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This week

The **women's tour to the Cotswolds** was a great success and I thank Vicky for this report:

Nine of our members set off last Friday with excitement but also slight trepidation, due to unpromising weather forecasts. We headed east and south via Napton, and Cropredy to Banbury learning lots about each other and quite a bit of history at Wormleighton, thanks to Marina and Libby. Our overnight stops were at Banbury and Evesham Premier Inns.

Saturday was another fine day and we picked out many back roads to Shipston-on-Stour and Chipping Camden. We had a cheeky drink at the Fleece at Bretforton, before arriving at Evesham. All the routes and stops had gone really well until we realised the meal venue that night which was only a mile away was on the other side of the river!! WhatsApp message said "shall we swim or get an Uber?" Janet sorted out taxis which helped us to have a very enjoyable evening by the river at Offenham.

On Sunday the energy was still strong and we made a rapid ride to Welford for brunch. The weather still held all the way home through Wootton Wawen and Hatton.

We were so fortunate! We were well prepared for the journey and so were our bikes. There was lots of sharing of experiences and expertise. My thanks to Libby, Marina and Jill for their help with ride leading and to Terry for her navigational support, when the garmins didn't make sense!

By the end, we all felt like a real team of supportive and capable riders, keen to start planning our next adventures.

By coincidence the **intermediate ride** met the women's tour at Wootton Wawen and the **long ride** arrived about half an hour after the women had left. Also by coincidence both the women's tour and the long ride rode through Binton and failed to stop at Dave's point of interest described in the "Where is it" feature at the bottom of the bulletin. I can highly recommend stopping to look at the Scott memorabilia at Binton, apart from the unique

stained glass there is some interesting information about Scott's expedition in the church.

Nigel's **Tuesday ride** was dogged with changes of plan right from the start and not through any fault of his. It turned out that the Dog Lane Fishery café is closed on Tuesdays and the Folly pub was closed for some short term maintenance but the Village Shop provided a very satisfactory alternative... then the Welsh Road was closed between the Fosse Way and Offchurch for HS2 work entailing a short diversion... then Offchurch Lane to Hunningham was also closed so we had another diversion via Cubbington. Sounds like a sad catalogue, but Nigel took it completely in his stride and everyone enjoyed an excellent day's riding.

What next?

The **100-km Centenary Challenge Ride** is only 4-weeks away and will take place on 12th September: it is the main cycling event of our Centenary Year. Sorry to be constantly asking for help, but... almost everything is in place now - the only outstanding matter is the provision of a **standby rescue car**: the job requires you to be on standby waiting for the phone to ring. There is no requirement to deal with medical emergencies, but to have a car that you can fit a bike in the back - in other words almost any car. If someone riding the event is unable to continue the ride because of a mechanical problem that cannot be fixed beside the road, say, the group leader would ring you to collect the rider and their bike. This is not an arduous task, but provides huge peace of mind to all riders to know that someone is available to help. Fuel expenses will, of course, be paid. If you're riding and have a non-cycling partner, perhaps you could ask them if they are able to help.

We are aiming for **60-riders 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 we have always found that the enthusiasm of all the riders carries you through on 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.

Also on the horizon is the **Centenary Dinner** to be held at Hearsall Golf Course on Friday 1st October. The booking system is open, which works by emailing Keith

Jeacock: k.jeacock@btinternet.com, he will book you in and send you an email with details of how to pay - it's pretty good value at £25. Full details can be read on the website: <https://coventryctc.org.uk/club-centenary-dinner>



Pictures from the Women's Tour and Water Buffalo in a field near Napton watching us on Tuesday.

Air Ambulance Collection

The total collected so far for the Warwickshire Air Ambulance has now passed the £1400 mark. This has exceeded our expectations and we are delighted with the result, which includes the proceeds from the book sale at the BBQ and some other donations. There will be a formal presentation to the Air Ambulance at the Celebration Dinner in October and in the meantime we will continue to ask for a voluntary contribution of £1 from everyone on our rides.

Rides this week

Booking rides: for the time being we are continuing to ask riders to contact the leader by the preceding Friday 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 15th August

09.00hrs Paul Whateley will lead an 80-mile ride from the WMP, Old Pavillion Café to Palmers Garden Centre, Ullesthorpe for coffee, a picnic lunch at Market Bosworth and tea at Meriden. Please email Paul: paul.whateley@me.com to book your place and get full details of the ride.

09.15hrs George Riches will lead a 28-mile ride from The Transport Museum, Millenium Place to Shilton via the canal and to Brinlow and Wolston. Please bring your own refreshments and email George: George.Riches@CoventryCTC.org.uk to book your place and get full details of the ride.

09.30hrs Mike Thomas will lead a 40-mile ride from the WMP, Park & Ride Facility to Coleshill for a picnic lunch. Please email Mike: mike999thomas@gmail.com to book your place and get full details of the ride.

10.00hrs Alan Jelley will lead an experimental 40-mile drive and ride run starting from the Wood Street Car Park in Southam to Cropredy, Castle Inn on Edge Hill for lunch and return to Southam via Burton Dassett. The objective is to give intermediate level riders a chance to explore the outer reaches of our area. Please email Alan and let him know if you have spare capacity in your car: alan_jelley@outlook.com to book your place and get full details of the ride.

Tuesday 17th August

10.15hrs Mike Thomas will lead a 35-mile from La Delicia Café, Balsall Common to The Plough at Shustoke for lunch. Please email Mike: mike999thomas@gmail.com to book your place and get full details of the ride.

Saturday 21st August

08.30hrs Helen Tolley will lead a 64-mile trial ride for the 100-km Century Challenge Ride from WMP, Coat of Arms Bridge Road. Please bring your own refreshments and 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>

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. Make a booking for the Centenary Dinner. k.jeacock@btinternet.com

Where are we?

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

This Eleanor Cross is in
Geddington, near Corby in
Northamptonshire.



Pictured are details of the Robert Falcon Scott window in St Peter's Church at Binton. We have been in to have a look a number of times over the years.

My question this week is: What is the connection between Scott and the village of Binton.