

# Fife Wheels

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## FIFE CYCLISTS' TOUR THROUGH GERMANY

The members of the Cyclists' Touring Club (Fife District Association) had a very enjoyable trip through Germany and Belgium at the holiday season. Under the leadership of Mr Wm. Brown, senr, of Dunfermline, the party – Wm. Brown, jun, W.L. Browne, Burntisland, Sandy Lunan and Aidan Byrne, Kirkcaldy, sailed from Leith to Hamburg on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July, by the "S.S. Weimar". From there they journeyed by rail to Berlin, where they were met by a lady member of the club, Miss D. Robertson, of Burntisland, at present residing in Berlin. Two days were spent doing the sites of then city: a cycle run to Potsdam to visit the ex- Kaiser's palaces and gardens – a wonderful sight.

Time being limited, the party trained to Madgeburg, and from there set out on a cycle tour through the Hartz mountains. They were fortunate in having Miss Robertson's company for the next three days, which greatly assisted in making the trip a success, she being thoroughly conversant with the language. From Madgeburg the journey was along roads lined with fruit trees, apples, pears, cherries etc. (cherries cost three farthings a pound in British money). The night was spent at Halberstadt on the edge of the Hartz forest.

Next day the tour was through entirely different country – the famous Hartz mountains, a magnificent piece of countryside, thickly wooded, mostly with larch and other firs of enormous height. The road lay by way of Blankenburg: a halt was made at Rubeland where the famous stalactites were explored. The party then boarded the reack railway train which took them to the top of the famous Brocken, 3415ft, where the night was spent in the large hotel on the summit. Here a furious wind and rainstorm was encountered, which, while it stopped any chance of seeing the sunrise – and the Brocken Spectre – was itself a spectacle which will not be readily forgotten by any of the party.

Early the next morning the descent was begun and proved quite an exciting adventure in the thick mist, until suddenly the emerged from the cloud as a lower altitude was reached and the sun shone out on a scene of unparalleled grandeur. The run was continued by way of Eland, St. Andreasberg, Harzberg to Gottingen. Here the night was passed and the train taken the next day to Coblenz, where the steamer was boarded and a sail of sixty miles to m Cologne through picturesque and varied scenery, was enjoyed by all.

At Coblenz a party of Belgian cyclist who were touring through Germany, were encountered, and congratulations and experiences were exchanged. Cologne was reached about 5 o'clock and here Miss Robertson had to return to Berlin by rail. Next day the others went by rail to Brussels and on by road to Ghent, where the last night on foreign soil was spent. A fine run by way of picturesque city of Bruges brought the party to Zeebrugge where the "S.S. Duke of Clarence" lay alongside the mole, ready to transport them across to Hull.

Altogether it was a marvellous trip and owing to the slump of the mar, everything, especially railway travelling, was ridiculously cheap. No difficulties were encountered touring in Germany, and the people were everywhere exceedingly kind. Altogether, a distance of 2000 miles was covered by steamer, train and cycle and everyone was highly pleased with the great success of the adventure.

*The above article appeared in the Dunfermline Press on 29<sup>th</sup> July 1922 and may well be the Fife DA's first ever group holiday abroad. It was July 1922 that the Fife DA was officially formed.*



*'Just a Minute'*

- + Should CTC become a Charitable Trust ?
- **Use your Vote.**
- + Groups January Membership totals 280 members.
- + Despite severe winter weather, Saturday Runs average attendance, 19.
- + 'Tri Vets Ride' to be combined with 'Trossachs Ton' – June 20<sup>th</sup> 2010.
- + Ladies Cycling week-end –  
Erigmore Estate, Birnam – May 22<sup>nd</sup> -24<sup>th</sup>.

# Wheels

## Cycling Centre & Trossachs Backpackers Hostel, Callander

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[www.scottish-cycling.co.uk](http://www.scottish-cycling.co.uk)

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### Bike Hire

Kids from £3 per half day,  
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# CTC FIFE AND KINROSS RUNS LIST April 2010 to June 2010

## APRIL

Sat 3	12.30	Map 58 ref 170961	Lochore Meadows, Picnic Tables
Wed 7	12.30	Map 58 ref 121046	Heaven Scent Cafe, Kinross
Sat 10	12.30	Map 59 ref 488155	Stuart & Nicki Brown, 18 Cairnhill Gardens, St Andrews ®
Sat 17	12.30	Map 58 ref 063033	Carnbo Village Hall *
Wed 21	12.30	Map 58 ref 021983	Powmill milk Bar
Sat 24	12.30	Map 59 ref 282128	Birnie Loch

## MAY

Sat 1	12.30	Map 58 ref 213099	Strathmiglo Picnic Tables
Wed 5	12.30	Map 58 ref 182004	Lochend Farm Shop and Café, Nr Portmoak.
Sat 8	12.30	Map 58 ref 235185	Newburgh Harbour ** CHANGE OF DATE
Sat 15	19.00	Map 65 ref 179832	John & Sheena O'Rielly, 14a Brucehaven Road, Limekilns ®
Wed 19	12.30	Map 58 ref 239118	Cycle Tavern, Auchtermuchty
Sat 22	12.30	Map 58 ref 113182	Bridge of Earn, Village park ** CHANGE OF DATE
Sat 29	12.30	Map 58 ref 002028	Castlehill Reservoir Glendevon

## JUNE

Wed 2	12.30	Map 58 ref 182004	Lochend Farm Shop and Café, Nr Portmoak.
Sat 5	12.30	Map 65 ref 022861	Torry Bay, Torryburn
Sat 12	19.00	Map 66 ref 260874	Kinghorn Loch, Picnic Tables
Wed 16	12.30	Map 58 ref 183092	Gateside Inn
Sat 19	12.30	Map 58 ref 859204	Crieff Visitor Centre, Departing 13.00 for Sma' Glen
Sat 26	12.30	Map 59 ref 365078	Clatto Reservoir

### Contacts for further details:

Gordon Paterson - 01577 863140  
Social Events - George Shepherd - 01592 612942

Saturday / Wednesday rides - Douglas Allan - 01383 736476

® On Saturday rides when a meet is at a member's house, please bring your own lunch.

® The host/hostess will provide tea and coffee.

\* At village halls bring your own lunch - drinks will be available.

The Charge for 2010 will stay at £1.00

### Bike for Sale

Giant "chigago" mountain bike. Frame size 14" / 15" .  
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## CTC – A Charitable Trust?

At our Members Group Committee Meeting in February, the Committee discussed CTC Council's proposal that,

'CTC should become a unified membership charity'.

The majority of our Committee showed great concern about the implications that such a change in status, i.e. becoming a Charitable Trust, may bring about and would urge our membership not to ignore this issue, but to fully familiarise themselves with all available information on the topic, such as can be found in 'Cycle' magazine, numerous threads on-line and via [www.ctc.org.uk/charity](http://www.ctc.org.uk/charity).

### USE YOUR VOTE

# Diary

## Mark Beaumont

is doing a speaking tour calling at  
Stirling, Albert Halls April 30th  
Aberdeen, The Lemon Tree 1st May  
Inverness Eden Court 2nd May

## ARTICLES REQUIRED

Articles are required for your newsletter, so remember to send in details of your holiday trips, Audux, for sales and wanted to Steve Noy at:

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Summer Issue deadline June 1st 2010

## 5th GRAMPIAN RALLY TEMPLARS, MARYCULTER, ABERDEEN FRIDAY 28 MAY – WEDNESDAY 2 JUNE 2010

Grampian is an area with such wide and diverse cycling, from a flat coastal plain, undulating farming and forestry and remote and hilly terrain.

Situated around the rivers Dee and Don – so there are plenty of glens and hills.

There will be 20, 40, and 60 mile cycle rides on Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. Route sheets will be provided and leaders will accompany the rides. Additionally on the Saturday there will be a 200km AUDAX and social events are planned for each evening.

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