



## Autumn 2007

### Jimmy Murray 1930 - 2007

DA members were saddened by the death on 15 May of Jimmy Murray, one of the stalwarts of the club. As a young man, he was a member of the Musselburgh CC, during the Tommy Blakeley era, Tommy being his hero. One of Jimmy's lasting regrets was doing a 1.01 for a 25-mile TT, just missing the magic hour sought by all racing cyclists, albeit he was 10<sup>th</sup> in the Scottish BAR in 1953. Jimmy then spent some time in Canada working in the prison service before returning to Loanhead and the building trade, eventually becoming the sole director a local building company. During this period he joined the Bonnyrigg CC but suffered a severe heart attack on one of their runs. However, Jimmy's strength of mind and character allowed him to take up cycling again, which he enjoyed for many years, touring with the CTC right up until his recent operation. He is greatly missed by all his cycling friends and will long be remembered for his beaming smile and his unstinting willingness to help others. His ashes were scattered at the top of the 'Granites' in a ceremony attended by many of his friends and the point is now marked with a plaque. He is survived by his wife Jean, son Ian and daughter Linda.

### Albert Watson Memorial Hut

The spring edition of Cycle Forth mentioned the concern of the committee over the viability of the DA hut. Additionally, to maintain the insurance provided by HQ, we had to have Fire and Health and Safety risk assessments carried out, which identified a number of issues that required to be addressed. It was obvious to the committee that the recent level of use among CTC members would not justify the cost involved. With all this in mind we entered into discussion with the Border Bothies Association (BBA), which has resulted in an agreement that the BBA take over the operation, management and development of the hut, while the DA maintain ownership. The BBA operates as a charity operating 5 (now 6) bothies. There is no charge for use of the bothies but donations are accepted. The BBA is anxious not to disenfranchise existing hut users and will seek to encourage use of their bothies by cyclists. This will make an extensive range of facilities in the Borders available to DA members. The BBA plan to refurbish the hut by re-proofing the roof, installing a guttering system and addressing a number of the issues arising from the risk assessment reports. Most importantly, the hut will continue to be known as the Albert Watson Memorial Hut and will be referred to as such in all relevant literature. All bookings for the hut should be made with Alan McQuiston, 35 Rowan Crescent, Ayr, KA7 3ND (tel 01292 260190), who will act as hut convenor, and DA members presently holding keys for the hut must now forward these to Alan. Under no circumstances should DA members use the hut without first making a booking through the BBA. Details of the other BBA bothies at Auchope, Glensax, Fingland, Hope and Stanhope Hope are obtainable from the DA secretary or from the BBA secretary and treasurer, David Dixon (tel 01875 812985).

### AGM

The AGM of the DA will be held at the Saughtonhall Community Association Hall in Saughtonhall Avenue on Wednesday 24 October 2007 at 7.30 p.m. This is your opportunity to influence the direction of the Club by telling us what we should be doing more and less of or by standing for the Committee. The formal notice of the AGM appeared in the October/November edition of Cycle, the national magazine of the CTC, and if you wish to stand for the Committee, you will need a proposer and seconder, as you will for any formal motion to the meeting. Motions for the AGM should be in the hands of the Secretary by **17 October**. The secretary hopes to publish copies of the draft minutes of the 2006 AGM and of the 2006/07 annual report on the DA website in advance of the 2007 AGM.

### DA Autumn Weekend

The annual DA autumn YH trip took place over the 28/30 September weekend, based at Pitlochry YH. The trip was a tremendous success, with 23 joining the Saturday run and 19 on the Sunday, by far a record attendance. The weather held fair and the Highland Perthshire scenery (and gradients) left everyone speechless. Roll on 2008!

### DA Christmas Lunch

The 2007 DA Christmas Lunch will be held at the Clubhouse of the Merchants of Edinburgh Golf Club on Saturday 8 December at 12.30 for 1 p.m. The cost will be £20 for a 3-course meal with coffee and mince pies. To book, please click to download a form [[PDF](#) / [RTF](#)] and send with cheque made payable to Lothians DA to Anne Carter at 47 Hay Drive, Edinburgh EH16 4AG, by **23 November**. If you require the ticket posted to you, could you provide an SAE.

The Fife DA annual lunch is on Saturday 12 January 2008 at the Half Way House Hotel, Kingseat. 12 noon for 12.30. Names in December to Lorraine Brown tel 01383 723002 email [fifeda.sec@tesco.net](mailto:fifeda.sec@tesco.net)

## DA rides

The DA organises a series of day rides throughout the year on Wednesdays and Saturdays, commencing at 10 a.m. In addition, there is a shorter and easier run of approximately 2 hours on the third Sunday of each month, again commencing at 10 a.m. All Saturday and Sunday runs start from the Commonwealth Pool. The Wednesday rides have a variety of starting points, noted below. Please arrive in good time for **DEPARTURE** at the advertised time. Details of all of these rides can be obtained from the Runs Contacts or found on the DA website at [www.ctclothians.org.uk](http://www.ctclothians.org.uk)

## Group Riding Guidelines

The DA committee has approved fresh guidelines for group riding, which all participants on club runs are asked to comply with:-

- ✓ Follow the Highway Code, showing consideration for all road users. Don't stop near junctions or block the sight-lines of other road users.
- ✓ The group normally rides two abreast, each rider keeping directly behind the rider in front (KEEP IT TIDY). Never overlap your front wheel with the rear wheel of the bike in front.
- ✓ When necessary, single up, e.g. on a narrow or busy road, when vehicles approach or opposite a continuous white centre line.
- ✓ Ride smoothly and try not to slow or stop suddenly. Always give a warning to those behind.
- ✓ Shout and signal warnings of danger or change, e.g. uneven or loose surfaces, vehicles approaching or left and right turns.
- ✓ If you are unable to keep up (due to mechanical or other problem) or wish to leave the group, let others know.
- ✓ Respect the leader's position and do not ride ahead, except on long uphill sections. In any case always wait for others to catch up.
- ✓ Ensure that your bike is in good order, that you are self-sufficient for spares and preferably have mudguards and an effective rear mud flap fitted.
- ✓ Pass a message forward if a gap develops behind you.
- ✓ Always check behind before starting off or changing direction.
- ✓ The group should ride at the speed of the slowest rider.
- ✓ If the group is large, consider splitting it to aid overtaking traffic.

## Wednesday Rides

Date	Meet	Destination	Date	Meet	Destination
3 Oct	KX	Eddleston	2 Jan	CP	2 hour run
10 Oct	FH	North Berwick	9 Jan	RP	Linlithgow
17 Oct	F	Harburn	16 Jan	KX	Athelstaneford
24 Oct	KX	Bolton	23 Jan	SV	East Calder
31 Oct	RP	East Calder	30 Jan	FH	Bolton
7 Nov	SV	Linlithgow	6 Feb	F	Harburn
14 Nov	FH	Pathhead	13 Feb	KX	Pathhead
21 Nov	KX	Athelstaneford	20 Feb	FH	North Berwick
28 Nov	RP	East Calder	27 Feb	SV	Linlithgow
5 Dec	SV	Linlithgow	5 Mar	KX	Bolton
12 Dec	RP	East Calder (DIY Xmas)	12 Mar	RP	East Calder
19 Dec	KX	Athelstaneford	19 Mar	FH	North Berwick
26 Dec	CP	2 hour run	26 Mar	F	Eddleston

CP Commonwealth Pool, seats in Dalkeith Rd near traffic lights

F Firhill (Colinton Rd / Colinton Mains Drive)

FH Fisherrow Harbour car park

KX Kingston Crossroads (Gilmerton Rd / Mount Vernon Rd)

RP Roseburn Path (on bridge) at Wester Coates Terrace

SV Slateford Viaduct (where Lanark Rd crosses Water of Leith)

## Meeting Places

## Runs Contacts

Sunday (and Social Secretary)	Anne Carter	0131 657 2189	annecarter2004@yahoo.co.uk
Saturday:	Neil Brearley	01968 677117	norma.brearley@googlemail.com
Wednesday:	Peter Martin	0131 229 8615	mr.petermartin@gmail.com

Other DA contacts	Name	phone	email
Secretary	Mike Bonar	0131 441 7573	mgbonar@btinternet.com
Treasurer and Rights	Peter Hawkins	0131 443 6712	peterhawk@care4free.net
Website	<a href="http://www.ctclothians.org.uk">www.ctclothians.org.uk</a>		