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It happened

The seven riders who took part in Alan Jelley's **South Downs Tour** are all back home having had quite a hard tour, made more difficult by the searing temperatures. Thank you Alan for organising the tour in a very scenic area and finding plenty of points of interest.

Marina sent me the following report about the **Women's Coventry-Birmingham Cathedral Ride:**

The Challenge Ride in The Women's Festival of Cycling Fortnight rode from Coventry Cathedral to Birmingham Cathedral being part of the National Cathedral Cycle Route.

10 women rode the event and covered over 500-miles between them: a real achievement for some of the women who had never ridden that distance before.

The route involved a navigational challenge around the Birmingham streets and canals: thanks Libby for all your extra help on this.

Great team work and thanks to those carrying my bike up and down the really steep steps to the canal with great fun and support shared along the way.

We must do something like this again next year.

The next challenge

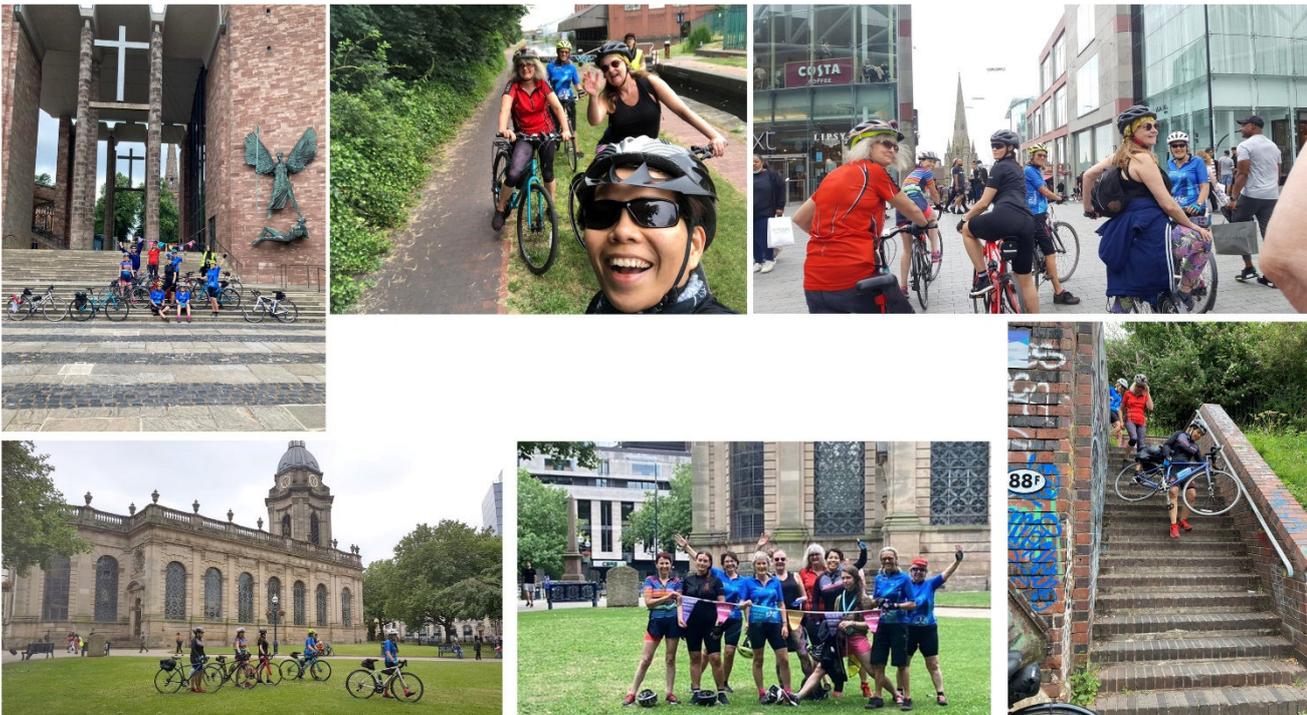
The **100-km Centenary Challenge Ride** is only 6-weeks away and will take place on 12th September: it is the main cycling event of our Centenary Year. We are hoping that 60-riders will take part in small groups each with a leader and a backmarker, so you'll be looked after all day with no worries about navigating. Included in the price are refreshments at 16-mile intervals with a light lunch half way round, more complementary tea and coffee at the end, a souvenir enamelled lapel badge and a certificate of completion. Full details can be viewed on our website at <https://coventryctc.org.uk/100->

[km-centenary-challenge-ride.](#)

This is a formula we have used on many previous occasions and I can assure you that the enthusiasm of all the riders will carry you through the day, even if it's a bit further than you normally ride. The route goes into Northamptonshire in the east of our area and will take you along some delightful lanes and gated roads, so please give it a go and I know you will not be disappointed. Just ask me for an entry form by emailing me at Chairman@CoventryCTC.org.uk.

A plea for help: we need someone to run **an assistance vehicle for the 100-km event**. We're not looking for mechanical, or first aid skills, but just the ability to be on stand-by to collect someone (and their bike) who is unable to complete the course due to, say, a mechanical problem that cannot be fixed beside the road. If you have a tow bar and lighting board we can loan you a trailer for the day. To volunteer, or discuss this further please email me: Chairman@CoventryCTC.org.uk - hopefully your services will not be required, but any fuel costs will be reimbursed.

Also on the horizon is the **Centenary Dinner** to be held at Hearsall Golf Course on Friday 1st October. This will be a great opportunity for us to all get together and we have two distinguished guests of honour: Sarah Mitchell, Cycling UK's new Chief Executive and Adam Tranter, Coventry's Cycling Mayor. Full details are on the website at <https://coventryctc.org.uk/club-centenary-dinner>: we are now open for bookings, which can be made by emailing Keith Jeacock at k.jeacock@btinternet.com



A selection of photos from the Women's Cathedral Ride from Coventry to Birmingham and back.

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.

Women's Festival of Cycling

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.

Also there will be three women's rides on Sunday meeting up with a joint picnic at Abbey Fields, Kenilworth at about 12.00hrs. We are keen to invite all our women to take part in these rides to celebrate our cycling achievements. Please bring your own refreshments, although there will be an opportunity to purchase them there. Full details below in the General Rides Programme.

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Sunday 1st August

09.00hrs Alan Jelley will lead a 60-mile ride from the WMP, Tennis Court Café to The Sky Lark Café, Staverton for coffee; The National Trust at Canons Ashby for lunch; and possibly Southam for tea. After coffee Andy Gilbert will take a faster group on the same route to Coventry via Canons Ashby and Southam. Please email Alan: alan_jelley@outlook.com to book your place and get full details of the ride.

09.15hrs Carl Lewis will lead a 30-mile ride from the WMP, Park & Ride Bus Stop to Hatton Locks. Please email Carl: carl.lewis9@icloud.com to book your place and get full details of the ride.

09.15hrs Vicky Palethorpe will lead a **40-mile women's ride** from the WMP, Park & Ride Bus Stop to Abbey Fields, Kenilworth for a picnic lunch. Please email Vicky: women@CoventryCTC.org.uk to book your place and get full details of the ride.

09.30hrs Terry Moles will lead a **30-mile women's ride** from the WMP, Park & Ride Bus Stop to Abbey Fields, Kenilworth for a picnic lunch. Please email Terry: women@CoventryCTC.org.uk to book your place and get full details of the ride.

10.00hrs Jill Seamen and Pip Milton will lead a **20-mile women's ride** from the WMP, Park & Ride Bus Stop to Abbey Fields, Kenilworth for a picnic lunch. Please email Jill: women@CoventryCTC.org.uk to book your place and get full details of the ride.

Tuesday 3rd August

10.15hrs Bob Tinley will lead a 15-mile ride from Malt Kiln Farm, Stretton-under-Fosse to Draycote Water for lunch. Please email Bob: Chairman@CoventryCTC.org.uk to book your place and get full details of the ride.

Thursday 5th August

18.30hrs Helen Tolley will lead a leisurely 10-mile ride (for men and women) from Coventry Transport Museum to Baginton (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>

The A425 near Southam is due to be re-opened soon. More information can be found here:

https://s3-eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/commonplace-customer-assets/hs2inwarwicks/A425%20re_opening%20Notification%20July%202021%20Final%20AdeB.pdf

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

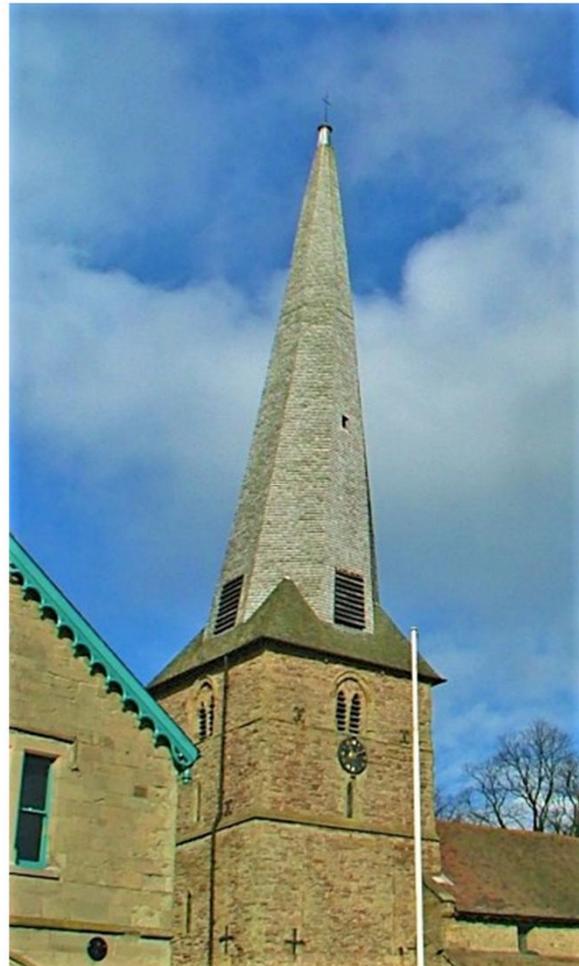
1. Enter the 100-km Centenary Ride. Chairman@CoventryCTC.org.uk
2. Volunteer to run an assistance vehicle for the 100-km Centenary Ride. Chairman@CoventryCTC.org.uk
3. Bake cakes and help run the afternoon tea stop on the 100-km Centenary Ride. Chairman@CoventryCTC.org.uk

Where are we?

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



This unique brand of bicycle was designed by the Danish Mikael Pedersen and is manufactured in Dursley: hence the affectionate name "Dursley Pederson"



A very straightforward question this week - where is this crooked spire?