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It happened

Well done, Mike Thomas, for organising and bringing together an excellent BBQ last Sunday at Fillongley Village Hall. Also playing an important part in making it such a success were: Sak Wathanasin timetabling the event; Peter Seamen for designing the cake decoration, inspired by Alan's new club logo from the website; Kumar for cooking fuss-free food producing a very tasty meal; John Crighton, who used to ride with the Club in the 1960's, he travelled from Scotland to be with us and provided the core of a cycling book stall, which raised over £50 for the Air Ambulance and there may be more to come; Dave Hearn for taking innumerable photos; all the people who lent us gazebos to protect us from the rain, which turned out to provide essential shade from the sun; Ann Thomas for decorating the tables with flowers from her garden; and Keith & Pat for looking after the book stall and handling all the finances in the run up to the event.

It was great to welcome 70-people to the Fillongley Village Hall to celebrate our Centenary - it to Fillongley that the first CTC Coventry club run was made 100-years ago. It would have been a much harder ride from Coventry in those days as few of the roads would have been tarmacked and only the fortunate few would have had three speed gears, everyone else would have been on a single speed gear. In particular, it was good to see Janet Willis, who had been a leading light with her husband Jim in the '60s and '70's; and, of course, our President Gordon Mead, aged 96, who has been a stalwart member of the Club since before memories began and is an accomplished touring cyclist: in the 1950's he would go touring in the Alps, when Europe was still reeling from the war and few of the passes were surfaced.

Congratulations

As part of the Women's Festival of Cycling, Cycling UK has announced a list of 100 Women in Cycling who have made a significant contribution to women's cycling. <https://www.cyclinguk.org/womensfestival/100women/2021> In particular, our own Vicky Palethorpe has been named: <https://www.cyclinguk.org/biography/vicky-palethorpe> - we are proud of you Vicky and congratulate you on having your efforts recognised.



A selection of photos from the BBQ.

Rides this week

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 25th July

09.00hrs Andy Gilbert will lead a 60-mile ride from the WMP, Tennis Court Café to Middleton Hall for lunch. Please email Andy: andrewgilbert100772@gmail.com to book your place and get full details of the ride.

09.15hrs Paul Whateley will lead a 26-mile ride from the WMP, Park & Ride Bus Stop to Oakes Farm Shop, Balsall Common. Please email Paul: paul.whateley@me.com to book your place and get full details of the ride.

09.30hrs As part of the Women's Festival of Cycling Libby Foster and Vicky Palethorpe will lead a 25/40-mile women's ride from Coventry Cathedral to Birmingham Cathedral. There is an option to return by train. Please email: women@coventryctc.org.uk to book your place and get full details of the ride.

Tuesday 27th July

10.15hrs Alan Jelley will lead a 30-mile ride from Badgers Tea Room, Brandon Marsh to the Blue Lias Inn, Stockton for lunch. Please email Alan: alan_jelley@outlook.com to book your place and get full details of the ride.

Women's Festival of Cycling Rides

Wednesday 28th July 10.00hrs Marina Friend will lead a 14-mile ride from War Memorial Park on a leisurely ride to Balsall Common. Alternatively the distance can be reduced to 10-miles by meeting at 10.30hrs at the Xcell Leisure Centre (Mitchel Ave, CV4 8DY). Please email Marina: women@coventryctc.org.uk to book your place and get full details of the ride.

Thursday 29nd July 18.30hrs Helen Tolley will lead a leisurely 10-mile ride from Coventry Transport Museum to Bablake playing fields (bring your own refreshments). Please email Helen: women@coventryctc.org.uk 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>

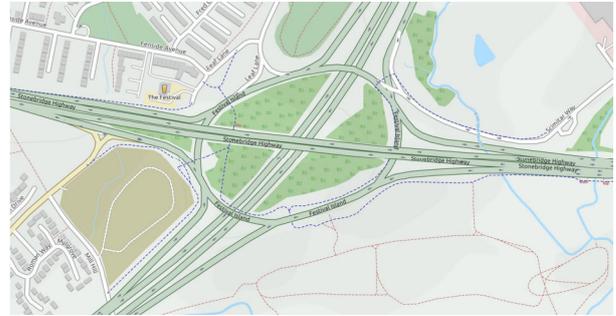
Rouncil Lane Closure

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>. I understand that it is possible for cyclists to get through the roadworks section.

New Cycle Path at Festival Island

As you know, the bridge over the A46 on the western side of the Festival Island has been temporarily closed (well removed). The good news is that a new crossing at grade has been built on the eastern side of the Island.

It's controlled by lights so it's perfectly safe.



Solihull has been awarded £2 million to spend on road safety. Read more about it here: <https://www.solihull.gov.uk/news/council-receives-over-ps2m-spend-road-safety> and have your say on how it should be spent.

Reminders

1. Enter the 100-km Centenary Ride. Chairman@CoventryCTC.org.uk
2. Bake cakes and help run the afternoon tea stop on the 100-km Centenary Ride. Chairman@CoventryCTC.org.uk

Where are we?

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



This statue of two cyclists, “The Victor & The Defeated” is next to The Madonna del Ghisallo chapel, in the hills high above the Italian Lake Como.

The Giro di Lombardia, ‘Monument’ day cycle race always passes the sculpture.



This unique brand of bicycle is still manufactured for enthusiasts and was designed by Mikael Pedersen. What was his nationality? and in which town were the bicycles produced?