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**TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE YET TO CONTACT**

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**BRIGHTON OMA LUNCH SUNDAY 17th JUNE**

**BRIGHTON & HOVE GOLF CLUB**

**MENU WILL BE IN THE MAY DE LAUNE NEWS**

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**Look forward to seeing you all there.**

**Trish (aka Pat)**

## **Fred Must**

A few of you will remember my Dad he was active in the 70's and 80's. He was a member of The Dulwich Paragon where he raced a bit and marshalled but was more likely to be seen at events and telling jokes .

He was always more than willing to take Mick, my brother Peter, me and any one else who could fit in the car to events.

In later years he has suffered from Parkinsons and dementia although he kept his taxi driver's sense of humour up till the end. He sadly died on 18th April and will be missed by his family and those who still enjoyed the pleasure of his company - Debbie Valentine

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**CLUB NIGHT**

**FIRST THURSDAY  
OF EACH MONTH  
British Legion,  
97 Barry Road,  
SE22**

**PRESIDENTS REPORT****THEY SAY THERE IS NO FOOL LIKE AN  
OLD FOOL!!!!!!!!!!****Hi everyone .**

As most of you know, Roy is in hospital after an accident at Herne Hill Track last Sunday (22nd April). He was brought down by another rider, and landed on the handlebars of that rider's bike, fracturing his collar bone and several ribs, one of which pierced his lung and caused it to collapse. He was in great pain and having difficulty breathing, but he was treated very quickly at the hospital, and is now on the mend. We're hoping that he will be coming home this weekend.

I'd like to say thank you to everyone who has phoned to see how Roy is, and a very special thank you to Brian Dacey, who stayed with him until I could get to the hospital, made sure Roy's car and bike were safe, and then bought the car back here the next day. Roy's track bike, by the way, came off a lot more lightly than Roy did - the only damage being to the handlebar tape!

**Gina**

## The Chairman's Report

*The Editor apologises for leaving the following out of the Chairman's report last month.*



We had a De Laune group going yet again for another Ski-fix in France. Brian Saxton, Brian Shambrook Mike Peel and Terry Amato, all went to Alp Duez to get the last bit of snow. This time they had an accident. The story I get from Tich Shambrook is that Stax came down the hill and hit him in the back and put him out for the rest of the holiday. The story I am getting from Stax is that Tich was skiing up the hill and he could not avoid him!

The latest is that Tich (because he is small) is taking Stax to the 'small claims court' what can you expect from two men who are both in their seventies? To make matters worse Stax had his skis taken when he stopped for lunch. Will it ever end I ask!

Talking about old members do you realize that we have a lot of members in the club with over 50 years service and thus are Honorary Life Members? For years we have had and still have HLM's doing official jobs and, under the old club rules, which we have just changed, they could not vote! Whoops!

Again, talking about old people, it was our editors 75<sup>th</sup> birthday on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March. Well-done Mark. It must feel good looking at the television without having to pay for a licence. Keep up the good work

Kav.

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April the first. Was it April fools day? No it was the day we ran the road race on behalf of the SERRL. Like previous years the race was for second, thirds, juniors and ladies categories. If you remember last year our Sam Fensterheim won the race for the De Laune.

This year the road race was go from the gun with the bunch being strung out all over the place? Our only rider was Brian Dacey who had to admit the pace did not let up (those damn juniors) and found himself off the back and in the wrong group. Not bad for a man who is 70 next year.

The event was won by James Dear of the In Gear Road Team after a sprint to the line with Jason Weale, Medway Velo. Martin Dunford of Downland Cycles was third.

Our President Roy Savery was at the finish to give out the awards. This event, and twenty-seven others, are run by Kim and Preston Anderson from the SERRL and what a great job they do. Think about it: each weekend they are out on the road organizing events. We supply the marshals, three cars, assistant commissaire and a canteen. Easy you



would think! Well no. I think I was the April fool thinking that all our De Laune helpers would turn out like previous years. Some of the road junctions needed three marshals but we had one and, at times, the situation was a bit dodgy to say the least. I would like to thank Roly Crayford and Roy Manser from the San fairy Ann who I roped in at the last minute. Thanks guys.

A big thank you to the old faithfuls, Roy Savery, Brian Shambrook, (all the way from Essex) Brian Saxton, Roy Chittleborough, Jon and Sarah Archdeacon, Alan Rowe, Nigel Scales, John and Janette Starsmeare, Alan Constable, Terry Deeley, and Frances Rudd and the “Tea Team”. Thanks guys what would we do with out you?

If you remember in last months DLN, I said that our President Roy would stand us all a pint in the pub after the event. After the mad scramble to get to the pub our President had to dash off on important business. Pity about that!!!

Did you notice that I mentioned John and Janette Starsmeare? I believe Janette has joined the club. Nice to have you Janette. Did you know many years ago that the Starsmeare's tried to take over the club as we had so many of them? They were breeding like rabbits. You can imagine what a club TT start sheet looked like. They all did so much work for the club and were missed when they went off the scene. Look out they are breeding again!

Congratulations to Mike Peel for completing his 27<sup>th</sup> London Marathon. Roy, Stax and I did about three or four London Marathons about 25 years ago but not 27. I take my hat off to you.

### **STOP PRESS.**

Our President Roy came off his bike in a race at Herne Hill on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> April and broke three ribs, punctured his lung and fractured his collarbone. Gina told me he is in good spirits and should have him home soon from the hospital. (Is that good or bad Gina?) Roy I told you it is safer to come skiing with me!

PSS Do you remember I told you about that little woman who always turns up at De Laune meetings? Her name is Mary something! Well I found out that she is now a grandmother. Her daughter gave birth to a little boy. Congratulations Mary Dods. I know that Max would love to have seen him, bless him.

### **Kav.**





# LONDON MARATHON

## EVER PRESENT

**MIKE PEEL** (6th from left) is one off 24 who have run in all of the 27 London Marathons this year Mike recorded a time of 4:30:32

You can read all about these dedicated runners on their web site,

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



**13 of the 24 that ran this year**

## WHERE HAS MY MEMORY GONE

Len Danby writes as follows:-

“Dear Mark, Before I write my 'Tome' could you please identify some persons in attached? You are, of course much younger than I. The years cover 1952 to 1954.”

I never went with the members of the De Laune who went to the Isle - of Man on the pull, but I can name a few. **Ed.**

Could one of you name the others for Len

### 1952 Isle-of-Man



**L to R** Derek Boon - Ken Fuller - Ken Knapman - Alan Jackson - Harry Thomas and Len Danby

More pics on next page





Back Row ? ? Ken Fuller ? ? Harry Thomas  
 Front ? Dot Fuller Len Danby ? ?

*The photo on the right really makes me think that Len is having great difficulty with his memory because it is of himself with his first love Amy Thomas the sister of Harry.*



*I have since had mail from Len he now tells me it was the drink that was doing the talking.*

*Who knows what to believe.*

*Ed.*

## **THE MAGIC CIRCLE**

Would the club members be interested in a visit to the Magic Circle Club headquarters by Euston Station? Don White informs me that a party from the club had been many years ago.

The show is normally held on a Tuesday at about 7pm. It starts with a sherry or soft drink. You then have what is called close up magic. Tricks are performed from a card table right under your nose!

You then go to the theatre; here the President (Not Roy Savery) gives a brief history on illusions over the centuries.

After coffee and sandwiches you then have a visit to the museum showing some of the props used by Houdini and other magicians. This is followed by a stage show, which ends about 10.25pm.



The cost is £28 per person but will be subsidised by the club by £10. Total £18 per person. If the club members are interested Don will book up and would be at the end of the year. Please contact Don for more details.

Kav.

**ECCA "10" - 9th April**

1	Douglas Bradshaw	API - Metrow	00:21:57
32	<b>Roy Savery</b>	<b>De Laune C.C.</b>	<b>00:26:49</b>

**Brighton Mitre CC Hilly 25m TT**

1	Peter Tadros	In Gear RT (& Course Record)	57.45
	<b>Nick Kinsey</b>	Team Tri UK (De Laune)	Time not known



**Nick Kinsey  
In the above  
event**

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**As of April 23rd my new address will be:**

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High Peak

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Landline no 01663 746244

Any visitors who want some stunning Peaks riding right  
out the front door more than welcome!

Mobile and email remain the same.

**James Lyon**

# Fred Peachey Open 25

## Incorporating the Club Championship 25

Surprisingly it is just under 3 months to this annual event – the date to put in your diary is **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July**.

The course is exactly the same as last year starting at the top of Challock Hill, swooping down to Chilham and out to Canterbury where the riders turn and travel towards Ashford where they all turn and retrace to finish at Chilham. There is no other event on in Kent for that weekend so I am sincerely hoping for a good entry. Our numbers have been climbing year on year perhaps we will reach the magical 100 entries in 2007. This year I have scheduled a separate event for junior riders in the hope that some will be forthcoming, and we will have the opportunity to award the Johnson Trophy. The event has been advertised this year in the South East District Handbook it will be interesting to see if this has any effect on entries.

Like other years though the event only takes place with the assistance of club members. I have had terrific response up until now, I do hope you wont let me down in my hour of need this time round. I have all the names of my trusty helpers from last year and I know where you live ! but any offers of help by any communication means will be gratefully accepted.

You can write to me at 63 Beverley Road, Maidstone, Kent, ME16 9DU or telephone me on 01622 727649 to book your marshalling spot – I await with baited breath.

**Val the Peach**



## **SNIPPETS**

A few snippets reported in the January/February edition of Bicycling magazine, from the U.S.:

The perfect post club-run reading - "Flattened Fauna: A Field Guide to Common Animals of Roads, Streets and Highways" - Roger Knutson. It includes Rorschach-like diagrams of the 36 animal species most likely to become road-kill in the United States. In the absence of a UK edition it might at least provide a clue as to what you just rode over! (I checked, it's not an early April Fool entry, it's available via Amazon.co.uk!!)

There was a bit of publicity for the annual Twilight Ice Criterium in Bend, Oregon on February 3. Distance about 9 miles (quite enough I'd say...). Trophies for first 3, best crash, best costume (or lack thereof). No entry fee, hence no actual prizes. Helmets required, lights optional, studded tires recommended. The race has been going since the 1990's when an employee of Hutch's Bicycles suggested having a race on an icy car park to alleviate the January boredom.

Someone else suggested doing it at night to add to the fun... Typically, spectators outnumber riders 3 to 1 - maybe because they can consume beer and eat hot-dogs..!

If anyone is up for it next year, you can get more information at [HUTCHSBICYCLES.COM](http://HUTCHSBICYCLES.COM).

Let DLN know how you get on...!

A reader wrote in to the "Style Man" column and asked "My wife wants us to ride together in group rides. Should I slow down in the interests of marital harmony or start looking for a faster wife?" Sagely, Style Man pointed out that, among other considerations, he had to decide whether winning the 3rd Cat Tour de Schnecks-ville was worth half of everything he owned.. when you realise this would include his bike(s) it's an easy decision to make..!

There was also a product review on the Pearl Izumi Vertex MP3 bib-shorts. At \$500, they're a little pricey for me but I can see the attraction of shorts that have a pocket for a MP3-player (supplied, I think) and have the (soft) controls built in to the thigh of the shorts. It's Bluetooth compatible, so you can pause mid-tune for a chinwag on your mobile phone via the microphone on the left bib strap. Maybe add a DVD-player so you could watch the Tour during long rides... (No I wouldn't condone anything so irresponsible!)

cheers,

Nigel Scales

## **DEAR Claims SERRL / DE LAUNE Event**

There was none of the Bettshanger isolation for the sixty five riders who set off on the third event in the SERRL 2007 calendar on April 1st. Instead of the comparative luxury of the closed circuit that had hosted the two events to date, the lanes - and traffic - of Western Kent were the setting for this nine lap, 80km race. Following a route starting just outside Hildenborough and looping almost up to Sevenoaks Weald before turning back towards Hildenborough again, riders had to negotiate a variety of hazards including horses, cars, seizable potholes, and old ladies wandering unsuspectingly along the usually quiet rural roads. Various mechanical problems took hold early on for a few, while two crashes later on in the race weeded out a few more contenders. But before long, the field was firmly split into three distinct sections, with a lone leader, a small chasing group, and then the rest, riding tightly. By lap three, Julian Cann (Gemini BC) had established a thirty second lead, keeping five or six riders, who in turn were some thirty seconds up on the main bunch, at bay.

The format stayed that way for several more laps, but the long haul up the hill out of Hildenborough up towards the A21 junction and Sevenoaks Weald , proved to be a real leg sapper, and by their seventh assault on it, the chasing group caught the Gemini rider. However, their collective lead remained at about thirty seconds over the rest of the field. But with James Dear (In Gear Quick Vit RT) Jayson Wheal (Medway Velo) and Martin Dunford (Downland Cycles) all in that group and looking strong, it was impossible to predict who would make it to the line first.

Even as they rounded the last bend for long sprint to the finish, there was no clear leader, but then James Dear made his move, powering clear of Jayson Wheal and Martin Dunford to cross the line ahead by several metres. Leading (and indeed only) woman was Ruth Elliott (Rapha Condor RT).

### **Results**

- 1 James Dear In Gear Quickvit Racing Team
- 2 Jayson Weale Medway VC
- 3 Martin Dunford Downland Cycles
- 4 Julian Cann Gemini BC
- 5 Joe Hemmant London Dynamo/Cyclefit
- 6 Nigel Brazier Medway VC
- 7 Neil Archibald Velo Club Elan/Harry Perry Cycles
- 8 Mark Simmonds Kingsnorth International Whlrs
- 9 Garry Banfield Kent Cycles Road Club
- 10 Richard Naylor San Fairy Ann CC





# DATES TO REMEMBER

## Diary Social/Club for 2007

Sunday	12.45	17-Jun	OMA Lunch	Brighton
Friday		?-Nov	Belgium Night	Blackheath Harriers
Sunday	10.30	18-Nov	Remembrance Service	Newnham

## Club & Inter-Club Events for 2007

Wednes	19.00	16-May	Interclub 9.5mls	OS/30
Sunday	07.15	10-Jun	Mid-Summer 25	G25/53
Tuesday	18.00	?-Jun	Circuit Race	Cyrstal Palace
Thursda	19.00	21-Jun	Interclub 21 mls.	GS/311
Sunday	07.00	29-Jul	Fred Peachey 25	Chilham
Saturday	07.30	18-Aug	OMA 10	Q10/20
Sunday	07.45	16-Sep	Autumn 25	G25/53
Saturday	07.15	22-Sep	Interclub 10	Q10/19
Sunday	11.00	?- Sep	Down Hill	Tilburstow Hill
Sunday	11.00	14-Oct	Hill Climb	Titsey Hill Gh/31

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