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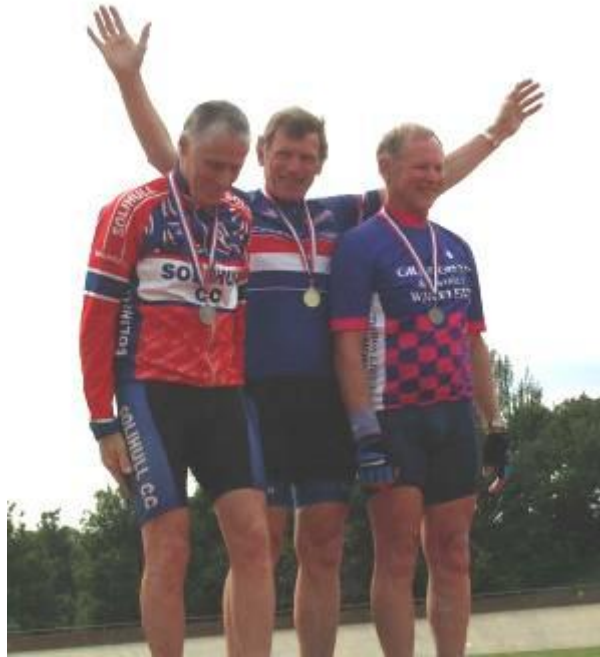
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Brian Dacey sweeps the board at the 2003 National Masters championships at Herne Hill.

1st 500mt Time Trial, 1st 10 Laps Points Race, 1st Individual Pursuit, 1st 10k Scratch Race, 1st Sprint

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THE PRESIDENTS REPORTS

Sunday the 18th of May and another well-organised OMA lunch at Brighton. Thanks to our ladies Pat Burns and Dot Fuller. What would we do without you?

The only problem we had was with our members getting lost once they got to Brighton. The lunch was held at the Brighton and Hove golf course, which is on the top of a hill by Devil's Dyke. You come up to a lot of roundabouts and if you miss

your turn-off you could find yourself on the motorway flying down to, for instance, Eastbourne, which I think a lot did!

I said to Alan Rowe, 'Knowing you Alan, you're bound to get lost. Follow me, I know the way'. Guess what! I went flying down to Worthing. I know Alan will never let me forget that.

The meeting was our normal format of meeting old friends over a drink a good meal and cross-toasting. This year Brian Saxton decided to do something different and walked up and down the aisle modelling our latest casual and racing gear and, guess what, he sold a lot of the new racing vests and the new Fred Perry-type shirts with De Laune on the front. He sold out of our racing hats. Well-done Brian.

In my Presidents speech I mentioned the length of unbroken service some of our living members have had with the club. Four of the top five we had at the lunch.

1. Monty Watkins Joined 28th Jan. 1937 66 years (who is in Australia)
2. Bill Miles Joined 4th March 1937 66 years
3. George Wood Joined 7th Aug. 1938 65 years
4. Ken Fuller Joined 13th Nov. 1947 55 years
5. Don White Joined 18th Dec. 1947 55 years

I know that Dot will be giving you a full report of the event but I would like to thank George Wood (the Godfather of the Brighton Mafia) for supplying the wine. Thanks George.

What other news have I got for you? Did you remember I said that Roy Savery was making a big come back, well he went to Spain for two weeks for special hot weather training and in his first 25 mile time trial this year he won £20. Unfortunately it was the prize for the slowest rider. Bless him. I always say that if you have got news we can use for the DLN or the web, please let Mark, Mike or me know, be it race results, races we should look out for, social events, births or deaths. Let us know.

We have two new members I would like to welcome to the club. Harry Corbett (no not the Harry Corbett) and Rupert Walsh. Both are interested in triathlons. I had a nice letter from Harry telling me all about a triathlon they both rode at Hampton Court and out of 237 starters Rupert was 118th and Harry was 151st. Well done!

Harry went on to tell me about more triathlons our members might be interested in. How nice to get a letter from a new member. How about some results from our other racing members i.e. Alan, Malcolm. Not a sausage from Brian D who I know has had a few wins this year.

Stop Press. I have just come back from the National Masters track championships at Herne Hill. We had two riders Brian Dacey and Peter Jenn. Peter only rode one event, the 10k scratch race and due to not feeling too good all week, did not get a place this year. But guess what! Brian rode five events and won five events.

1st 500mt Time Trial
1st 10 Laps Points race

1st Individual Pursuit
1st 10k Scratch Race
1st Sprint

Five national vests. Well done Brian we are all proud of you. The opposition was very tough this year. Ask our old mate Roly Crayford from the San Fairy Ann, who is a Masters World Champion but could only manage to get three silvers this year, thanks to Brian.

In the final Brian came up against Dave Hanley. Those who remember, Dave was the British National sprint champion many times in the 1960's. In fact Dave was the last English rider to win a sprint medal (bronze) in the World Championships.

Again Brian, well done

Kav.

I've just joined De Laune CC. I normally do 3 or 4 laps training around Richmond Park on Saturday and/or Sunday mornings (as I'm quite new to road cycling and so have not yet started racing). I'm not sure whether or not the 9am meeting on Sundays at Roehampton Gate (which I've not been able to get down to since I joined) is still going on. In any case, I'd be keen to meet up with any members for a session.

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In case it's relevant, my average solo lap time is around 19/20 mins.

Nick (Nick Butler)

LIFE IN THE EAST

Actually that's the Eastern Counties, well Norfolk to be precise, not the Far East that John Darroch keeps us informed of.

Well since our move here in September 2000, and my moving to the Norfolk Constabulary 2 years ago. I've managed to become more involved with the local cycling scene. I regularly ride with the CC Breckland, in their mid-week tens, and on occasions with the Diss and District Wheelers and the Godric CC. A member of the Godric always asks about Pete Jenn, sadly I can't remember his name.

Some of you may remember that the CC Breckland was a prominent time trial club in the 70's and early 80's with riders like Martin Pyne, Richard Bradley and Simon Warren who set a team competition time record for 25 miles way back in 1981.

Martin Pyne has remained a multi-time trial winner, season in and out for the last 25 years. Richard Bradley is in his comeback season and already winning open events after a gap of fifteen years, whilst Simon Warren drives a Police Car with me and struggles to maintain 17 mph on his occasional rides to work. I know that feeling all too well.

The 2002 season saw Cliffe Steele come up to visit us with Carol. I had told him to bring a bike; fortunately he'd brought a road bike, as I hadn't told him I had entered him in the CC Breckland 4 up 50k time trial. He rose to the occasion wonderfully and with three of my colleagues put in a good ride. The De-Laune had already been seen on the Norfolk start sheets when Matt Goodes won the end of season "Gas Hill Gasp" Hill climb at the end of the 2001 season. I had also "conned" John O' into racing a 25 in Suffolk earlier that season when he had visited with Tracey, so the De-Laune strip had been seen regularly in Norfolk & Suffolk for some time.

Season 2002 found me trying to ride the BBAR Qualifying distance events on very limited mileage, as myself and Christine tried to organise our wedding for 150 people, 135 miles away from our home in September. A 5.42.36 '100' in June and a 185 mile 12 hour on the hottest day of the year (July 29th) made up the basis of my BBAR rides. I'm sure that neither of these rides had Gethin Butler or Kevin Dawson quaking in their shoes. For those of you who don't know the BBAR British all rounder is a time trial competition with your average speed over distances of 50 and 100 miles and 12 hours. Anyone with an average speed of over 22 mph gets a certificate and the likes of Butler & Dawson contest the title with averages around the 27mph mark. On this occasion Kevin Dawson prevailed. My 2.40.11 for a September 50 mile gave me an average over ten mile per hour slower and some 301 paces behind, third from last. A sort of Scunthorpe United comparison with Manchester United in a footballing sense but perhaps that's a little unfair on Scunthorpe.

Consolation was that my 185 miles in the 12 hour got me 9th place, (there were only 23 starters) and a mention in "Cycling". (12 finished, the heat caused a high rate of attrition?) in fact this was one of the two mentions in Cycling as I finished 9th in the "Gas Hill Gasp" hill climb in October, 39 seconds slower than Matt's 55 second record of 2001 though, but with only 14 starters I saw my name mentioned in the same magazine as Lance Armstrong and that's as close as I'll get. A cadence of 120 rpm plays a cadence of 35 rpm on a good day.

Season 2003 sees me with similar ambitions and I will be riding the BBAR Qualifying Distances, having read the obituary of Ron (Oscar) Hoare in the April 2002 D.L.N, I too would love to finish in the top 150, although as the competition has declined in stature this is probably easier today than in Ron's day. But if I do I will make the January trip to the Assembly rooms in Derby for the Road Time Trials Councils Annual Prize giving and bean feast.

So far this season I've failed to break evens in a ten or twenty five although the ten saw me within four minutes of Martyn Pyne on a hard day on a tough course. The 25 mile Diss & District Medium gear 72 inches saw me finish well and truly last. For anyone who doesn't know 72 inches is the amount the bike moves forward for each crank revolution, and in these days of huge gears it meant a lot of spinning. I rode to a 1.20.18 whilst the winner Glenn Taylor of API Resprays glided to a 58 minutes on

a perfect morning. The Previous year's winner of the event was Zak Carr also of API Resprays with a 55 minute ride in a gale. Zak is a multi time trial and road race champion and he and his wife Beverley are friends of ours. Despite what you may have read about him in Cycling, Zak is always very helpful and regularly gives advice and help to those of us (lets face it, that's the majority of us) with less talent. Despite my hopeless performances Zak regularly comes up with positive points. During this years CC Breckland 50K 4 up, when I had been dropped by my colleagues within the first mile, I was caught by the API a team for 33 minutes as they rode to an incredible 1.05. My greatest consolation was that the other 3 API riders behind Zak looked just as bad as I felt. The worst of this was that I'd only had to ride as Cliffe Steel had injured his arm. (That's what Cliffe said, but probably he wasn't... .been had over again!!!)

No 24 hours this year due to family commitments, and that despite the nice things that Arthur Howe said after my last try. I hope to have one more go in 2004 if there's still an event for me to ride.

Finally as this is my tenth year of De-Laune membership I finally qualify as an old member. I'd just like to explain why as someone with no talent for the sport I still love cycling and cycle racing. I grew up in a small town Immingham in North Lincolnshire, such a small place had few claims to fame. But from my school came a great cycling champion, some of you may remember the name Steve Lawrence. Steve was twice National Amateur road race champion, was a 1982 Commonwealth Games Gold Medallist in the 100k team time trial with Malcolm Elliot (in the news at present), Bob Downes and Joe Waugh, he was 4th in the 1982 Commonwealth Games Road Race behind Malcolm Elliot and Steve Bauer (both went on to successful professional careers) He won the GP Of Essex, Lincoln GP, Manx Classic,, Commonwealth Bank Classic (Australia), rode the milk race and. in 1979 in Lincolnshire he finished runner up to a Robert Miller in a hotly contested sprint at the end of the National Road Race Championship the first road race I ever saw. As Steve worked as a carpenter in a chemical factory where my father also worked, he became something of a hero and this led me to take up cycling. In the early 1980's I rode road races and time trials in the colours of Brocklesby CC and later in the colours of Lindsey R.C (A Grimsby Club). I got a junior BBAR certificate signed by Frank Minto and finished 2nd in the Lincs RRA hill climb (yes there are hills in Lincolnshire and I was a lot lighter) and



rode the track at Scunthorpe. When I left to go to University in Manchester my cycling days sadly stopped, and did not resume until I took to general cycling for commuting and met Rod Smith (remember him?) in a bike shop in Annerley and he told me of the De-Laune CC and brought me to Choumert Road one Thursday night, where I met the great Ken Hill, back in 1993.

Last spring I discovered that Steve Lawrence lived just over the border from us in Suffolk and after some

organising I went to see him. Still as slim and athletic as in this racing days I talked about his cycling career, the successes and the near misses (the 4th in the Commonwealth Games Road Race and the 2nd in the 1979 National) each had stories attached and Steve spoke with clarity and passion that peeled back the years. He told a great story of training with the English track team at Calshot, in those days Mark Swinnerton was a rising star, and they were joined in a serious training session by a young Irish rider over with an Irish squad. This young rider was dressed in long football socks and a floppy track suit, but despite this he and Steve soon lost Swinnerton as they lapped flat out for half an hour, this was of course a very young Sean Kelly. He also related to me the huge influence of the late Eddie Soens and his fantastic input into the 1982 Commonwealth Games team which won the 100km 4up TTT and the road race. Sadly Steve no longer cycles, his successful building business, beautiful wife and two children filling his time. Steve clearly had great memories of his rides as do I. I asked Steve why he never turned pro and he talked dispassionately of what that might have required and how advice from Vin Denson (team mate of the late Tom Simpson) had made him realise that it was not something he could do and a vivid recollection of the great French cyclist Bernard Thevenet reduced to a shattered wreck in a Worlds road race convinced Steve that he could not hope to compete honestly at that level. Steve clearly had no regrets although I did try to talk him into a comeback to try for an age related vets world title, something he could surely be in contention for? At the end of my conversation with Steve the hours had seemed like minutes and for that time I'd felt 20 years younger. All from a passion for cycling, and as I look back over my 10 years with the De-Laune I think of the friendships, competitions, good times and bad that make up the club and I cherish them all.

Thanks to the De-Laune CC, for helping me revive my love of cycling. Best wishes to all this summer.

Jeremy Briggs

Thank Jeremy, great to hear from you I am sure that Norfolk is now a better place with you plodding the beat! Ed.

A G M 26th JUNE

[Fred Cowley Race Report:](#)

The Fred Cowley road race is the 3rd in the elite southern area road race series sponsored by Evans Cycles. At 160km it is a testing race and the windy conditions made it even more testing. The race is run over 3 circuits fortunately on the whole fairly flat, which meant fast. The initial break went very early and contained all the main protagonists, Colin Roshier (Quest), Gary Dodd (Sigma Sport), Dave Berkley (Sigma) et al. Those to miss RT) and Tony Gibb (PCA Orbea) and of course yours truly. After 40 km of hard riding feeling a little perky I joined the elites through

and off at 50km/hr at the front lasted about 10km before deciding that I really should not play with the big boys and rejoined the rest in the main bunch.

At the half-way stage the average speed had been 41km/hr with a constant stream of attack and counter attack. After 2.5 hrs racing it the lead group where still at 1 min and things where getting really lively, again feeling frisky I started joining in with the attacks going out with Tony Gibb and Mark Daly in a constant attack re-group counter period. As we joined the final circuit the hammer went down hard a split occurred after a counter with Tony Gibb, Dominic Hill, Mark Daly and 1 or 2 others driving off the front, I tried to jump taking Guy Pearson (Pearson Cycles) with me in an attempt to bridge riding Guy off my wheel I still could not make it stranded in no mans land before being re-caught.

Well that was it really, the next 2 hrs racing was a little more like a slog I tried going on a couple of occasion as did various groups non of which where strong enough after 140km racing. Into the last lap a couple of small breaks occurred and into the finish I got 6th in the sprint for 33rd overall. Not bad I felt for a 3rd cat in an elite race after 160km racing.

Stats: 160.7km, 4hr 11min, 38.6 ave, Hr ave 158 - peak 178. 4169 kcal.

(got a week off next race SERRL 11th May)

James Peckham

[SERRL - Benenden : 11/5/03 SERRL Round 6-Benenden 120k 1/2/3/4](#)

Already round 6 of the SERRL race series, scary, just where has this season gone! This was the first long one of the series and was back on the Benenden circuit, an interesting rolling circuit with a few testing climbs thrown in. I was joined by James Peckham, who was looking forward to this after a strong performance in the 160k Fred Cowley Memorial race.

The usual suspects lined up with the exception of the Gemini boys who were hosting the event. There were a number of attempts to get away early, however it was a strong field and the bunch was in no mood to let anyone gain too much time. Both myself and James P were feeling strong, however we resisted the temptation to get carried away early on and sat in for the first lap.

On Lap two Mark Powell (VC Deal) and Chris Millets (London Fire Brigade) got out of sight quickly on the long flat section. A lap later three more rolled off and soon joined to make it five, they were Kevin Tye (Posh Bikes), Ashley Holding (GB Cycles) and Ray Palin (Kingsnorth International).

At this point we were both looking to get into breaks, and managed to get into some very useful looking ones, only for them to be pulled back as no-one wanted to work. We thought it was very negative riding at times as people were happy to chase wheels and close gaps, but when they got the gap, they were unwilling to commit.

This was a bit frustrating, however it did have the effect of speeding up the bunch, particularly when James P managed to get clear with another rider for a while and the effect was to keep the breakaway at about 30 - 40 seconds.

Eventually with two laps to go it was finally reeled in on the hill to Rolvenden. Andy Meilak (Posh Bikes), Nick Cheetham (Dulwich) and Julian Clark (private) made a number of short lived attacks and at three quarters of a lap to go it was altogether still with about 35 riders.

With many tired legs now suffering, it was again Mark Powell (VC Deal) who attacked on the steep flick around the back and Andy Meilak went with him. The bunch didn't respond much with one or two trying but failing to get over to Meilak and Powell, including Palin. On the long stretch the bunch really slowed down with 5-6 miles to go and the two escapees were nearly out of site. It was then that Hill (Arctic) attacked from the back of the bunch to get an instant gap. I found myself at the front of the bunch and was surprised to see that I had drifted off the front. It was at this point that I decided to also attack and I set off after Mark Hill Hill caught Palin and I then caught both of them on one of the climbs after chasing for about a mile. I went straight to the front and shelled out Palin and then began to work with Hill to try and stay away. As the road flicked up for the undulating ride to Rolvenden, I dropped Mark Hill and found myself out on my own. Mark started coming back on the flatter section and I decided to wait for him as it was going to be tight to stay away. With about 200 metres to go, I put a big turn in and managed to drop Mark and ended up finishing 3rd, about 100 metres short of the two original breakaways. Just to round off another good SERRL race for De Laune, James Peckham got 7th in the bunch sprint and claimed 11th place. I now have 45 points as a second cat after 6 races. Although I am still a long way off the 100 points required for a first cat licence, I am pleased with my progress and feel as if I am riding well. It is a shame that I have not been able to do any more racing but just too many commitments these days. There is plenty more racing to come though as Mountain bike racing every Wednesday night returns and there is the 24 hour Reb Bull race and L'etape to keep me focused.

Watch this space!

DON'T FORGET THE A G M

[Brixton Cycles Beastway series :
23/5/03 Master men](#)

Once more Master men saw a titanic battle in this highly competitive category. Gavin Rumbles (CC Luton) set the pace hovering only seconds ahead of a 3 way fight that allowed Rumbles



some latitude. James Lett (De Laune/Evans/Specialized), Paul Douglas (CC Luton) and Ross Fryer (De Laune/Evans/Specialized) made little of the conditions as they swapped positions.

Fryer fell back to 4th in the later stages while Douglas was boxed in and Lett saw his chance to get away to take 2nd.

1. Gavin Rumbles CC Luton , 01:02:16 , 6 laps
2. James Lett De Laune/Evans/Specialized , 01:02:28 , 6 laps
3. Paul Douglas CC Luton , 01:03:18 , 6 laps

June racing diaries:

I'm not around much in June, Holiday and house moves taking precedence, here are the races the team should enter. As usual SERRL events entries to me ASAP, I shall send in 19th May 03. Others under your own steam. Remember to check out www.londoncyclesport.com for up to minute details. Loads of mid week races for all cats + Thursday club nights so plenty to do:

1st June - SE Divisional

South East Cycling Division RR Championship - Alfold Village Hall
E.1.2.3.4.W 165km 11:00 £10.00 [£15.00]
Closing date: 11/5/03 Cheques to: Festival RC
David Matthews, 35 Farriers Road, Epsom, Surrey KT17 1LP

8th June - ZIP

15th June SERRL Lamberhurst 2/3/4

21st June De Laune Track Meet

22nd June Red Bull, + SERRL Chilham 1,2,3, Evans Series Round 5 (should do this one as sponsored by Evans)

John Sargent Memorial Road Race - Dormansland Memorial Hall

E/1/2/3 145KM 1100 £10 (£13)

Peter Ansell, 1 Blueberry Gardens, Coulsdon, Surrey CR5 2SX

0208 668 5652 0208 668 5652 Chheques payable to P.Ansell

29th June Kennardington 3/4/J

Interest to me ASAP

James Peckham

[Karrimor/Specialized Enduro 6 MTB Race, 4th May 2003](#)

The Enduro 6 is now a well-established event on the MTB calendar, held every year in early May at Trentham Gardens in Staffordshire. Competitors can race either as a team of two or solo, around a set course of 7 miles, the winner being the one that completes the most number of laps in 6 hours. I was entered in the Mixed Pairs category with my partner Renell. Technically I was not racing for De Laune in this event but actually for Specialized, co-sponsors of the race. Renell was racing in the colours of her sponsor, Kona. We'd arrived on the Saturday and pre-ridden the course, which after a week of unending rain was very muddy and slippery. However, Sunday dawned bright and warm and the course began drying out remarkably quickly. The race started at 10am with a Le Mans style run to the bikes. The race organisers had told us it would be "about 600 metres" then once we were all on the start line they said "OK, you've got a 2km run to the bikes..."

Fortunately, I got a good start in the run and came through in the top 30 or so to pick up my bike from Renell and ride out onto the course. I started by doing a double lap, team tactics saying that the first changeover period would be very hectic. The course consisted of a lot of muddy singletrack, a bit of fireroad and two brutal climbs, the first of which was mostly unrideable due to the mud. I completed the two laps in 1hr10, which put us straight into the lead in the Mixed Pairs category. After that, Renell and I alternated laps, with me lapping in 40 minutes and Renell in about 43-44 minutes. After each lap, I had 40 minutes to eat, drink and wash the mud off the bike ready for my next stint. At about the half way mark we dropped into 2nd place, but then swapped back and forth between 1st and 2nd several times as the race progressed. With one hour left on the clock, I went out to do a second double lap, hoping to be able to hold our first place. The first lap went well; by now the course was mainly dry with only the occasional bit of sticky muddy singletrack to slow things down. At the start of my second lap, I was beginning to fade in spite of the energy gel I'd taken and half way round I was caught by the 2nd place rider. I held his wheel for as long as possible but knew then that it was a matter of me hanging on in there and trying to retain second place as the team in 3rd were also breathing down our necks.

The final climb proved too tough this lap and I pushed the bike up it before taking on the singletrack descent. 6 hours of mountain bikers riding this had churned up the wet, loose soil leaving exposed and dangerously slick roots. The ground in the last section of woodland had hardened to the consistency of plasticene making it energy sapping and slow but then I was through, out by the pond and onto the final grass slope to the finish. The bell had already rung to sound the end of the six hours and I came through the finish to record our team's final time of 6.23.21 for a total of 9 laps. I'd ridden 6 of those laps, a distance of 40 miles, which included some 5000ft of climbing.

I crossed the finish line and collapsed on the ground too tired to return the hug from a delighted Renell. A friend offered me a doughnut, which I accepted gratefully. "I thought you'd want one, it's always you elite boys that like doughnuts!" he said as he congratulated us on our result. I was given a clean jersey by Carole from Specialized "it'll look good on the podium" she said. Renell and I each won a Kahuna watch, a Kahuna courier bag and some biking kit from Karrimor. It was, as Renell said, a good start to the season!



Above photo courtesy of Singletrackworld

www.singletrackworld.com

ClothingReport

From the 7th May the stock will be located at Herne Hill. If you require to purchase anything call/email in the usual manner or come up to Herne Hill on a Thursday evening. I would also like to take this opportunity to ask for a volunteer to take over as clothing secretary.

De Laune
Clothing

30/04/03Item
Listing

Note: figures
include VAT

April 30, 2003

PVAWLg	Pro Vision Arm Warmers Large	3	£9.50
PVAWMed	Pro Vision Arm Warmers Med	1	£9.50
PVBShLg	Pro Vision Bib Shorts Large	4	£35.00
PVBShMed	Pro Vision Bib Shorts Med	8	£35.00
PVBShSm	Pro Vision Bib Shorts Small	4	£35.00
PVBShXLg	Pro Vision Bib Shorts XLarge	-1	£35.00
PVBT3/4Lg	Pro Vision 3/4 Bib RoubTights Lg	1	£47.50
PVBT3/4Med	Pro Vision 3/4 Bib Roub Tights Med	1	£47.50

PVDHJXL	Pro Vision DownHill Jersey XLarge	1	£32.50
PVJSS3ZLg	Pro Vision SS Jer 3/4 Zip Lg	1	£31.00
PVJSS3ZMed	Pro Vision SS Jer 3/4 Zip Med	2	£31.00
PVJSS3ZSm	Pro Vision SS Jer 3/4 Zip Small	2	£31.00
PVKWLg	Pro Vision Knee Warmers Large	2	£15.00
PVKWMed	Pro Vision Knee Warmers Med	2	£15.00
PVLSJSUMLg	Pro Vision LS Jersey Summer Large	2	£35.25
PVLSJSUMMed	Pro Vision LS Jersey Summer Medium	3	£35.25
PVLSJSUMSm	Pro Vision LS Jersey Summer Small	2	£35.25
PVLSJSUMXLg	Pro Vision LS Jersey Summer X Large	1	£35.25
PVLSJWINLg	Pro Vision LS Jersey Winter Large	3	£39.00
PVLSJWINMed	Pro Vision LS Jersey Winter Med	2	£39.00
PVLSJWINSm	Pro Vision LS Jersey Winter Small	1	£39.00
PVLSJWINXLg	Pro Vision LS Jersey Winter X.Large	2	£39.00
PVLSSKLg	Pro Vision Long Sleeve Skin Suit Large	3	£50.50
PVLSSKSm	Pro Vision Long Sleeve Skin Suit Small	2	£50.50
PVLSSKXLg	Pro Vision Long Sleeve Skin Suit XLarge	1	£50.50
PVLWLg	Pro Vision Leg Warmers Large	2	£17.50
PVLWSm	Pro Vision Leg Warmers Small	1	£17.50
PVPOLOLg	Pro Vision Polo Lg	8	£17.50
PVPOLOM	Pro Vision Polo Med	5	£17.50
PVPOLOXlg	Pro Vision Polo XLg	14	£17.50

PVRBTLg	Pro Vision Roubaix Bib Tights Large	1	£48.50
PVRBTMed	Pro Vision Roubaix Bib Tights Med	2	£48.50
PVRBTSm	Pro Vision Roubaix Bib Tights Small	1	£48.50
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PVTTBMed	Pro Vision Time Trial Overshoes Med	1	£9.50
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PVWSGILLg	Pro Vision Wind Stopper Gillet Large	2	£30.50
PVWSHLg	Pro Vision Waist Shorts Large	1	£27.50
PVWSHLg	Pro Vision Waist Shorts XLarge	1	£27.50
PVWSLadies08	Pro Vision	3	£27.50
PVWSLadies10	PV Ladies Waist Shorts 10 - 12	1	£27.50
PVWTBPLg	Pro Vision Windtex Body Protector Lg	2	£48.50
PVWTBPMed	Pro Vision Windtex Body Protector Med	2	£48.50
PVWTBPsm	Pro Vision Body Protector Small	2	£48.50
PVWTBPXLg	Pro Vision Windtex Body Protector Fleece Li		£48.50
PVWTRJKTMed	Pro Vision WindTex Racing Jkt Med	1	£60.00
PVWTRJKTXLg	Pro-Vision Windtex Racing Cut Jkt Xlg	1	£60.00
PWSSFZLgC	Pro Vision SS top Full Zip Lg Coolmax	7	£32.50
PWSSFZmedC	Pro Vision Ful Zip Med Coolmax	7	£32.50
PWSSFZSmC	Pro Vision SS Top Full Zip Small Coolmax	5	£32.50
PWSSFZXlgC	Pro Vision SS Top Ful Zip X Lge Coolmax	4	£32.50

TLSJ005	Tal Long Sleeve Jersey Size 5	1	£25.00
TLSSKS002	TAL Lg Sleeve Skinsuit Size 2	1	£30.00
TSH005	Tal Shorts Size 5	2	£20.00
TSH006	Tal Shorts Size 6	2	£25.00
TSSJ006	Tal Short Sleeve Jersey Size 6	2	£22.00
TSSKS002	TAL SS Skin Suit Size 2	1	£30.00
XAKNS002	Alexa Bib Knickers Size 2	1	£20.00
XALBT002	Alexa Lycra Bib Tights Size 2	1	£20.00
XASH002	Alexa Shorts Size 2	1	£15.00
XASKS002	Alexa Skin Suit Size 2	1	£25.00
XASSJ002	Alexa SS jersey Size 2	2	£15.00
XASSJ002air	Alexa SS Jersey Size 2 Airtex	1	£15.00
XBEKCAPS	Beekay Cycling Caps	3	£2.50

Wanted Wanted *** Wanted***

For a rewarding job testing your business and administration skills, new Clothing Secretary. As many of you will be aware I am moving out of London to study for a masters degree in business at Lancaster University. The club requires a new

clothing secretary to take over from myself over this summer. I shall provide all the assistance possible in the transition, please contact me ASAP. I shall remain responsible for the kit for the foreseeable future and the latest stock lists will be posted on this site and attached to magazine



O.M.A.News

Little know facts in the life of Len Danby. Reading the DLN of May 2003 made me think!!!! "Friends of Herne Hill Velodrome".

1. Wednesday 13th August 1947. "My first track race. Club 550 yards. I lost my heat. Enjoyed it very much".
2. Friday 15th August 1947. "My first crack at 1/4 mile flying start. No medal".
3. Saturday 7th August 1948. Visited Herne Hill Track, for Olympics (see attached) ticket 3s. 6d.(17.5 p or thereabouts). My weekly wage was £2.

My 'cycling log' for 1948 also mentions Don White, Les Pyne, 'Charlie', Ken Fuller and others, which I will withhold in anticipation of monies, otherwise!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

O.M.A. LUNCH

Another successful O.M.Lunch held at the Brighton Golf Club, we had 54 in all, a good number of members and friends, weather as usual - cool & cloudy, but that never dampens our spirits. We all there to enjoy ourselves with our good friends and to catch up on the chat, it was good to see Arthur & Frances Howe join us, as we haven't seen them for quite a while. We met up at Patricia's home for coffee, then off we went to our lunch venue, only 10 mins drive away - though for some it took quite a while longer - trying the picturesque route - via - Worthing bye-pass, finally we all met up in the Bar, where we were treated to a one man Fashion show - ah, la, Tour de France style - by Brian Saxton , trying to tempt the lads into buying some DL strip for the coming season, I saw Gina Savery with a few garments - must be Roy's birthday soon!! , Terry was also interested, ready for his Continental Tour in June, but alas - the sizes were all too small.

Lunch time and in we went, it was waitress service, not Carvery as in previous years, we all tucked in, and Kav announced the usual "let cross toasting commence" there were a few laughs here, John Geoghegan was warned not to tell any stories, so he was very quiet. After coffee, 'Kav' made his closing speech, followed by a presentation to Ken Fuller, of a framed list of old members names, who died in the two world wars, and in whose memories the Clubhouse was built, and finishing with the words "Their Memorial stands around you" sadly this is not now the case as we all know - our Clubhouse - our pride joy, is now on the market.

Our 'Brighton Do' was a success - thank to Patricia for organising the venue and menu (rhyming without knowing it!) and we now look forward to the next get together which, we hope will be at the Blackheath Clubhouse - negotiations with Mike Peel are on the cards. So, until I next inform you on these pages - Bye for now, and Happy Holidays

DOT

SEE YOU AT THE A G M

THIS IS THE FINAL PART OF THE BUILDING OF THE CLUBROOM Continued
from April's DLN PRESIDENT'S CHAT (Ken Fletcher - August 1971)

From time to time I manage to get along to Choumert Road to see how it is progressing and, on occasion to give a hand. I was there last Tuesday and chatting Ken Fuller and Jack Young and learned with regret that they and the other regular worker's are not getting the support from members they should. If I can single out Ken in an endeavour to get a point home, he has, during the past year, spent many, many hours of his own time on our behalf and what started as a pleasure could easily become a task and the reason for this is - that he and his regulars are not getting the help he requires. Ken tells me, not only does he urgently require Carpenters, Plumbers and Plasterers but also requires the like of you and I to do the numerous useful jobs (under Ken's guidance and watchful eye), also Labourers. Ken is naturally not happy with this lack of support and I feel that should this unhappy state of affairs continue the rate of growth of the Clubroom will suffer.

What is the remedy - it is simply - KEN MUST HAVE HELP - not help for just a week or two but help until such time as Ken calls a halt. If you are as keen as I am to see it finished or habitable GO ALONG TO CHOUMERT ROAD AND OFFER YOUR SERVICES with special reference to carpenters, plumbers and plasterers. (R U A C P O R A P?)

CLUBROOM PROGRESS (A.J. Young August 1971)

At the beginning of May the regular workers felt it time to take a little of their Saturdays in attending to personal and home pleasures after all they had been steadily at work every week-end since last September. To keep the development on the move Tuesday evenings were to be used instead of Saturdays.

This obviously slowed down the rate of progress and was further affected with the by the holidays taken by Ken Fuller and me, added to which the real regulars now are very few namely:-Ken Fuller; Ken Hill, Brian Shambrook, Graham Crocombe, Brian Saxton, Bill Miles, and myself, most disappointing when you look at our Membership of 120.

Progress? Yes! The whole of the front face has been completed but finishing refinements have to be effected. Temporary front doors are fitted and all window frames in-and part of the glazing has been carried out by Simon Wallace's Dad, you may remember he was an old De Laune-ite.

The whole of the main hall floor has been screeded in preparation for the final floors covering and we have a water & gas service pipe run right through to the rear of the premises, the latter being the work of Ernie Belcher.

Two of the rear addition walls have been plastered by Brian Saxton working entirely on his own this must have been a really Trojan effort over a very extensive area and he slogged away during the very hot weather we enjoyed in July, knocking up the plaster, rendering, AND clearing away all the mess resulting from the work, to those who do not appreciate just how he must have laboured away why not come along and try your hand just acting as labourer when the next stint has to be 'done, there is more to be done than has yet been completed - A great effort Brian, we raise our hats the way you must have raised your first pint after that effort.

Battens are now being fitted to carry the finishing panels for the hall and on the 13th July Ken Fuller put up the first four panels meanwhile Bill Miles started some of the external paintwork.

Paper continues to mount and Ken Hill is as always the man who does most to sort and bundle it ready for dispatch, we have several dozen boxes of computer paper from which carbon insert has to be removed before we can sell it, urgent help is needed on this work, all you need is a little patience and a pair of old gloves - COME AND JOIN US WE NEED YOU!!!

December 1971 What must I am sure go on record as being the most concentrated spell of work on the new Clubroom took place recently when Brian Saxton teamed up with Tich Shambrook, the canteen manager, to plaster one wall of the kitchen. They started just as the morning shift was going home; they also did their stint in the morning and worked right through until 11.30 pm. with hardly a break. The condition of the plaster made it necessary to work fast before it went too hard. Brian was already dripping sweat when I left soon after the start and by my reckoning he must have let a few pounds that day. The result is a surface like a sheet of glass. I understand that they are getting their second wind for an onslaught on the last wall.

The latest news on the Clubroom (March 1972 - Ken Fuller)

Kitchen area: at the rear of the building, is now ready for fitting out with work surfaces, cooker - of which we have two, one Gas, one Electric given by Kav and Chip, respectively, a Frig from Roy Chittleborough there is a sink unit and various other bits and pieces, all waiting for someone to fix in position, all that's required then is to decorate and tiles to floor.

The Main Hall: is once again on the move, paneling to side walls - nearly complete, and walls plastered, ceiling tiles are on order and this job will be started in a week or two, a lobby has to be formed at the entrance to the Hall, three doors to hang and moldings, etc., the hall will then be ready for decoration and floor tiles.

The Main Entrance Toilet Areas: are well under way, but work on this is very slow due to lack of a Plumber or someone who knows a bit about plumbing. I'm thinking of employing a Plumber from the 34th Nomads, any offers to pay his wages or part!!! Our apprentice bricklayers have done a good job of work. All the internal partitions have been erected in the Ladies and gents Toilets, door linings fixed, plasterboard to ceilings complete, ready for Artex, walls are being plastered. The entrance has the staircase in position, which leads to the first floor Lounge - or whatever, and a cupboard where all the Services, Gas, Water, Electricity has been formed

underneath (all services are in).. Externally: we have dug out for a manhole - 6 feet deep and 6 feet long, Ken Hills own special chamber, he dug it, the work involved in diggings and laying of drains, manholes of which there are two, has taken many weeks of frustration and hard work, none of this can be seen because it's all underground. Well, that's about it. Now I'm going to have a moan. WHERE ARE ALL THOSE PEOPLE WHO SAID AT THE MEETING WHEN WE DECIDED TO GO AHEAD WITH BUILDING OUR OWN CLUBROOM "THAT WE MEMBERS OF THE DE LAUNE CAN BUILD IT OURSELVES"? I've had many a sleepless Friday night wondering which job to give to whoever may turn up on a Saturday morning - without tools, or knowledge to carry out the work, it's the lads in the Club who have some idea what building is all about that, I'm now after, surely with a Club membership of our size there must be someone?

ALMOST THERE? (Bill Miles - August 1972)

If you have not paid a visit to our new Clubroom recently, and very few people these days seem to be taking an active interest in it! You will no doubt be surprised at the progress that has been made over the past few weeks. Great strides have been made, the plastering - is almost finished upstairs, and unless we have any other members who can carry out this very skilled work, we will have to call still further on the expertise of John Double and Brian Saxton who have so far carried out all this work. Jack Young has done a great job getting the gas on, and also the kitchen plumbing, we can now have a quick cuppa whenever we fancy. Our thanks to Canteen Manager Tich Shambrook who has kept the tea and coffee going on a converted army stove, which he has said is 'quite safe', but many of us thought it would one day 'go up' like an I.R.A. bomb. Kitchen units and fitments are in the hands of Derek Boon, who invariably brings his young son Gary along on Saturday mornings, and he takes a great interest in all that's going on. You can see the kitchen is well on the way to the finish. Our electrical wizard Geoff Sinnett has wires sprouting everywhere - like someone's intestines! How he works it all out baffles me, but it is all very professional. We even have on lavatory in use, although you cannot yet pull the chain! Richard McFarlane set an example to his fellow younger members by turning up one Saturday morning in his usual breezy fashion and got down to some painting. Interior decorating is well under way; the main hall has had two coats of fire sealer which almost looks good enough for the finishing: coat, but the final coat is going to be Terra-Cotta, some of the new paints & sealers have a vile smell! As you will read elsewhere the paper collection must come to an end to allow decorations to proceed smoothly. Charlie's Volvo will not seem the same without a load of paper to keep it company; we owe him our thanks for a job well done. That's the good news. Now for the bad - that is entirely up to the members who, apart from the dedicated few, seem to be unaware that anything is going on. Volunteers and offers of help from a club of our size, are, to put it mildly - paltry, surely it is not asking too much to give up an occasional Saturday morning, there are plenty of odd jobs to be done, also skilled tradesmen are in need. Ken Fuller, who has spent almost every Saturday on the site since it started, is more anxious than anyone to see the job finished. Plasterers, painters, floor layers, if you can do any of these jobs Ken will welcome you with open arms. A final concerted effort is needed, not by the few, but by the whole club, to see this, the biggest task it has ever tackled brought to a successful conclusion.

CLUBROOM PROGRESS (December 1972)

This item should be in the December 1972 issue of the D.L.N. and therefore should be a report on the state of development reached and a look into the future concerning how far we have yet to go. The work continues to be done by a very small hand of hard workers who can at last see the end of the long long slog which you may remember started on Saturday 8th August 1970 when we began the demolition work on the old wreck purchased in March 1969,

On that day in August the workers were Ken Fuller; Ken Hill; Bill Miles; Mike Peel; Geoff Sinnett; Chris Chalet; Jeff Valentine; Len Double; E & F Carlton and Jack Young. Since that time several members have done an odd stint and others have contributed a major effort to the task - some have just visited to congratulate the workers but not to get their coat off and have a go.

At the time of writing this article the Clubroom Funds have all gone and also £300 of depreciation Funds have been used - Charlie Carlton's Paper Chase has had to be stopped and we VERY URGENTLY need extra funds for the last downhill run to complete the job.

Any donation no matter how small will be most welcome, any idea for fund raising should be put to the Committee NOW!!! All your support for the NEW YEAR DRAW, to be run by Johnny Moss, gratefully received. Why not send the money for a book of tickets now? 5Op. Now the progress!! It has reached the point where Governor Ken Fuller is looking to an early New Year move into the clubroom, despite the very heavy load he has in his business, he regularly gets us all cracking every Saturday and he will be able to stand about 6" taller when finally he can say IT'S FINISHED.

The only major jobs to be done in the Kitchen and Main Hall are putting down the floor covering. The Ladies Toilet is also finished except for the floor covering.

By the time you read these notes the Plumbing should all be (complete and the Hot Water Service is ready for use now. Geoff Sinnett has done a great job on the Electrics and 'these too will be near completion when you read this article.

Derek Boon has been a tower of strength in support of Ken Fuller in all branches of the work and his boy of ten quietly walks around supervising the various jobs. Ted Jackson, one of our eldest members has been doing a grand job in tiling the shower and toilet area; we always know when Ted is on parade by the sound of music from his radio and a thick fog from his pipe.

Johnny Double has given us the benefit of his skills and has plastered up some big blank spaces to provide fine working surfaces for Bill Miles, who has taken over the task of Decorator -in -Chief; never walk below Bill when he's working with a paint brush!

President Ken Fletcher has been ably assisting Bill and between them the old place is really looking great with a fine colour scheme produced for us by Johnny Barber. (He's the one who is, with some help from Theresa, producing Seven Brothers for Seven Brides) Ken Hill? Oh yes he turns up now and again, generally doing all the

jobs nobody else wants, including regular sessions with the coffee pot, tidying up the place, shopping and generally making considerable donations towards the costs. The folks who live down Choumert Rd call him Mr. De Laune; he is always there at the crack of Daune.

Ahead? The upstairs lounge is at the moment a room of bare walls rafters, and flooring not yet secured down; the huge water tank has to be concealed in a cupboard and the lighting and heating to be installed. In fact the whole area has to be generally fitted out and several hundred more pounds are required for this work and for the not inconsiderable fitments needed to furnish the whole Clubroom. The front fascia, forecourt and manhole covers, the front wall of the court and the entrance hall have yet to be completed. Yes! It does still sound pretty formidable and there are many more hours to go before Tin done but when we look at exactly how much has been achieved, and by HOW FEW. I RECKON WE CAN SAY BLOODY MARVELOUS!!! JACK YOUNG.

THE GRAND OPENING (Bill Miles October 1973)

I heard one prominent member comment, "Just another De Laune Do" when the grand opening was only a few days off. I should like to think it was something more than that, and events proved that it was indeed a very special occasion.

For a start, I do not think I have seen so many old members gathered together. The actual number of members and wives according to the Visitors Book was 128. A lot of members had, of course, never seen the new clubroom. They had heard about it from other members, read about it in the De Laune News and no doubt at some time or another contributed to its completion. Now they had come to see for themselves and I am sure no one went away without being suitably impressed.

Nobody seemed more impressed than the Mayor of Southwark, Mr. H. T. Ball, who had kindly consented to come along and assist Frank Holland at the opening ceremony. We had by various means managed to keep clear a space outside the clubroom for the official car and he arrived bang on time at 3.30p.m. He was met by Don White, and with his Mace Bearer leading the way escorted inside to meet officials and their wives. Sharing this honour were President Ken Fletcher and Peggy, Frank Holland., Ken and Dot Fuller; Secretary Tony Peachey and Val, and Beryl White. A short tour of inspection then followed. Upstairs to the lounge which for the past few days had been a hive of activity to get things finished on time. On one wall hangs a large photographic montage by John Barber featuring members in racing events both road, track and cyclo-cross over the years. Alongside in a small glass frame in Frank Holland's unmistakable style the names of those who had died in the two World Wars - the real purpose of the clubroom being built. A small photographic display by Ken Fuller of the progress of the project also came in for the Mayor's attention. We discovered later that the reason for his more than usual interest was he had at one time been a builder himself and could appreciate the finer points.

He had to be shown the toilets as we are very proud of them, both ladies and gents. Here you will find some sterling work done by one of our oldest members Ted Jackson. Ted is an expert tiler. The gents is tiled in club colours, chocolate and blue,

the mosaic tiles in the shower area, so Ted. Tells us, are 100 years old, and watching Ted put them down I swear they will last another 100 years!

Then into the main hall, announced to the company by the Mace Bearer. Don White introduced the Mayor to us all and then handed over to Ken Fletcher, who very clearly outlined what was to take place over the next half hour or so. It must have been a memorable occasion indeed for Frank Holland, who proposed the idea of a Memorial Clubroom way back in 1942. To see one's idea come to fruition after so many years must have been a moment of extreme pleasure. Frank thanked all those who had made this event possible and in his own words "as this was Plant a Tree in '73" he invited the Mayor to do a little spade work in our small garden. Being an ex-builder this was no problem and he made an excellent job of planting the small conifer to commemorate the opening. The garden and the forecourt are the work of Brian Saxton perfectionist if ever there was one.

Next time you go to the clubroom, look closely at the paving and you will see what I mean. Back to the main hall where the Mayor was invited to say a few words. He said more than a few words - it was quite a lengthy speech given with obvious sincerity, the gist of which was as follows "He used to live in Peckham and knew the district very well. He felt that this lovely modern hall should be an inspiration to the district. By our efforts we had raised the standards of the neighbourhood and set an example of civic pride." He also gave us food for thought when he suggested that he would like to see us twin with a town in France for inter town races and social functions. A wonderful idea as long as it does not end up like the French connection of Stourport whose hands across the sea effort ended up with a fight, a tackle in a friendly match that put a player in hospital, a crash into a ditch by an official car, but it all ended happily and they are going back next year. The Mayor ended with the promise that if he could help in any way during his term of office, he would be pleased to do so.

For the next few minutes the only sound was popping champagne corks, glasses were charged and Frank proposed a toast to the Club and formally opened the new clubroom. It only remains to thank all those who by their efforts made this event possible. First of all the ladies who contributed to the groaning table tastefully laid out with all sorts of tasty bits. Our new team in the canteen, Marion and Dave Tomlinson, worked wonders. Where do you find 150 wine glasses at a moment's notice? Dave had the answer. Thanks too to Mick Valentine and Dave King who between them were responsible for the background music. Also to John Moss who delivered a couple of dozen photographs the next day, which will be on show shortly in the club album. If any member wishes to have a souvenir of this event John will be only too obliged to do you a copy.

To end the day Jack Young gave us one of his excellent film shows, a complete record in colour of the project from beginning to end. The old church ball being pulled down and each phase of the new hall as it was put up. Perhaps one day Jack will put these in the archives of the club and leave a permanent record for a future generation.

As I see it now the thing to do is to make good use of the facilities we have given ourselves and to this end I would like to see our younger members take a hand in

organising events at the clubroom. I am sure they have ideas they would like to put into practice

OFFICIAL CLUBROOM OPENING

A telegram was received at the Clubroom on 6th October from Alan Jackson conveying good wishes and apologies for not attending.

We also received various other letters including apologies for not being able to attend and best wishes from Dr. Roger Bannister and Mr. W. Winterbottom of The Sports Council.

Here are the texts of two letters received from Councilor H.T. Ball, The Mayor of Southwark. 9th October, 1973.

Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity of seeing what has been achieved by the De Laune Cycling Club in providing new headquarters in Choumert Road.

I was tremendously impressed with all I saw and heard and your members are to be heartily congratulated on successfully completing what must have seemed a mammoth task.

May I also thank you for the kindly and courteous manner you all received me. It really was a most enjoyable occasion and one I shall always remember. In this connection I noticed that photographs were being taken and would greatly appreciate a permanent record of my visit to your Club for my scrap book if it is at all possible.

Please give my warmest regards to your colleagues and convey my best wishes for the continued success of the De Laune Cycling Club. 19th October, 1973.

Thank you so much for your letter dated 18th October enclosing the photographs taken at the opening of your Club Headquarters As you are aware, it was one of the most enjoyable occasions of my Mayoralty and these photograph will be a constant reminder to me of a most pleasant event and at the came time keep before me a record of what can be achieved by determined and dedicate people.

I have reserved the evening of 19th January, 1974 in my Diary I look forward to receiving the details of your Dinner and Dance in due course.

Again, many thanks for your kindness. I look forward very much to meeting you all again on 19th January.

THE END

All the details of the building of the Memorial Clubroom at 93 Choumert Road have been provided by Dot Fuller, thank you Dot, Ed.



The photographs of the montage and the group of De Laune members, circa 1900, are copies of those that have been on display over the years in the clubroom at Choumert Road.

The montage was presented by John Barber (no longer a member) as his contribution to the construction of the clubroom, he being an artist, not an artisan. It is 8' x 3' and is made up from photographs which were supplied by the late Fred Peachey, Tony's father. These photographs of club members were taken in the 1950s and 60s and were on display in Fred's house in Wandsworth and, of course, when the idea of producing a montage for the clubroom was aired, Fred readily made them available - you may note that Tony appears more than once! The montage has 'returned home' to Tony's gym in his house at Maidstone. On its journey from the clubroom to Tony's it has been professionally copied and is now on disc, as has the photograph of the De Laune gentlemen. The original of the photograph now resides with Ken Fuller and is also quite large, being 3' x 4'. Before having this photograph copied, I removed it from its frame to enable me to look at the reverse side, but there is no indication as to when or where it was taken and I have no further information.

There have been requests from club members for copies of both the montage and the photograph but, needless to say, a little smaller than the originals. Thus, you will find enclosed an order form on which I have suggested various sizes. At the moment I have no idea of costs but, obviously, the more copies requested of one particular size the lower the price will be for an individual copy.

Brian Saxton

DISTRESSED OF BROMLEY

If you have a copy of DLN No 683 (September 1987) you will find in the editorial a comment by the editor, Peter Harris, on the Iran/Iraq war that was taking place at that time. Peter commented as follows:

"It had been my intention to write an editorial setting out my thoughts on the effect of the Iran/Iraq war on cycle sport in this country. However, the collapse of the world's stock market has altered my view somewhat. As soon as things settle down, I might

make some serious comment. In the meantime, Elswick Hopper shares look like a bargain."

Of course I took this as sound financial advice from a club officer who I had thought had his finger on the pulse and, thus, I purchased £1,500 of the said shares, which within a few months were worthless.

I had been waiting for Peter to give financial advice during the first Gulf war and also whilst the more recent Iraq/coalition confrontation was in progress, but so far no such advice has been forthcoming.

At a recent committee meeting I raised under AOB my loss, expecting certainly sympathy and some compensation, but the committee members seemed to think it was all a laughing matter. They will be hearing from my solicitor, Brian Shambrook.

On the subject of Iraq, if you had been living in Baghdad over the last few months you would have heard some very large explosions but not quite as big as the following, which I read about in a copy of the CTC magazine:

"The next day we spent in and around Halifax without the bikes. A red bus (ex-London double-decker) took us on a tour of Greater Halifax which was most interesting and we spent time around the busy waterfront and in Halifax's Maritime Museum. Here there are relics on display from the Titanic and a video about the greatest man-made explosion before Hiroshima - caused by an ammunition ship which, leaving harbour, collided with a Belgian vessel and both ships caught fire. On 6 December 1917 the ammunition ship was abandoned by its crew and slowly drifted towards the shore. Word got around of the fire and thousands of citizens rushed down to the waterfront to rubberneck. Suddenly the ship exploded and in the ensuing blast and tidal wave over 2,000 people were killed and 30,000 injured. The north side of Halifax was obliterated.

(The couple that wrote this article had, of course, been visiting Halifax, Nova Scotia).

A good question for your next pub quiz!

Brian Saxton

YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!

WANTED: new committee members! Two of the committee are leaving London, and there are a number of posts up for grabs; including chairman, road race manager, clothing secretary and ordinary committee members. If you are interested in supporting the club, please speak to a member of the committee or simply turn up and volunteer at the AGM on 26 June.

[Summer Track Riding on Club Nights](#)

To take advantage of the long, summer evenings, the track will be available to De Laune members on the club nights of Thursday 11 June and 17 July. The sessions are from 8-9pm, and you can always do the derny training beforehand if you wish. All riders, beginners or experts, very welcome. Bikes will be available for use. A visit to a local hostelry will follow, no doubt....

Club Container at Herne Hill The club now has a secure container at the track. It is already seeing some use, but once the inside has been redone (see below), there will be plenty of space to store your track bikes. Key holders are Bill Wright (often to be found at Herne Hill), Cliff Steele (020 8299 8649 020 8299 8649) and Alaric Lester (020 7639 5532 020 7639 5532 until July).

WANTED: an organiser and volunteers to make good the club's container on the morning of the club track championships (provisionally booked for Sat 26 July). The inside needs general tidying and a bar mounted to the wall (for locking track bikes to). The outside needs a De Laune logo painted on the main panel.

Alaric

YOU WILL BE AT THE A G M WONT YOU

A bit of sad news, I was reading my "Cycling" this morning and noticed in the Obituaries that Ted Reeve has died at the age of 77yrs. I do not know how many of you remember Ted but he was road racing sec. and was a willing hard worker for the club, taking teams to races and generally looking after them. Alan Rowe
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TRACK NEWS

Congratulations to Brian Dacey who won five National Masters Gold medals at the Bank holiday weekend's Championships at Herne Hill. He won the 500m Time Trial in 40.41sec, the Match Sprint, beating an old rival from the distant past, Dave Handley, the 2000m Pursuit, the 10km Scratch and 10km Points, what a champion! Hopefully he will be entertaining us and wining some events at our Open Meeting on Saturday 21 June.

On 21 June De Laune is promoting an Open Meeting at Herne Hill, starting at 14.00hrs, which includes a round of the BC National Junior Omnium Series, the Divisional "Ken Hill Memorial" Madison and usual other track events.

Entry for De Laune members is free, so either let Pete Harris or me know you wish to enter, or enter on the line.

I would appreciate some assistance in running the meeting, ideally a couple of judges and timekeepers plus stewards etc. Please contact me on 020 8244 4768 020 8244 4768 (H) or 020 7557 8588 020 7557 8588 (W)

Track training is taking place on Saturday mornings at 9.30am for novices, and beginners and at 10.45 for all other categories, please come down and give it a try, you can hire track bikes.

Look forward to seeing you on the 21st.

Jeremy White

27th July BBQ HERNE BAY

(Malcolm Adams 01227 373045 01227 373045)

10th AUGUST FRED PEACHEY MEMORIAL '25' (Q25/8)

HELP NEEDED FOR THIS ONE

(Malcolm Adams 01227 373045 01227 373045)

DATES FOR CLUB TIME TRIAL EVENTS

The club 25 will be held on the G25/53 course, on Sunday the 8th of June, Broadbridge Heath Sussex. First man off 7.58 am.

7 Sep, OMA '10', G10/42

14 Sep, Autumn '25' , G25/47

INTER CLUB EVENTS TIME TRIALS

21st Jun 25 mile Q25/20 Sydenham Wheelers

6th Aug IO mile G10/36 Catford CC

10th Aug 25 mile (open) Q25/8 De Laune

7th Sep IO mile (OMA) G10/42 De Laune

20th Sep IO mile Q10/7 Sydenham Wheelers

12th Oct I5 mile Q15/4 VTTA

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