's is in Idlicote near Shipston-on-Stour.



The 'Winged Wheel' is the iconic symbol of our club, but sadly it has a lower profile these days. I have a fairly large collection of photographs of the winged wheel in it's various forms from badges to cast iron wall plaques.

There are two photos this week,

- 1 Margaret's silver winged wheel pendant/locket
- 2 A cast iron winged wheel wall plaque

Question: The wall plaque is still to be seen mounted on the White Hart public house in which town? If you need a clue - a meteorite landed in this town last year.