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19th Derek Boon, 20th Ian Silvester, 22nd Geoff Margetts,
23rd Christian Rudolf*

15TH JUNE PM

DE LAUNE OPEN 10 ISLE OF GRAIN

I WILL BE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR OPEN 10.

PLEASE PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY.

**IT WOULD BE GREAT IF WE HAVE A GOOD TURNOUT OF MEMBERS
TO BOTH VOLUNTEER AND RIDE.**

THANKS DEBBIE

**Club Rides (Sunday): Meet 9am,
Cadence Performance
2A Anerley Hill, Crystal Palace,
London SE19 2AA**

CLUB NIGHT
SECOND MONDAY
OF EACH MONTH
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President's Pen

I received the following email a couple of weeks ago:

Hello Mr Wright,

I am a graffiti hunter (mostly historic graffiti in churches). I recently visited Newnham Church and was delighted to see plenty of 1950's and 60's graffiti on the choir stalls and behind the church organ (a prime spot!)

I spotted some cycling related graffiti and then read about the De Laune Cycling club and it's links to the church. I was moved by the poppy wreath on the memorial outside. I came home and have had a lovely hour or two reading up, and even googling Brian Robinson! If you are in Newnham church I would recommend having a look behind the organ.

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I thought you might like to see these..



I think they are charming!

Best wishes,

Claire Sumner

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So fortunately it looks like we haven't yet been banned from Newnham Church, though it threatens to be the biggest upset for the Club since Mrs Curd of Godstone announced she could only provide one cake per person for our club runs in 1947 (see A Century Awheel p.128).

So, to protect the innocent, I've denied all knowledge. To be fair, it looks unlikely – the bike drawings look a bit juvenile for the type of rider who I would expect to be cycling all the way to Newnham, and for Brian Robinson to be 'doing well' (present tense) in the TdF it would most likely have been written in the summer, and not at our annual November visit for the Memorial service. While it's possible that one or two of our young riders might have got a bit bored during the service and sneaked off behind the organ (is that a euphemism?) for a crafty sherbet dipdab, my guess it was more likely to be a cycling-keen server or chorister.

Looking forward to our 130. anniversary Clubrun on 5. May at Newnham. That could be a good opportunity to look for (and if necessary dispose of) any incriminating evidence.

Bill Wright

In 1951 whilst serving in the Army and riding for the Army Cycling Union, I rode in an army organised time trial of witch Brian Robinson was also competing. I was in the Royal Tank Regiment and Brian in the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Ed.

SIR ROGER MOATE

Sir Roger Moate, who has died aged 80, was for 27 years the Conservative MP for Faversham - representing a strip of North Kent and the Isle of Sheppey opposite. In the early 2000s he often attended our Remembrance Day Services at the Church of St Peter and St Paul in Newnham, at which on one occasion he was presented with a copy of the Club History. He lived in Newnham in the lovely old historic Calico House.

Brian Saxton

DE LAUNE CYCLING CLUB

This year marks the 130th anniversary of the De Laune Cycling Club. Out of interest I was checking on how we stand in the seniority rankings of cycling clubs in the country, and maybe the world.

In 1988 a Harold Scott penned an article for Cycling Weekly in which he listed the clubs still in existence. He explained in his article that "Since I became interested in the development of our clubs, most of a lifetime, I have collected the names of about 12,000 in the British Isles from 1869 to date (1988) and of these only about 29 survive today with a century or more behind them.

My list is as follows:

1874	Peterborough CC	*
1876	Hastings & St Leonard's CC	*
	Leek CC	60
	Speedwell BC	*
1878	Brighton Excelsior CC	Formed 1921
	Polytechnic CC	Defunct
1879	Anfield BC	*
	Norwich Amateur BC	75
1880	Bath CC	250
	Crouch Hill BC	Defunct
	Notts Castle BC	Defunct
1881	Anerley BC	*

1882	North London CC Southgate CC	Defunct Broken history
1883	Finsbury Park CC Manchester Wheelers Club	* *
1884	Woolwich CC	*
1885	Dukinfield CC North Road CC Redditch Road & Path Club	80 150 115
1886	Bath Road Club Catford CC	* *
1887	Ipswich BC Sharrow CC Unity CC Worthing Excelsior CC	* * 30 *
1888	Shaftesbury CC Vegetarian Worcester St John's CC	* * *

This list does not include national bodies, associations or Scottish clubs. I am well aware that it may be incomplete or that some of the above may no longer be extant, and I am sure there will be some corrections!

I have not included the Pickwick BC or Stanley Club as they are no longer active cycling clubs. Some in my list have had changes of name and one or two may have had breaks (the Southgate did, from 1916-1922}."

To check if these clubs still exist I scanned the list of nearly 1,000 clubs

which are affiliated to the Cycling Time Trials and found a number of those in Harold Scott's list that have websites (surely no club could exist today without one!). For example, the Peterborough CC state that they are the oldest continuously active cycling club in the country and they have done research which shows they were actually formed in 1873. The Hastings and St Leonard's has the highest membership in living memory. On Harold's list the Brighton Excelsior CC is shown as being formed in 1878, but on their website the date is shown as 1921. The Polytechnic CC appears to be defunct (the Polytechnic is now the University of Westminster and there is no indication on the University website that the sports section offers cycling to its students).

As a matter of interest, Keith Robins holds all of Harold Scott's full lists of clubs mentioned in the Cycling Weekly article (incidentally, he is the webmaster for the Anerley BC).

Shaftesbury CC claim they are one of the five oldest clubs in the UK; however, this is not the case and apparently the motto for the Vegetarian is Feedwell-Speedwell.

Two of the clubs not included on Harold's list are the Oxford and Cambridge Universities Cycling Clubs, having been formed in 1873 and 1874 respectively; whether they have been in existence since those dates, I do not know. This makes the De Laune (if you include the two Universities) about 26 in the seniority list.

Note: The numbers shown against Harold Scott's list of clubs is the number of members given on their websites; the asterisk denotes they have website but no membership numbers are provided.

Brian Saxton

PHOTOS FORM BRIAN SAXTON'S ALBUM



Found after more than 60 years, Peter Duggan De Laune C.C.

By Malcolm Adams

I am a member of several Facebook sites and recently I noticed a familiar name from the past, Peter Duggan, and on contacting him he confirmed he had been a member of the De Laune. He remembered me, so much so, to the point of reminding me of my habit of carrying a couple of rollups when racing, just in case I punctured!

On investigation (courtesy, Brian Saxton) the following was found. I have sent this to Peter :-

Peter Sidney Duggan, 20 Clifton Way, Peckham SE15, dob - 11.03.43, schoolboy, proposed Reeve and seconded Hill. He was elected 18th October 1957 and struck off 16th February 1962 for non-payment of subs.



Peter was one of the first people I got to know when I joined in the following January (OK my membership not accepted for a month or so afterwards). I have reminded Peter of my first club run to watch a cyclo cross (Farthing Down, I think). The club met at the Windmill Clapham Common, and we were led by Harry Thomas (Club Captain) through to South Croydon and turned left at the Swan & Sugarloaf Pub and started climbing. Somehow I managed to stay with

the group. Martin Ferris had introduced me to the De Laune, but I did slightly know one other member, Alan Constable (we were at the same school) and I rode alongside him. Peter was amongst the group and later I got to know him (through Martin I believe). On Thursday nights at the Trafalgar Institute we (the younger element) played a game called Shinty (similar to hockey). We took over the main hall, smashing a puck around with walking sticks, which

we had carried on our bikes to the Institute each week. Peter was part of this.

As often happens, one day he was no longer there, but as I hold great store of those early days I had not forgotten Peter. So here we are over 60 years later filling some of the gaps.

Peter married his wife Vera (who was Australian) and moved to Australia in 1967. He joined the Army and in 1969 found himself in Vietnam as a Medic in the 8th Field Ambulance Unit and served there for around a year. He was in the army for 9 years but had developed PTSD and suffered extremely badly from what he had seen in Vietnam. Eventually he managed to get his life back on a fairly even keel, after much counselling and meditation, enabling him to manage to deal with his experiences in Vietnam. READ PETER'S WIFE VERA'S FOREWORD.*

Peter is a prolific writer of poems; many show his innermost self, very thought provoking. Much I believe drawn from his dreadful experiences during that awful war. He has had 4 books of poetry published. He has also written songs and played guitar and harmonica. Vera tells us in the Foreword that Peter has written thousands of poems and over two hundred songs.

Peter and Vera live in Banksia Grove, Perth and their family live close by. Peter says people liken him to Bob Dylan. I agree! Just listen, he is brilliant! Google:- You Tube Peter Duggan 'Silent One'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gopCN0maFQE>

(Fantastic photos accompany the music, runs for just short of an hour)

*Google:- Words from the Heart & Soul by Peter Duggan. Then open the site 'Words from the Heart and Soul' which shows the Foreword.

In the foreword, written by his wife Vera she tells us about Peter.

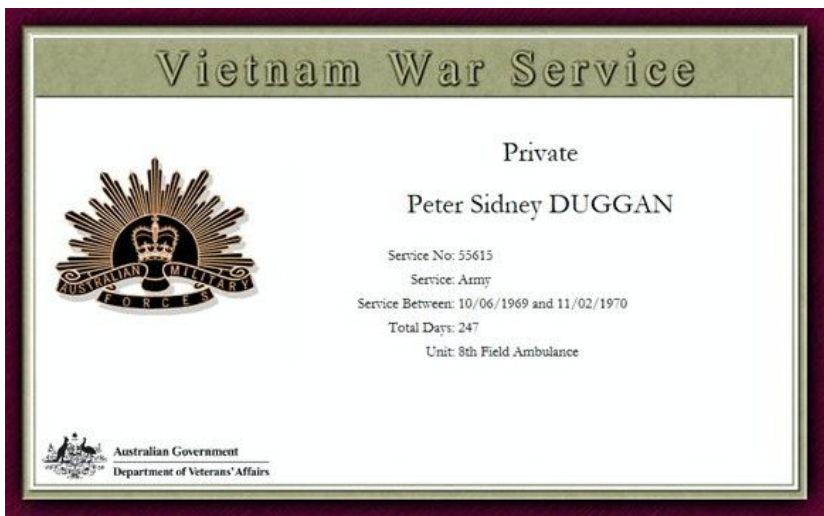
Here is Peter's Website:- <http://www.apfpublisher.com/pedro.html>

Alternatively Google 'Peter Duggan Poems' then click on the picture of him (beret and white beard)

Peter in his Army Days



Peter's War Service certificate



Just received an e mail from Peter who has read my piece, and in thanking me, has asked me to pass on his kind regards to anyone in the club who remembers him.



SEE OVER

CAN YOU NAME THEM

Following on from last month another Photo from Brian Saxton's album.

There was a quick response to last months "Can you name Them" the first reply came in on the day after the DLN went out, and then no more. So the bottle of wine goes to **Malcolm Adams** who named 36 of the 41 with 2 wrong

Malcolms reply

- .1 MICK JONES
- 2 TED CRLTON
- 3 PETER ITTER
- 4 REG DAWKINS
- 5 GRAHAM YOUNG
- 6 JOHN GILES SNR
- 7 GEOFF MARGETTS
- 8 ?
- 9 FRANK HOLLAND
- 10 MAC COLE BEHIND MAC, FACING THE OTHER WAY, BARRY RORRISON
- 11 ?
- 12 ALAN FURZE MALCOLM ADAMS TALKING TO NO 13
- 13 KAV
- 14 LES PYNE
- 15 KEN HILL
- 16 KEN FLETCHER ROY CHITTLEBOROUGH BETWEEN THE 2 KENS
- 17 ROY SAVERY
- 18 KEN FULLER CHRIS CHALET BEHIND FACING ROY
- 19 GRAHAM CROCOMBE
- 20 BRIAN WALLER THE PIECE OF HAIR BEHIND GRAHAM & BRIAN
LOOKS AS IF IT BELONGS TO MIKE PEEL 90%
- 21 MARK BALLAMY
- 22 DEREK BOON
- 23 TED PINCHEN
- 24 ?
- 25 JOHN GILES JNR
- 26 BERT COLLINS
- 27 ALAN ROWE THE BALD HEAD LOOKS AS IF IT COULD BE LES LYLES
- 28 RICHARD PORTAINIER

29 HARRY LANCASHIRE
30 LENNIE DOUBLE
31 ?
32 MALCOLM LEMMER
33 FRANNIE CARLTON
34 BARRY MEENS
35 JEFF VALENTINE
36 MICK VALENTINE
37 DAVE HUGHES
38 ?
39 JOHN DOUBLE
40 ALAN JACKSON
41 MAX DODS

Malcolm's two wrong arnsers were 12 is Eddie Sharp and 23 is Tom Williamson and the only other one I can nam is 11 George Stubbs.

**Members may like to know that it is now possible to join, or to renew your Club membership online.
Simply follow this link**

<https://www.riderhq.com/groups/delaunecc/join>

or click on the button on the membership page of the website.

Social Club Events for 2019

Sunday	5-May	A SPRING CELEBRATION FOR OUR 130th BIRTHDAY WITH LUNCH AT THE GEORGE INN, NEWNHAM
Saturday	11 - May	We are going to France
Sunday	17 - Nov	Newnham Memorial Service and Lunch

Club & Inter Club Events for 2019

Sunday	19-May 07:00	Q25/8	Fred Peachey 25/Novice 25 & Club Championship	Chilham
Saturday	15 June 15:00	Q10/24	Open '10' TT	Isle of Grain
Sunday	7 July N/A	Q25/8	Mid Summer 25 (Gravesend CC Open Event)	Chilham
Sunday	14 July N/A		Alf Baldwin 50 (VTTA 50)	
Saturday	7 August 15:00	Q10/24	Club 10	Isle of Grain
Saturday	14 Sept. 15:00	Q10/24	Old Members Club 10	Isle of Grain
The Autumn 25 will be the SCCU TT event on Sunday 1st September on the G25/51				

SEE MESSAGE BOARD to keep UP TO DATE

<http://mikepeel.proboards67.com>

CLOSING DATE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE 29th May Anything for inclusion please send to:

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