

DE LAUNE NEWS



**YOUR NEW CLUB PRESIDENT IS
MALCOLM ADAMS**

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CYCLING CLUB

PRESIDENTS REPORT

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Hi everybody,

By the time you read this mag, our new President will have taken office. I have thoroughly enjoyed the last five years, and have tried to do my best to publicise the Club. A very warm welcome to our new President – hope you enjoy the job as much as I have.

The racing season has got off to a slow start due to weather conditions, but the social calendar is still going. I went to an LVRC Area 9 luncheon at the Stapleford Tawney Aerodrome today. We had a great lunch, and a good time was had by all. I was particularly pleased to see my old friend Alf Howling, and the great ex-international rider, Doug Collins.

My training is going well. I'm hoping to have my first race in March, and after that will hopefully be racing most weekends, so see you at the events.

That's about all there is to report, so I'll leave you with the usual (and last – did I hear a cheer?) quote for the month.

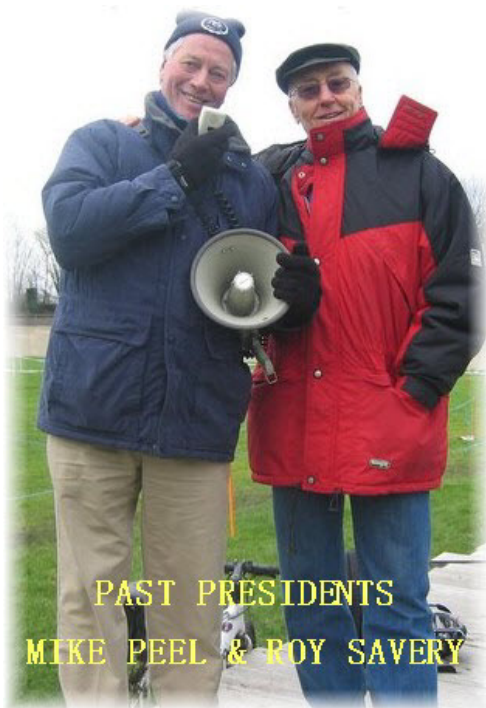
Roy

“The starting point of all achievement is desire. Keep this constantly in mind. Weak desires bring weak results, just as a small fire makes a small amount of heat.”

On the front cover you will find a photocopy of the original drawing of the President's chain of office sent by Frank Holland to Tony Peachey, the secretary of the club at that time. The two letters are self-explanatory.

This year's incumbent becomes the 17th member to have held the position of President since the formation of the club.

Brian Saxton
Club Archivist



This web site should be of interest to our Lady members it shows suggested clothing for cycling.

<http://www.britishpathe.com/record.php?id=36238>

“KAV’S REPORT”

It is the 16th February and I am still looking out of the window at the weather and yes we still have snow in Kent. Will it ever end?

Sunday the 14th February and I attended Peter Jenns birthday celebration at one of the Landmark Trust houses near Chartwell in Kent. He put on a good spread for our members and of course his family. It was a pity we had only a few members turn up. I think this was due to bad weather. Mark Ballamy, Steve Valentine, Nigel Scales and I made the effort. Nigel believe it or not turned up on his bike.

Peter is now 65 and will now get the bus pass. Peter informs me he has been in the club 50 years??? Looking at our records you joined in 1986? I will have to have a word with our membership sec Stax. The things people will do to get the famous De Laune whiskey tumbler!

By the time you read this report you will have had the AGM and I am wondering if I still have a job? It is good to see different names appearing for club duties especially the Peachey Mob. Tony, Val, Clair and Ian. Good to have you back.

After many years Alan Row is standing down from the Time Trial Sec job due to a few health and crash problems. I would like to thank you Alan for the job you have done for many years.

I will now finish this report and go back to the window to see what the weather is like. Why do Dot Fuller and Johnny Geoghegan (who are in Australia) keep telling us what the weather is like in OZ? They want shooting.

Kav.



CHRIS GORDON-COKER

THE HELL of the ASHDOWN



STEVE KAY NIGEL DAVE
RIDERS & SUPPORTERS

From the Treasury

Just a short report from the department this month.

Nice to be able to start with good news - after four and half months we have secured the return of £180.35 from H.M. Customs & Excise against the donations that have been Gift Aided. Basically, as a charitable club, we can claim 28pence for every £1 donated by members who are UK tax payers provided we complete the required paperwork. So, many thanks to all those members who have kindly responded to our request to spare a £1 or 2 to our funds.

Of course we cannot claim against every donation we receive. Donations from individuals living abroad, although welcome, are not eligible for this scheme. Neither are the donations received from members who donate vital/useful equipment to assist the smooth running of our club. Our DLN editor is the front runner here – his latest donation has been a lap top and projector which will assist our open promoters with displaying their result boards on the day of the promotion. So, many thanks Mark. Unfortunately neither can we claim for the endless hours of time donated by various officers that help to make this club of ours tick.

Whatever way they come all donations of any guise are extremely welcome.

At our last committee meeting at the beginning of February I raised the subject of the track bikes which are stored at Herne Hill questioning exactly how much use is made of them. We cannot forget that we pay £400 per annum to store them in a lockup at the 'Hill'. It transpired that very little use has been made of the bikes over the last 5 years, it was felt because most members wishing to ride the track have their own bikes. After a meaningful discussion it was decided that Bill Wright should take the lead, assisted by various clubfolk, to assess the state of repair of the machines, what paraphernalia is being stored, and how best

to dispose of the stated equipment. I am sure if you wish to assist Bill in any way he would value your help. No exact decision was made as to how disposal would take place, whether to sell bikes as individual machines or as a 'job lot', however it would be fair to assume that club personnel would have first refusal before any offers are made outside of the club. So, if you would like to reserve one of these six track bikes, please make your wishes known to Bill Wright sooner rather than later. The bikes wont be 'given' away, a fair price would be expected. It is hoped that the assessment of the bikes will be made on Good Friday.

Val the Peach

Editors note, Val I did not know that I had donated a laptop, projector screen and stand yes and use of my laptop if I am operating the projector.

If it all works well then we will have see how we go. Mark.

De Laune 100 Club update

Unfortunately due to a lack of takers for the 100 Club we have not been able to proceed with this venture and the Monthly Draw. By the first committee meeting in January we had in fact only sold 27 numbers which made The Draw financially unviable for the club.

All cheques received will be destroyed, however if you would like your cheque to be returned please email me on jaynewadsworth@hotmail.com with a return address by 15.03.2010, or course if we can destroy any cheques it will save on the postage. All cash entries will be returned at the next committee meeting.

May I take this opportunity to thank all members and friends who did buy a number, hopefully we will be able to try again at a later date.

Jayne

MY BIKES

In the October 2009 I suggested a web-site that may be of interest. www.classiclightweights.co.uk I have also been looking at www.classicrendezvous.com , this includes bike builders from many parts of the world. Having just been able to have the "BARNARD" story included on classic lightweights got me thinking about the bikes I have had.



It started with this little one can't remember where it came from did quite a few long rides on this like Brixton to Morden and back. Then in 1945 age 13 I started at the Beaufoy Tech in Kennington and had a 26inch wheel bike with flat bars, no name and I used this to go to and from school and the when I started work used it every day until late in 1954 when I purchased a 250cc BSA motor bike.

I bought my first Claude Butler lightweight (Fix wheel) early in 1949 from a guy at work for £8 -soon after in June I stated riding with the De Laune, they did not want any money from me as subs were not due until the



following January. In the July my parents with 3 of my sisters had gone on a exotic holiday to Margate so I decided to venture on my longest ride to date Margate and Back, but I did stay over night. I bought a second Claude Butler off the peg early in 1950. In 1952 I had a "SOUTHERN" made and then following a collision with the tandem and a horse (that's another story) I had an "H.E.GREEN" made, in 1957 I decided to move to Canada with my girl friend (left



her there) gave my second "CB" to my sister and sold the others, this was really the end of my cycling.

On returning from Canada a year later and due to start work back in my old job in 4 days I quickly purchased a second hand "LEADER" this I kept for a few year and rode it in the O.M.A "10" some time in the 60's. Then no bike riding for quite a few year



until the mountain bikes started to appear and I got myself a "MUDDY FOX" in 1987 this I gave to my son last year as I had just bought my 8 year old twin grand daughter's a Specialized off road bike each.

They live on the edge of Dalbeattie Forest which is the home of one of Scotland's 7 STANES mountain bike trail which cater for all standers of bike riding being marked out in Green-Blue-Red & Black runs just like the ski slopes.

You can read about these frame builders on the web sites above.

NOW HOW ABOUT TELLING US OF YOUR BIKES



I ALMOST FORGOT THIS ONE

Mark Ballamy

VALENTINE'S DAY CLUBRUN

By NIGEL SCALES



The invitation in the January DLN, to join Peter Jenn on February 14th to celebrate his birthday, with the location – Obriss Farm, Westerham – serving also as a refuelling spot for a clubrun was too good to miss. For me, it also promised to provide an ideal opportunity to get back on the road after a long gap due to bad weather, flu etc – the latter having also compromised time on that old winter stand-by, the turbo-trainer. Steve Valentine clearly agreed and announced his intention on the DL Bulletin Board to be at West Wickham Baths at 10am to start the ride out to Westerham. Before I committed on the Bulletin Board too however, the Met Office predicted a change in weather conditions with snow, ice and temperatures down to -12c.

Come Valentine's Day I got kitted up, complete with lights for the ride home, pulled back the curtains from the door and saw umbrellas bobbing by – so much for the previous night's forecast for Catford, Westerham and point in between! Still, after getting into the bib-tights, Seal-Skinz waterproof socks, overshoes, thermal jacket, rain jacket, balaclava, liner gloves, winter gloves etc it seemed a bit wimpy to revert to Plan B (car) and leave Steve in the lurch and besides, what could go wrong...

Easy to answer!

- a) Missed a turning en-route to the meeting point – I'm not that familiar with the roads so having missed the turn I then had to get out of the drizzle, break-out the map, work out how to get back on track quickly – I was starting to run out of time. Not too tragic as it turned out, minor detour with a little uphill was all that was needed, no worries until...
- b) I reached a crossroads to find that there was no vehicle access to the road ahead – but I was on a bike, so that was easily circumvented in pedestrian mode and I was soon rolling at a good clip down the road. Unfortunately...

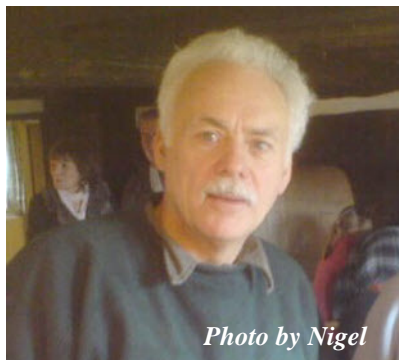
- c) One of the residents chose that moment to exit his driveway in front of me, from the left in a big 4x4. He clearly wasn't expecting a fast(-ish) moving bike to be coming from the closed end of the road. I'm still not sure why he was turning right, to go up to the closed end of the road but it did take him right across the road in front of me – I think the point at which he braked, blocking almost the whole road, was probably the moment he saw me. Luckily he recovered and managed to move off, leaving me a gap – by this time I was obviously not going to stop in time and getting some slippage on the slick road – and I rolled through (I think this was when the heart rate monitor registered a momentary 229bpm blip!).
- d) Remember I mentioned that I didn't post any intent to ride out from West Wickham on the Bulletin Board? Having noted sleet and with no-one having committed to the ride, Steve decided at the last minute to abort it, but luckily swung past the Baths just in case and offered me a lift out. However I was in the mood for some mileage so I elected to carry on alone. So a damp ride through Keston and Biggin Hill alongside a few motorists who clearly thought a few centimetres clearance was all I needed...
- e) Westerham Hill – I was looking forward to some gravity-assisted progress, but I don't tend to descend this hill much and had forgotten how quickly you pick up speed and how tight the bends can seem in the wet. I don't think the motorists behind me were too happy with my decision to assume primary position on the road but frankly I think anything else would have ended with me on the deck.
- f) Hosey Hill – seems to have been re-modelled along the lines of the Tour of Flanders/Paris-Roubaix. What can be better than bouncing over potholes, uphill, while having to keep well over to the left because of oncoming traffic and an overtaking line of Mazda MX-5s (why??)!
- g) Overshot the Chartwell/B2026 turn due to misted up glasses and had to retrace.
- h) A DL jersey marked the entrance to the farm. Just as well because although I'd familiarised myself with the appearance of the buildings from the website, they were not visible from the road! Struggled with

the pedestrian gate for a bit, then gave up and used the main one. Practised my cyclo-cross skills on the unmade path up to the house. It's probably easier with knobby tires instead of slicks and with some clearance to prevent mud build-up... Nearly made it all the way there but lost traction on the final uphill section and was wobbling near the verge so discretion got the better of valour and I walked the last 10 metres. Still, I didn't fall off – result!

Peter and his family made me feel very welcome, with cheery greetings, delicious Sweet Potato soup, roast beef bap – just what the doctor ordered – and there was also a range of very tasty canapés. A log fire roaring in the hearth was very welcome too. The farmhouse – a Landmark Trust property – was an interesting venue and there was plenty of convivial company. While singling people out is always invidious, Peter's daughters Anita and Claire were tireless in making sure that all the guests were well fed and watered. Later on, delicious cake to go with tea/coffee. Much as I love riding up hills and sliding down in cold, wet, conditions while sharing the road with the great British public in it's motoring form, the afternoon in Obriss Farm was the best part of the day. Off and on rain and the memory of all the hills I'd come down on the way there, contributed to my decision to take Steve up on his offer of a lift home. (I think coating the inside of his car with mud from the farm track, via my bike, assuaged his unreasonable guilt – frequently voiced – about not riding out with me. No Steve, fate – if you'd ridden out I'd have had to ride back!) A very pleasant day – thanks Peter and family!

Peter posed the question during the afternoon – do we have any artists in the De Laune? Answers to Peter. > > > >

Many of Peter's guests were Cyclist's who are also Artists and some of their Art was on show - they are raising money for the Leukaemia charity, Ed.



THANK YOU PETER, Ed.

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8th November 1973

Dear Tony,

Here is a drawing of the President's Badge, actual size. It will be made from solid silver and enamelled in Club colours where shown, whilst the pencil marks indicate engraving. The whole badge will then be gilt. A loop fixed behind the bar with the word President at the top will provide the connection for the ribbon.

It will be touch and go whether it can be completed in time for the Dinner in January, so in an effort to get it in time I have actually placed the order with the silver-smiths here. I would like the Club to accept the badge from me as a gift.

I have not yet done anything about the bars with the names of Past Presidents because I am not sure how many you want and what you want inscribed on them. According to my records the list is as follows -

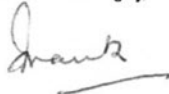
?	to	1909	Frederick Clay
1910	to	1949	A.Faunce De Laune
1949	to	1957	M.Faunce De Laune (Mrs)
1958	to	1967	G.H.Le Grys
1968	to	1970	F.A.Holland
1971	to	1973	K.E.Fletcher

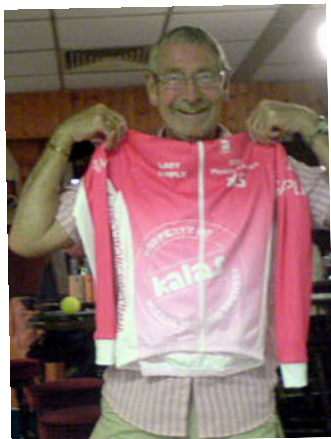
If you will let me know what is wanted I will make enquiries about cost and getting them made.

Who is in mind to succeed Ken next year ? I would like Percy Shrimpton to be considered. Apart from Bill Westlake and myself, he is the oldest living holder of the Gold Badge.

I shall see you at Newnham, so there's no need to answer this letter.

Yours sincerely,





Last year was a worrying time for the Club when choosing the new club clothing:

"Malc Adams shows his choice during the process of choosing a new club kit design"

"The Club's Past President seen prancing around modelling a pink and white



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8th January 1974

Dear Tony,

I have the new President's Badge and it looks very handsome to me, but owing to present day difficulties it has not yet been gilt and will have to go back to Birmingham for this after Ken has worn it at the Dinner. I will bring it with me for this purpose.

I am sorry that it will not be completely finished but this is due to circumstances beyond control.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be 'Frank'.

F. A. HOLLAND

Diary Social/Club for 2010

Sunday	20 June	Mid-Summer Club run & Picnic in Richmond Park	John Kavhagh
Sunday	27 June	OMA Lunch - Brighton	12:45
Sunday	25 July	Max Dods Memorial B-B-Q at Herne Bay	9:00
Sunday	? November	Club run to the Down Hill	10:00
Sunday	21 November	Newnham Remembrance Service	10:30
Sunday	12 December	Richmond Park Christmas Social Ride	09:00

Club & Inter-Club Events for 2010

Sunday	11 April	SERRL - Road Race	Brenchley	
Sunday	16 May	06:30 Spring 25 & the Club	Chilham	Q25/8
Sunday	16 May	10:00 Ken Fuller Memorial Road	Bletchingly	
Sunday	? May	13:30 Club Track Championships	Herne Hill	
Tues-	15 June	18:30 Circuit Race	Crystal Palace	
Satur-	24 July	07:30 Open '10' TT	Harrietsham	Q10/22
Sunday	1 August	06:30 Fred Peachey 25	Chilham	Q25/8
Sunday	8 August	06:30 Mid-Summer 25	Chilham	Q25/8
Satur-	14 Au-	07:30 OMA 10	Harrietsham	Q10/22
Sunday	26 Sep-	06:30 Autumn 25	Chilham	Q25/8
Saturd	9 Octo-	11:00 Hill Climb	Titsey Hill	GH/31
Sunday	24 Octo-	KCA Reliability Trial	Phone Kav 01622 726959	
Sunday	? Novem-	12:00 Down Hill	Tilburstow Hill	

SEE MESSAGE BOARD to keep UP TO DATE

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