

CYCLISTS TOURING CLUB

Fife and Kinross D.A. Newsletter

Christmas 1992

Abstract of Accounts - year to 30.9.92.

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Hut Fees	£68.00	Annual General Meeting	£4.70
Interest, Building Soc.	33.74	Repairs, Myrehaugh Hut	176.67
Net income, Slide Show	73.25	Newsletters and Runs Lists	59.49
Membership Ren. vouchers	19.00	Floral tribute, late J. Brown	16.50
Donation	3.00	Barbeque	14.35
		Postages	9.34
		Depreciation, Badge Tape	18.40
			<u>£299.45</u>
	<u>£196.99</u>		
Deficit for year	=		<u>£102.46</u>

ASSETS:

Huts	£700.00
Badge Tape	38.00
Building Society Balance and Cash	361.58
	<u>£1,099.58</u>

Secretary's Social

Your newly elected Secretary cordially invites you to a social evening. I have invited a friend and keen cyclist, Graham Short, to present a wee talk and slide show. His theme will be on his 1991 tour during which he spent 3 weeks cycling with his wife and 4-month old baby! through Germany, Austria and Switzerland. Tea and biscuits will be served and maybe something warmer. This social is primarily intended as a get together for Fife and Kinross members and does not replace our main slide show later in the year. So why not brave the weather, have a blether, and support the Club. Make a note in your diary ...

Venue: Tabernacle Hall, Keltybridge.

Date: Wednesday, 20th January, 1993.

Time: 7.15 p.m.

Cost: 35p.

Further details contact: John Myerscough, Tel. No. 0383 831965.

Tandems of Fife Unite

John Myerscough

CALLING ALL TANDEMERS! The Tandem Club has asked me to organise what they believe to be the first official meet in Fife. I have seen lots of Tandems out there in Fife so let us get together for a mass showing of strength. If all goes well, i.e. more than 15 machines, I will make it the annual Fife Tandem event. Solo riders are most welcome to join us. 40 miles. Moderate pace to cafe and back. Families welcome. Come and join in double the fun and make a note in your diaries now for SUNDAY, 4TH JULY, 1993.

An Unusual Discovery

Tom Hamilton

In early Autumn 1991 my son Jim and I decided that a repair was necessary to the cycle shed at Coilmhor Hut, Loch Earn side. On the Autumn holiday weekend we went up and did the job (me being the go-for). After cleaning beneath the floor, Jim checked that it was clear through below the main area and found a fully feathered skeleton of a bird of prey. We guessed it to be a Kestrel or Sparrow Hawk as they are common in that part of Scotland. It had a ring on its leg with the inscription: Info British Museum London SW7 No.GP59441. We phoned to be given the number of the British Trust for Ornithology in Norfolk. We forwarded details as requested. Early in 1992 we received a computer printout with the bird's details. I spoke to the person who dealt with the case and he asked that I keep the nest's location secret. Sufficient to say it was at a distance of 18 km from its birth place. I will pin the ring and the printout in Coilmhor Hut at a later date.

District Associations' Tourist Competition Congratulations to John Myerscough on obtaining the highest Scottish D.A. placing in this year's DATC competition. Below is his account of his year's efforts.

October's change in the hour marked the end of this year's DATC. I made my target of ten events but fell short of reaching 100 points. My final position was 29th (out of 2203 riders) with a total of 95 points. It was pleasing to be the highest placed member of a Scottish D.A. and it gave Fife and Kinross a respectable mention on the result sheet. Other Scottish members were Billy Graham (Glasgow), 31st, Jim Brown (Lothians), 37th, and two more Fife and Kinross D.A. Members, young Tom Dodd, 76th (and 4th junior), and old Tim Dodd, 90th. Both Mrs. Catherine Dodd and Simon Dodd completed 5 different events making it a full showing from the Dodd household. 1992 was the 11th year of the DATC. From my limited records I think it was the highest placing of a Fife and Kinross member. Well, what did I get out of it? A nice little certificate (only 42 awarded this year), but much more than that: I found a variety of different types of events, I cycled in new parts of the country, visited England and met a wide range of diverse people who all had a common bond - cycling! I have lots of happy memories and also a bit more enthusiasm. I hope to organise some of our own DATC events next year. Below are listed my ten rides. Why not have a go at the DATC next year?

<u>No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>		<u>D.A.</u>	<u>Cat.</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	1 Mar	Upper Tweedale	100 km	Lothians	a	11
2	5 Apr	Two Bridges	80 km	Lothians	a	9
3	3 May	Yorkshire Trail	100 km	N. Yorkshire	a	7
4	17 May	Three Lochs	100 km	Glasgow	a	7
5	4 Aug	Birthday Rides (Ayr)	200 km	Glasgow	c	11
6	6 Sep	Balmullo Beatitudes	200 km	Fife & Kinross	c	8
7	20 Sep	Rough Stuff	-	W. Yorkshire	f	11
8	11 Oct	Three Glens	160 km	Lothians	b	11
9	24 Oct	Treasure Hunt	-	Lothians	e	10
10	25 Oct	Hill Climb & Freewheel		Lothians	3	10

Scottish Councillor It is sad to note the probable loss of Jim Brown as Scottish Councillor as a result of a change of job which takes him to the South of England. Jim has been extremely active in his short term as Councillor. At the moment he plans to time his resignation for next Autumn when a by-election could be held at the same time as elections for other divisions.

Tom Fraser We regret to record the death of Tom Fraser only 3 months after that of his late wife Minnie. Tom was a stalwart supporter of all things cycling all his long life. He first appeared on the Runs Committee in 1927. Until he demitted office as Auditor in 1988, he was only absent from the Committees for two years. It was largely due to Tom that we obtained the site on Loch Earn side for one of our huts. He was a very regular rider with the D.A. and contributed to social evenings with recitations in Scots. His enthusiastic and devoted service earned him the award of a Certificate of Merit in 1990. Our sympathy is extended to his family.

Slide Show Slide show - 27th March, 1993 - Baldridgeburn Institute, Dunfermline, 7.30 p.m. £1.50. Presenter: Jimmy Law, Lothians D.A. - 'Thoughts of a Scottish Cyclist'.

Roads Department Numbers to ring to report pot holes:
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North East Fife Area 0334 55601.

Next Issue Items for next issue to John Sumpter, 23 Linburn Road, Dunfermline, by 30th April, 1993, please.