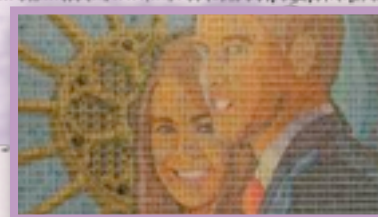


# 2011 - SCOTLAND

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## Royal Wedding



### MORNING RIDE

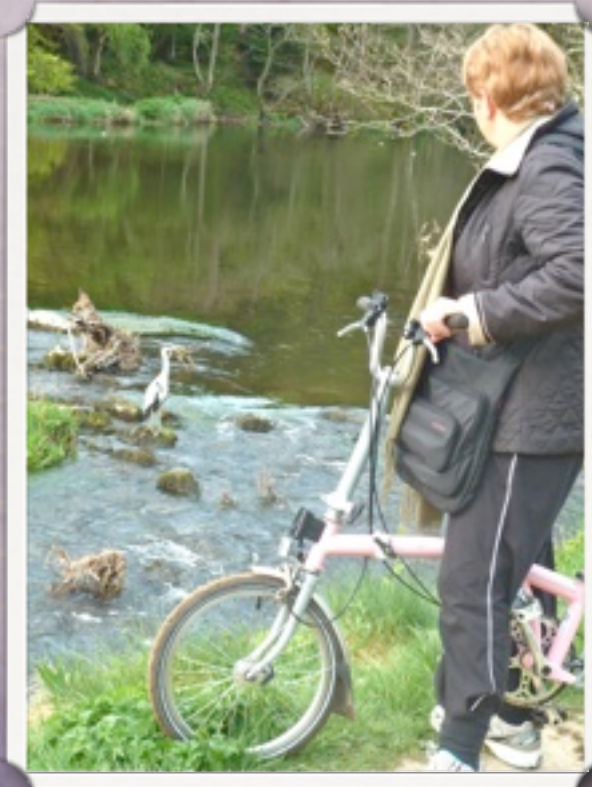
The sign at the caravan park reception office said it all - "Celebrations start today in the hall at 10.30am. Free sandwiches and orange juice. Everyone welcome." The Nowak's decided that today was a day to rest and, like the rest of the UK, it was time to prepare for the royal wedding. Since the event was to start around 10am there was time for an early morning ride around Peebles. We set off in overcast conditions. It was freezing but the dry air was to our liking - as long as one is appropriately dressed.



### PEEBLES

The ride alongside the river was enjoyable. The track was rough in spots but the ride was quite easy. We were privileged to watch a stork catching fish and by accident came across a castle that was partly in ruins. There were quite a few people exercising their dogs but no-one wanted to chat. The views across the river to the town centre and the cathedral were delightful. Then it was time to get ready for the wedding.

Early mornings tend to be very nippy and the air is very crisp. We wear gloves and a warm coat over light clothes because after 10kms or so of peddling we can get quite hot and bothered.



*Gone fishing*





*Our camera with inbuilt GPS shows where we took photos*



*The bike is light to carry with seat hooked over the shoulder*



**THE WEDDING**

The newspapers and TV have little in the way of news about Australia but we do know every little detail about what is expected to happen today. Although the Scots (and males everywhere) are a little circumspect there are thousands of royal wedding parties planned around UK today - even in Peebles and even in our caravan park. Heather got the biscuits with Vegemite ready and with her dutiful husband in hand we went to the hall and were surprised to see suitable decorations and a bevy of campers sitting watching the event. Free drinks and sandwiches.







*So many villages have charm like Peebles - bubbling brook, cathedral with spire and peace and quiet*



Our van has a heater that actually works (gas or electricity).

Lovely and warm in the mornings - so much easier to get up.