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**CLUB NIGHT**

FIRST THURSDAY  
 OF EACH MONTH  
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## PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hi everyone.

Two great events to report on.

Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> October. If you didn't come to the Belgian Night, you missed a wonderful evening. Great food and great company. Chris and Carol Steele again did us proud – superb food. Thank you, it was delicious. Kav organised the event and paid for the wine: thanks John for your organising skills and generosity. The usual cross-toasting took place throughout the evening, and presentation of trophies and medals were made after the meal. More about the evening from Dot in this month's mag.

Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> November. John Kavanagh, Brian Saxton and myself attended the SERRL, date fixing for the road races. We got the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April, Sevenoaks Weald, 80k distance, open to 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> women and juniors. We will need marshals for that morning, so be prepared for a phone call to come and help our club put on a great event.

I could not come to the club run in Richmond Park as I had a CCI reunion near Sheffield. Had a terrific ride around the lanes in North Derbyshire on Saturday morning – great to get out on different roads. The road surfaces up there are in much better condition than our's.

Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> November. Newnham. I took the "sermon slot" in the Church service. Looking at the congregation from the front is certainly different. I started with information of the connection between the church and our cycling club (all this info. is in "The Century Awheel").

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My sermon was based on why we were there – to remember the club members who sacrificed their lives in the two World Wars to keep us free. We remember them with prayers and a ritual of poppies and the laying of a wreath, as is done at the ceremony held at the Cenotaph in Whitehall. This echoes the Communion taken by Christians in remembrance of the death and resurrection of Jesus. A meaning and a purpose – a thought to keep in mind in today's often self-centered society.

Until next month, make it a great month.

## **CHAIRMANS**

How many of you remember the club runs in the old days? I can remember meeting at the Windmill on Clapham Common. If you could not make it for 9am, then hard luck as the club run would go spot on time.



Who were the men who lead 40 or 50 De Laune people each Sunday out to the lanes of Kent, Surrey and Sussex and far beyond? Well there was Charley Carlton and Jack Young. I can remember in the 50's when Jack would say “we go as fast as the slowest rider” It you went past Jack, who was up the front setting the pace, he would turn off down some lane without telling you and that was the last you saw of the club run.

Why Am I telling you this? Well we had our club run again at Richmond Park on Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> of November. I think we had about 15 riders with a few guests. Guess what? I was late. As I had to drive from Maidstone I was caught up in a traffic jam on the M25 - but they did wait!

We had a good turn out including our world champion, Brian Dacey and, a name from the past and still a club member, Tony Purser. Yes he turned up again. If you remember, he was a slim and fit roadman sprinter. Well he has changed a bit!

The club run was taken by our jack-of-all-trades, Cliff Steel. He allowed me to go up front with him. (Remember that I said we go as fast as the slowest rider, well that was me.) The idea was to ride three laps of the park, 20 miles.

After say one lap, we got a lot of barracking from the back. You know the sort of thing. “I am getting cold at the back” or “have we started yet?” After two laps, like a gentleman of the De Laune, Brian Dacey came up the front and asked the club runs captain if he could go up the road and have a pee! This was granted. Then another one came up and asked the same thing!

You guessed it, the club run fell to bits. All hell was let loose. I noticed Tony Purser turn off to a short cut so I followed. This allowed me to see the club run finish in bits and pieces. It was a good day. Rumour has it that Brian Saxton spent all the previous night fitting and putting on clip-less pedals and then came out and forgot his shoes!

The idea for next year is to have short club runs of say 20/25 miles and finish in a pub or café. We know the problem of riding say 15 miles before you see a bit of green in London and so we are thinking of driving out to a place, perhaps Godstone, parking the car and going for maybe two hours on the bike with lunch to follow.

I know this idea would appeal to family members and people like me who are not too fit. It would be a start. If we had a 10am start this would allow the fit men to ride out and meet us. What do you think?

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all, including our overseas members, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kav.

## **O.M.A. E-MAILS & NEWS**



**Monty & Paw Watkins admiring the cut glass tumbler presented to him by Jack Russell on behalf of the club for being a member for over 50 years.**

**Monty with Jack Russell the son of the late Beefy Russell**



A report on this presentation next month.

## **Belgium Night & O.M Supper**

As usual this was a great success, mainly due to our super Chef Cliff and his wife Carol, they created a superb menu- we do appreciate their hard work in producing all this delicious food for 70 people. Everyone seemed to be having a great evening - the chatting never stopped - only to eat and drink of course, there was plenty of that around, served by our imported Belgian Waiters! disguised as Kav, Mike, Stack & Tich - not a drop of the duty free was spilt!

In the Presidents Chair - was of course our new President - Roy Savery accompanied by his lady - Gina. He announced all his "toasts" by blowing a hooter - very loud - deafened everyone around him and all who lived nearby!! All a good laugh I'm sure we all agree, another great De Laune Promotion.

See you next year!

Dot

## **20th November**

Our Remembrance Service at Newnham we all gathered - as usual at "The George" Inn very conveniently opposite the Church! We all met for coffee before the Service, the new Landlord kindly carried on our tradition and opened the doors for us at 9.30am - into church at 10.30. Our President Roy took over from the Rector to "do" the Sermon - top marks Roy - you did great, we all listened with interest, then outside for the laying of the Poppy Wreath at the Clubs' Memorial Tablet on the church wall. I must mention that for the first time, Dave King arranged for a British Legion Standard Bearer to carry the flag into church and then outside for the Remembrance Day minutes silence - thank you Dave.

Back into church for refreshments - home made scones and cake provided by the Church ladies - very much appreciated then more food - back to the pub for lunch - 30 of us dined in the Restaurant and 2 more propped up the Bar (Stack & Tich), a good club atmosphere as always with our Old Members. I believe there were a few disappointing lunches for which the Landlady apologised. (Alan - did you get a free pud?) other wise a very good get together with our "old" club of friends - keep it up - we all enjoy chatting about our "Good Times" with the De Laune.

Happy Xmas Everyone and a Fit and Healthy 2006

**Dot and Ken**

**Dear Mr President (Roy) Kav, Mark and all my longstanding DeLaune friends.**

I was “commanded” by Kav to “take care of” Nick Butler and his beautiful young wife Tina, when they arrived for their holiday in Phuket. We had set up our meeting for Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November.

Jead and I got to meet with Nick Butler and his charming wife Tina for the first time yesterday. As we were having a light lunch at a beautiful spot overlooking the sea, Nick went over to the car, came back and presented me with a beautiful hand cut English crystal drinking glass, inscribed with my name and marking fifty years membership with our great club. This came as a complete surprise, for once I was speechless.



### ***THE PRESENTATION***

Now that I have had time to think, I would like to thank all concerned for this generous gesture and to say that it is most gratefully appreciated.

Our first meeting with Nick and Tina was rather funny:

Nick and Tina are staying up at the Sheraton up in Laguna, so I had suggested that we meet them at that big new “monument” roundabout located at Karon, right next to the beach. Jead and I arrived early and as we sat at the roundabout waiting for them, Jead asked me how I would be able to recognize them since I have never seen them before. I replied that racing cyclists are usually fairly tall, lean and have well developed thigh and leg muscles;

then I added that they always shave their legs. A few minutes after 1-pm, an attractive young lady and a lean guy came to the center of the roundabout and looked at us sitting in the car, then the guy put his hand up and sort of wiggled his fingers.

Jead said, "that must be them" I said "no it can't be he has black, hairy unshaven legs! Well I was wrong, it was them; we spent the next ten minutes laughing till it hurt.

Nick then said I was not the first one to mention his hairy legs; he was always getting his leg pulled, (pardon the pun) by the lads in the Club. Anyway as a result of all this I think he is going to start shaving his legs from now on, (this is a big hint) tell him its worth 20 seconds off his "25" time!

We spent a great afternoon together, rounding it off at La Mousoon, a very nice French restaurant that Jead and I frequent. We were all very hungry and devoured, lobster salad, lobster soup, great filet steaks with delicious mushroom sauce, lubricated with two bottles of the "red stuff" Nick and I had a "special coffee each.

After a great dinner we drove them back to their hotel in Laguna.

For me it was great and most memorable afternoon and evening,

Thanks everyone,

**John Darroch**

**Loy Krathong:**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2005.**

The Loy Krathong Festival takes place every year in November at the full Moon. The festival is of Brahmin origin in which people offer thanks to the Goddess of water. Thus, by moonlight, people light their candles & joss sticks, make a wish then launch their Krathongs on canals, rivers or lakes. "Loy" means "to float" a "Krathong" is a "lotus-shaped water vessel made of banana leaves" The Krathong usually contains a candle, three joss sticks, some flower and coins. It is believed that the Krathong carries away sins and bad luck when wishes are made. It is also a time to be joyful and happy as all suffering is thought to be floated away. The Festival dates back some 400 years to the Sukhothai period. Most leading hotels organize a "Loy Krathong event" as part of their entertainment program.

So it was that Jead, son Jarb and myself; were invited by Nick & Tina Butler to the Loy Krathong put on by their hotel. We arrived at 6-30 pm, walked to the lake side open air "Gekko Restaurant" and were seated at the table arranged by Nick & Tina. We had agreed to meet them inside the restaurant. Nick and Tina soon arrived and came over smiling and happy. Before we sat at the table we all went over to admire the selection of ten magnificent display "Krathongs" that had been created by the ladies from the various hotel departments.

As we chatted, a troupe of Thai dancers started to perform their traditional Thai dancing program on the stage. They were all dressed in their magnificent, colorful costumes and danced elegantly to Thai music.



After some announcements, we were invited to go over to the buffet area where a magnificent selection of food was laid out. With plates brimming with a variety of good food we made our way back to the table, as we ate we talked about Nick and Tina's holiday and what they had done, the De Laune and other things of mutual interest. Wine was served, conversation flowed, they said it reminded them of the De Laune Belgium Night and urged us to come over to England one year for this event.

The hotel had organized a beauty contest with twelve competitors, each lady filed on to the stage in turn and was handed a sealed envelope, the paper inside asked a simple question which they had to reply to in English. As each lady spoke one could sense that they were very nervous. Each competitor wore a beautiful, traditional Thai dress, they all looked very elegant and beautiful.

The guests were asked to vote for a winner; this was done when each guest gave the lady of their choice a flower garland that had been provided at each table. The ladies all looked so beautiful it was a difficult choice to make. The lady that won received thirteen garlands, the second received ten garlands, there was a tie for third place as two ladies had received eight garlands each.

At the conclusion all the guests were given a traditional Krathong and invited to file down to the nearby lake. It was about this time that it started to rain slightly. We each lit our candles and Joss sticks, made a secret wish and pushed off our Krathongs. As we were taking some pictures it started to rain more heavily so we ran for the cover of some nearby buildings. It was impossible to get back to the main hotel building without going into the rain so we all got pretty wet running back.



*This photo was taken following the storm,*

Nick wanted to play some table tennis in the sports area; he beat Jarb 21-11 and myself 21-8. As it was now 10-30pm we said our goodbyes for we still had a 45-minute drive back home, plus Jarb had school early the next morning.

On the drive back home Jead and I agreed what a nice couple Nick and Tina had turned out to be. We talked a lot about both our meetings and had how we had got to know each other fairly well. We know that Nick and Tina will be back to Phuket, I believe this was their fourth trip here. Jead and I will be looking forward to seeing them next trip.

**JBD.**



*Darroch Palace Under Constuction*



**HERE IS WISHING YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY  
CHRISTMAS – ED.**

# **AND NOW OUR YOUNG MEMBERS**

## **London-Canterbury-Hastings-London**

A great time had by all!!

On the Friday we meandered our way along the pilgrims way, up through Maidstone and the OMA and 25 course. We arrived in Canterbury at sunset after 8 hours of riding!! We then had a splendid curry and dosed off after a warming and free hot chocolate at the youth hostel in Canterbury.

We awoke at the crack of dawn. Well almost to our all you can eat continental breakfast. This was included in the price of £12.50 for the night including bed, breakfast, and free access to the coffee machine. We jumped on our bike as with the target of Hastings in mind. 4 hours later after retracing the fred peachey course towards Ashford and following an idillic road along a never ending river we arrived in Hastings.

We were greeted by a lovely chicken and dumpling casserole for lunch, a tasty lasagne for dinner and of course Granny's home made scones.

Sunday, well fuelled for the ride ahead after stuffing our faces in the morning I awoke to a puncture. 10 minutes later after lots of phapping around we were on our way up through the lanes of Tunbridge Wellls and Edenbridge. A couple of ham, cheese and pickle sandwich stops later we were in back in civilisation or London as some like to call it. Home at last!!

### **Sam**

Yes, a super weekend. - days - 18 hours of riding - over 200miles - 3 off road sections - 3 punctures (all Sam's) - 0 crashes - cost me about £19

We'll have to do it again sometime, or a similar adventure. Interestingly, the De Laune currently lacks a cycling holiday. I'll look into this for next year.

### **James**



# ***ALL THE RACING RESULTS & NEWS***



## **2006 Mountain Bike Dates**

### **24hr Races: -**

There's a new race on the calendar, the frankly insane **Strathpuffer 24**, at **Castle Leod** near **Inverness** on **January 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>**. Yes, that's right, a 24hr race in northern Scotland in midwinter!

The **Saab-Salomen Mountain Mayhem** returns for its 9<sup>th</sup> year, it's at **Eastnor Castle** on the weekend of **23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> June** (including a Dirt Demo Day on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>). Always hugely popular and De Laune has an excellent track record in this event. Teams of 5 (mixed), 4 or solo.

The slightly less competitive **Sleepless In The Saddle (SITS)** returns to **Catton Park** on **12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> August**. Teams of 4, 2 or solo. DeLaune put in a fantastic performance here last year.

There will be a 4<sup>th</sup> 24hr race on the calendar called the **TwentyFour12**, to be held at an as yet un-named venue in **Shropshire** on the weekend of **22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> July**.

### **12hr Races: -**

**Dusk til Dawn** is at its usual venue of **Thetford Forest** on the weekend of **16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> September** for more night-time racing shenanigans. Teams of 4, 2 or solo.

### **6hr Races: -**

The ever-popular Karrimor/Specialized -sponsored **EnduroPlus** is back at **Catton Park** on **29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> April**. The usual format of XC racing on the Saturday, a night Time-Trial (1-lap) on the Saturday night and the main 6hr endurance race on the Sunday. Teams of 2 or solo.

### **Merida 100 Endurance events: -**

The **Merida 100** series returns for 2006 with the same great venues. Roughly a 100km (62 mile) course, entrance fee includes camping and pasta party.

8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> April

Builth Wells, mid-Wales (this event also includes the **Exposure Lights Big Night Out** night time endurance ride on the Saturday night).

27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> May

Rhayader, mid-Wales

1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> July

Builth Wells again (but on a different course to the first round)

29<sup>th</sup>-30 July

Selkirk, southern Scotland. The series moves north of the border for this, easily the best course of the series.

16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> September

Ruthin, mid-Wales. Back into Wales for the last round of the series.

### **National Points Series: -**

Following on from last years successful overhaul of the race format, 2006 sees a continuation of this theme, with the XC racing on Saturday and a choice of 2hr, 4hr or 6hr enduro races on the Sunday for Round 1 but with the Marathon Championship Series on the Sunday for Rounds 2-5. A 25km loop to be ridden once, twice or 4 times. Some venues have yet to be finalised, more details supplied as and when I get them.

May 6 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup>	Sherwood Pines, Notts
June 10 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup>	Margam Park, South Wales
July 8 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup>	venue tbc
August 5 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup>	venue tbc
September 16 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup>	venue tbc

More details about race dates and venues can be found at:

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

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

[www.gorrick.com](http://www.gorrick.com) (for the South-based Gorrick series)

[www.britishcycling.org.uk](http://www.britishcycling.org.uk)

# TRACK RACING

Apologies for the late arrival of these results.

We held our track championships on 11<sup>th</sup> September and all the usuals turned up to support and assist. Thank you guys.

We also had a pleasure of our President's company and he competed in all the races, he even brought his own personal mechanic who demonstrated to us the difficulties of using metric spanners on whitworth track nuts.

Although the track looked damp, I sent out Sam and James to dry it out and gradually they were joined by the rest of our riders plus those from Bec, Brixton and Addiscombe.

The results were as follows:

500 m Sprint	1 <sup>st</sup>	Nick (Hairy Legs) Butler
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sam Fersterheim
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	James King

	4 <sup>th</sup>	Cliff Steel	
Pursuit	1 <sup>st</sup>	NHL Butler	3-56-67
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sam Fersterheim	3-58-36
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	James King	4-01-15
Five mile scratch	1 <sup>st</sup>	Sam Fersterheim	
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	NHL Butler	
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dave Haggart	

Track training has been taking place on Saturday mornings at 9.30am for novices, and beginners and at 10.30 for all other categories, although I suspect that by the time you read this the track will be permanently damp, however, there is a possibility of cycle polo taking place and other activities so please come down and join in.

The key for our container at Herne Hill has been changed and the keyholders are Bill Wright, James King, Cliff Steel, NHL Butler and me.

You will have seen in the last DLN that there is a fairly full programme of track racing at Herne Hill next year. As promoters we are keen to encourage newcomers to the sport, which can seem intimidating to some when you can find yourself up against a world champion in an open race. On Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June VCL is promoting a Novices Open Meeting, so anyone interested in track racing at entry level will be most welcome, come down on a Saturday morning for training and then have a go in the competition.

Finally, we are promoting the open track meeting at Herne Hill on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2006, we will include the Ken Hill Memorial Scratch Race. Please put the date in your diary and I am looking for sponsors for events, so if you would like an event named after you and can put up some of the prize money please get in touch.

Look forward to seeing you at the track.

Jeremy White

# Triathlon News

**THE CLUBS' TRIATHLON CHAMPIONSHIP- 23<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER**  
**"THRUXTON MASS ATTACK DUATHLON" RUN 5kms BIKE 30kms RUN 5kms**

Thank you to Harry Corbett for putting together the idea of a duathlon and to keep us competing to the end of October!

The venue, Thruxton Motor Racing Circuit near Andover in Hampshire, a mass start, racing around the closed off circuit.

The weekend seemed to threaten rain, wind and the first hints of winter, making clothing decisions difficult. Overheat on the run, chill on the bike then cramp on the second run! Fortunately the weather behaved for the conditions to be no excuse.

The initial competitor list included—Sam Baxendale, Jonathan Corbett, Geoff Heaton, James King, Will Matthews, Clifford Steele, Rupert Walsh and anyone else who were not listed under de Luanne CC.

I understand Harry was “with injury” and Rupert otherwise committed? 166 elite finely tuned athletes got off to a mass start, initially down the pit lane then a loop back after 550 metres for a complete circuit of the track. The preliminary excitement gave way to settling into a rhythm and by the top of the circuit, around Goodwood corner, the pack began to separate out. The return run, roaring down Brooklands Straight and climbing Woodham Hill saw all in full stride entering Transition for the first time.

### **Times at the first Transition after 5 kilometres-**

Will Matthews	19.52	46 <sup>th</sup>
Clifford Steele	20.15	50 <sup>th</sup>
James King	20.51	65 <sup>th</sup>
Sam Baxendale	21.43	81 <sup>st</sup>
Geoff Heaton	22.37	101 <sup>st</sup>

Still with all to play for and 8 circuits on the bike to come it, it was anyone’s game. The initial part of the circuit was slightly wind assisted and downhill allowing plenty of speed and enjoyment, the return section through Brooklands and up Woodham Hill, and through the pits requiring more concentration and digging that little deeper. The laps rolled on and somewhere mid race I (Will) became very aware of Clifford’s presence. The tussle began with Clifford enjoying the up hill section and leading whilst I preferred the downhill. Clifford had a plan to get into transition first and take the assault. The lead changed constantly with plenty of chat, both knowing the trophy was at stake! So into transition, change of shoes and the final 5 kilometres.

### **Bike Times For 30ks**

Clifford Steele	51.25	33 <sup>rd</sup>
Will Matthews	51.50	37 <sup>th</sup>
James King	57.08	86 <sup>th</sup>
Geoff Heaton	59.36	107 <sup>th</sup>
Sam Baxendale	1.00.47	119 <sup>th</sup>

Off the bike and now to find that energy for a lap and an extra 550m! Not too hard surely! End of season and not as fit as we would like to be. Clifford’s plan was working, off the bike, into transition first and scoot away. By Segrave Corner I could see Clifford, so hang in there, dig in and get into a rhythm. The field had started to spread out and the run down the straight, up Woodham Hill, through the pits and back out the track seemed to get tougher with each stride. The finish line arrives and another race completed.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> 5 kilometres

Will Matthews	18.08	43 <sup>rd</sup>
Sam Baxendale	19.03	57 <sup>th</sup>
Clifford Steele	19.38	70 <sup>th</sup>
James King	19.49	72 <sup>nd</sup>
Geoff Heaton	20.04	82 <sup>nd</sup>

## Overall Times and Places

<b>Will Matthews</b>	<b>1.29.50</b>	<b>36<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Clifford Steele</b>	<b>1.33.18</b>	<b>50<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>James King</b>	<b>1.37.48</b>	<b>75<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Sam Baxendale</b>	<b>1.41.33</b>	<b>97<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Geoff Heaton</b>	<b>1.42.17</b>	<b>104<sup>th</sup></b>

Overall a good day out and a great end event to the triathlon season with all thoughts now to next season and which events to get involved in. Well done to all those involved and excellent to see multiple De Laune tri outfits.

(If others were competing that I have not mentioned I do apologise.)

**Will Matthews**

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## **MEMBERSHIP**

You will find with this month's copy of the DLN (December) a leaflet from British Cycling, who you will note are doing a free membership scheme. I appreciate, however, that 26 club members are already members of British Cycling but it was easier to include the leaflet with every copy of the DLN.

Also enclosed with this DLN are a couple of "business cards" designed and produced by Mike Peel. These are being distributed amongst club riders so that they can be handed to potential new members who they meet up with on club/training rides. These should prevent using scrappy pieces of paper and the back of one's hand to record details of such interested parties. As you will see from the card, it records the names and telephone numbers of club officials. The more active members of the club have received a couple of dozen cards for distribution. If anyone needs a further supply, please contact me.

Finally, we have received a letter from a company called Peter & Anne Holidays (sounds nice!) who are into cycling, climbing and walking holidays in Italy – a bit like John Kavanagh Tours Limited! Anyway, the following is an extract from the letter:

"We are a British couple who have cycled-toured all over Italy since 1992 and have lived in Rome since 1997. We have competed in many a Gran Fondo and are keen that other



cyclists get the most out of these events. They are tremendous fun but you may need to know how to get about a bit in Italian. This is where we can help. We both speak Italian and we know how the various 'procedures' work. We can help you with entering races, getting to the sites, booking hotels and so on.

If you want any further information on these holidays, their E-mail address is peteranne@alice.it, with a website [webalice.it/peteranne](http://webalice.it/peteranne).

Brian Saxton

## **LETTER FROM CHRIS WATTS OF CYCLING TIME TRIALS**

The following letter from Chris Watts dated 19<sup>th</sup> September was addressed to Pete Harris with copy to me:

“Last week I attended my last London South District committee meeting – my first being in 1962! During those years I managed to miss one meeting, the night my second son was born. As you will know, completely unbeknown to me, Mike Hayler organised a whip round and in the Spring I was truly embarrassed to receive such an accolade. Apparently several clubs have since added their appreciation, the De Laune included, and Mike was pleased to hand me the balance on my departure on Tuesday. Therefore please pass on my thanks to your members and tell them I did enjoy my contribution and John and I hope to be out to events for years to come. I shall still be able to support John in his work for the Southern Countries CU in the same way he supported me with my RTTC/CTT work.

Just for the record, with the ‘balance’ from the presentation, I have bought myself a leather armchair, a new printer/copier for my computer (having worn two out in service to the RTTC), and am now planning a min-break for John and I with the rest.”

Brian Saxton

PS: The De Laune was, in fact, one of the clubs who added to the whip round for Chris Watts after the initial collection. The delay occurred because Mike Hayler had John O'Brien shown as the club's TT secretary instead of Alan Rowe.



**DE LAUNE PROPERTY LOG FOR CLUB CABIN AT  
HERNE HILL STADIUM**

<b>MAKE</b>	<b>MODEL</b>	<b>SIZE</b>	<b>SERIAL NO.</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
FUJI	BI-1585 TRACK	58	IF5E05545	CABIN
FUJI	BI-1585 TRACK	58	IF5E05594	CABIN
FUJI	BI-1585 TRACK	61	IF5E05617	CABIN
FUJI	BI-1585 TRACK	61	IF5E05620	CABIN
FUJI	BI-1585 TRACK	54	IF5E05280	CABIN
FUJI	BI-1585 TRACK	56	IF5E05465	On loan to Roy Savery
G BUTLER	TRACK	61	NO NUMBER	CABIN
CIOCE	ROAD	58	NO NUMBER	CABIN
BLUE ?	ROAD	61	623033	CABIN
DE LAUNE	TRACK`	56	71048H	CABIN
DE LAUNE	TRACK	58	G5764	CABIN
SIRIUS	TRACK	54	4091	On loan to James King
MISC	8 SETS ROLLERS			
MISC	ODD WHEELS & TYRES			

The above chart is correct as at 30<sup>th</sup> November 2005.

It is believed that there was an attempted break-in of the club cabin resulting in the lock being damaged and having to be replaced, with, of course, a new set of keys. These keys will be distributed as soon as possible but at the present time are held by Dave and James King and Bill Wright.

**TAKE A LOOK AT THE CLUB MESSAGE BOARD FOR UP TO  
DATE INFORMATION**

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# NOTICE BOARD

# DATES TO REMEMBER

## Diary Social/Club for 2006


## Diary of Club & Inter-Club Events for 2006

Sunday	2 - April	SERRL ROAD RACE - SEVENOAKS WEALD
Sunday	11 - June	Club Midsummer 25 - G25/53
Saturday	15 - July	TRACK MEETING - HERNE HILL
Sunday	17 - Sept	Autumn 25 - G25/53
Sunday	1 - Oct	Hill Climb - GH31

CLOSING DATE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE 28<sup>th</sup> December

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