

## CYCLISTS TOURING CLUB

### FIFE & KINROSS DA NEWSLETTER

Christmas 1991

#### AGM Report

The AGM took place on 16 November. The following committee was elected for 1991/92:

President	Bert Brown	0592 263238
Treasurer	William Nelson	0383 860300
Secretary	John Tribble	0592 641953
Runs Secretary	Gordon Paterson	0577 63140
Huts Secretary	Enid Brown	0592 782413
Rights Officer and Scottish Council Rep.	Robert Mason	0592 262944
Committee Members	David Gibson	0383 512815
	Jimmy Hamilton	0383 830621
	Ron Pope	0577 62460
	John Myercough	0383 831965

At the meeting reports were presented by the Secretary, Runs Secretary, Treasurer, Huts Secretary and Rights Officer. Some points of interest are noted below.

Financial surplus for the year was £94. The main source of revenue had been the slide show given by Enid Brown. This had made a profit of over £100. The club has a cash balance of £500.

Average attendance on the Saturday runs this year was 14. The longer distance runs held in the summer had proved a success and would be repeated in 1992.

The huts had not been as well used as in previous years. The Loch Earn hut had only been visited once.

There were a number of new road proposals which affected Central Fife: A92 Queensferry to Balfarg; Freuchie junction; and Bankhead - A92/B921. Improvements to help cyclists had been suggested.

SUSTRANS had completed a draft report on the proposed St. Andrews to Leuchars cycle path. It was hoped that extensions to this route would link with Newport and Tentsmuir.

#### CTC Membership in Scotland

The following figures show a breakdown of Scottish CTC membership by District Association:

Lothians	710
Falkirk & Central	77
Tayside	123
Glasgow	579
Fife & Kinross	179
Central Highlands	123
Grampians	167
Rest of Scotland	38

Giving an overall total of 1,986.

#### Audax Events in Scotland

Jim Brown, our Scottish Councillor, is also organiser of a very full programme of Audax events in 1992. For those people, like me, who aren't really sure what Audax is, it seems to be a marathon on a bike. However, Jim Brown says it is strictly non-competitive. You just aim to complete the distance within a set time, which should be easy to achieve if you just keep plodding on. Distances for 1991 range between 80km and 400km. Unfortunately, you will have to wait until 1993 for the next 600K event. A full list of events is available from Jim Brown. 50

Highfield Crescent, Linlithgow EH49 7BG (0506 842665). Most routes are in Central Scotland, with two being run by a member of Fife & Kinross DA, Timothy Dodd. These are the enticingly titled Tayside Transgression 300K on Sunday 28 June, and the equally intriguing Balmullo Beatitude on Sunday 6 September. The latter offers a choice of two distances, 100K and 200K. To enter these Fife events send £2.50 and two stamped addressed envelopes to Timothy Dodd, 2 Smithy Road, Balmullo, Fife KY16 0BJ

#### Club Huts

As noted in the AGM report the club huts have not been well used this year. Some readers may not be aware of the amenities these huts offer. The Myrehaugh hut in Dunning Glen has a wood-burning stove and Calor gas cooking and lighting. It is well situated for walking and cross country skiing as well as being a good base for cycle touring. The Loch Earn hut is more basic, but is well sited for all outdoor pursuits. Charges are £1.50 per night for adults, 75p for children. More details from Enid Brown 0592 782413.

#### CTC Director

A late report has been received that Alan Harlow, CTC Director, may be stepping down. Further details will no doubt appear in CTC national publications.

#### Advice/ Sponsorship/ Cycling Companion Required

DA member Patrick Marks is planning to cycle from Lands End to John O' Groats next year - end of May to early June - to raise money for the World Wildlife Fund projects in Madagascar. He would like to hear from fellow DA members who can help in any of the following areas:

- (i) Has anyone completed this ride recently? If so can they offer advice on routes or accommodation?
- (ii) Is anyone interested in joining Patrick on the ride?
- (iii) Sponsorship either for the ride itself or to help with transport costs to the start of the ride.

You can contact Patrick at 40 Lawmill Gardens, St. Andrews, Fife KY16 8QS. He has sponsor forms if anyone is willing to help collect money. Alternatively direct contributions would be very welcome payable to Madagascar Conservation Projects. If you are interested in any aspects of this project Patrick would be pleased to hear from you.

#### Tyre Sizes

Did you know that there is a European Standard on tyre sizes? There are so many different tyre sizes around now, especially for mountain bikes, that it is worth understanding this new system. Tyres have two numbers on them (example 50-559). The second of these numbers is the most important. It is the tyre bead diameter in millimetres. This must match the rim seat diameter (which if you are lucky is written on your wheel) or else the tyre will not fit properly. The first number is the height of the tyre (again in millimetres) from the bead to the outermost tread.

#### Next Issue

Adverts, technical tips, news items etc. for the next issue required by 31 March 1991. John Sumpter, 23 Linburn Road, Dunfermline KY11 4LJ

#### SLIDE SHOW

ALASKAN TRIP Bert & Frances Brown  
Saturday 7 March at 7.30p.m.  
Tickets £1.50, Children 75p  
Baldridgeburn Community Centre

#### PRESIDENT'S RUN

Tea with Walter Browne  
Dallas Avenue, Burntisland  
April 4th at 3p.m.  
Tea provided