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What next?

At long last the **Centenary Dinner** will be held at Hearsall Golf Course this coming Friday. We are looking forward to welcoming Sarah Mitchell the new Chief Executive of Cycling UK and to presenting a substantial cheque to the Air Ambulance for whom we have been making collections during the last year.

Next Tuesday, 5th October, we will be resuming our **fortnightly winter clubroom meetings** at the Friends Meeting House in Hill Street, Coventry at 2000hrs. Usually the meeting consists of a presentation of photos and a talk by one of our members about a tour they have undertaken. This year we will be using some of the evenings to talk about cycle maintenance and using gps. To kick start the season Bob Tinley will give a presentation titled "Pedalling back in time", when he will reminisce about some of his cycling highlights since 1975.

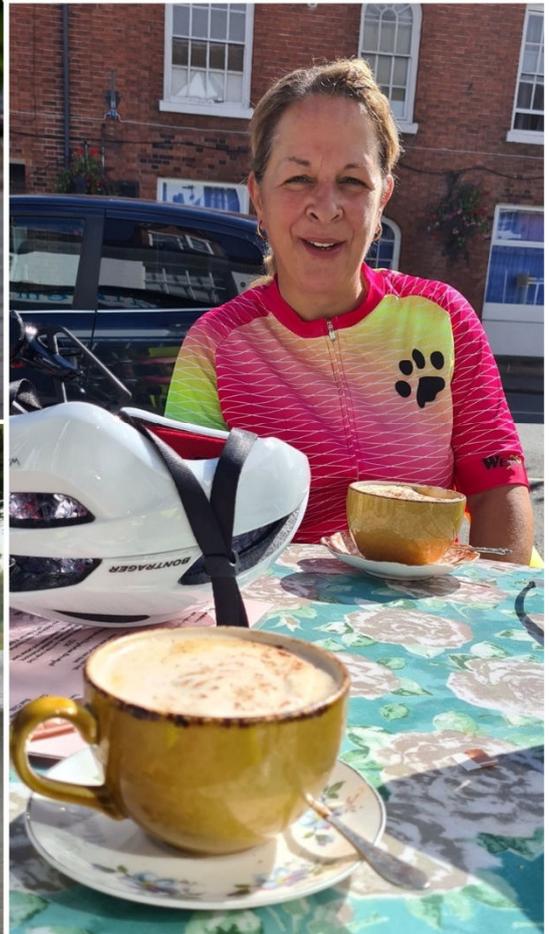
Recently

Thanks to Peggy Cawte, who sent me this report about the Starley Sportive ridden by five of our members a couple of weeks ago: *Steve and Andy did the Epic route which was 87-miles long and included Dover's Hill in the Cotswolds. Paul Whatley breezed past us after a late start: for some reason he and George missed each other at the arranged meeting point at the War Memorial Park. He was embarking on the epic route too.*

Elena and I did the long route which was 64-miles of undulating roads. It was a very wet start but as the day progressed the sun came out and we managed to dry off. It was a really enjoyable occasion and I would definitely do it again. We stopped off in Alcester for a

quick coffee stop and had 10 minutes basking in the sunshine and watching other riders go past before re-embarking on our ride back. We got back to HQ and bumped into Nick Holloway who had also taken part in the long route, so we sat and chatted over a well earned cuppa and a piece of lemon drizzle.

Last Sunday Mike Thomas led a 'train and ride' from Rugby station, which was an excellent way of getting into the delightful Northampton countryside, whilst keeping the distance down to about 45-miles. We took a very pleasant route through Yelvertoft and Ashby St.Ledgers before plunging down Longdown Lane and on to Draycote for lunch.



Pegg, Elena, Andy and Steve on the Starley Sportive

Rides this week

Sunday 3rd October

09.00hrs Ben Jackson will lead a 50-mile ride from WMP, Park and Ride bus stop on a nice loop to Sutton Park for coffee and on to Aston Hall in Brum for lunch. Lots of greenways

and cycle paths. Please email Ben: jacksonb123@hotmail.co.uk to book your place and get full details of the ride.

09.15hrs Vicky Palethorpe will lead a women's ride from WMP, North Gate 32-miles to Elderberry Black's in Knowle. Please email Vicky: Secretary@CoventryCTC.org.uk to book your place and get full details of the ride.

09.30hrs Dave Hearn is leading a 35-mile ride from WMP, Park & Ride to the Garden Shed, Wellesbourne. Please email Dave: davehearn56@gmail.com to book your place and get full details of the ride.

Tuesday 5th October

10.15hrs Paul Morton will lead a 40-mile ride from Granny Smith's, Baginton to The Antelope, Lighthorne. The distance includes the return from lunch to Baginton and the route can be viewed here: <https://www.plotaroute.com/route/1691581>. 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>

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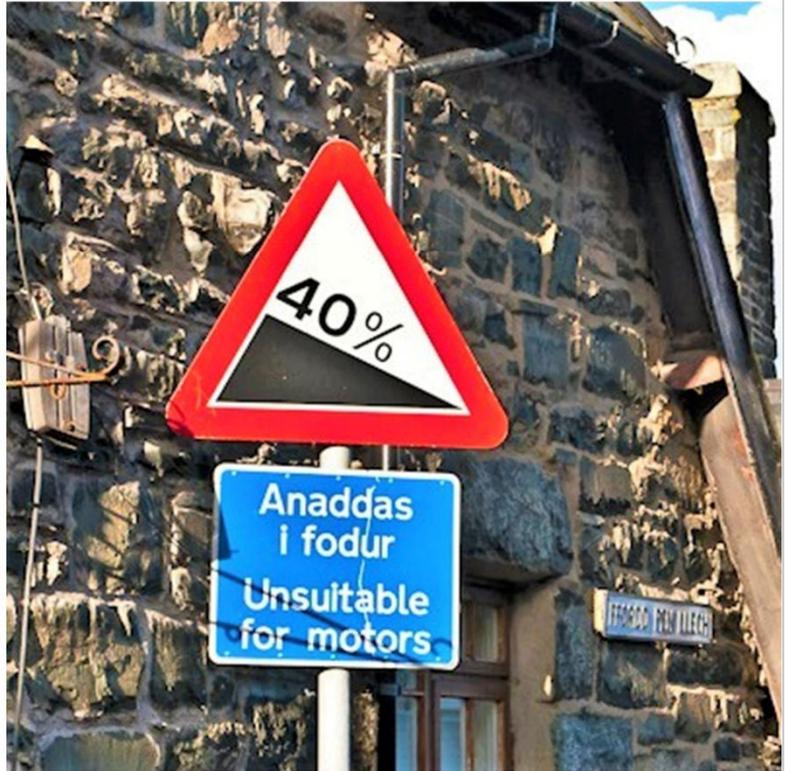
The latest news can be viewed here: <https://hs2inwarwicks.commonplace.is/news>

Where are we?

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



These two windmills, seen on the 100-km Challenge Ride, could be seen at Napton-on-the-Hill (top) and at Helidon (bottom).



With our various events this summer, the BBQ, the Memorial Service, the 100km Challenge Ride & the Centenary Dinner it has felt like a bit of a mountain to climb. So I was inspired to ask this week's question.

This was once designated the steepest road in the world but has now been demoted to Britain's steepest road. What is it called and where is it please?

The actual gradient peaks at a mere 37.45%, but for clarity the highway authorities round the numbers to easily understood values - hence 40% on the sign.