

# Cycle Forth

Newsletter of the CTC Lothians District Association

## Autumn 2006

Due to the most unfortunate accident to our former Secretary, Mike Harrison, while attending the CTC National AGM in Cardiff in April, the editorial duties for Cycle Forth have been temporarily assumed by Anne Carter and Mike Bonar. Anne and Mike apologise if the content and presentation of the newsletter are not up to the high standards set by their predecessor. More importantly, DA members will have been heartened by Mike Harrison's progress and his willingness to continue as Webmaster for the DA website. Anne and Mike B would also like to thank Mike for his guidance and assistance in preparing this issue of the newsletter and for ensuring its electronic distribution.

### **Bike Week 2006**

The DA continues to support Bike Week, mounting the usual range of runs throughout the week, together with a dedicated Ladies Run and a Pot-Luck Supper. The variable weather during the week kept the numbers down on a number of events and, more concerningly, few new faces were seen. Against this, cycling in the city goes from strength to strength, with the inaugural Bicycle Film Festival at the Filmhouse selling out for a number of events and the monthly Trycycling runs being well supported. We have been discussing with the Trycycling organisers the potential for encouraging those who wish to move on to more demanding runs to try some of the DA events.

### **Birthday Rides 2006**

The CTC national Birthday Rides were held this year at Dumfries. Compliments are due to the organising committee, in which Mike Harrison played a key role, for producing such a successful event. Everyone was delighted to see Mike at the Birthday Tea and many thanks are due to Mark Trappes-Lomax for arranging this and to Dorothy Jack and George Di Ponio for acting as the support crew. The magnificent scenery of the area and the quiet back roads and tracks provided a perfect setting for the event, with many points of interest included in the runs. Over 500 members from across the UK participated in the event, which will have done much to enhance the reputation of Dumfries and Galloway and CTC Scotland. Many thanks to all involved.

### **DA Autumn Weekend at Pitlochry**

After the success of the 2005 weekend at Pitlochry, the DA will return there over the weekend of 29 September/ 1 October. Runs of 50 to 60 miles will be organised for each day. There will be a visit to the Festival Theatre on the Saturday evening, using the half-price ticket deal available to Hostellers. The production this year will be the comedy 'Summer Lightning', an adaptation of a P G Wodehouse novel. Mike Bonar is now taking bookings. If you wish to join us, could you forward a cheque for £26, made payable to M G Bonar and addressed to 40/4 Woodhall Road, Edinburgh, EH13 ODU, to cover accommodation and also let him know whether you wish to join the theatre party. Mike can provide more information on [mgbonar@btinternet.com](mailto:mgbonar@btinternet.com) or by phone (0131 441 7573).

### **DA Christmas Lunch**

The 2006 DA Christmas Lunch will again be held at Edinburgh First, 18 Holyrood Park Road (behind the Commonwealth Pool) on Saturday 9 December at 12.00 for 1 p.m.. The cost is £25 for a 3-course meal but your choice from the menu does not have to be pre-booked on this occasion. To book, please send a cheque made payable to Lothians DA to Anne Carter at 47 Hay Drive, Edinburgh EH16 4AG, before 20 October. If you require the ticket posted to you, could you provide an SAE.

The Fife DA annual lunch is on Saturday 13 January 2007 at the Half Way House Hotel, Kingseat. 12noon for 12.30. Names in December to Lorraine Brown tel 01383 723002 email [fifeda.sec@tesco.net](mailto:fifeda.sec@tesco.net)

### **E-Cycle Forth**

This is the first edition of the newsletter to be distributed electronically. If you know of any other contacts who would like to receive a copy, could you forward their email addresses to Mike Bonar at [mgbonar@btinternet.com](mailto:mgbonar@btinternet.com) or direct them to the website where they can register themselves.

### **AGM**

The AGM of the DA will be held at Saughtonhall Community Association Hall in Saughtonhall Avenue on Monday 23 October 2006 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 will appear in the October/November edition of Cycle, the national magazine of the CTC, but 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 16 October.

### Zoller Trophy

Nominations for the Zoller Trophy must be submitted to the Secretary by **30 September**. The award is intended to mark a contribution to the DA, either long-term or one-off. The Committee will appoint a panel to decide the destination of the Trophy from among the nominees.

### Cyclists' Reunion

If you cycled in the 1940s/50s/60s/70s, you are invited to the second reunion of cyclists from that era from the East of Scotland. This will be held in the Fairmile Inn, 44 Biggar Road at 7.30 p.m. on Saturday 28 October. Notes of interest to, and further information from, Neil and Norma Brearley on 01968 677117.

### 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. The DA also organises Tuesday evening rides from the beginning of May through to the end of August, starting from the Commonwealth Pool at 7 p.m. A number of runs, detailed below, are also being organised by Borders members. 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)

### Wednesday Rides

Date	Meet	Destination	Date	Meet	Destination
4 Oct	KX	Eddleston	3 Jan	FH	Bolton
11 Oct	FH	North Berwick	10 Jan	RP	Linlithgow
18 Oct	F	Harburn	17 Jan	KX	Athelstaneford
25 Oct	KX	Bolton	24 Jan	SV	East Calder
1 Nov	SV	Linlithgow	31 Jan	FH	Bolton
8 Nov	FH	Pathhead	7 Feb	F	Harburn
15 Nov	KX	Athelstaneford	14 Feb	KX	Pathhead
22 Nov	RP	East Calder	21 Feb	FH	North Berwick
29 Nov	FH	Bolton	28 Feb	SV	Linlithgow
6 Dec	SV	Linlithgow	7 Mar	KX	Bolton
13 Dec	RP	East Calder (DIY Xmas)	14 Mar	RP	East Calder
20 Dec	KX	Athelstaneford	21 Mar	FH	North Berwick
27 Dec	SV	Harburn	28 Mar	F	Eddleston

### Meeting Places

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)

**Borders runs** (all Saturdays with a nominal start time of 10 a.m.)

	Meet	Destination
14 Oct	Galashiels	The Etrick Shepherd's Tea Place (Tushielaw)
18 Nov	Peebles	Glen Café, via Tweedsmuir, Megget, etc.
16 Dec	Melrose	4 Abbeys (or maybe only 3, depending on weather and daylight!)
13 Jan	Galashiels	Kelso (church coffee morning)
10 Feb	Berwick on Tweed	Duns
10 March	Galashiels	Hawick

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