

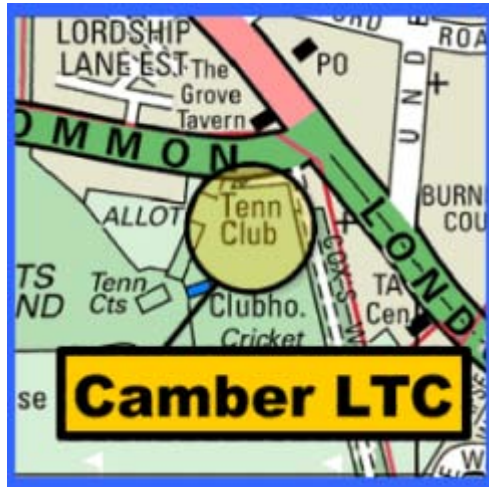
# NEWS DE LAUNE



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**PRESIDENTS REPORT**

Hi everybody.

Hope you all had a great Christmas. Another month gone by and New Year just a few days away. December had been mainly social events. On the December 1st went to the North London Reunion Lunch in Herts. It was a lovely hotel, and there were about 50 of us for lunch. Prior to the lunch many of us went out for a ride and we didn't hang about.

Brian Dacey was with us on the ride, and Kav also came to the lunch, and a great time was had by all. The following weekend, 16th December, we had the De Laune Richmond Park ride. It was very cold, and the participants were extremely competitive, everyone trying to complete the laps in record time! Mulled wine and mince pies supplied by Kav were very welcome when we finished. I also took the opportunity to get out the De Laune jackets, which proved very popular put your orders in before all the stock disappears. They are £15 each (subsidised by the Club).

I had to go to Kings College Hospital to check on my shoulder injury and find out when the plate could be taken out. I also took the opportunity to visit Charlie Carlton, who has been in the hospital for a little while now. He has started to look better,

and I'm sure you all join me in wishing him a speedy recovery Wishing you all a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Quote of the month be a great champion, you must believe you are the best. If you're not, pretend you are. Muhammad Ali

**Roy**

Hi Mark and Kav, Wednesday, 19th December 2007.

Thanks for the Michelin Tyre Calendar for 2008.

That would most definately ruin my Christmas and pretty well all of 2008! May Jead and I reciprocate your good wishes for a Happy Christmas and a **HEALTHY, HAPPY NEW YEAR.**

We are hoping that 2008 will be a good year, we have sold our current house and hope to move into our new project 28th February 2008. We shall still be a few months off getting the house totally as we want it, but at least I will have all my headaches under one roof.

Towards the end of the year we will think about our house warming party. Here are a couple of the latest pics. ***Does that mean we are all invited Ed.***



***John it looks a nice little Shack***

More over.



**101 House from Skeggs**



Not a lot from members this month but interested parties from Vancouver and Sri Lanker via our message board seeking information of past members, I also made contact with another past member found on the “Friends Reunite” site. More on the following pages also on the Clubs Message Board. **Ed.**

As I am thinking of what to say in this report I can smell the Christmas dinner cooking down stairs. I am thinking I have not had the email from Mark yet saying “are you going to give me a report this month” So here goes.



What has the club done this year? Let's start with racing: Our best rider must be Brian Dacey who won a lot of medals at the British Vets Track championships in 2007. Jane Wadsworth our lady Sportive rider has been at the top of the league tables all year.

Time Trials: As I far as I know, we have had no open wins in 2007 but a lot of personal bests. Three riders I must mention are Jon Archdeacon who got down to a 58 after only his second ride ever. James Lett who switched from road racing to T.T. and rode a lot of impressive rides and getting down to a 56.00 for 25 miles and a 22.22 for 10 miles. Alan Priddy who, as a vet, did a 58 for the 25. I hope the above times are correct as we have a problem from you guys sending your times in.

Another rider I must mention is James King who is at the moment on loan to the Ingear team, who also did personal best 58 min ride for 25 miles. Do you remember the name A Miller? Well he is back for 2008. This guy is fast. He has done 53.33 for 25 miles and holds our club 25-mile record. If we can only get Nick Butler back in the saddle the club should be at the forefront of events once again. I can dream, can I not?

Another rider is Mat Goods who with business commitments cannot give 100% but always gets under for 25 miles and as we know is one of the top hill climb riders in the country.

Someone said in the DLN that racing is not all that the club is good at. We are a cycling club and not a racing club and I must agree. You cannot fault us as a social club with members keeping in contact with each other for years and attending our social events your committee put on for them. Our big problem is getting new members to keep up our tradition. In the old days we could expect juniors to join clubs like ours but are now attracted to other forms of transport be it motor cycles or cars and to be honest would you let your kid out on the open road?

I hate to keep going on about my second claim club, the San Fairy Ann CC, but they have 350 active members. The Saturday club run attracts



over 100 members. For safety's sake they go off in groups of about 12 in all directions. Do you know what - no juniors! Besides the old folk like me, most of them are in the late 20-30 group.

On Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup> Dec we had our 'Park and Ride' club run around Richmond Park. Considering how cold it was we had a good turn out of about 12 riders. In Jan, Feb and March I will be combing the park and ride runs with the open reliability events in our area. Look at our web notice board for information.



***PETER JENN IN FANCY DRESS  
ON THE CHRISTMAS RUN***

2008 we hope to help our racing guys by subsidising their costs through the interest we accrue from the Memorial Fund. Be it clothing, special travelling expenses or entry fees. We hope the news gets around and will attract new people but not primadonas who go from club to club to get what they can from a club. We will see.

Good news. Our master chef Cliff informs me he hopes to be able to cook for our members at the Belgium night in 2008. Thank you Cliff and Carol. We hope to subsidise this event again for 2008..Let us hope we have enough money in the pot to pay for all of this. I feel sure that Don our treasurer will let us know.

We will have our club AGM coming up soon so I ask all members to attend and let us know your feelings on how your club is run. All the best for 2008.

Kav.

## Cyclo X Saturday 1st December

Oops, sorry, I should have looked at the forum. Thanks for thinking of me anyway.....

I made some phone calls and got a happy bunch of people along on Saturday - Many thanks to Brian Saxton, Kav, Alan Rowe, Jeremy White, Mike Moore, Geoff Sinnett and Christian Rudolf. Thanks are also due to a few Herne Hill Youth dads who helped me set out the course, and also Brian Laughton from Catford CC and Peter White of VCL who turned out unasked to help with judging.

The event went very smoothly thanks to this lot, although the race schedule was a little tight..... We'd been asked not to start until 1.15 because when the dates were booked VCL weren't sure if track sessions would still be running on Saturday mornings. They weren't, and the timings meant that the sun was setting as the last riders were finishing.

It didn't take all that long to get the results out, during which time I'd asked Christian to make a start on taking down some of the course. Then I went back to the sign-on area to find Kav and Stack and a couple of others, but virtually all of the riders had bu\*\*ered off by that time. I seem to have a good stack of prize envelopes and no-one to give them to!

Anyway these nice gentlemen helped me to dismantle the judging tents, just as the first rain of the day came whistling down. By the time we'd done this, it was completely dark, and just then a figure came staggering out of the gloom carrying about 50 course-marking posts and a whole stack of tape, saying 'Where do you want these, Bill?'

I had thought Christian had left some time back, as I hadn't seen him out there due to the darkness - but this excellent chap had singlehandedly cleared the lot for us! My great thanks to him, and also apologies for leaving him to do it all! Will beer make amends, Christian?

We got a fairly good turnout of riders, with 42 in the senior race, and I was particularly pleased that my oher club Herne Hill Youth CC managed to pick



up first places in 7 of the 11 available categories. Not bad considering that 3 of the cats they didn't win were Seniors, Vets and Women, which they aren't old enough to ride in!

We were really lucky with the weather, which heaved with rain on Friday night, showered just after we'd finished for the day, and then heaved again on Saturday night and most of Sunday. Made for a fairly muddy event, though - Stack has had to get his old fireman's hose out to clean the mud off the numbers!

***BILL WRIGHT***

**De Laune Cycling Club Message Forum**

My father and grandfather were members of your club, way back in the first quarter of the last century. They both went by the name of Charles Richard Walker. I inherited club medals my father won over 25 and 50 miles in the mid-twenties. These I've now passed over to my own son; so, I now can't be sure of the years. Is there any record of this in the club? And I suppose it is rather pointless asking whether anyone in the club can remember those days; anyone would be well over a 100 now. My father died, aged 82, in 1987, and his proud boast was that nobody other than Frank Southall had been able to close a two-minute gap on him in a road race. And this was when FS was in training for the 1928 Olympic Games. I'd be interested to hear from you.

Just in passing, my father had a medal for being fastest on the 'Tilburstow Hill Climb' at around the same time. And I can well remember as a young man, he had me out 'on my bike', trying to emulate his performance. I have to say, I failed miserably.

This appeared on the club message forum as you can see this is from his son who's name I do not know but he is 72 years old .Ed.

**FRANK SOUTHALL WON THE FOLLOWING OLYMPIC MEDALS**

1928	24	Individual Road Race Men	SILVER	4:55:06
1928	24	Team Road Race Men	SILVER	15:14:49
1932	28	4000m Team Pursuit Men	BRONZE	4:56.0

## **NEWNHAM**

Another good attendance for our Annual Memorial Service at Newnham - 36 at the Service. Our Pres - Roy gave a very nice Sermon and it was good to hear him asking us to remember Ken - which I am sure we all do - thank you Roy.

We gathered outside in the Churchyard - to hear the names of our fallen members of the 2 wars read out., now - the names are clearly visible! Thanks to Brian Saxton who arranged for the cleaning to be carried out, after the minute silence we went back into Church for a lovely spread of scones and cakes and coffee - all provided by Mrs Clark and the Church Ladies - we thank them for looking after us each year. "The George" was set up for lunch for us all - lunch served - and the usual chatting had already commenced! "Welcome" to some "New Faces" well "Old" really as they were around in the 60's and have rejoined, they know who they are and so do we now, after the Belgium Night and now Newnham and I think their Ladies enjoyed the De Laune Social events, always happy and friendly get together.

After lunch a "market stall" was set up in the Bar, "Stack" was the seller of Club Clothing - it attracted quite a crowd all trying on the "tops" - not shorts though or he may have been banned from the Pub!!

Another De Laune event over and a great friendly day. That's all for this year.

I will be going out to Australia in early December to stay with Suzanne and Mike for a few weeks, the Tour Down Under will be on around the Adelaide area so I will enjoy going out to see the action. Ken and I usually went out most days along with Eileen and John Geoghegan so there are 3 that will not be with me this year as Eileen and John are going out at a later date! I will try to enjoy the sunshine!

***HAPPY XMAS AND FIT NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL***  
**Dot**

## **GOLD BADGE**

I would like to say how delighted I was to receive the Club's Gold Badge of Honour at the Belgian Night. I said at the time, that looking around the room, I could see a large number of people who had been in the Club all their adult lives, and remained best mates all that time, and how that friendship had carried them through their whole lives. I'm really happy to be a part of such a Club, that brings people together with a common interest which bonds their friendship so successfully over such a long period.

While we were making up our collective mind to sell our clubroom, I was talking to one of our former presidents, who told me he felt the most important thing was not the clubroom – it was the club itself that needed to be preserved.

As a young man, riding a bike in a club had taught him about the benefits of hard work and given him a sense of fair play. It had also taught him a lot about human nature and given him useful opportunities to communicate with adults on different social strata. Not only that, but it had also given him his first job, and enabled him to develop networks to get started in business. As well as the business of having good times on bikes – clubs like ours have an important social function, and this is something I hope we can pass on to the next generations.

For me also, cycling has enabled me to develop a strong circle of friends, even though my cycling ambitions have never been that high. As I never spent that much time training, instead it's been spent on other cycling-related functions: In the early 90s we were getting a lot of enquiries from mountain bikers and I started to develop the off-road interests of the Club. From the mid-90s I started promoting events – De Laune has annually helped me with a night of the Beastway Mountain Bike Series, which remains the mainstay of the London mountain bike scene even after Eastway closed last year. More recently, I trained to be a coach, and helped to found the Herne Hill Youth Cycling Club, which since 2001 has given riders aged 6-16 a taste of club cycling. Not all have started racing – in fact only a fairly small proportion take that step – but there are now a growing number of keen and earnest faces pedalling around the off-road circuit at the back of the Velodrome every Saturday.

Since the sale of the Clubroom, I've become Secretary for the Trustees for the Memorial Fund, and now that we have a useful regular income, we have to find some way of using it and our other assets (our members!) to make sure that the Club has a strong basis for moving into the future. This may not be particularly easy, as most of the function of a successful Club is more to do with its activities, and not so much its wealth. There are all kinds of worthy things we can spend our money on, which may or may not increase our membership, so we will do well to make careful consideration on how this income should be spent.

In next month's DLN, and in the run-up to the AGM, I'm going to set out my vision for the Club, and have a look at some of our strengths and weaknesses. Hopefully this can stimulate some discussion on the best ways of moving forward. Meanwhile I'd like to say thanks once again for my Gold Badge – that was a very proud day in my life and I'm very happy to carry on serving this distinguished organisation!

**Bill Wright**

### **MORE FOR OUR MESSAGE BOARD**

**Hello;**

It is Christmas afternoon on Vancouver Island, Canada and I am writing this after my family brought out a box of old treasures. We found a gold medal that was won by Albert Entwisle in 1895 the London to Brighton and back (104 miles) - on the medal it states his time was 5 hrs 53 min. He was born in 1875 which makes him 20 years old when he won this race. Is there any more history or information on record referencing my great, great grandfather? I want to purchase the book of the first hundred years of the club to see if there might be any additional information.

I would be interested in any pictures that might be taken around this time period. On your web site in mentions that there is a plaque place in a church - would this plaque go back to the original date the club was founded?

We look forward to hearing back from you - Koreen Gurak at [ktgurak1@telus.net](mailto:ktgurak1@telus.net) or John Gurak [jpgurak@telus.net](mailto:jpgurak@telus.net)

Thank you for taking the time to let us know any further information.

## FRIENDS REUNITED

Hi Christine

You state that you were a member of the De Laune in 1920 before you were born, also it was an all male club until 1976 when we opened our membership to ladies. Can you enlighten me, thank you. Mark

Hi Mark,

Enlightenment:

Christine, my wife, is a member of Friends Reunited.

I looked at De Laune using her web site, hence it entered her name.

Not sure about the 1920 part, must be a typo, I will look at the site and check.

I was a member of D.L back in the late 50's, I remember the famous Ken leading the Sunday runs, meetings at The Lord Nelson, the annual service at Doddington, the Cherry Tree time trials, hot blackcurrant at the cafe at Leaves Green, and many other things, alas girls entered the scene.....

A while ago whilst leaving my local newsagents the person in front was wearing a D.L polo shirt, I asked how D.L was going, although he didn't give me his name or address, he later put a copy of the D.L history through my door. Great reading and news of the club house in Choumert Road. I passed it on to a good friend who was also a member at the same time as me. Rather sad as he and I remember those times, he died shortly after from Motor Neuron disease.

The book is here in the jumble I call an office (the spare room!) His widow gave it back to me. I will look it out again.

I still look nostalgically in cycle shops, I rode an A.S Gillite (?) who had a shop near Southampton Way, words like 'campignolia' 'roadster handlebars' ' double clangers' and such evoke memories, and I admire those senior riders I meet on the road clad in bright green lycra. I hear that you can't get 27x1.25 tyres any more, they are all metric.

I met someone the other day who had paid £6,000 for a carbon fiber bike, times change.

Ladies in the club? had they been there before I might still be trundelling along!

Sorry I am starting to ramble!

Regards

Bryan

*I would guess that the member he met at the local shop was Brian Saxton, Ed.*

## **SOUTHERN COUNTIES CYCLING UNION**

### **2008 PROGRAMME**

Sun 16 March CDCA Sporting 21 GS/334 £7 00 09:00 TWO OPEN EVENTS  
CDCA Sporting 11 GS/335 £7.00 One or two Laps of the Circuit  
Don Glover 55 Grasmere Road, South Norwood, London, SE25 4R0 020 8406 3127

Fri 21 March GOOD FRIDAY MEETING at Herne Hill —  
Graham Bristow 29 Manor Road, West Wickham, Kent  
For details & BOOK TICKETS ON LINE AT [www.goodfridaymeeting.org.uk](http://www.goodfridaymeeting.org.uk)

Sat 5 April Sporting 10 G10/46 £7:00 14:00 OPEN EVENT  
Sun 6 April Sporting 25 G25/48 £7:00 09:00 OPEN EVENT  
Robin Johnson, 7 Gorseland, Billingshurst, West Sussex, RH14 9TT 01403 783368  
THE SPORTING EVENTS ARE INCLUDED IN THE BEST ALL ROUNDER COMPETITION

Sun 20 April 25 Mile \* G25/53 £7.00 07:00  
Tony Alston, 88 Banstead Road, Carlshalton, Surrey, SM5 3NH. 020 8642 9983

Sat 31 May 10 Mile \* G10/57 £7:00 06:00  
Jonathan Vickery, 83 The Drive, Wallington, Surrey, SM6 9MD 020 8254 9016

Tues TBA The Alick Bevan Plate Meeting at Crystal Palace Circuit  
Eddie Wingrave, 7 Glenhurst Court, Farquhar Road, London, SE 19

Sun 29 June 50 Mile \* G50/53 £7:00 (Cheques to SCCU) 06:00  
Lisa Colombo, 164 Northumbria Road, Cox Green, Maidenhead, SL6 3DF 01628 674074

Sat 19 July 10 Mile G10/57 £7:00 06:30  
South Eastern RC Open Counting event for Women's and Junior BAR.  
Dr S Nuttall, 26 Belmont, Sutton, Surrey, SM2 6DW 020 8770 9165

Sun 20 July 75 Mile Road Race Ewhurst Special Prizes for SCCU Riders  
Dirk Khan Evans, 3 Fairfield Terrace, East St.Gt. Bookham, Surrey, KT23 4QZ 01372 452560

Sat 26 July ROADMANS 25 TRACK MELTING AT HERNE HILL.  
Ron Fowler, 111 Bulstrode Avenue, Hounslow, Middx. TW3 3AF 020 8570 1868

Sun 27 July 100 Mile G100/59 £7:00 06:00 OPEN EVENT  
Rod Stunner, 23 Tanhouse Road, Oxted, Surrey, RH8 9PE 01883 713043  
SPECIAL CENTENARY 100 AN EVENT NOT TO BE MISSED

Sun 10 August 50 Mile G50/53 £6.50 06:00  
Anerley BC Open Event (Counting event for SCCU BAR)  
Bryn Tully, 8 Hartscroft, Linton Glade, Croydon, Surrey, CR0 9LA 020 8651 1429

Sun 7 September 25 Mile \* G25/53 £7:00 07:00  
Robin Marsh 52 Monson Road, Redhill, Surrey, RH1 2EZ. 01737 212101

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Men - 25,50,100. Veterans - 25,50,100 Mile on Age Standard.  
The events marked with an \* are restricted to member clubs only.***





# ***DATES TO REMEMBER***

## **Diary Social/Club for 2008**

Sunday            27 Jan   Park &    "Hell of the            Starting from Knockholt  
                         Ride        Ashdown"            Kent.

## **Club & Inter-Club Events for 2008**

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