

# DE LAUNE NEWS

MAY 2011



C  
H  
R  
I  
S  
  
C  
O  
W  
L  
A  
R  
D

CLUB OPEN "10"

Photo by KAV





## Hi Guys & Girls

Just a few words to remind you that we have the French trip coming up soon (Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May) The format will be the same as last year.

Drive your car to Dover to arrive for the 08.10 boat (time to be confirmed) We ride our bikes on to the boat and head for the cafe for refreshments!



The journey from Calais will take us south to Sangatte. We will then head inland to the village of Guines for more light refreshments. We then make for Ardres for lunch - this will be at the La Fregate restaurant: approx. 30 miles.

The return journey will be along the gentle canal paths (approx. 10 miles) for the 18.05 boat return. Again, times to be confirmed. I would advise you to take a bonk bag or haversack to put in dry clothes should it rain.

Take some Euros and, most importantly, your Passport. Our boat fare will be partly subsidized by our club. Lenny Brown speaks fluent French so we should not have any problems with the locals!

Kav.

**CLUB NIGHT  
SECOND MONDAY  
OF EACH MONTH**

**Crown & Greyhound  
in Dulwich Village**

**1889 DE LAUNE 2011  
CYCLING CLUB**

## ***THE PRESIDENTS REPORT***



I went to see the final day of the 3 Days of De Panne. in Belgium on the 31<sup>st</sup> March, (won on GC by Sebastien Rosseler of Radio Shack). This event is an annual outing with some of my 'local' bike mates, (no, we don't ride there!) and we had our first trip on the new P & O ferry, the 'Spirit of Britain'. After the morning's road race we wandered around the car park looking at the latest bikes. The electronic gears which sported some of the teams' bikes did not impress, with its ugly unit stuck under the down tube. Neither did the bit of sticky tape wrapped around the valves to stop the dreaded rattle, all that money for a pair of wheel with latest technology and still no solution to eradicate the rattle of valve against carbon.

The TT did not start till 2.30pm so we went off to find a restaurant on the sea front.

It was very windy and the restaurant had live TV coverage of the race so most of us decided to stay put and watch the event in the warm. Also we could judge the moment to turn our heads from the TV screen and see each rider pass by the restaurant, so we got the best of both worlds.

### **PRESIDENT**

**MALCOLM ADAMS**  
28 Landon Road  
Herne Bay  
Kent  
CT6 6HP  
01227 373045

### **CHAIRMAN**

**JOHN ARCHDEACON**  
19 Trinity Cresent  
London SW17 7AG  
020 8682 0308

### **SECRETARY**

**NIGEL SCALES**  
14 Bellingham Road  
Catford  
London SE6 2PT  
020 8698 5977

### **TREASURER**

**VAL PEACHEY**  
63 Beverley Road  
Barming  
Maidstone  
Kent ME16 9DU  
01622 727649

### **MEMBERSHIP**

**DAVID HAGGART**  
388 Elmers End Road  
Beckenham  
Kent, BR3 3HG  
0208 654 7419

On a more sedate cycling matter, did you know about the Transport for London cycle maps showing cycle paths and safe quite roads in and around Greater London. There are 14 maps all told and can be obtained by telephoning 0207 2221234 or going on line, go into [www.tfl.gov.uk](http://www.tfl.gov.uk) Then search 'Cycle Maps' then click on Route & Maps (first in list) then click free Cycle Maps, then onto order form, you can then view all the map areas and order those you want, all free of charge. (these instructions are for the less computer literate – like me)

The reason for my investigation into the maps is because I have been told that it is possible to ride all the way to the Olympic stadium, more or less on cycle paths. I will look into this and perhaps we can have a park and ride later this year. Suggest parking in the Crayford area riding to Woolwich, crossing the Thames by ferry or foot tunnel, take in the Thames Barrier and adjoining gardens, then on to the Olympic Stadium.  
Let me know what you think!

Good to see many of you out at Tony's '10' on the Isle of Grain, great weather except for the usual dreaded wind, still at least I could play at racing on the way back from the turn, holding over 30mph for quite a while, compensating for being reduced to 13 mph at one point on the way out.

Hope to see you at the club '15' on Harrietsham course on the 7<sup>th</sup> May, if not, the following week at the Ken Fuller Memorial Road Race.

Malcolm

\*\*\*\*\*

**Photo  
See  
Page  
23**





## RACING RESULTS



### Icknield RC 30Km (2up) - 27 March

[Ian Wroblewski](#), riding with De Laune's [Chris Hubbard](#), was unable to hang on to the Icknield team time-trial title the pair won the previous year

1 IAN KNIGHT & JAMES FOX

TEAM CORLEY CYCLES/CC LUTON

00:42:57

5 IAN WROBLEWSKI & CHRIS HUBBARD

TEAM LUTTERWORTH CYCLES/DE LAUNE CC

00:45:53

### VTTA (yorks) open "10" V718 -2 April

I travelled up to Yorkshire for this event as chances to ride this course are limited with a lot of events giving preference to Yorks dc club riders and despite a strong headwind on the longer return leg I managed a time of 21.35 for 12th place from a field of 138 riders. Winner time was 19:52

Chris Hubbard

### De Laune CC – Open 10 – 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2011

This year we embarked upon a new date and a new course for the Open 10. However it was a good decision because we attracted 50 riders – an improvement on the previous 3 years.

We were blessed with a warm sunny day if a bit windy which was in the riders faces to the turn – however I am told the return leg was superb.

Overall winner was Will Manger from the In Gear club who completed the course in 21.20 – setting a course record.

The Club riders were

SEE OVER ►►►►►►►►►►

Jon Archdeacon	22.48	4 <sup>th</sup> fastest + member of Vets Team
Ian Silvester	24.20	13 <sup>th</sup>
Alan Rowe	25.29	20 <sup>th</sup> - 1 <sup>st</sup> vet OAS + member of Vets Team
Dave Haggart	25.34	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Chris Cowlard	26.17	28 <sup>th</sup>
Simon Lowe	26.18	29 <sup>th</sup> Personal Best ride
Jayne Wadsworth	27.19	36 <sup>th</sup>
Malcolm Adams	28.17	41 <sup>st</sup> – member of Vets Team
Sarah Archdeacon	28.41	42 <sup>nd</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup> Claim

Roy Savery	28.03	39 <sup>th</sup>
------------	-------	------------------

The helpers out in force consisted of Ann & Mike Hartley, Jean Rowe, Len Brown, Pat Conner, Tich, Kav, Clif Pendleton, Alan Constable, Geoff & Vi Sinnett, Mike Peel and of course the ‘Peachey/Silvester’ clan of Claire start timekeeper, Val finish timekeeper and myself sign putter outer and board scribe Tony.

On the financial side the club allocated £100 towards the event in general, however after all the expenses of levies, hall, postage and prize money I only managed to use £83.99 – the remainder being left with the Treasurer. This saving was achieved because the hall hire charge was substantially lower than previous years.

Many of the riders remarked favourably on the new course and promised to return next year. I would like to see the event continued however I would also appreciate perhaps a new organiser coming forward. I would be willing to offer plenty of advice and assistance if required.

My thanks are due to the willing helpers.

### Sydenham Wheelers "25" - Sunday 3 April

1	STEVE BERRY	SAN FAIRY ANN	VET	54.38 +11.52
9	NICK KINSEY	DE LAUNE CC	VET	1.00.45 +10.54

### Catford "10" - 9 April

1	PETE TADROS	IN GEAR QUICKVIT	RT	19.38
65	DAVID HAGGART	DE LAUNE CC		24.31

### Redmond "25" - 10 April

1	Chris Ball	BioBike	RT	00:51:53
21	Nick Kinsey	De Laune CC		01:00:06

### Kent CA "25" - 10 April

1	K. Tye	Data Team Allstars		00.53:35
	I Sivester	De Laune CC		01:01:17

### Derby Mercury RC 10 -10 April

1	Scott Westwood	Walsall RCC		00:20:21
10	Chris Hubbard	De Laune Cycling Club		00:22:43

### West Kent RC 10 16 April

1	Mike Piper	Kent Cycles RC		00:21:15
10	Ian Silvester	De Laune CC		00:23:11

### YTTA North Mid's "10" - 16 April

1	Julian Ramsbottom	Team i-ride		00.19.37
6	Chris Hubbard	De Laune CC		00.20.12

You can see Chris @

[http://kimroy-photography.co.uk/gallery/main.php?g2\\_itemId=28917](http://kimroy-photography.co.uk/gallery/main.php?g2_itemId=28917)

MORE ►►►►►►►►►►

### SCCU "25" - G25/53- 17 April 25/45,

1	Steve Dennis	East Grinstead CC	00:51:51
12	Jon Archdeacon	De Laune CC	00:57:21
48	Chris Cowlard	De Laune CC	01:06:09
51	Alan Rowe	De Laune CC	01:07:09
53	Jane Wadsworth	De Laune CC	01:08:54
58	Sarah Archdeacon	De Laune CC	01:12:26
	Tony Peachey	De Laune CC	DNF

### 31st London Marathon - 17 April

Mike Peel has now finished in all 31 of the London Marathon he is one of only 18 who have archived this record, one of the EVER PRESENT this is what they are know as has run all of then in under 3 hours..

First	Mutai, Emmanuel (KEN)	18-39	02:04:40
27243	Blackheath & DeLaune (GB)	65-69	05.21.09

CONGRATULATIONS MIKE



Was this photo before or after ?



## City RC (Hull) 10 (Vets) - 22 April - V718

1	A Bason	Team Pedal Revolution.co.uk	00:18:39 V40
28	C Hubbard	De Laune CC	00:20:28 V40

### NEW CLUB RECORD,

Chris last held this record in 1982 with a 21:01

Fastest on the day but not in the VETS race.

1	M Hutchinson	In-Gear Quickvit Trainsharp RT	00:18:04 M
---	--------------	--------------------------------	------------



Photo by kind permission of [ian chapman photography.com](http://ianchapmanphotography.com)

## Addiscombe CC 25 - 24 April - G25/45

1	Richard Simmonds	The Altitude Centre	00:52:12 S
12	Jon Archdeacon	De Laune CC	00:57:18 V + 0:10:12
51	David Haggart	De Laune CC	01:05:16 V + 0:05:51
66	Sarah Archdeacon	De Laune CC	01:10:50 WY - 0:00:15
69	Barry Meens	De Laune CC	01:12:43 V + 0:05:37
	Tony Peachey	De Laune CC	V dns

## Lewes Wanderers CC 30 - 24 April

1	Steve Dennis	East Grinstead CC	01:03:29 V + 19:58
31	Chris Cowlard	De Laune CC	01:21:58 V + 07:16

## OUR FOUNDER'S UNCLES

### MAJOR GENERAL ROBERT NICHOLAS FAUNCE.

Robert was born in 1805, commissioned ensign in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Madras Native Infantry in 1825. In 1836 he was promoted to Captain and made Adjutant of the regiment. In 1842 he was part of an expedition to China. This was the so called Opium War, in which the British fleet bombarded Canton and forced the Chinese to cede Hong Kong & open their ports to Western trade.

From 1847-1855 he was a Deputy Paymaster and in 1862 promoted to Lt Col. of the 28<sup>th</sup> Madras Native Infantry. Five years later he was promoted to Major General and the following year, 1868, he was given command of the British Troops in Southern Burma.

Sadly, the following year both he and his wife Caroline Lydia (nee Dewar) were to die within days of one another. In the May of 1868 Robert was aboard a ship crossing the Bay of Bengal whilst Caroline was sailing across the Mediterranean. It is thought that he was returning to his post in Burma after seeing her off on a ship from India bound for Britain. The Times newspaper reported Robert's death, whilst aboard the Cheduba steamship which floundered in the Bay of Bengal around the 17<sup>th</sup> May. The report continued that on the 28<sup>th</sup> May on board the P & O steamer Ripon that just after leaving Malta, Caroline had also died.

Caroline came from another prominent family, her father, Henry, was an ADC to the Duke of Kent. The Dewars were related to the Dukes of Ancaster.

Robert and Caroline had seven children, more of them later.

**Note.** Robert and Caroline were the great, great grandparents of Alan Delaune Faunce who took on the monumental task of correlating the history of the Faunces whose documentation I am mostly reliant upon in producing these monthly articles on the Faunce family.

## LT. BONHAM FAUNCE

There does not appear to be much information on Bonham other than what I mentioned last month

## CAPTAIN WALTER BERESFORD FAUNCE

Next month.

-----

Life in India in those days was tough. The voyage out, sailing around the Cape of Good Hope, took five months. There was no harbour at Madras so it was an open boat through the surf. Home leave was granted every ten years. Children were sent home to Britain for education, and because malaria, dysentery, typhoid etc were a great hazard and thus life expectancy, especially in children was short. Children would not see their parents for years, even a letter home could take up to a year for a reply.

Because life expectancy was short they made the most of it, surrounding themselves with servants, they hunted, shot game, involved themselves in sports and a lot of drinking which brought on some premature deaths. There was complacency and arrogance,

- attitudes which, in the north, helped spark the great revolt in 1857.

\*\*\*\*\*



Photo  
See  
Page  
23

## *Time Trial Report*

Racing has started for many within the club. A healthy band of 10 riders entered the Club Open 10 early in April and recorded some good results. Jon Archdeacon finished 4<sup>th</sup> on scratch and also featured in the Vets team on standard with Alan Rowe and Malc Adams. Simon Lowe improved his personal best time by 9 seconds 26.18. Well done all round.

Some good results have been spotted by our re-joining members of Chris Hubbard who clocked a 21.35 earlier in the month and Nick Kinsey a 1.0.39 in the Sydenham Whs 25. Fastest of the year so far however at the standard distances are:

Men				
Dist		Time	Event	Course
10	Chris Hubbard	00:20:28	City RC (Hull)	V 718
15				
25	Jon Archdeacon	00:57.18	Addiscombe	G25/45
30	Chris Cowlard	01:21:58	Lewes Wanderers	G30/88
50				
100				
12 hour				
Ladies				
10	Jayne Wadsworth	00:27:19	De Laune CC	Q10.24
15				
25	Jayne Wadsworth	01:08.54	SCCU	G25/53
30				
50				
100				
12 hour				

We managed to find 2 volunteers for the SCCU 25 marshaling on 17<sup>th</sup> April, in the shape of Nigel and Val. Many thanks. Don't forget we need another 2 willing marshals for the 25 on 4<sup>th</sup> September.

Next club event is the 15 mile event on Harrietsham on 7<sup>th</sup> May, I have one entry so far – Tony who has given me his form and £2 entry fee. Do we have any more takers ??? Also any volunteers for marshalling at Charing and a pusher off would be great as well – please let me know either by e-mail ([clan.silvester@o2.co.uk](mailto:clan.silvester@o2.co.uk)) or by phone 01892 837038.

Claire

Good morning Mark!

I thought the article in the DLN "Do you know your mobile 'phone could do this?". I did not, and it was very worthwhile for future use.

My thoughts then turned to Bonham Faunce, who died of cholera shortly after arriving in India, what a waste of a journey and life. When I was 'east of Dover', do not tell that member 'down under' (for a visit)! The inoculation for cholera was the one we received most frequently, every six months. It would have helped poor ole Bonham! Polio every time we left UK, that was quite pleasant, with sugar. Yellow Fever, only once for Len, for 'us' it lasted six years, now I see for 10 years. Most 'messy' was the smallpox, every three years. On some it made quite large scab on the arm (at least you knew it had 'taken'), others nothing.

By far the worse was something called the 'TABT' (typhoid and tetanus). A cocktail. No matter how much beer one consumed, it did not help. Go to bed, yes, but the dreams and nightmares. Thank goodness TABT is now history. I said to a nurse once, "That was quick, usually when I give blood, it is a long job". She said, "I was taking, you were not giving, that is the reason"!

The best place to give blood was Singapore. The locals would not oblige, so they had a good supply from HM Forces. In the wonderful dreamy heat of that Island, one would retire back to the waiting room (RAF Hospital Changi was high up overlooking the Johor Straits) after giving the liquid, and given a large bottle of very cold 'Tiger' beer. It tasted 'out of this world'. As one supped slowly, a quiet voice would call out from the corridor, "Are you ready for another bottle?".

Keep up the good work.

Len Danby

Hello Mark

Congratulations on another interesting and informative DLN.

One thing I would like to point out, though: the piece about entering your PIN in reverse order if you are forced by someone to withdraw cash from a cash machine – although the technology exists to do this, it has not been implemented by the banks.

See the Commentary section at

<http://www.hoax-slayer.com/reverse-pin-ATM.shtml>

Regards Alan Constable

## De Laune Cycling Club

1946 saw the club back to full functioning order again, all official posts catered for at the February AGM. Financially sound following the unsettling war years. All trophies had been retrieved from their 'country homes' and sent away for cleaning. A full programme of events were planned. Alan Furze was awarded a Gold Badge of Honour for his work in organising the Comfort Fund distributions, high praise was offered from a member, recently demobbed, thanking Alan and all contributors to the fund from all recipients of gifts. Plans were made to add a further 8 names to the Newnham Memorial.

New members accepted during 1946 were Wally Fraser, Arthur Hill, John Bewsey,

Les Pyne brought up the matter of bad state of repair of the door to the club cabin at Herne Hill, after much debate he was instructed to repair said door. Club dinner tickets to be set at 12/6d, 142 were eventually sold, however a minor loss was still made on the function. Ken Fletcher suggested that individuals applying for membership should not be accepted unless they show an interest in either club runs and/or riding club events. Club purchase 18 track vests, however purchasers were required to redeem clothing coupons if required, alternatively vests could be hired at a minimum fee of 6d per occasion and should be returned laundered. Helmets were also to be purchased and dealt with as the vests.

New members for 1947 included Ken Whiterod (previously of Delta RC), Brian Gunnell, Len Danby, Peter Gunnell, Charlie Carlton, Ken Fuller, Doug Stafford, Michael Stafford, Jack Young, Don White,

On a suggestion from 'Chip' a memorial shield was purchased to commemorate those members lost in WW1 and WW2 and used as a perpetual trophy for the Club Novices 25, estimated cost £55. The committee decided that plans should be set in motion to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee, a fund to

be inaugurated and that the funds from the Golden Jubilee Fund should act as a starting balance. The Junior championship was introduced. The outstanding balance from the Comforts Fund was formally transferred to the Memorial Fund. A full programme of events were planned of Novices 25, 2 25's, 2 50's, 1 30, 1 100 and 1 12hour the last two held in conjunction with other local clubs. On the track the usual 5 mile and 1000 mtr event was proposed together with a 550 yard handicap. Summer and winter runs were scheduled as well as three public dances and 4 private dances and a visit to London Palladium. Outstanding subs list was reviewed, one member not having paid since 1944 and was now the Secretary of the Norwood Paragon - he was duly struck off. Clubrun attendance for George Wood was waived as he was now living at Brighton and found it difficult to travel to start of runs. Club stationery was ordered bearing the name of the club and its foundation date.

Floods prevented the measuring of a new 25 course. Concerns were raised at lack of DLN reports especially those of clubruns - an Easter Tour report was promised from Les Pyne. Derby Sweep produced £34 profit. A shield was offered to the club by the Silverdale CC, they had received this as a gift from S.J. How in 1910. The Silverdale ceased activities during 1914-1918. This gift was accepted and designated to be awarded annually, at the discretion of the committee, to the member who had given beneficial services to the club. All surviving members of the Silverdale were granted honorary membership to the De Laune. The first recipient was Frank Wynne.

New rules were initiated and included confirmation of colours of chocolate and light blue, club confined to gentlemen, subscription 10/- due on 1st January, committee to expel any members 6 weeks overdue, members resigning must do so in writing, committee to comprise officers plus 5 members, Captain to regulate pace of all clubruns, entries for club events to be made 8 days before event together with 2/- entry fee, members must attend 16 club runs before taking a prize,

Annual dinner had to be limited to 100. The Nelson Institute was found suitable for clubroom facilities. A request from NCU for donations towards 1948 Olympics was received - £10 sent.

1948 commenced with dispensation being given to Frank Wynne regarding club run attendance as he now lived in Basingstoke. An additional assistant secretary to be appointed to assist with Diamond Jubilee year celebrations. AGM agreed to affiliate to ECCA provided interested parties paid affiliation fee. Reduced number of dances organised owing to the reducing numbers of attendees. It was decided that the Open 100 and 25 mile TT should be limited to the first 100 entries with preference to teams - prizes of £3, £2, £1 on scratch & handicap with medals for teams. RTTC rules would be strictly enforced in club and open events regarding the carrying of a bell and effective brakes. An additional 3d added to all club entry fees to cover postage & printing, any excess at end of season to be transferred to Jubilee Fund. Vote of thanks went to Wally Fraser for raising £70 over the winter months on a football sweep. A group of members were planning to ride a 30 on the same day as the club open 100, the promoter of the 100, George Wood, agreed that 3 members could be spared from the 100 organisation so that they could compete in the 30. Committee to decide which 3 should compete.

Vice captain of Sunday runs had been absent for a number of weeks without reason, he was asked to resign his post. Newnham trip was organised, however a complaint was lodged concerning the conduct of some club members who, the previous year, had played football during the memorial service. Emergency repairs to the club watch were required at a cost of £4.10s0d. A telephone set was purchased from Gamages at a cost of £4.1s.6d.

Among the new members - Harry Thomas, Cyril Arthur (previously Fountain CC), John Pampllett, Bert Wason, and Ken Knapman.

Val the Peach. All information and snippets of club life have been culled from minutes + DLN publications



## From the Treasury

As last month can I re-iterate our thanks to all those members who have kindly sent donations to Dave Haggart with their subscriptions or, in the case of most of our Life Members, in place of their subscriptions. Now that the tax year has closed paperwork has been forwarded to HMRC to recoup a little more income from these donations.

Apologies from me for quoting the wrong e-mail for Dave last month - thankfully we have an astute Editor who corrected me and I am expecting a slap on the wrist when I meet him next.

A report appears in the magazine somewhere of the Open 10 - as instructed Tony kept within his budget - I didn't have to keep too much of a close eye on him - he is well trained.

Finances are remaining healthy, however there may be a need to order some clothing later in the year if our stock continues to diminish, but as it reduces money comes in, so it is a good sign really that our membership remains fit enough to continue to ride bikes ! Don't forget, if you need clothing contact Tony - he is very obliging.

Better news this year on the SERRL tea bar - instead of a £15+ loss as in 2010 I managed to create £5.48 profit for club funds. Clearly will not change our life style but at least it will appear on the good column when the accounts are audited.

Val the Peach

*OMA Lunch  
Sunday 26 June 2011.  
Venne Brighton Hove Golf Club.*

*Mixed Hors d'Oeuvres.  
Roast Beef or Coq au Vin or Mushroom Stroganoff.  
Homemade Trifle or Lemon Tart or Cheese & Biscuits.*

*price £16.50 per head.*

*Please contact either Dot on 01689 851241 or  
Tricia on 01273 546226 or email me on  
[triciab60@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:triciab60@hotmail.co.uk) with your choice of menu.*

*Any queries with the menu please contact Tricia.*

*Finally, I very much regret that the 'Woodsmill Coffee  
Shop' will not be open this year as I have another  
engagement that morning but look forward to seeing you  
all at the Golf Club. George (father) and I will be  
there midday onwards.*

# 90

# GEORGE WOOD

was 90 on the 16th April  
and a few of us were priv-  
ilege to be invited to a  
luncheon at Brighton on

this very special day to help him celebrate reaching this great age. Patricia  
his daughter and also a member of our club made a short speech see here.

On behalf of Dad, Grandad, Great Grandpa and finally George, I would like  
to welcome all of you here today, especially the Wood family who have  
travelled up from Somerset.

It doesn't seem possible that 10 years ago some of us were sitting in this  
room and celebrating Dad's 80th. A long time ago, I was told that the older  
you get the quicker time flies, and these last 10 years have proved that  
point.

Before I hand over to a gentleman, who has known Dad for nearly as long  
as I have, I would just like to say a few things about the man whose 90th  
birthday we are celebrating today.

Dad was born on the 16th April 1921 in Barnes, and was destined to join  
the Building Industry, following a short spell as an Estate Agent. Then in  
July 1938, at the age of 17 Dad joined the De Laune CC and I am pleased  
to welcome some of the members here today.

When he got called up for the War, he joined the Fleet Air Arm, and  
thankfully having survived eventually settled in Brighton where Mum's family  
were living. In 1950 we moved from 63 Ladies Mile Road to Ferndale Lodge,  
Ladies Mile Road (a property that father built) and as you all know still  
resides there today.

I think it was some 60 years ago, he took up the game of cricket and joined  
the Patcham Priory Cricket Club, which unfortunately no longer exists, but  
Dad remained a member up until the end.

Then in August 1955 he became a member of the Brighton Lions Club, and nearly 56 years later I think it fair to say that he is still an active member. So by adding up all the years that Dad has been involved with just 3 Clubs, and now in his 91st year, he has given a total of 179 years service. Not bad going.

So welcome to those of you that are fellow members together with those friends that have come across Dad in other ways.

I now hand you over to Mr Ron Reeve, who may or may not enlarge on the life and times of George Wood, depends on how much he has been paid to keep quiet.



Hello Brian, (Saxton this is, Ed.)

Hope that you're well.

I belong to a forum for vintage (pre-1983!) cycles - Classic Rendezvous - am on the mailing list, and below is an email from one of the members, Norris Lockley, in which he mentions the Delaune, and his encounter with Johnny Pound. I'm forwarding it to you, as I thought you might like to "reply" in an official capacity.

Best regards Geoff

Topic: GB History - John Pound..and The Golden Age

Norris Lockley ( [nlockley73@gmail.com](mailto:nlockley73@gmail.com) ) Apr 06 11:17AM +0100 ^

It's quite wonderful what you can learn from the contris ot the CR List...and not just about bikes.

John Purser's contri about the GB Company and its roll in the UK furniture industry was a real revelation. What made it all the more interesting from my perspective was the mention of John Pound, the furniture designer..

Fifty-three years after I first met him, I had no idea that the hard-riding road racer of the 50s had turned into succesful designer; I suppose that I had assumed that like others in those pelotons, he was either an assistant in a bike shop, a wheel-builder, or a frame-builder, like Ken Russell, or Dave Bedwell , Clive Parker etc.

I met John one sunny day in May 1957 on the occasion of the British

Universities' Road Racing Championship, held on a course near Hertford in the Home Counties of the UK...or to Yorkshiremen such as myself...'down at the posh end of the country' ; I was a member of the team from Hull, my roll was as a domestique for the other two team members, both Independents, one for Viking Cycles, the other for Fred Dean - they both had a chance of winning whereas I wasn't even classed as an outsider.

The changing rooms were at a Sports Centre - we didn't have sports centres up north, so we had to use school changing rooms for our events. Not being very tall myself, I noted that the rider stripping off next to me, and donning the white and black jersey ( think Peugeot 1960s) of the renowned De Laune CC, was even smaller, and I assumed that he had borrowed his jersey to 'psyche' us all up. In those days university teams rode in whatever jerseys the riders could find.

I didn't know the course and so I had assumed that I would play the race 'by ear' knowing that I would not be a marked man. My ambition knew no bounds that day and I quickly dropped into a four-man breakaway group that formed after about twelve miles - only 118 to go. One of my companions in the 'echappee' was the guy in the De Laune CC jersey. As we worked together to build up a formidable lead I noticed that this diminutive rider had had the gawl to stitch two small Union Jacks to the shoulders of his club jersey..talk about psyching up. I was already struggling with the pace that he was setting, and emptying my 'bidons' of their blackcurrent juice-energy-restoring liquid, as though it was going out of fashion

Unfortunately on the day my legs did not match my ambition and I 'climbed off' with half the race to go..and my team-mates rode with distiction. Had I finished in the top 20, our team would have been the National Universities' Champion.

Back in the changing room , feeling really annoyed with myself and disappointed I had not been able to give the De Laune CC rider a real Yorkshire 'pasting' I chanced to enquire just who the imposter was - 'really ' I thought '..does he really think we believe that he has ridden for England'. My annoyance surged when' looking at the start-sheet, I noticed that he wasn't really a 'real' university student either, just a student at one of those new-fangled non-academic Polytechnics.



J.P. Climbing Froggatt Edge

One of the riders from whom I was seeking an explanation of this guy's presence, paused. looked at me, blew the steam off the top of his huge mug of milky tea..paused again and said, with a smile on his face..' well...the rest of us wondered if you knew what you were letting yourself in for when you got into that breakaway group with Johnny Pound...' adding just to twist the knife in the wound '...didn't you know that he is fresh back from a stunning ride for the British team in the Warsaw-Berlin-Prague.'

That was a life-changing moment..I decided that I had better hone my skills as a frame-builder...I was never going to cut it as a Pro racer....not with the likes of these Union-Jack-wearing Johnny Pounds around.

After reading John's item about GB, I searched on Google for 'Johnny Pound'..and there he was in bits and bobs..cycle racing successes, including a wonderful web-site created by Tony Hewson, a former member of a UK team in the Tour de France.

[www.scribd.com/doc/23062232/A-Racing-Cyclist-s-Worst-Nightmare-and-other-stories-of-the-Golden-Age/](http://www.scribd.com/doc/23062232/A-Racing-Cyclist-s-Worst-Nightmare-and-other-stories-of-the-Golden-Age/)

In the book there is a graphic account of road-racing championship that took place, decades ago, through the glorious countryside and dales of Derbyshire- the Peak District.. a touring cyclist's heaven..but a road-racing cyclist's nightmare, particularly if Johnny Pound is around..as he was on that day.

Some great B/W photos of the little man doing what he knew he could do well...really serve out the agony. It's a good read.. Norris Lockley

Settle-Upon - Nostalgia (What else have we got stacks of...?)  
UK

\*\*\*\*\*

During his career, Johnnie, a useful climber and sprinter, won many races and represented England in teams racing at home and abroad. This day I had him marked as danger man number one. Yet in some respects he was Nev's antithesis. In physical stature they were the Phoenix's Little and Large. With his curly black hair, perpetual tan and sunny disposition, he could have passed for a swarthy Italian. And, rare for a cyclist at that time, he possessed a creative intelligence that gained him a place at the Royal College of Art, and he was later to be praised for his embellishment of the royal chair used at Caernarfon Castle for the investiture of the Prince of Wales in July 1969.

## Kav's Report on Whitby

Many years ago the De Laune would have weekends away without bikes. The one I can think of was in the Cotswolds and of course the Bath Road, when we would have an army of members out to marshal our open 100, and not on bikes. Who remembers the railway carriage turned into a motel - Mack's Café?

A few years ago I went on a four-night break with Pat with a company called HF Holidays. It covered all sorts of activities. The main one being walking. HF has large houses all over the UK.

The year after, Roy Chittleborough, Maureen Jackson and John and Marion Dods joined us at Abingworth in Sussex. Since then we have been to Bourton-on-the-Water, the Isle of White, Selworthy Devon, The Brecon, Dovedale and Whitby Yorkshire, Coniston and Derwent Water in the lakes.

This year I organized a trip to Whitby, North Yorkshire with a party of 21. The group gets bigger each year. This type of holiday seems popular with cyclists because it is a bit different. Not only De Laune members, but members from the 34<sup>th</sup> Nomads and the San fair Ann and the 29<sup>th</sup> Wheelers.

You would think it would be a gentle stroll through the country! No it was not. With cyclists you always get the competitive streak. The idea is that you have three groups of walkers. The short walk say 7 miles. The medium walk, say 9 miles and the long walk say 11 miles. We all use the same course and finish in the same spot but the longer walkers are taken further out on the bus and so on for the other groups.

This is where the competitiveness comes in. The medium group wants to catch the short walk group and the long walk group wants to catch the medium walk group.

This is not how the HF guides have planned it! And we were told in no uncertain manner. We told the guides how a cycle handicap race works but they would not have it.

The first day was a sod! The walk took us along the coast through Robin Hoods bay, through to Whitby. The worst bit was from the ruins of the Whitby Abbey down 199 steps to Whitby. Was it hard you ask? Well 7 of our 21 took to going out on the bus to see the sights for the next two days!!

Hope you like the photos.  
Kav.

PS A big thanks to the company of John and Marion Dods, Mike Peel, Terry Shoton, Brian and Val Skelton, Roy Chittleborough, Maureen Jackson, Len Brown, Pat Conner, Ken and Pauline Legge, Geoff and Carol Hodgson, Paddy and Nita Hoban, Derek Munday, Gordon Gibbens, Brian Shambrook and my Pat.

## Diary Social/Club for 2011

Saturday 21 May	Club run to France
Sunday ? June	Mid-Summer Club run & Picnic in Richmond Park - Contact John Kavanagh
Sunday 26 June	OMA Lunch - Brighton 12:45
Sunday 24 July	Max Dods Memorial B-B-Q at Herne Bay 9:00
Sunday 23 October	Club run to the Down Hill 10:00
Friday ? November	Belgium Night at Blackheath Harriers 19:30 for 20:00
Sunday 20 November	Newnham Remembrance Service 10:30
Sunday 11 December	Richmond Park Christmas Social Ride 09:00

## Club & Inter-Club Events for 2011

Saturday	7 May	08:30	Club Event 15 miles	Harrietsham	Q15/20
Sunday	15 May	10:00	Ken Fuller Memorial RR	Crowhurst	
Sunday	12 June	06:30	GS Invicta 25 - Club Championship & Novices		Q25/8
Tuesday	21 July		Circuit Race	Crystal Palace	
Sunday	31 July	6:30	De Laune Open 25 and Club Midsummer 25	Chilham	Q25/8
Saturday	13 August	08:30	OMA 10		Q10/22
Sunday	11 September	07:30	Kent VTTA Autumn 25		Q25/12
Saturday	15 October	11:00	Hill Climb	Whites Lane	
Sunday	?? October		KCA Reliability Trial	Details awaited - Phone KAV. 01622 726959	

**SEE MESSAGE BOARD to keep UP TO DATE**

**<http://mikepeel.proboards67.com>**

**CLOSING DATE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE 25th MAY**

Anything for inclusion please send to:

41 Mayes Close

Warlingham

Surrey CR6 9LB

Produced by **Mark Ballamy**

Phone or Fax 01883 627809

E-mail [mark.ballamy@virgin.net](mailto:mark.ballamy@virgin.net)

Distributed by **Brian Saxton**