



CTC
Kirkpatrick Macmillan Birthday Rides
Dumfries
29 July – 5 August 2006



Route A30 – Moffat, St Mary’s Loch, Eskdalemuir Tibetan Temple

Scheduled day : Sunday	Terrain : hilly in parts
90 miles (145 Km), no off tarmac	Map OS 84, 78, 79 ,73
Emergency phone 0777 189 5522	

Miles (Km)	Route Description
0.0	Exit College TR; follow round L to TJ TR (Marrinton Road); TJ TR (main road A701); follow !!after de-limit, narrow, twisty, busy!!
4.0 (6.4)	XR TR (SP Shieldhill); SO all J’s to
6.7 (10.8)	XR TR (SP Templand); SO all J’s to
10.0 (16.1)	XR in Templand TL (B7020); SO 4 J’s
13.3 (21.4)	XR TR (SP Johnstonebridge); at J’bridge, TL (B7076)
16.0 (25.7)	RHJ TR (SP Newton); XR (after motorway) SO, TJ TL
23.0 (37.0)	XR in Moffat TL for Hammerlands café, and cafes and shops in centre; return to same XR 24.0 (38.6); SO (A708 Selkirk)
38.0 (61.2)	St Mary’s Loch, café & statue of poet James Hogg, the Ettrick Shepherd
44.2 (71.1)	XR Gordon Arms TR (B709)
50.2 (80.8)	TJ Tushielaw TR (B709)
64.5 (103.8)	Samye Ling, Tibetan Centre, cafe
66.0 (106.2)	RHJ Eskdalemuir TR (B723)
77.5 (124.7)	Lockerbie centre (shops, cafes, pubs), TL then R (SP Dumfries A709)
81.0 (130.4)	RHJ after Lochmaben TR (SP Shieldhill); follow signs Shieldhill, Dumfries and Amisfield !!again narrow, twisty, busy A701!!
90.0 (145.0)	College.

Arranged Refreshment Stops

None.

Cafe/pub and shop locations

Moffat, St Mary's Loch, Gordon Arms, Samye Ling, Lockerbie, Lochmaben



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Route A31 – Keir, Drumlanrig, Dalveen Pass, Moffat
Two of Scotland’s Transport Firsts in one ride!

Scheduled day : Monday	Terrain : some easy, some hilly
75/80 miles (120/127 Km), no off tarmac	Map OS 78
Emergency phone 0777 189 5522	

Miles (Km)	Route Description
0.0	Exit College TL, take 2 nd R (Auchenkeld Ave); at end TJ TL, then R (Sutherland Way) to Cycleway, TR and follow to
1.0 (1.6)	end Cycleway, TL (SP Ae Forest); 1 st LHJ after suburb TL (no SP)
2.8 (4.5)	Kirkton Village (*A*), TR; SO all J’s to
5.3 (8.5)	LHJ at twin lodges for Dalswinton Loch (*B*); park beside main gates (without obstructing), cross road and enter iron gate; follow path round shore for First Steamship Replica . Exit straight to main road TL; SO to
9.0 (14.5)	TJ, TL (A76 !!fast traffic!!); then R at shop/café; 1 st RHJ, TR (SP Penpont); SO all Js (at summit look out for ancient “Dangerous Hill” sign – probably CTC; dangerous in 1898 CTC cycling guide)
15.6 (25.0)	Keir Village (*C*) ; MB at hall ; SO for Courthill (Macmillan’s) Smithy, return to village, TL to his grave (finger posts to R) ; then follow KM Trail signs to
21.0 (33.8)	Drumlanrig Castle (*D*) ; many attractions inc. Cycle Museum ; Option 1 (see end for option 2) exit along main avenue with Castle behind you, cross Nith bridge (gorgeous spot), fork R (up hill) to XR (A76 !!great caution!!) , SO (SP Edinburgh)
23.2 (37.3)	SXR, TL (SP A702); now get going over Dalveen Pass to
38.2 (61.5)	rbt, then, under motorway, TJ TR (SP B7076); over Beattock summit to
45.2 (72.8)	LHJ TL (SP B719)
51.0 (82.0)	Moffat Ram (statue in centre); fork L (A708); XR TR (SP Newton); SO all J’s to
57.0 (91.7)	fork R (SP Newton); TJ, TL over railway, after 30 limit, to
58.5 (94.1)	XR TR (no SP); TJ TL (B7076) to
60.5 (97.4)	RHJ Johnstonebridge TR (SP Johnstonebridge); SO to XR TL (B7020) to

Miles (Km)	Route Description
65.3 (105.0)	XR Templand TR; follow SP's to and thru Shieldhill; SO to
71.0 (114.3)	XR (!!A701 fast traffic!!) SO thru Amisfield; then A701 (!!narrow, twisty, busy!!) and College signs to
74.5 (120.0)	College.
	Option 2 (longer loop and REAL hill): Exit Drumlanrig Castle along main avenue with Castle behind you; LHJ TL (SP Sanquhar); SO to
28.5 (46.0)	cross 2 nd bridge across river, TR (!!A76 fast traffic!!) thru Mennock village; then TL (B797), up <i>the real hill</i> (may be lucky to see gold panning on the way up) thru Wanlockhead (*E*) to
37.7 (60.7)	Leadhills (*F*); TR (B7040) to TJ TL (A702) to
43.0 (69.2)	rbt TR onto B7076 and follow Option 1 from 38.2 (61.5) – add 5(8)

Arranged Refreshment Stops

None.

Cafe/pub locations

Drumlanrig: café; Wanlockhead: café; Moffat: several cafes, pubs;

Shop locations

Drumlanrig (but not provisions); Wanlockhead; Moffat.

Points of Interest

A Kirkton conservation Village – orchard on village green (rare for Scotland).

B Dalswinton Loch – it was here where probably the world's first steamboat sailed in 1792; built by native-born William Symington, sponsored by estate owner Patrick Miller, one of the passengers was a Mr R Burns!

- C* Keir – 1. Go forward to Courthill Smithy; 1990 plaque refurbished; to lend atmosphere to the occasion, member Tony Mynott is expected to be present with his own KM replica cycle;
2. Return to village, follow signs to grave which is expected to have a new plaque relating KM to his community;
3. Get MB when you wish at the village hall.

D Drumlanrig Castle, etc – 1690 by 1st Duke of Queensberry, who only slept one night in it! Beautifully situated; craft shops; cafes; cycle museum, gardens, walks and tree trail.

E Wanlockhead – famous for lead, etc, mining (Quaker Co. 1710); has mine tour, the only known surviving water-powered beam-engine in the UK, 2nd oldest subscription library in UK (1756), museum, café.

F Leadhills – also lead mining, but less to see; oldest subscription library, railway society reviving part of light railway that ran up to Wanlockhead from Elvanfoot; famous residents:- James Stirling (mathematician/scientist & reformer), William Symington (engineer/inventor, including world's first steamship), **John Taylor (died at 137 years!)**.



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Route A1 – Stewartry Coast

Scheduled day : Tuesday	Terrain : undulating, sharply at times.
82 miles (132 Km), no off tarmac	Map OS 84
Emergency phone 0777 189 5522	

Miles (Km)	Route Description
0.0	Exit College TL; rbt TR (Astor Drive); rbt TL(Downs Way); TJ TR; rbt TL (A701); large rbt !!A75 extreme caution!! SO; mini rbt bear L (Moffat Rd); SO all J's and rbts down to
3.2 (5.2)	lights at river TL, then R over river; SO to TJ TL (A710); SO thru New Abbey (*A*) and Kirkbean to
16.0 (25.8)	LHJ TL (SP Southernness); at Southernness (*B*) retrace to 1 st LHJ TL; TJ TL; SO to
28.4 (45.7)	LHJ TL (SP Kippford) to Kippford (delightful village and sailing centre) (hall for Lunch at bottom hill on L), retrace to
29.0 (46.7)	TJ TL (SP A710 Dalbeattie) SO to RHJ TR (SP Dalbeattie Town Centre); SO, past Fountain, to
33.5 (54.0)	5 ways J TL (A711). TL at lights at bridge over river. TL into Palnackie (tiny harbour), bear R at Glenisle Inn, then SO (sign School); RHJ TR, pass Orchardton (round) Tower (*C*);
39.0 (62.8)	XR TL; follow A711 thru Auchencairn and Dundrennan (*D*) to
52.0 (83.7)	XR in Kirkcudbright (*E*) after Church, TR (B727) SO thru Gelston, later joining A745 and A711 to
65.7 (105.8)	Dalbeattie 5 way J; continue on A710 to Dumfries;
79.0 (127.2)	bridge over R Nith SO all J's, over railway, to rbt TR, then L onto Cycleway; next Toucan crossing TR and follow College signs to
82.0 (132.0)	College.

Arranged Refreshment Stops (Tuesday only)

None, unless you are late enough to get lunch at Kippford hall – van 11.30 – 13.00.

Cafe/pub locations

New Abbey, Southernness, Sandyhills (limited), Colvend, Rockcliffe, Kippford, Dalbeattie, Kirkcudbright, Dalbeattie.

Shop locations

New Abbey, Southernness, Colvend, Kippford, Dalbeattie, Auchencairn (limited), Kirkcudbright.

Points of Interest

- A* New Abbey (as opposed to the older one at Dundrennan) – Shambellie House Costume museum, working Cornmill, Sweetheart Abbey (founded 1273 by Lady Devorguilla de Balliol who carried her husband John’s embalmed heart in a casket and had it buried with her)
- B* Southernness – lighthouse 1749, 2nd earliest in Scotland.
- C* Orchardton Tower – c1450, the only round castle tower in Scotland (some in Ireland).
- D* Dundrennan Abbey – founded 1142 by Fergus, first Lord of Galloway.
- E* Kirkcudbright – too much here for a quick visit, but, if you’ve time, make a circuit of the old town and harbour.



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Route A2 – Castle Douglas, Kirkcudbright, Gatehouse.

Scheduled day : Wednesday	Terrain : undulating, a bit steeper later.
86 miles (139 Km), no off tarmac	Map OS 84, 83
Emergency phone 0777 189 5522	

Miles (Km)	Route Description
0.0	Exit College TL; rbt TR (Astor Drive); rbt TL; TJ TR; rbt TL (A701); large rbt SO; mini rbt bear R (SP Hospital); SO all J's to
3.4 (5.5)	fork L (A711); SO; then follow R7 thru Lochfoot, Milton, Haugh of Urr, to
18.5 (29.8)	rbt in Castle Douglas, take 3 rd exit for shops and cafes (bike rack by TIC); SO to LHJ TL (SP Threave Gardens); RHJ TR (SP Rhonehouse); SO thru Rhonehouse; pass early concrete framed factory which produced munitions and cars around the first world war period
26.0 (41.8)	TJ TL (A711); Tongland hydro-power station on L (tours available, including the dam and fish ladder); SO, crossing Telford's early hollow spandrel bridge, into
28.0 (45.0)	RHJ Kirkcudbright TR (but SO for shops, cafes, and quick tour of old part of "Artists' Town"); cross river, then TL (B727); follow R7 thru Borgue, past Cream O'Galloway organic ice-cream (café,etc), to
40.8 (65.6)	Girthon; SO (not following R7 L onto cycle track) to SXR TR (A75) (!!A75 fast traffic!!), then TL (SP B727 Gatehouse) to
44.0 (70.8)	Gatehouse car park/TIC and cafe; retrace up High St; TL (SP Laurieston) to
53.7 (86.4)	XR Laurieston TL (SP A762 New Galloway); RHJ after village TR (SP Killieford Kennels) look out for red kites (only bird of prey with a forked tail); follow road round beside Loch Ken to
60.0 (96.6)	TJ TL (no SP); immediately bridge with Hydro Scheme Barrage to L); SO across SXR (B795) (2 nd house on L, Monksmill, is JT's; sorry I am not there to offer you a cuppa!); next XR TL (SP Clarebrand); SO all J's, passing Henry Moore's Reclining Woman, to

Miles (Km)	Route Description
73.0 (117.5)	TJ TR (no SP, but bird topiary in R corner); TJ TL (SP Dunscore) (but AB available at Shawhead hall to R), pass Barnsoul, where KM Rallies are held, to TJ TR (Routin [=Roaring] Brig, nice spot); SO to
81.7 (131.5)	TJ TR; follow KM Trail in reverse to River Nith crossing; TL past Rowing Club; follow road round and up to TJ TL (archway opposite); XR TR; at lights TL (CTC floral display on L); SO thru lights, over railway bridge, to mini-rbt TR; TL onto Cycleway; next Toucan crossing TR and follow College signs to
86.0 (138.4)	College

Arranged Refreshment Stops (Wednesday only)

AB Shawhead Hall (14.30-15.30)

Cafe/pub locations

Castle Douglas, (Threave Garden 0.5 miles off route), Kirkcudbright, Rainton Cream o' Galloway (much more than a cafe), Gatehouse, Laurieston (Laurie Arms).

Shop locations

Castle Douglas, Kirkcudbright, Gatehouse.



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Route A3 – Annan, Birthday Tea.

Scheduled day : Thursday	Terrain : easy
61 miles (99 Km), no off tarmac	Map OS 78, 85
Emergency phone 0777 189 5522	

Miles (Km)	Route Description
0.0	Exit College TR; RHJ TR (no SP); TJ TR (no SP);
1.9 (3.0)	rbt TL (SP A709 Lockerbie); follow to
6.8 (10.9)	Lochmaben (CTC plaque on King's Arms, Bruce Statue at Town hall); end of high street TR (SP B7020 Dalton) past Loch and J into Lochmaben Castle (add 1.0 mile if you go in); SO to
12.2 (19.6)	Dalton; TR (B725) for Pottery café (add 1.0 mile); otherwise SO; TL (B725) for Hoddom and
18.0 (29.0)	Ecclefechan TR on to National Cycle Route 74 to
27.0 (43.5)	Gretna Green and Gretna; TR on to B721 (R7) and follow to
36.0 (57.9)	Annan. SO (not R7), then TL on to B724, thru Cummertrees, under railway
39.7 (63.9)	In village, before second railway bridge, TL, soon re-join R7 to Ruthwell (First Savings Bank)
43.1 (69.4)	Ruthwell (First Savings Bank); SO (still R7) to
48.0 (77.2)	TJ Bankend TL (still R7) to rbt at start of Dumfries; just beyond, TR thru Brownhall Gate into Crichton grounds, SO up to
57.2 (92.1)	carpark, church (Service 14.30) and Easterbrook Hall (Birthday Tea 15.30) (*A*) (note sculpture to Elizabeth Crichton); Leaving Easterbrook Hall, TR and exit keeping R to rbt at gate TL; at 2 nd lights TR; rbt TL (Morrison's opposite); lights TR; rbt TL past police HQ; rbt TR; mini rbt bear L (Moffat Rd); at Cycleway TR to next Toucan crossing TR; follow College signs to
61.2 (98.5)	College.

Arranged Refreshment Stops

None.

Cafe/pub locations

Dalton, Ecclefechan, Gretna, Annan, Caerlaverock Castle.

Shop locations

Lochmaben, Ecclefechan, Gretna, Annan, Glencaple

Points of Interest

A “The Crichton”, most buildings by legacy of Dr James Crichton, originally for third attempt at university of Dumfries, but eventually for enlightened mental hospital; most patients now treated at home, so most buildings now Glasgow and Paisley university (so 4th attempt successful!) or business park; recent statue to Crichton’s wife Elizabeth near Easterbrook Hall. If spare time, cycle round more of the grounds; especially see rockery and trees below church and along to the R.



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**Route A4 – Glenkiln Sculptures, New Galloway, Moniaive, Portrack
Cosmic Garden. Be sure to take your “Miscellany” card.**

Scheduled day : Friday	Terrain : undulating
86 miles (138 Km), no off tarmac	Map OS 84, 77, 78
Emergency phone 0777 189 5522	

Miles (Km)	Route Description
0.0	Exit college TL to rbt TR (Astor Drive); rbt TL; TJ TR (Tinwald Downs Rd); rbt TL (A701); large rbt SO; mini rbt bear R (SP Town Centre); SO all J's and lights, over river, thru lights to
3.8 (6.1)	XR TR (20 sign, Terregles St); 2 nd rbt bear L (Terregles Rd); SO all J's to
10.6 (17.0)	RHJ Shawhead TR (SP Dunscore), then LHJ TL (SP Glenkiln);
12.2 (19.6)	LHJ SO (bird topiary on LH corner); for Sculptures, see Miscellany card;
13.7 (22.0)	last sculpture (Standing Figure); up and over hill; !!descent twisty, gravelly!!;
17.2 (27.7)	TJ TL (SP Dunscore); LHJ TL (SP Corsock);
21.2 (34.1)	RHJ TR (SP Shillingland); TJ TR (no SP)
26.0 (41.8)	TJ TL (A702)
34.3 (55.2)	LHJ TL (B7075); TJ TR (A712); SXR SO (SP New Galloway); next J fork L; flat then up short steepness to
37.5 (60.3)	XR (New Galloway Town Hall) TR; skewed XR T2 nd L (SP A762); follow to TJ TL (A713) to
49.0 (78.9)	Carsphairn; retrace to LHJ TL (SP B729 Moniaive); follow to
65.0 (104.6)	Moniaive SO (A702); at Kirkland, RHJ TR (B729); follow thru Dunscore to
72.3 (116.4)	Throughgate; LHJ TL (SP Auldgirth); RHJ TR (no SP, but post-box opposite); TJ TL (no SP); XR !!cross A76 fast traffic!! SO (SP Holywood Station) to
77.7 (125.0)	Portrack Cosmic Garden (*B*); Exit TL; XR SO; next J fork R to

Miles (Km)	Route Description
	Holywood, join A76 to rbt TL, then follow KM Trail in reverse to bridge over river;
	TL past Rowing Club; follow road up hill to
	TJ TL (archway opposite); XR TR; at lights, TL (CTC floral design on L); SO (pass cycle centre) all J's, lights and rbts to
	rbt TR (SP College) (ESSO ahead); follow College signs to
85.5 (137.6)	College.

Arranged Refreshment Stops (Friday only)

AB: at Portrack Cosmic Garden 14.30 – 16.00

Cafe/pub locations

New Galloway: cafes & pubs; Carsphairn: café & pub; Moniaive: café & pubs.

Shop locations

New Galloway, Carsphairn, Moniaive, Dunscore.

Points of Interest

A Glenkiln Sculptures – see “Miscellany” card.

B Portrack , “The Garden of Cosmic Speculation” – all sorts of landforms and terraces designed by Charles Jencks plus lakes designed by Maggie Keswick, and sculptures; proceeds to Maggie’s Centres for cancer care; Maggie herself succumbed to the dread disease.