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This week

Sunday was the 100th anniversary of the Meriden Memorial service to commemorate cycling servicemen who gave their lives in the two wars. Thanks to Dave Hearn who organised this national event, which was attended by about 400 cyclists. I fully understand the difficulties Dave had to surmount to bring this event to the well oiled occasion we have just enjoyed - there had been political infighting between the Parish and local councils and rivalries between the "officers" and "men" classes of the military contingent. You just wouldn't believe it. However, Dave pulled it out of the bag and I'm pleased to say that he was presented with a certificate of thanks by Sarah Mitchell, the chief executive of Cycling UK. Sarah will be our guest of honour at our celebration dinner in October and was accompanied on Sunday by Christina Bengston, a cycling journalist. They wanted to say a big thank you to all our riders who attended the event.

What next?

The **100-km Centenary Challenge Ride** has finally arrived and we are all looking forward to a rather special cycling day next Sunday.

The last big Centenary Event is the **Centenary Dinner** to be held at Hearsall Golf Course on Friday 1st October. This will be a celebration of the Club weathering the ups and downs of the last 100-years and perhaps, more importantly, a celebration of how the Club has gone from strength to strength in the last couple of difficult years and is looking forward to a thriving future.

In addition to enjoying a high quality meal, we have two special guests - Sarah Mitchell the new Chief Executive of Cycling UK and Adam Tranter, Coventry's "cycling mayor". There

will also be the auction of a painting of Hatton Locks by Martin Lee to add to our Air Ambulance fund, which will be formally presented to the Air Ambulance Service. It would be a shame to let an excellent and relaxing evening slip by, so please make sure you have booked your places (partners are very welcome) 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>. The deadline for booking has been extended a bit, so there is still time for you to make a last minute booking. In case you have any worries, the usual and full covid precautions will be in place and table service only will be in force.



A selection of photos from the Meriden Service including, bottom left, Dave Hearn being presented with a Cycling UK thank you certificate.

Rides this week

Sunday 12th September

All our resources are being used in the 100-km Centenary Challenge Ride, which is a pre-paid booked event. I regret there is no facility for entry on the line.

Tuesday 14th August

10.15hrs Paul Morton will lead a 33-mile ride from Granny Smith's at Baginton - 18-miles to lunch at The Boat House, Braunston and an additional 15-miles on the return to Stretton-on-Dunsmore. Please email Paul: paul.morton@hotmail.co.uk to book your place and get full details of the ride.

Tours Next Year

We are hoping that the **Mallorca Holiday**, planned for this year will be able to proceed next year. Preliminary information can be found at: <http://coventryctc.org.uk/mallorca-2022-prospectus>

News

HS2

The latest news can be viewed here: <https://hs2inwarwicks.commonplace.is/news>

Campaigning

George Riches has put a new page on the website about the review of the Local Transport Plan for the area covered by Coventry, Solihull, Birmingham, Dudley, Sandwell, Walsall and Wolverhampton. <http://coventryctc.org.uk/re-imagining-transport>

Reminder

Make a booking for the Centenary Dinner, 1st October. k.jeacock@btinternet.com

Where are we?

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



The restored cider press is in Winchcombe.



A topical question this week - The ancient cross at Meriden is one of several sites reputed to be the centre of England. However, the country has such an irregular shape that it is very difficult to define what is meant by the centre - is the centre of England, or the mainland including Scotland and Wales, or the furthest point from the sea? Who knows?

The question: Name two other local places who make the same claim to fame.