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Recently

On Sunday Sak took the 40-mile to Wootton Wawen on a very pleasant route. Unfortunately one of the riders had a persistent puncture problem with a new tyre. It turned out that the sidewall was faulty, causing the inner tube to bulge out and burst, so he had to turn round and limp home. Our homeward route took us through Haseley where they were collecting money for the church in return for tea and cakes: we couldn't possibly have gone past without sampling their home made cakes.

Continuing the refreshment theme: on Tuesday Mike Thomas took the ride to The Garden Shed in Wellesbourne. On a previous visit we sat for over an hour waiting for hot drinks, but on this occasion service was excellent and I understand that the café is under new management.

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.



Off-roading used to be known as "Roughstuff" - these pictures were taken on a weekend's roughstuff in the Elan Valley, mid-Wales.

Rides this week

Remember that the **clocks go back at the end of the month** so now might be a good time to ensure that you have a set of working lights on your bike. Whilst we aim to finish our rides before lighting-up time, it is often sensible to show lights earlier in the day.

Saturday 16th October

10.00hrs: Alan Jolley will lead an off-road ride in Sutton Park lasting about 2-hours. Meet up at 10am at the Stonehouse Road Car Park just inside Boldmere Gate, Sutton Park - just past the Miller and Carter Pub- Postcode B73 6LH.

The riding will be for mountain bikes but it is a reasonably easy mix of paths and tracks over really scenic heathland and woods...so nothing too difficult. Please email Alan: alan_jolley@outlook.com to get full details of the ride.

Sunday 17th October

09.00hrs Bob Tinley will lead a 65-mile ride from WMP, Coat of Arms Bridge Road to Lighthorne for coffee, Ettington for lunch and back to Coventry via Little Alne for tea. Please email Bob: Chairman@CoventryCTC.org.uk to book your place and get full details of the ride.

09.30rs Dave Hearn will lead a 35-mile ride from WMP, Park and Ride to Knowle, Elderberry Blacks. Please email Dave: davehearn56@gmail.com to book your place and get full details of the ride.

10.00hrs Alan Jolley will lead a 40-mile ride from Wellesbourne, Loxley Close (by the Co-op) to The Barn Café, Hidcote (no need for a ticket to the NT property) and Mrs Brown's Café, Shipston-on-Stour (<https://cycle.travel/map/journey/239815>). This is a chance for intermediate riders to explore some of the further flung parts of our area. If you don't have transport to Wellesbourne, please ask Alan to see if he can arrange a car share. Please email Alan: alan_jolley@outlook.com to book your place and get full details of the ride.

Tuesday 19th October

10.15hrs Bob Tinley will lead a 35-mile ride from Badgers Café, Brandon Marsh to Gongoozlers at Braunston and back to Brandon. Please email Bob: Chairman@CoventryCTC.org.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>

Alan Jolley 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

HS2

The latest news can be viewed here: <https://www.hs2.org.uk/in-your-area/local-community-webpages/hs2-in-warwickshire/>. Also, you can subscribe for updates at <https://engagement.hs2.org.uk/join-mailing-list/>

In particular HS2 reports: A new permanent roundabout at the junction of Fosse Way and Welsh Road, and a temporary roundabout at the junction of Fosse Way and Long Itchington Road (National Cycle Route 41), will help us keep local communities, farmers and businesses moving on an improved road network throughout HS2 construction and railway operation. LM has been building the scheme away from roads to reduce disruption, but our final work to 'tie in' the roundabouts and realigned roads needs to happen on the roads themselves – and we need to create safe working zones, keeping road users away from construction. We are due to close the Fosse Way for around 2.5 weeks from mid-November to early December 2021, and again for around 3.5 weeks from early February to early March

2022. <https://www.hs2.org.uk/work-items/road-closures-for-work-on-b4455-fosse-way-in-offchurch/>

Where are we?

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



The above dovecote is in the village of Naunton beside the River Windrush



I still have my dovecote anorak on: this one is near Moreton-in-Marsh.

Question: In the grounds which National Trust property does this splendid example stand?