

You are never too old.

Brother Maurice Smith, a member of the Dundas Lodge in Middlesbrough is 76 years of age. He is proving that you are 'never too old' by attempting to cycle from John O'Groats to Land's End.

The ride will be done in stages and he has just completed the first stage, which was from John O'Groats to Aberdeen, a distance of 320 miles. The remaining stages are to undertaken in subsequent years, which Maurice says will give him the will to live!

Doing the ride has been a lifetime ambition. To ensure someone else benefits from his efforts he is raising money for a fund called a 'Time to Talk' which is seeking to raise £14,000 to purchase a special computer for Owen McGarry, an 11 year old boy who is a quadriplegic with cerebral palsy. Owen is unable to communicate with others, but the computer will enable him to do so. £955 was raised from sponsorship and a further £500 was donated by members of his own Lodge, making a total of £1,455.

Maurice said of the ride: - "At times it was rather challenging, but most enjoyable. I had the opportunity to see some fantastic scenery at leisure and meet some of the most eccentric and unforgettable characters along the way." Apparently certain compulsory stops were made at one or two famous Whisky Distilleries for interest and sustenance.

