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## CTC Coventry & CTC Rugby - Weekly Bulletin

**6th October 2021**

### Recently

The big news this week is that we had an extremely successful **Centenary Dinner** at Hearsall Golf Course. Special thanks go to Mike Thomas who masterminded the event and was master of ceremonies on the night.

60 members attended drawn from currently active members and from other members who no longer cycle with us but have retained an affection for the club. We were particularly glad that Gordon Mead, our life President, was able to join us. Unfortunately Gordon is no longer able to cycle, but I think we can forgive him at the age of 96.

We were pleased to welcome Sarah Mitchell the CEO of Cycling UK - a very engaging lady who chatted with many club members and addressed the dinner with a very positive speech - also, Julie Rand from Cycling UK HQ who used to be the interface between HQ and local groups but now looks after the Awards Scheme which recognises the work that volunteers and local groups do. Sarah presented us with a bumper crop of awards - we were proud to be presented with a "Going the Extra Mile" trophy recognising our Centenary. She also presented Vicky Palethorpe with a "Thank you" certificate in recognition of her "being a wonderful group secretary and making a huge contribution to the Centenary Year". Julie presented Bob Tinley with a "Lifetime Achievement" award. It's very nice to be presented with awards, but really the reward comes from seeing the club thrive and the enjoyment generated from the participation in all of our various activities.

We enjoyed a well constructed menu and at the end of the meal Andy Gilbert humorously and effectively auctioned a selection of cycle components; an afternoon tea donated by Hatton Locks Cafe; and a unique print of a picture painted and donated by Martin Lee of Hatton Top Locks. After adding the proceeds of the auction to the weekly donations made

on all our rides we were able to present Garth Murphy of the Air Ambulance Service with a cheque for £2500 - everyone should be very proud of helping to raise this sum over the last year, which wildly exceeded our initial target of raising £1000.

Pip Milton says, "**On the last two Tuesdays** the rides participants weren't put off by dismal weather forecasts: Bob's route from Balsall Commn to Umberslade was mainly on tiny lanes and incorporated inevitable off-road sections, including one which nearly necessitated climbing over an 8-foot gate (overcome by a polite phone call for the gate to be remotely opened). The "new" destination at Umberslade is definitely worth another visit. We all more or less made it home before the heavens opened.

Again the weather forecast last Tuesday was terrible, but 6 of us met at Granny Smith's, Baginton and duly set off for The Antelope at Lighthorne. A bit of heavy drizzle materialised briefly and we were blown enroute to the pub where we had a room to ourselves for lunch. Paul Morton was unable to lead his ride, but thank you Bob for taking over."

Vicky Palethorpe reports: "**The Women's Pop up Ride this morning** (6th October) had a glorious time. We rode through Long Itchington to Chesterton. Then Marina took us through some cycle paths through Whitnash and Leamington to Warwick: a great off road route for part of the journey." [It sounds to me that we should be introducing some more off-road rides. Bob].

The first of the **Winter Clubroom series** was presented by Bob Tinley on Tuesday evening at The Friends Meeting House. It was a shame there weren't more people there, but we had a lovely evening reminiscing about the amazing places you can get to by bike.

### **What next?**

The **next Clubroom on 19th October will be used as a leaders meeting**, when we will try to formulate a plan for rides and tours to take place next year and, hopefully, give a bit more advance notice of what's in store to help your diary planning.



At the dinner:

Dave & Margaret Hearn; Libby & Ian Foster; Andy Gilbert auctioning some cycle components held aloft by Mike Thomas  
 Vicky Palethorpe receiving her Thank you certificate from Sarah Mitchell; Bob Tinley accepting the "Going the Extra Mile"  
 trophy on behalf of the Club; Gordon Mead presenting a cheque for £2500 to Garth Murphy of The Air Ambulance Service.



Gordon Mead, Margaret Hearn, Bob Tinley & Sarah Mitchell; a selection of Martin Lea's paintings; Julie Rand & Marina  
 Friend

Garth Murphy & Mike Thomas; Jill & Peter Seamen; Sarah Mitchell & Bob Tinley

## Rides this week

### Sunday 10th October

**09.00hrs** Paul Whateley will lead a 65-mile ride from WMP in a north-easterly direction. Please email Paul: [paul.whateley@me.com](mailto:paul.whateley@me.com) to book your place and get full details of the ride.

**09.15hrs** Helen Tolley will lead a 25-mile ride from WMP, Park and ride to Hatton Locks Café. Helen reminds you that it is now necessary to pay for parking at WMP if you stay for more than 3-hours. Please email Helen: [surffoxhelen@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:surffoxhelen@yahoo.co.uk) to book your place and get full details of the ride.

**09.30hrs** Sak Wathanasin will lead a 40+ mile ride from WMP, Coat of Arms Bridge Road to Wootton Wawen. Please email Sak: [sak@wathanasin.me.uk](mailto:sak@wathanasin.me.uk) to book your place and get full details of the ride.

### Tuesday 12th October

**10.15hrs** Mike Thomas will lead a 35-mile ride from Hatton Locks Café to Wellesbourne. Please email Mike: [mike999thomas@gmail.com](mailto:mike999thomas@gmail.com) 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>

Alan Jelley is leading a **Peak District Trails Weekend** based on Hartington Youth Hostel on the weekend of 28-29 May 2022. You can view more details and how to book at: <https://coventryctc.org.uk/peak-district-trails-weekend-may-28th-29th>

## News

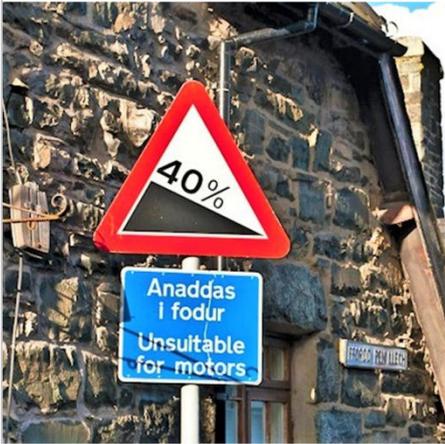
CTC Coventry is mentioned on page 7 of the **October/November issue of Cycling** in Sarah Mitchell's article about "Inspiring Cyclists".

## HS2

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:



The steepest road in the UK is Ffordd Pen Llech in Harlech



I've got my dovecote anorak on again this week, following those at Kinwarton & Idlicote.

Question 1 In which Cotswold village does this dovecote stand?

Question 2 What is the name of the river it stands beside?