Santa cyclists in decorated bike contest

MORE THAN 40 cycling enthusiasts aged from three to 82 turned out for a decorated bike competition and run through Fife and Kinross this weekend.

Pedestrians cheered on the cavalcade of Fife and Kinross District Association of the Cyclists' Touring Club as the cyclists-many of whom also wore clothing on a festive theme-passed through towns and villages.

Passing motorists also waved encouragement and flashed headlights as they pedalled to Aberdour on Saturday morning.

Tandems and single cycles were dressed up as Santa Claus sleighs and Christmas trees complete with battery-powered coloured lights while other riders contented themselves with decorating their bikes with tinsel strands threaded through the spokes and along the handlebars.

As he felt the ride from his home in Milnathort was a bit too far, artist Ron Pope (82) travelled down by bus but still entered the competition by wearing a minia-ture decorated bike on a chain round his neck.

Meanwhile, fellow octo-

genarian John Elder (82) rode his cycle from his home in Cowdenbeath to join up with his clubmates for the competition.

At the other end of the age scale, little Duncan Jackson (3) made the trip in a child's seat behind his dad all the way from Limekilns and back.

Margaret and Dougie Latto, from Glenrothes, won while sister Helen (7) cycled the competition. Their

prize-winning entry was their tandem pulling a trailer that had been converted into Santa's sleigh complete with presents.

• Pictured are Margaret and Dougie Latto with their tandem surrounded by the other entrants at Aberdour.

