

Cyclists Touring Club

Golden Jubilee Year

In 1928 the CTC celebrated its 50th Jubilee with several national events, and Fife, like the other DA's also organised special events in their own area to mark the occasion. Many of these were reported in the Press-cutting Book, including a report on a lantern lecture in Edinburgh by 'Kuklos' called 'White Wings' or 'Life today in the CTC'. It picture a vice-President of the club leaving HQ in London and touring Britain, calling on the various DA's and being taken by them on personally conducted tours of beauty spots in their area. The Fife group attending the lecture rode home overnight via Stirling Bridge, apparently a very usual occurrence in those pre-Kincardine and Forth Bridge days.

Other special events in the Golden Jubilee Year were: a 'Magazine Night', in Rossend Castle, Burntisland, a building much in the news these days and a favourite meeting place of the Club for several years. Inter DA Social and Sports meeting at Stirling: Century and Mystery Runs etc.

On 26th May, a Relay Ride was organised around Fife, Kinross and Clackmannan. Dunfermline City Chambers was the starting point at 10am where Provost Wilson handed over greetings to the Provosts on the route. A distance of 115 miles was covered by relays of cyclists who went via Kirkcaldy, Crail, St Andrews, Cupar, Kinross, Alloa and back to Dunfermline at 8pm for a celebration supper. The Fife DA President, Professor Steggal read the messages received from the previous Provosts.

One of the National events in which the Fife DA took part, was a 13 day relay ride covering 2100 miles around Britain by CTC members. They carried a Birthday gift to the Prince of Wales consisting of a fountain pen containing special ink for writing on vellum, and a leather bound volume of greetings to be signed by the civic dignitaries on route. It was carried from Burntisland to Dundee, the most northerly point of the route, by a Fife DA Group, consisting of W Browne Snr, D N Todd, PW Alexander, E Toulalan, W A Browne, J Bell and Miss E Lamb. The Fife riders were met at the Tay Ferry by Dundee Cyclists who escorted them to the City Chambers, where they were received by Lord Provost High.