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CLUB NIGHT**FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH**

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hi everyone,

As you all know, Ken Fuller passed away, and his funeral was held on Tuesday the 24th, attended by many club members and friends, at Hither Green Crematorium with a Celebration of his life afterwards at St. Giles Church, Farnborough, with the eulogy given by Kav, and a very moving contribution from Suzanne. Ken was a much loved and valued member of our club, and will be missed by us all. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to Dot, Suzanne and Mike.

As you all know, the month kicked off with a terrific start with the Tour de France beginning in London on Friday. A lot of club members were there, and we visited the People's Village, then on to Trafalgar Square to be introduced to the riders. Because the most direct route was down Constitution Hill, I was able to select a good vantage point for Saturday's Time Trial. Hughie Porter did a fantastic job introducing us to the riders. He was ably assisted by a young lady (whose name I forget – must be getting old). I left there at about 9.15pm and went into a restaurant for supper, only to meet lots of other cyclists discussing how good it was that the Tour had come to London. I got home just after midnight after a very enjoyable day. I was in my position on Constitution Hill at 9.30 next morning, saving a place for the Geoghegan family! I've never

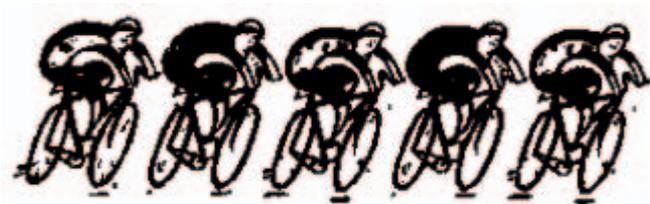
stood in one place for so long – I thought I was going to fall over when I started walking again. We met so many people from different countries, and different parts of this country. The Time Trial was fantastic – if you didn't see it, you missed a real spectacle. I think Ken Livingston did a wonderful job in getting the Tour to come to London. One the Sunday a few of the old members went to Kav's house in Maidstone, to watch the Tour as it passed through with Dave Miller in a break of over 5 minutes, although as you know, the break got caught and the stage ended in a bunch sprint. After the race, we went back to Kav's for lunch, prepared by Pat –and very good it was too. What a pity that later in the Tour there was so much controversy. I for one really felt sorry for Michael Rasmussen, who rode away from the eventual winner Alberto Contador on the last mountain stage. The next day he was pulled out by his team. As it has yet to be proved that he infringed any UCI rules, I feel he should have been left to finish the race. I felt that this Tour was the most exciting one I have watched – I hope all of you who watched it felt the same.

I started my own racing programme and tearing up the roads of Horsham to do a 1- 9 - 31! I must have really worried the eventual winner Steve Dennis, who did a 52-55. I also did a couple of 10's in preparation for the Club 25, but sadly this was cancelled due to weather conditions.

The quote for the month is:

“Plenty of people miss their share of happiness, not because they never found it, but because they didn't stop to enjoy it.”

William Feather, 1889-1981, writer



The Chairman's Report



A good week and a bad week. Let me explain. Stax, Tich, Gordon and I did our annual trip to France to see the Tour. We had our normal type holiday of seeing four or five stages including a time trial. Then on Wednesday we had a phone call from Roy Chittleborough saying that Ken Fuller had died which put the dampers on it.

As most of us know, Ken had been ill and in and out of hospital over the last few months. Suzanne had come over from Australia to be with dad and to give comfort to Dot. I know an obituary will be in this or the next DLN.

A great man, who I know will be missed by us all. We were so glad to get back from France to see Ken off. Roy and Suzanne organized Ken's funeral at short notice. It was a good turn out from family and friends and the best De Laune get together we have had for ages. We talked about old times at the Change of Horses pub, just around the corner from the church.

Goodbye Buddy. **Kav.**

Max Dod's Memorial Run and BBQ this year will be held on Sunday the 5th August

Arrive at our house around 9am if your bringing your bike, we usually leave around 9.30am.(the ride will be no more than 40 miles.) The more sedate will be doing their usual walk (stroll) leaving around 11am.

The BBQ will kick off around 1pm. don't forget bring your own food. We will provide drinks etc as usual.

Please let me know if you are coming or if you need further details.
(how to get to Herne Bay)

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KEN FULLER.

20th July 2007.

Have just learned of the passing of Ken on the 16th July 2007.

I first recall meeting Ken & Dot. back in June 1954 on the Ferry from Liverpool over to the Isle of Man. There was a bunch of DeLaune members going over to Douglas for the Cycling Week.

We all stayed at the “happy” Howestrake Holiday Camp in Douglas, what a joke that was. Most of the guys were entered in one of the various distance “massed start” road races, as they were known back then.

I remember Ken along with Dot, Alan Jackson and Maureen, Ken Knapman, Derek Boon and others; what a group they were. We were all very young and I remember them as the guys that were always playing jokes and laughing all the time.

The first morning at the “holiday camp” we all went down to breakfast late, much to the annoyance of the headwaiter. He was immaculately dressed in his mauve dinner jacket. He gave us a stern warning that breakfast ceased to be served at 9-am. He added that if we came to breakfast late again we would not be served. During the remaining part of our week’s stay we all marched into the breakfast hall at exactly 8-59 am. You can only try to imagine the look on the headwaiter’s face.

Going back on the Ferry to Liverpool, somebody (no names mentioned) suddenly produced the mauve dinner jacket. We all laughed until it hurt.

Ken was a top rate clubman and long time member of the De-Laune. He was a past President and Gold Badge of Honor member and has done many other official jobs in the Club. As well as being a great Clubman Ken was a good time trial and road rider.

Dot, Ken’s wife is known most affectionately as the DeLaune “canteen lady”

Our deepest sympathies go out to Dot. and daughter Susan for their great loss. Ken will be sadly missed.

Sincerely, **John Darroch.**

Good afternoon Gentlemen of the De Laune!

What a joy it was to meet you all. Ken would have been so proud to have known we all assembled in his honour. We did him a worthy visit, so fitting the occasion.

I will not be venturing below Watford again. Not even for the farewell, as her servant, of Elizabeth II.

Very sincerely

Len Danby

**Do not forget the special club run starting from
Wateringbury car park at
10am Sunday the 12th of August.**



We hope to do about 30 flat miles through the weald of Kent with a pub lunch. See my article in Julys D.L.N.

Kav.

We offer our condolences to Tom Bewsey one of our oldest members who's wife Doris passed away peacefully on the 24th July aged 90.

CAN YOU SEE OUR PRESIDENT - WHITE HAT - YELLOW SHIRT



Photo by
KAV

GREAT TOUR DE FRANCE:

11th July 2007.

I imagine that virtually every member of the DeLaune went out to see the Prologue, First stage, or both, of Le Tour de France 2007 that started in London.

Here in Thailand we had uninterrupted coverage of both stages by the best commentators ever, Paul Sherman and Phil Liggett. I read that sixteen million people will actually see the Tour live, it will be televised in 170 countries around the world and have a viewing audience of 150 million.

The Prologue was great, held right in the center of London, devoid of traffic, and with massive crowds of spectators cheering the riders on. The views from the commentary helicopter must be tempting thousands of overseas visitors to come to England. Couple all this with perfect racing weather it was a great spectacle. I was amazed at the huge crowds lining all the route. What an incredible ride by Fabian Cancellara with an average speed of 54 kph.

The next day the First Stage down to Canterbury was through some of the best English countryside I can ever remember. Again it was perfect racing weather with huge crowds lining the route.

What an incredible ride by Robbie McEwen, he crashed hard with some other riders with only a short distance left to the finish, yet with the aid of his team they pulled him back to the Pelaton where he somehow made his way through all the field near the front then sensationally won the sprint. Even the two commentators expressed amazement at Robbie's ride.

The organization in England was flawless; the event could not have bettered.

I must say that seeing Le Tour starting in London made me feel envious, I wish I had come over to see all my pals and celebrate with a pint afterwards.

For the next three weeks I have marked off the viewing times of Le Tour, shown on TV here twice a day. Be assured that I will be glued to our TV to watch each and every stage.

May I take this opportunity of wishing everyone back there great cycling and the best of everything,

EASTERN COUNTIES CYCLING ASSOCIATION

As a matter of interest, the ECCA was formed on the 25th May 1910 after a proposal by Essex County Cyclists' Association "that we consider that it would strengthen the position of cycling clubs in the county of Essex and the north eastern and eastern suburbs of London if an association was formed, etc, etc ... glad if your club will send two delegates to a meeting at the Raglan Hotel, St Martin's-le-Grand ...".

The following clubs were represented at the meeting and were the founding clubs – Beaumont CC, Bow CC, Buzzard Hawks CC, Crown Wheelers CC, Columbia CC, Elsdale CC, Essex Wheelers, Essex Roads CC, Laurel CC, Ormond CC, Roamer CC, South West Ham Rovers C and MC, Thistle CC, Leytonstone Ferndale CC, University CC, Victoria CC and London Centre NCU.

Two clubs remain to this day – Essex Roads CC and Victoria CC. Of course, the centenary of the Association will be in 2010 and they are looking into ways of celebrating this occasion.

The De Laune initially joined the Association in 1949 and I feel sure that we have been thrown out on a few occasions because of the inability of the club to provide marshals over the years. Alan Rowe represented the club this year when he marshalled at the Association's Road Race, so we have seen ourselves clear for 2007!

At the present time there are 66 clubs signed up to the Association. Our **President, Roy**, is shown in the handbook as the holder in 1958 of the 100-Mile Single TT with a time of 4-28-49; at that time he was a member of the Shaftesbury CC.

Incidentally, the **Fred Peachey '25'** counted in the ECCA BAR as one of the selected events not run under the auspices of the ECCA.

Brian Saxton

JAYNE interviewed by EVERYDAY CYCLING

Jayne Wadsworth, 36, De Laune Cycling Club, London: “I am a sportive rider and I always aim to finish in the top five, there ‘s a long way to go to find out, though, as I started just after 6am. We were lucky to miss the rain and I though the event was very good. It was well signposted, well marshaled and fantastic overall.

“I travel all over the country to do Sportive events but this one was brilliant because I could just roll out of bed and go straight to the start line. It was a fast course too.” (*The Tour Route - London to Canterbury*)

<http://www.everydaycycling.com/news.aspx?fid=846>

Le Tour De France 2007.

Like most cyclists past and present, I abhor the recent events in the 2007 Le Tour de France with the top riders cheating by blood doping or other illegal performance enhancement methods.

These are the crème de la crème of professional cyclists and should know better. The current penalty is a two-year suspension, is this enough?

I would suggest that any rider shown to have doped or taken drugs in order to enhance his performance should be banned for life, maybe then they might get the message.

The riders involved in doping in this Tour have done great harm to the sport of cycle racing. I suggest that they should be severely punished together with trainers, doctors or any medical personal that aid and abet the cheating.

Maybe France should pass a law making “illegal performance enhancing” in any professional sport a criminal offence?

After all they are defrauding their sport and the public in order to make large sums of money. Am I being too harsh?

John Darroch.

British Armed Forces Veterans Lapel Badge

I am sure that if I ever wore one of these badges and I would be entitled to one, I would have my "leg pulled something rotten" Can you imagine me talking with another Veteran in California, say a retired Marine guy from Camp Pendleton, near where I used to live. Here is a surmised conversation



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US Marine Veteran asks: "say hi buddy see you were in the British Armed Forces, when were you in"
My reply, "1953 to 1955"

Veteran "Oh so you did two years then"

Reply, "well ere... not exactly, I only did about 385 days, I was away the other 375 days"

Veteran, "wow you must have been in the Special Services"

Reply, "not exactly I was cycle racing"

Veteran "were you a dispatch rider then"

Reply, " no a track bike rider, plus the odd time trial once in a while"

Veteran, "what branch of the armed services did you serve in"

Reply "The Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers"

Veteran, " I don't really understand, did you go overseas?"

Reply, "Yes, I went to the Isle of Wight and after that to Douglas in the Isle of Man, year 1954"

Veteran, " oh, two tours of duty, did you suffer any injuries"

Reply, "yes on the Isle of Wight, I contracted conjunctivitis"

Veteran, "was this serious"

Reply, "well I had to wear sunglasses at all times, for two months, even on parade"

Veteran, "Did you see any action"

Reply, "sort of, at Douglas I rode in the Manx International track meet"

Veteran, "was this a secret mission"

Reply, "no, actually in the points race"

Veteran, "Did you suffer any injuries"

Reply, "yes, on our last night at the Howstrake Holiday Camp, Douglas, I got drunk and fell down, hurt my knee, I managed to limp to the ferry and get back to Liverpool"

Veteran, "was your discipline harsh"

Reply, "yes on returning from a "mission" and for showing up on parade wearing sunglasses, I had to shovel ten tons of coke into the furnace boiler room, had blisters all over my hands"

Veteran, "were you decorated"

Reply " yes I won several medals during my two years, or I should say 385 days"

Veteran, " wow you must have been a brave guy"

I would be just too embarrassed to make any reply.

All my answers above are true!

I am not proud of the fact that I "skived off military duty whenever possible" and had so much leave.

I strongly feel that this lapel badge should only be given and worn by UK military Veterans that saw true service. Guys who went on dangerous missions overseas, to places such as; Korea, Malaya, Burma, Egypt, and others.

Would I do the same again, yes! My reason; I did not agree then with the British Government colonizing other countries and I would still not wish to be part of an "occupation" to assist in the systematic plunder other peoples assets.

I am not trying to make a political statement, just how I see things.

John Darroch



John

Those of us that stayed loyal to the old country can now wear this medal in recognition for our service.

Ed.

Only this week I noted that Len Danby was wearing the NS TIE

O.M.A. LUNCH

Another great De Laune promotion was our Annual Lunch at Brighton Golf Club. We had 50 members & friends booked in - 45 sat down to lunch (5 absent - due to change of date) we met for coffee and biscuits at "Tricia's Place" where we all began our day of NON-STOP talking!! Lunch was served about 2pm, the Dining Room looked really nice. We stood to receive our President and his Lady "Gina", food served and wine thanks to "dear George" Cross toasts began and a presentation to Arthur Howe for being over 50 years a member of our Club. Good to you and Frances join us again. I'm sure this item will be mentioned by someone else in their report.

Carole and Terry are now Mr and Mrs Deeley, about time too! it took Terry so long to design and make the most beautiful wedding ring ever. Congratulations Carole and Terry.

It was good to see Alf (Bert) Wason joining us - after about 50 years or so away, he found quite a few O.M to chat to, so I'm sure he felt that the journey from Dorset was all worthwhile - despite the terrible weather - which we all had to drive in.

Thanks to Tricia for all the work she has done - organising the lunch at the Golf Club (not cooking it though!) and coffee at "Woodsmill" etc etc. I missed Ken not being there with me - this is the first time he has missed the lunch.

Thanks to everyone for all their good wishes for him - to date he is still in Hospital, but hopefully home soon - in time to watch "Le Tour" de France on TV.

Good to see you all again.

Keep fit until the next D L "Do"

Dot

DATES TO REMEMBER

Diary Social/Club for 2007

Sunday		5 - Aug	Max Dod's Memorial	Herne Bay
Sunday	10. 00	12 - Aug	Club Run	Wateringbury
Friday		2 - Nov	Belgium Night	Blackheath Harriers
Sunday	10. 30	18 - Nov	Remembrance Service	Newnham
Sunday	09.00	16 - Dec	Social Club Run	Richmond Park

Club & Inter-Club Events for 2007

Saturday	07.30	18 - Aug	OMA 10	Q10/20
Saturday		1 - Sep	Track Meeting	Herne Hill
Sunday	07.45	16 - Sep	Autumn 25	G25/53
Saturday	07.15	22 - Sep	Interclub 10	Q10/19
Sunday	11.00	7 - Oct	Down Hill	Tilburstow Hill
Sunday	11.00	14 - Oct	Hill Climb	Titsey Hill GH/31
Saturday		1 - Dec	Cyclo Cross	Herne Hill

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