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## The USE Stars of the Races Awards



### Mosquito Bikes/USE London Cross Assoc - the awards

Veteran Bill Wright (De Laune CC) wins the USE Star of the race award at Eastway on November 7. He finished in the top end of the field despite a broken seat post bolt, which meant he raced with his knees hitting his nose. He also had a car load of talented youth riders to look after, all of whom featuring well in their races.



# DE LAUNE NEWS

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## THE PRESIDENTS REPORTS

The closure of Herne Hill track is a blow to us all, especially people who live in the south of England. The situation is that the Southwark Council cannot agree terms for the new lease with the site's owners, The Dulwich Estate. I am informed that the Good Friday meeting will be held with other special meetings at later dates. Where do the local riders train in the mean time?

Way back in the 50's and 60's before I moved from London to Maidstone, Herne Hill was my life; Going down to the track for Monday night comp, the club open meetings on Wednesdays and the big meetings at the weekends. The situation was that everybody went down to the track and not just to race.

Great memories of the place will never fade. We had our own track cabin and I can remember Tommy Simpson selling his old racing vests from the cabin door. I can also remember the great Fausto Coppi riding in a Madison and hanging on the barrier, (only inches from me) waiting for his partner to come around. I will let you into a secret -I touched his hand! *(I always thought there was something funny about you Ed.)*

If we loose the track, what problems will we have as a club? Do we loose our club night and our storage space for our club equipment? Do we have a club track championship this year and, to make matters worse, will our own Bill Wright, who is the manager for the track, loose his job? A lot of questions will have to be asked.

I am always asking for new people to help out with our clubs activities (please do not put the DLN down but read on!) We have a situation in most cases that we cannot say who does what job. As a team we just get on with it, but I must point out one guy who is doing a Ken Hill on us! Ken was called Mr. Herne Hill in his time. He did everything from running big open events to washing up the cups. This member is going the same way!

He is the Clothing Manager. The Property Secretary, Membership Secretary, Club Historian, Road Sign Direction Board Manager. He has now found the 'on' button on his new computer and is writing articles for DLN. Is this man taking over the club I ask? Yes it is Stax. Keep up the good work kid. I do not know what we would do with-out you!

I am glad to tell you that all the Dc Laune ski team came back safe and sound from l'Alpe d'Huez, France, which is good considering they are pushing 70 and some are over 70. The weather was good with plenty of snow. We had one morning with a white-out. Let me explain a white-out is when you get a

lot of snow coming down with a white fog, so you cannot tell the ground from the sky. The result is you cannot keep your balance and keep falling over.

Tich Shambrook had a problem with the white-out, and he is lucky to be with us. He was told that if he got into a white-out, stand still until it passed by because of the dangerous crevasses. If you do decide to move, and he did, you take your skies off and prod your way with your ski stick. He did this for twenty minutes solid with his stick He did the best thing and did not move for two hours until the white fog lifted. Guess what!

His stick had broken off at the handle.

Kav.

Keep up to date re Herne Hill – [www.londonvelodrome.org](http://www.londonvelodrome.org)

PS I have enclosed a photo of part of the De Laune ski team with a few of our friends from the San Fairy Ann CC. People of note, first from the left Tich Shambrook skier extraordinaire, First lady from left Carol Gandy 2004 British Best Lady all Rounder, far right Roly Crayford, World Vets Sprint Champion. You have to be good to come skiing with the De Laune!



#### A NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY

THE NEXT OMA LUNCH WILL BE ON  
SUNDAY 22 MAY 2005.  
VENUE: BRIGHTON & HOVE GOLF CLUB  
TIME: 1.15 for 1.45

ALL ARE WELCOME AT MY PLACE FOR  
MORNING COFFEE FROM 11.00 ONWARDS.

KINDLY CONTACT EITHER MYSELF ON 01273 546226  
OR DOT (AFTER MARCH 31st) ON 01689 851241

Max Dods memorial run and BBQ  
24th July confirmed



#### Gorrick Exodus Spring Race Series 2005

January 30th Blue skies and over 400 racers made for a superb first round of the Exodus Spring Series at Crowthorne Woods on January 30.

The four mile course was packed full of singletrack - from fast and flowing to the technical corkscrew. Although there were no long hills, there were plenty of short sharp climbs which kept riders on their toes throughout.

Celebrating ten years of Gorrick's Spring Series meant even



more prizes, the top one from series sponsors Exodus. The name drawn from all riders to win a holiday was none other than World Solo 24 hour Champion Jenn O'Connor.

With last years top riders Kerry Scotson and Michael Jackson up to the Supermasters, Masters was wide open. James Lett (De Laune) rode to victory 38 seconds clear of Andrew Van Der Merwe (ProChorus), with Colin Dixon in third.

Photo by kind permission of <http://stevephillips.fotopic.net>

### **2005 Gorrick Exodus Spring Series Race 2**

February 20th

- 1 Rob Lee Extreme Endurance 1:01:25
- 2 Lloyd Bettles Numplum.com/Richardsons Cycles 1:03:34
- 3 Antony White Extreme Endurance 1:04:55
- 4 James Lett De Laune/Specialized/Evans 1:05:07

### **Mosquito Bikes/USE London Cross Team Champs**

The 2004/05 London Cross Association Team Champs supported by Mosquito Bikes and USE, held at Eastway, on February 6 and hosted by Lea Valley Youth CC. With additional support by Torq & Beastway.com

Junior/Seniors Teams (composite teams did not count for the champs)

Team result

- 1 Boyzone (Composite) 17
- 2 Evans Cycles A 27 - 1st Team Champs
- 3 Evans Cycles B 28 - 2nd Team Champs
- 13 De Laune CC 126

Junior/Seniors Individual Results

- 35 Nathan Palmer De Laune CC
- 40 Bill Wright De Laune CC
- 51 Clifford Steel De Laune CC

Youth Individual Results

- 1 Andrew Griffiths Lee Valley Youth A 24.33
- 9 Sam Fensterheim De Laune 26.59

### **BSCA National CycloCross Championships**

Held at Axton Chase School & Sports College, Longfield, Kent on Sunday 13 February 2005

UNDER SIXTEEN

- 1 37:04 BILLY-JOE WHENMAN TE AM DARENTH
- 2 38:05 LUKE MARLOW ROBERT SMYTH SCHOOL/WELLAND VA
- 8 40:51 SAM FENSTERHEIM THE CHARTER SCHOOL/DELAUNE CC

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### **Time Trialling**

Time Trialling is a sport that is enjoyed by young and old alike. Of all the branches of cycle sport, it is probably the easiest to get into as no specialist equipment is needed. Its popularity lies in the fact that every rider can set his or her own standards and, unlike other forms of racing, nobody gets the feeling that they are being left behind.

In a time trial, you may finish many minutes behind the event winner, yet have the satisfaction of recording a personal best time. Thus, time trials are unique, in that it is possible for everyone to be a



winner.

Course G25/53

OS Ref	Details	Distance
164324	START in Robin Hood lane at clearway sign 5yds from Robin Hood Rbt.	0.00 0.00
168333	Proceed to Robin Hood Rbt. Left 1st. exit and follow A264 to Great Daux Rbt.	0.60 0.60
	Right 2nd exit and follow A264 via Rusper Road Rbt. to Moorhead Rbt. Left 1st exit and continue on A264 via Faygate Rbt. To Bewbush Manor Rbt. Straight on 2nd exit and follow A2220 via. Breezehurst Rbt. To Broadfield Rbt.	
256353	where TURN (CHECK)	5.89 6.49
	4th exit to retrace on A2220 to Bewbush Manor Rbt. Left 1st exit and follow	
260336	A264 to Tollgate Rbt. Where TURN (CHECK)	2.45 8.94
168333	3rd exit to retrace to Bewbush Manor Rbt. Left 1st exit and continue on A264 via Faygate, Moorhead and Rusper Road Rbt's. to Great Daux Rbt.	6.31 15.25
	Left 1st exit and follow A24 via Robin Hood Rbt. to bear Left up slip road to Farthings hill Interchange Rbt. Straight on 2nd exit and rejoin A24 proceed to Hop Oast Rbt. Straight on 2nd exit to Southwater Rbt. (called Pollardshill)	
162252	where TURN (CHECK)	5.77 21.02
	3rd exit to retrace on A24 to Hop Oast Rbt. Straight 2nd exit and follow A24 bearing Left to	
153309	FINISH on slip road at 50th joint in kerbstones about 380yds. Before Farthings Hill Interchange Rbt. And 94yds before blue arrow sign at entrance to WSCC Depot and Tesco lorry exit.	25.00 3.98

### Eastway "10s"

The popular Eastway 10s will run each Tuesday from the 3rd of May to the 12th of July. On the final night the fastest lap competition will be held and the time trial will be a 2 up (teams of 2). With the series prize giving following.

The series is a favourite with many and very attractive to new riders as it allows you to judge your performance against others and more importantly against yourself over the series.

Each night you ride 10 laps (10 miles) of Eastway and you must not take pace from another (i.e. you ride alone).

Just turn up in good time (there are rides for 70 riders) and pay your money (plus membership for the series). Most bikes fitted with road tyres will do.

John Carden of Economic Energy tells us that the record for 10 laps is 21.56, held by Ray Eden in 1994 - See forum for more

Info

The rider's best 6 times will count for cats Vets, Junior, school age, senior - men & women

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### O.M.A. E-MAIL NEWS

Hi Mick, Just to say that we are now on e mail at home should you need to contact Brian. The address is [barbara.waller4@btinternet.com](mailto:barbara.waller4@btinternet.com) please would you add to the e mail addresses on the web site for the DeLaune.

Regards Brian and Barbara

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At about the same time as Mike received the above mail he also received this photo from Tony Peachy



BRIAN WALLER - MIKE PEEL - JOHN DODS

Paid Pat and Peter Gunnell a surprise visit on Monday, both well and pleased to see me, yes I went on my bike, no not all the way from Herne Bay! I was at my daughter's in Slough so took the opportunity of a ride on roads I haven't frequented since Harry Thomas was club captain back in the late 50's (a 38 mile round trip).

Malcolm Adams



Just in case you do not recognise this handsome rider it is Peter Shepherd who has rejoined the club .

The information received is that at the start of the 2004 London to Brighton Bike Ride he was clean shaven!!!!

**PHOTOS FROM THE PAST -WHERE DO THEY FIND THEM**



ALAN JACKSON – DEREK MORSE – KEN FULLER – KEN KNAPMAN



KEN FULLER – DEREK BOON – HARRY THOMAS – LEN DANBY- I of M 1952

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### **BITS AND PIECES**

As I've mentioned before, I thought that taking on the job of clothing secretary would be fairly straightforward; not so, since, as you know, I have already had to tread very carefully when dealing with some of the older members regarding ordering the "larger" sizes of club clothing!

My next problem is global warming - with the ice caps melting, the gulf stream ceasing to reach our shores and with many of our members scattered around the country living in areas vulnerable to flooding as sea levels rise - what items of club kit do I order? Will we need cold-weather clothing? Should I instead be ordering tri-trunks or wet suits in club colours? Will '10s' and '25s' have swimming sections in the courses, or will all events end up as triathlons? Quite a dilemma.

On the subject of triathlons, I note from Harry Corbett's article in February's DLN that there is an entry form for the 7th Bushey Park Trial Run. It brought to mind that the centre pages of the Club History comprise a photograph of De Laune riders at the Bushey Park Meet of 1916. You may have noticed that this photograph has no caption, so how do I know the date of the photograph? Well, when clearing out the clubroom in Choumert Road I was informed that the key to the lock on the glass show cabinet was missing, so armed with my electric drill, I thought I would have the lock opened in a minute or two. Half an hour later, I had the lock removed without breaking the glass! Amongst the rubbish inside the

cabinet was the original photograph with the date on the reverse.

At some time I am going to have to bore the pants of members on how I cleared the clubroom; why only £225.00 was raised from the sale of the contents which, according to our accounts, were worth slightly more, and answer a few other questions from members, for example, "I left my bike in the clubroom, went down to the Wishing Well for a pint and when I returned half an hour later, it had disappeared", or "Have you seen my wallet/bus pass/rucksack? etc. I must try and dispel this reputation I've acquired for throwing things away!

Brian Saxton

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### **YOUR TV VIEWING FOR 2005**

DATE	EVENT
Jan 7 – 9	World Cup, Velodrome, Manchester (too late!)
Mar 19	Milan-San Remo
Mar 24 – 27	World Track Championships, Los Angeles
Apr 3	Archer Grand Prix*
	Tour of Flanders
Apr 10	Paris-Roubaix
Apr 17	Amstel Gold Race
Apr 24	Liege-Bastogne-Liege
May 7 – 29	Tour of Italy
May 8	Lincoln Grand Prix*
Jun 25 & 26	National Road Race Championships
Jul 1	HEWS Classic*
Jul 2 – 24	Tour de France
Aug 13	San Sebastian Classic
Aug 14	Havant Grand Prix*
Aug 27 – Sep 18	Tour of Spain
Aug 29 – Sep 4	Tour of Britain
Sep 21 – 25	World Road Race Championships, Madrid
Oct 2	Grand Prix of Zurich
Oct 9	Paris-Tours
Oct 15	Tour of Lombardy

\*-Maybe?

These are the events you will be watching; the ones you will be riding are on the back cover of the DLN!

Note: From the New York Times of February 17th, Lance Armstrong will more than likely be going for the hour record rather than ride the Tour de France. He will make a first attempt at sea level in Madison Square Garden in New York and two weeks later, at higher altitude, in Salt Lake City, Utah – as yet dates not known.

Brian Saxton.

23rd February

Lance Armstrong has hinted he could attempt to break the world hour record at Manchester Velodrome this season.

The six-time Tour de France winner has repeatedly stated a desire to break the mark of Britain's Chris Boardman.

Lance Armstrong has announced that he will ride in this year's Tour de France and aim for a seventh straight win.

It was rumoured the 34-year-old would skip the event but part of the deal with new backers Discovery Channel was he would race at least one more Tour.

Discovery took over sponsorship of Armstrong's team from US Postal, who funded his first six Tour victories.



More up to date info on Lance Armstrong can be found at:- Ed.

[www.thepaceline.com](http://www.thepaceline.com)

[www.lancearmstrong.com](http://www.lancearmstrong.com)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/sport>

## NOTICE BOARD

### Diary Social/Club for 2005

Sun 22 May	OMA Meeting Brighton & Hove Golf Club
Thurs 16th June ?	AGM
Sun 24th July	Max Dods Memorial & BBQ
Fri 4th November ?	Belgium Night/OMA

### Diary of Club & Inter-Club Events for 2005

Sun	12th June	Club - Mid-summer	25m	G25/53	?
Tue	21st June ?	Crystal Palace Circuit race			18:30
Sat	25th June ?	Open Track Meeting Herne Hill			14:00
Sun	31st July	Open - Fred Peachey Includes Club 25 Championships & Novices	25m	Q25/8	?
Sat	10th September	OMA	10m	Q10/22	7:00
Sun	12th September	Club Track Meeting Herne Hill			14:00
Sun	18th September	Club - Autumn	25m	G25/53	?
Sun	2nd October ?	Downhill		Tillburstow Hill, Godstone	11:00
Sun	9th October	Hill Climb		GH31 Titsey	11.00

THE LAST DAY FOR COPY TO BE  
INCLUDED IN THE NEXT ISSUE IS  
WEDNESDAY 30 March 2005

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