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THE PRESIDENTS REPORTS

I think I have said in the past that we are becoming a Cycling Dot Com Club. In other words we have members all over the world who keep in touch by e-mail. Be it good or bad I do not know.

We have members who have joined the club from information received from the excellent web site run by Mick Peel, and we never see them! We know we have got guys racing in De Laune vests all over the place and in all sorts of events.

From what Howard Coulson tells me, we are a respected club in the downhill cross-country Kami Karzy events. We have got members swimming up and down pools racing in De Laune blue swimming trunks. We have members participating in Triathlons. The only problem is that we do not get any results from the buggers.

James Lett let it slip out that he could not help me with the De Laune road race as he was leading a series race and did not want to miss out. James what series? Let us know. The results we get in the DLN come from Mark who searches the web.

We have now gone one step further with the e-mail. We run a committee meeting by e-mail this month. It is not in the club rules as far as I know but for one reason or other we have not had a committee meeting this year and things had to be decided very quickly, for instance Stax had to have permission to buy more De Laune racing gear for this coming season (for guys we never see) Val the Peach wanted to get an agreement quickly on how much she could spend on prize money for the club open 25. Bill wanted a float to help out with our juniors.

The only thing we could do was to e-mail our committee to get a yes or no. We got yeses thank God. We have a committee meeting on the 7th April (I hope) so we will have to put the above in the minutes.

I hope you receive this DLN before the 3rd of April, as I would like to let you know that we are running a road race on behalf of the SERRL on the Sevenoaks Weald course. Start at 9.30 am. We have got about 20 members helping out so it should be a good day out for the club. We could end up at the pub down the road at Underriver for lunch and a little light refreshment!!

With all the above events going on you might ask what is happening to the time-trialing guys. Well not a lot at the moment, but one member I must mention in my report is Roy Savery.

Roy, who is now riding as a vet, took one of the club age standard records last year. Roy was a good rider in his younger days and very determined. With his record last year it has spurred him on to greater things this year and he is training for the Worlds Vets track Championships to get himself a vest.

I have known Roy for many years. He is a very successful man and I know how determined he can be. Many years ago he worked for a window cleaning company but decided to form his own business and he borrowed £6.00 from me to buy a set of ladders a bucket and a shammy. Do you know what he is worth today? - not a sausage, and has not paid me for the ladders yet, either!

I have just come back from Herne Hill track. This was for the traditional Good Friday meeting, and could be the last we will ever see due to lease problems with the Dulwich Estates.

It was a good meeting but better still, the place was full, with people standing all around the track. When you are my age you go up to the track to see how many of your old mates are still alive! The most embarrassing part is when someone comes up to you and says "Hello Kav, how are you?" You think, I know the face but who is it?

The only rider we had was Brian Dacey but I do not think he had any places. He told me he had a handicap and that was being 30 years older than most of the field!

Kav

Fred Peachey Memorial 25 mile Memorial TT 31st July, 2005

Yes folks, its that time again for me to start pestering you for your time to help with the above event. It is the only open time trial that this esteemed club promotes so you have to get in really early to offer your assistance, though it is very unlikely that you will be turned away.

As last year, the event will be held in rural Kent at Chilham which is midway between Canterbury and Ashford, in fact the event starts just outside Chilham village, travels to Canterbury then to the outskirts of Ashford town after which the course retraces to Chilham to finish. I need 9 marshals, plus 3 general helpers and two ladies for the tea bar (sorry if that sounds sexist but a cup of tea is dispensed so much nicer by us ladies !). Should you decide to marshal you will be allocated a rather fetching dayglow jacket for your efforts.

I look forward to hearing from you soon my telephone number should you need it is 01622 727649, otherwise I shall be round twisting a few arms.



Val the Peach

Received the attached from Pat Hill (San Fairy Ann C.C.) asking us (along with other clubs) if we could place it on our websites and in our Mags.

Malcolm Adams

The National Cycle Collection

In recent years Len and I have become involved with helping behind the scenes at the National Cycle Museum in Llandrindod Wells, Powys. It is a very 'alive' and forward thinking museum and a tremendous amount of work is done by a very small band of workers who live mainly, but not totally, in the Midlands and Mid Wales.

Various cycle collections have come together to make this museum what it is today. Our very enthusiastic curator, David Higman, started his own collection and opened the Oswestry Bicycle Museum with just 20 machines in a small secondhand shop on 2nd June, 1988. David had bought a dealer's stock of old cycles and parts with the intention of using them in his secondhand cycle business. On closer examination of this stock it became obvious that it contained a number of collectors' items and that was how his museum started. More bikes, parts, signs, posters and other memorabilia soon rolled in and restoration was ongoing together with historical referencing.

From Easter 1991 David's fast growing private collection was rehoused in the Cambrian Railway Society's railway museum in a grain warehouse in Oswestry. In addition to all the bikes the museum soon became an important source of information about the history and development of the bicycle, including around 3000 manuscripts collected and relating to the history of the Dunlop Pneumatic Tyre Company. All this work continues to this day with the library housed within the museum and also with many priceless records which are kept under controlled conditions at Warwick University.

By 1996 the museum had expanded to over 110 historic cycles plus masses of memorabilia and there was no longer enough space to house it all adequately in the Railway Society building. With help from the Development Board for Rural Wales it was all rehoused in the historic, and listed, Art Deco building of the Automobile Palace at Llandrindod. Here David's collection was joined to the collection of the owner of the Automobile Palace, Tom Norton, and in 1999 it was all further boosted by another collection from Lincoln which had been put into store after that museum had folded. The Lincoln collection all arrived in 15 pantechicons so it was now a National Cycle Museum worthy of the name.

The present museum is very vibrant and constantly changing and enlarging. In the last year alone there has been an exhibition celebrating 100 years of the Tour de France and the 125th anniversary of the

CTC. These were followed by an Olympic display of memorabilia from cyclists who have won some of the 101 cycling medals from 1896 to the year 2000. At the moment a great deal of work is going into setting up a British Racing exhibition which will be followed later in 2005 with an exhibition celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Veteran Cycle Association and followed then by another display, this time of cycling art and sculpture. All this is going on around a permanent display of all things cycling. From an early wooden tricycle dated from the first half of the 19th century, could even be as early as 1819, to a Giant TCR composite gold bicycle on loan for 9 months. The latter frame is constructed from aerospace grade T 700 carbon fibres combined with thermaset resin and all the gold plated components are 24 carat with a thickness of 3 microns. Recent loans and donations have been acquired of many bikes plus a great deal of memorabilia connected to Leon Meredith, George Nightingale, Tom Simpson, George Fleming, Bill Bradley, Eileen Sheridan, Beryl Burton and Barry Hoban to name but a very few. The museum owns 45 original Patterson drawings and those wonderful Helms cartoons will have you chuckling as you work your way around all the exhibits. It really is a journey down memory lane and if you want to learn more then come here or, at the very least, log on to www.cyclemuseum.org.uk, I will guarantee you won't go away disappointed. It is a constant struggle financially to keep the doors open and the public interested enough to want to come and even donate or lend material. Maybe that memorabilia locked away in some dusty dark place in the attic or under the stairs could see the light of day again and be preserved for ever with the National Cycle Collection. It was horrifying to learn recently that most of the late Benny Foster's cycling artefacts and photos etc. were all put on the bonfire and lost to us for ever.

Llandrindod Wells can be reached by train [Heart of Wales line] and is also on a wonderful scenic Sustrans Regional route no.25 the Radnor Ring. If necessary our curator can help you with B & B or, if you cross my hand with a plant for the garden, we could even offer you a bed if you want to visit the museum. But do at least visit www.cyclemuseum.org.uk, all the details are there. Becoming a 'Friend' of the Museum is also a great way of helping and you can then receive their quarterly magazine.

Therese.



The National Cycle Collection

Registered Charity No.511257

Location

The Automobile Palace, Temple Street,
Llandrindod Wells,
Powys, LD1 5DL, Mid Wales.

Curator: Mr. David Higman

Telephone / Fax +44 (0) 1597 825531

Email cycle.museum@care4free.net

Admission charges:

Adults: £2.50, Senior Citizens: £2.00,
Children: £1.00, Group rates available.

Opening Hours:

March - October: Open 7 days a week.

10am - last admission 4pm.

November - February variable.

Please ring for details, available 24 hrs a day.

CTC members:

Free admission to the NCC during 2005 on presentation of your valid membership card.

Groups & Parties:

Groups & coach parties always welcome, no need for prior arrangement from March to October. Flexible opening arrangements available

November to February, call us with your requirements. Complementary admission passes for all bus and coach drivers.

ALL THE RACING RESULTS & NEWS

Ciclos Uno Eastway Summer series Popular with novices & experienced riders alike, offering accessible racing at Eastway Cycle Circuit.

The 10.00 races for Novices are for entry-level only; no experienced racers need compete. Where no novices-only race is on, new people are welcome to enter the Novices and B.C. 4 events. The All Cat Handicap races are expected to be a bit harder, but B.C. riders of above 3rd category should be able to get races more suited to their capabilities elsewhere.

Eastway - venue info

Dates 09.30 10.00 11.30

13 March U8-U16 LVRC Novices and B.C. 3rd and 4th cat

20 March U8-U16 LVRC Novices and B.C. 3rd and 4th cat

17 April U8-U16 Novice All cat H/C

1 May U8-U16 LVRC Novices and B.C. 3rd and 4th cat

8 May U8-U16 Novice All cat H/C

15 May U8-U16 Novice All cat H/C

22 May U8-U16 LVRC Novices and B.C. 3rd and 4th cat

29 May U8-U16 Novice All cat H/C

12 June U8-U16 LVRC Novices and B.C. 3rd and 4th cat

26 June U8-U16 LVRC Novices and B.C. 3rd and 4th cat

10 July U8-U16 LVRC Novices and B.C. 3rd and 4th cat

17 July U8-U16 Novice All cat H/C

24 July U8-U16 Novice All cat H/C

07 August U8-U16 Novice All cat H/C

14 August U8-U16 LVRC Novices and B.C. 3rd and 4th cat

28 August U8-U16 Novice All cat H/C

04 September U8-U16 Novice All cat H/C

11 September U8-U16 Novice All cat H/C

18 September U8-U16 LVRC Novices and B.C. 3rd and 4th cat

25 September U8-U16 LVRC Novices and B.C. 3rd and 4th cat

Entry fee

£6 (under 16 £3) + once-only fee £2 for season-long race number. All events are open to men and women.

Tuesdays and Thursdays evening events

- Open racing on Thursdays 25 Aug, 01 Sept, 08 Sept, 15 Sept and 22 Sept at 18.00

- LVRC events on Tuesdays 23 Aug, 30 Aug, 06 Sept, 13 Sept, 20 Sept and 27 Sept at 18.00

LVRC races require LVRC licence, available on the day. Open racing is under TLI rules, requiring a TLI annual licence or day-licence available for £2.

Ciclos Uno website - www.ciclosuno.com/

The Brixton Cycles Summer MTB Series (Beastway) 2005

Beastway is back for another series & for the 12th year Brixton Cycles give their support.

The series runs each Wednesday evening from May 25 to August 3, 11 events with 10 scoring with the best 7 deciding the titles.

Entry on the line only.

New rules

New for 2005 will be an overall women's champion, riders will still compete for categories, but they will now have the chance to become the Overall Women's Champion.

A second new bit of legislation for 2005 is that riders must compete in 5 races to be eligible for a series

prize.

The final night of racing on August 3 will be a team race - fancy dress welcome.

Why Beastway?

Beastway, so called because it is held at the Eastway Cycle Circuit and it's a bit of a beast, and is run by a group of people drawn from the cycling community of London and the surrounds. A Structureless Tyranny acts as a coordinating body and which in turn relies upon friends and cycle clubs to make the series happen. For some it's serious for others it's a social thing, and some riders do more laps than others.

Where?

At Eastway Cycle Circuit, Quarter Mile Lane (formerly Temple Mills Lane), London E15. Showers, first aid and food available.

Dates 2005

Every Wednesday at 7.30 from May 25 to August 3 with youth cats going at 8pm.

Week 1 - 25th May - Sarah's birthday race Week 2 - 1st June

Week 3 - 8th June Week 4 - 15th June

Week 5 - 22nd June Week 6 - 29th June

Week 7 - 6th July Week 8 - 13th July

Week 9 - 20th July Week 10 - 27th July

Week 11 - 3rd August - Team race (fancy dress welcome)/prize giving

Money

1. Entry for seniors (inc. Single Speeds) is £10.
2. To encourage junior riders, OAPs, the wageless and student's the price of entry is a little less at £7
3. Youth and juveniles will remain at £5 for yet another year.

Free races are given to people who help put the course up - get there for as near to 3pm as you can.

Race Times

1. 7.30- Men, experts, master, veterans and grand vets.
2. 7.32pm- Sport, junior men and single speed.
3. 7.34, All women's categories (not juvenile or youth).
4. 7.45 ish, fun men and women.
5. 7.55 ish, youth and juveniles.

Race categories

Racing for categories. Juvenile 12-14 years . Youth 14-16. Juniors 16-18. Sport 18-29. Masters 30-39. Veterans 40 plus. Experts 18 plus. Single Speeds - Juniors & Seniors only. Categories are for men and women.

Beastway website

The 2005 Beastway website is live at www.beastway.com/series2005

1	Paul MILL	Team Edwardes	01:07:38	M
2	Peter TADROS	In-Gear Quickvit RT	01:08:31	M
3	Tim STEVENS	34 Nomads CC	01:09:30	V
39	David HAGGART	De Laune CC	01:22:31	V
41	Brian DACEY	De Laune CC	01:22:38	V



BRIAN DACEY Photo by kind permission of www.pjwphotos.co.uk

2005 Gorrick Exodus Spring Series Race 3

13 March 2005

Master Men

1	01:23:24	ROB LEE	EXTREME ENDURANCE
2	01:24:23	LLOYD BETTLES	NUMPLUMZ.COM/RICHARDSONS CYCLES
3	01:24:54	DAMIAN BAKER	CYCLESPOET FIZIK
4	01:25:09	JAMES LETT	DE LAUNE/SPECIALIZED/EVANS

Gorrick Spring Series Points

Points will be awarded to the first 8 finishers in each category as follows:

	MASTER MALE		1	2	3	4	5	Total
1= ROB LEE	0	10	10					20
1= JAMES LETT	10	5	5					20
3 LLOYD BETTLES	0	8	8					16

Thames Velo 10

12/03/2005

1	Colin McDermott Festival RC	00:21:55	
24	Roy Savery DeLaune CC	00:27:28	4:17+



RTTC - Rudy Project TT Series (1 of 6) - Vets Actual 14 Miles

Pos	Rider	Club	Time	Notes	Target	+/-	Plus/Minus	Ave Speed
1	Ray Hughes	Clarence Wheelers	00:33:02		00:39:28	+	06:26	27.064
2	Jake Prior	Andover Wheelers	00:33:21		00:37:47	+	04:26	26.807
28	Howard Coulson	De Laune CC	00:40:42		00:40:03	-	00:39	21.966

UP NORTH IS BACK

Hi all, long time no speak.

Well the season has finally kicked off up here. Having moved from the west coast to the east I am now contending with the reality of 'it's grim oop North.' My first 'race' was 20th March. I say race in the loosest sense as it was the Tour of the Reservoir and with the 18 elite riders, including Recycling team, Plant X and Giant I lasted as tail end charlie in the wind for 15km before the elastic snapped. Well 80 km on my own was just what I needed!! A week later and a very different race. A 2,3,4 over 100km on an undulating circuit, in rain, wind and low cloud, Aah Spring! A small group of 8 got away quite early and hovered at 30 secs for 70km, often just in sight. I tried on several occasions to bridge but was frustrated by the bunch closing the gap to myself, or the small group but not to the lead group. On the penultimate lap, 3 drifted off the front and started working well, at 15seconds I bridged (the 80 km in my own obviously paid off), over the next 10km we were joined by 3 others and worked very well till the finish. Whilst we did not quite make the front group I got 4th in my finish and 11th overall. Pretty pleased really after a rough winter. For those that want to know I'll be down for the Southern Champs in May so may see you all there, or else at the Red Bull.

Regards

James Peckham

Bill Temme Memorial Meeting
Glendene CC/Biketrax held a day of races at Eastway on March 28

Under 16
1 Andrew Griffiths LVYRC 38.30.7

- 2 Alex Aldham Breary PCA/Ciclos Uno 39.19.9
 3 Nathan May Hillingdon Slipstreamers 39.20.8
 4 Sam Fensterheim De Laune CC 39.21.11

Triathlon News

The De Laune Triathlon Championships for 2005 will be held on the 23rd October. It will be incorporated within the 'Thuxton Mass Attack Duathlon', the distances are 5km. run 30km. bike 5km. run. Tel: 07971 299349 for race details.

Thuxton is in Hampshire, the event is free of traffic as it is on the Motor Racing Circuit.

Also well done to all those that took part in the Bushey Park Trail Run on 27th February, it was a very cold morning so thank you to Cliff Steel, Alan Spelling, Scott Wellcome and Will Matthews for 'just doing it'. I think we should come back next year.

Harry Corbett

RRESULT of BUSHEY PARK TRAIL (4.8 miles)				
1	G. Clews		26.15	Sen
2	T.Doran	Elmbridge Road Runners	26.30	Sen
25	Will Mathews	De Laune	30.17	Vet
44	Cliff Steele	De Laune	31.41	Sen
49	Alan Spelling	De Laune	31.55	Vet
157	Scott Wellcome	De Laune	42.57	Sen

There were 194 finishers.

O.M.A. E-MAIL NEWS

I intercepted this mail between John Darroch and Alan Rowe Ed.

Hi John Wednesday I had an appointment with the Consultant Neurologist and he was very pleased with my progress and said that with such a significant injury I had done remarkably well, and that I could now drive and ride my bike, so I hope to be back on the road soon now when I have got past my other consultant Jean my wife who understandably is a little worried, she always has been about me riding my bike but I think I have proved that I will be sensible having not ridden or driven for ten months. The Neurologist said he would be prepared to give me another scan as they have not got a picture of the injury from France which would have been useful so I may go for that. I hope you are all doing well, keep happy and I hope your life is getting back a bit like normality.

All the best Alan

This one from OZ is in reply to the write up that I sent out which was in the Observer Ed.

Dear Mark many thanks for this I was very interested in your comments on Reg Harris at HH 48 Games. I was frantically trying to get a ticket but 'sorry, sell-out'. In desperation I rang CHIP who was a dear friend (joined the Club about a year before me) - he was big time in the Cycling World. No problem to Chip - a ticket for me & one for my old Dad sitting next to Chip & all the other big shots in the STAND right above the finish line - what a day we had! Good luck in your efforts to save HH for Bikes Best wishes to all De Laune members and thanks to all who have put me on their EMail List

Kindest Monty Watkins

VETERANS AGE RECORDS (3/3/05)

<u>DISTANCE</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>NAME</u>
10 MILES	46	21.47*	TONY PEACHEY
	58	22.09	PETER JEAN
	59	22.27	PETER JENN
	63	22.44	ALAN ROWE
	65	24.29	(ALAN ROWE)
	65	24.14	(ALAN ROWE)
	65	22.57	ALAN ROWE
	68	27.15	ROY SAVERY
	70	29.49*	JOHN GILES
	72	30.38*	JOHN GILES
25 MILES	53	55.27	PETER JEAN
	55	56.2	PETER JEAN
	63	56.33	PETER GUNNELL
	64	59.35*	PETER GUNNELL
	65	1.03.32	ALAN ROWE
	66	1.06.27	ROY SAVERY
	68	1.11.13	ROY SAVERY
	69	1.20.23*	JOHN GILES
	30 MILES	46	1.10.35*
58		1.10.40	ALAN ROWE
59		1.12.14	ALAN ROWE
60		1.14.50	ALAN ROWE
64		1.16.18	ALAN ROWE
70		1.36.11*	JOHN GILES
50 MILES	46	1.50.57* (Club Record)	TONY PEACHEY
	47	1.54.28*	TONY PEACHEY
	62	1.59.24*	PETER GUNNELL
	63	2.03.25*	PETER GUNNELL
	70	2.36.11*	JOHN GILES
<i>Cont.</i>			
100 MILES	47	4.04.31* (Club Record)	TONY PEACHEY
	48	4.08.30*	TONY PEACHEY
	50	4.15.35*	DAVID HURST
	51	4.19.26*	DAVID HURST
	52	4.24.08*	DAVID HURST
	57	4.25.15*	PETER GUNNELL
	60	4.26.08*	PETER GUNNELL
	62	4.30.47*	PETER GUNNELL
	63	4.46.02*	PETER GUNNELL
12 HOURS	40	256.359 Miles*	TONY PEACHEY
	46	253.410 Miles*	TONY PEACHEY
	47	244.258 Miles*	TONY PEACHEY
	48	240.431 Miles*	TONY PEACHEY
	50	238.638 Miles*	DAVID HURST
	51	238.104 Miles*	DAVID HURST
	56	233.31 Miles*	PETER GUNNELL
	62	228.52 Miles*	PETER GUNNELL
	63	204.37 Miles*	PETER GUNNELL
24 HOURS	CLAIMANTS MUST BEAT V.T.T.A. STANDARDS		
LADIES	CLAIMANTS MUST BEAT V.T.T.A. STANDARDS		

To obtain a Record the claimant must beat the Standard/Record of the person who was the same age or the next eldest as shown on current list. Records to be claimed by the 31 October each year. * Denotes that these records were the accepted bests at the time of the lists creation on 31 December 1994.

Since the inception of the Vets age records, thirty four records have been broken, all at the shorter distances:

10 MILES

	<u>Alan Rowe</u>	<u>Peter Jenn</u>	<u>Brian Dacey</u>	<u>Roy Savery</u>
1996	(Age 57) 23.18.			
1997	(Age 58) 23.19.	(Age 53) 22.37.		
1998	(Age 59) 23.25.	(Age 54) 22.56.		
	(Age 59) 23.20.			
1999	(Age 60) 23.04.	(Age 55) 22.24.		
	(Age 60) 22.51.	(Age 55) 22.22.		
2000	(Age 61) 23.21.			
	(Age 61) 23.11.			
2001	(Age 62) 23.31.			(Age 65) 25.32.
2002	(Age 63) 22.44.	(Age 58) 22.09.		
2003	(Age 64) 23.31.	(Age 59) 22.39.	(Age 64) 23.45.	
		(Age 59) 22.27.		
2004	(Age 65) 24.29.			(Age 68) 27.15.
	(Age 65) 24.14.			
	(Age 65) 22.57.			

25 MILES

	<u>Alan Rowe</u>	<u>Peter Jenn</u>	<u>Roy Savery</u>
1997		(Age 53) 55.27.	
1999		(Age 55) 56.20.	
2003			(Age 66) 1.06.27.
2004	(Age 65) 1.03.32.		(Age 68) 1.11.13.

30 MILES

	<u>Alan Rowe</u>	<u>Malcolm Adams</u>
1997	(Age 58) 1.10.40.	
1998	(Age 59) 1.12.14.	(Age 59) 1.16.13.
1999	(Age 60) 1.14.50.	
2003	(Age 64) 1.16.18	

MEMBERSHIP

Firstly, we must congratulate our President, Kav, on attaining 50 years' membership of the club. He was elected on the 18th March 1955, having been proposed by Peter Staff and seconded by P A Martin. John was living at No 6 Trelawn Road, SW2 at that time.

I am aware that there are a few other members who have probably completed 50 years membership but I am afraid the records have not been kept strictly up to date so it will take some while to ascertain who they are as I will have to read through committee meeting minutes, subscription books, etc.

There are still a few members who have not as yet paid their 2005 subscription – you know who you are because you will not have received your membership card!

Amongst those who have paid and who have made generous donations are:

Malcolm Adams
 Tom Bewsey
 Steve Carter-Smith
 Len Danby
 Dave Griffiths
 Arthur How
 John Kavanagh
 Michael Moore
 Roy Savery
 Brian Shambrook

Peter Staff
Dave Tweddell
Brian Waller
Monty Watkins

Both Brian Waller and Arthur How requested that their donation went towards the production and postage of the DLN.

Brian Saxton Membership Secretary

NEWNHAM AND THE DE LAUNE CYCLING CLUB

Each year at Newnham Church a rather remarkable event takes place. It is the annual Remembrance Service of the De Laune Cycling Club. Members of the club make their annual pilgrimage to the church that they have used for over 70 years, to honour the memory of the 14 young men from the club who died in two World Wars. Afterwards they enjoy their traditional lunch at The George.

The service is particularly moving because the club members have visited the known graves of those they commemorate and the tributes include some added information about each of the fallen. This year there was a poignant account about one of them, buried in a tiny cemetery in Normandy together with just 47 others. Legend has it that the local villagers staged a "sit-in" to ensure that the remains of the soldiers stayed where they had been initially buried. In the visitors' book it states, "They fought for France, they fought for our village, we will look after them, we will not forget them".

The De Laune Cycling Club was founded in 1889 in south London with generous support from Mr Chapman Delaune Faunce-De Laune of Sharsted Court, Newnham. He gave them a house in Kennington, London and a lot of other support and encouragement. He annually entertained a group of members at Sharsted Court. There are some remarkable Victorian pictures of seemingly hundreds of smartly turned out cycling enthusiasts. The club became and remains one of our leading national clubs for young and old alike.

Amongst the large number attending this year's service was Past President Bill Miles, aged 92 and still cycling. There was even a double world champion, namely Brian Dacey. In 2004, 66 year old Brian Dacey won top spot in the World Masters Pursuit Final, successfully defending his achievement of 2003.

When Newnham Church launched an appeal for restoration work, it was heart-warming to receive donations, large and small, from far afield, namely from the ever-generous members of the De Laune Cycling Club.

Their annual visit is a heart-warming and much appreciated event.

The above article appeared in the March 2005 issue of the Doddington, Newnham and Wychling Newsletter, which was written by Sir Roger Moate, who, incidentally, resides at Calico House in Newnham, and is, of course, based on our November 2004 visit. Brian Saxton

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The SERRL continue to develop the SERRL & they have a new website for the 2005 season - www.serrl.org.uk The SERRL are making it as easy as possible for people to enter the races this year. So, any rider, affiliated or not can pre-enter an SERRL event, the prices will be exactly the same for affiliated and non-affiliated riders.

A NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY**THE NEXT OMA LUNCH WILL BE ON****SUNDAY 22 MAY 2005.****VENUE: BRIGHTON & HOVE GOLF CLUB****TIME: 1.15 for 1.45****ALL ARE WELCOME AT MY PLACE FOR
MORNING COFFEE FROM 11.00 ONWARDS.****KINDLY CONTACT EITHER MYSELF PAT ON 01273.546226****OR DOT (AFTER MARCH 31st) ON 01689.851241.****Diary Social/Club for 2005**

Sun 22 May	OMA Meeting Brighton & Hove Golf Club
Thurs 16th June ?	AGM
Sun 24th July	Max Dods Memorial & BBQ
Fri 4th November ?	Belgium Night/OMA

Diary of Club & Inter-Club Events for 2005

Sun 12th June	Club - Mid-summer	25m	G25/53	?
Tue 21st June ?	Crystal Palace Circuit race			18:30
Sat 25th June ?	Open Track Meeting Herne Hill			14:00
Sun 31st July	Open - Fred Peachey Includes Club 25 Championships & Novices	25m	Q25/8	?
Sat 10th September	OMA	10m	Q10/22	7:00
Sun 12th September	Club Track Meeting Herne Hill			14:00
Sun 18th September	Club - Autumn	25m	G25/53	?
Sun 2nd October ?	Downhill		Tillburstow Hill, Godstone	11:00
Sun 9th October	Hill Climb		GH31 Titsey	11:00

**THE LAST DAY FOR COPY TO BE
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