

DE LAUNE CYCLING CLUB

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MERRY CRISTMAS

December 2021



Hope to be with you all again in 2020 if no one comes forward to take over the production of the De Laune News. Ed

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One of the seats that the club donated to the church at Newnham. Photo by Alan Rowe

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Today the 29th October I forwarded a BBC article about the first black cyclist world champion to all the members that receive the DLN by email and it was nice to receive replies from Chris Gordon Coker, Mick Hartley, Ted McDonald (ex member), Malcolm Adams as I could not include this in the mag as it was copywriter.

More postage stamps from Geoff Sinnett, thank you Geoff who was a Brixton boy like myself and we both work at the London Electricity Board, Geoff worked there a lot longer than me as I left in 1959 to start my own business, but I did get him to join our club that was in 1950.

Newnham 2021

My wife Marjorie and I (the first service I attended was in 1949) decided that we would attend the Club's memorial service on the 21st November, this had been for me the farthest I have driven since we first had lockdown. We could not have wished for better weather and can well remember on one of our visit there a few years ago only four of us were there this was because we had heavy snow that day the other two were Don and Beryl White.

This year we arrived at the George Inn just before 10 o'clock on entering the pub we found the landlady serving coffee and chatting to the rest of our small gathering which consisted of Malcolm & Lyn Adams, Debra & Michael Valentine, Roy Savery, Brian Saxton and Alan Rowe.



Newnham Sunday 21 November, I to r Brian Saxton, Roy Savery, Lyn Adams, Michael & Debbie Valentine, Marjorie Ballamy and Malcolm Adam reading the names of those who gave their lives in the 2 World Wars, Alan Rowe was also with us and as was I, the gentleman on the right is Bruce Leckie, Churh Walden

◀◀◀ This photo by Alan Rowe



NATHAN PALMER

Competed in the
WORLD SPRINT DUATHLON

And finished 20th

Which was held at
AVLIES, SPAIN

'active riders whatsapp group'.

*I would love to start one up, if there isn't one already?
If other riders wanted to start one up for leisurely club
rides then i would happily organise it. All members need
to do is whatsapp me on 07807303029*

Nathan Palmer

TIME NOW FOR ALL YOU ACTIVE RIDERS TO GIVE NATHAN YOUR
SUPPORT. Ed.

LET'S GO GO GO

LIFE ON SKYE

Hi everyone,

Here we are again, approaching Christmas and having to jostle round with busy shoppers trying to purchase the best presents for their loved ones. I am not included in that rushing around as it has become far easier for me to transfer some money and let Claire and Ian chose their own gifts and obtain what they really want/need. It seems a bit of a cheat really, losing the personal touch, but it seems to work OK for everyone concerned.

We have endured some wet and windy days of late but unusually mild. You go out toggged up to the ears only wanting to take a few layers off as the time slips by. Even some of the spring bulbs are trying their best to poke through even though they have been buried deep – stupid things.

Have had to make yet more changes in the house to accommodate Tony needs for getting around, he has now progressed to a wheeled zimmer frame, much better than a stick, I have convinced him that the handles are a replica of handlebars on a bike but he has to remember there are no brakes. Movement is easier and does not need quite so much of my attention when he is wandering around the house. We now also have some more help from a charity called Crossroads. A young lady visits every Wednesday afternoon for 2 hours just to sit and chat with Tony, all I need now is some sunny weather so that I can use my new found freedom with a vengeance in the garden or going out for a walk.

Whilst carrying out the changes mentioned above I came across two copies if Cycling Weekly dated 12th February and 11th March 1936, clearly saved by Fred as it was the year Tony was born. The publication cost just 2 pence (pre decimalization vintage), spanned 24 pages every page of each was dusted with adverts for bikes ranging from £3.17s.6d - £7.15s.0d and could be purchased outright or by weekly instalments on the payment of 5s deposit. Various bits of equipment included a breakdown of the workings of the Sturmey Archer gears, Dunlop tyres, Chater Lea components etc. Hercules carried a whole page advert for Viper machine which Frank Southall broke the straight out 100 mile record claiming a time of 3.55.44, cost of the machine just 8 guineas. Adverts were included not of just bikes, trikes, tandems, side-cars for infants, but also

included camping equipment, accommodation at 35s.6d full board for a week, 7s per night and high tea at 1s.3d. On the back page was an advert for Players cigarettes 6p for 10 and 11½ p for 20. Makes you realise just how much life has changed. Perhaps we will keep them for another 85 years for more comparison, probably wont be made my me !!

I hope Newnham went well. I spent the day digging in the garden with a cloudless sky but a biting northerly wind, I was sheltered by a laurel bush which kept the worst at bay but I was still frozen on my return. If the same weather conditions existed in Kent the journey through the last bit of the journey must have been glorious in their golden mantle of dying leaves. Always a pleasure to view this spectacle, one that was sadly missed.

As this will be the last De Laune News before the festive season starts we would all like to wish members and officials a very happy Christmas and we hope Father Christmas leaves some useful presents underneath the trees. Just remember every chocolate or mince pie you eat has to be worked off the waist line in the new year.

Festive greetings from the

Silvester and Peachey families

Val the Peach

Christmas Club Run

Sunday 5th December 10:00

I will me let out of the Kent to attend the Christmas club run in Richmond park this year. I will have our traditional hot red wine and mince pies.

1998

Sent by Malcolm Adams

MEET Bob Donnington, South Eastern RC—the bespectacled 23-year-old winner of the Castelnau CC “25” in 1-1-1—and one would really need to be sharing our goose-pimples on the wintry Portsmouth Road to appreciate just how good that ride was.

Bob is a draughtsman: “I push a pencil all the week . . .” he grinned, and left us to guess what he pushed at week-ends.

As it happens it was 84in. fixed; he ALWAYS rides fixed.

Why? “Because I like it!” he said.

This is his sixth season; he has a “57” PB and his training this year so far has consisted of fewer miles but much harder, usually on a 69in. fixed.

In this day and age of multiple gearing it almost sounded as if Bob was indulging in some whimsical fad, but it could surely be no mere quirk that could dispose of such opposition as Len Jackson, Morden CRC (“My bogey-man!” says Bob), a consistent rider who could easily be labelled: “Mr. Portsmouth Road” (1-1-58).

It was by no means an easy win for Bob, such riders as Paul Humphrey, E Surrey RC were keen to make their marks in the early events of the brand-new season.

Paul tried his heart out to no avail, but was one of the few fit fast-men who was able to avoid a “cold-engine-stall” on the wicked left-turn rise into Redhill Road a mile from the finish.

Early-fit Dave Osborne, Sorian RC with a 1-2 at Christmas and 1,200 training miles in his legs since then, was another serious challenger but 2 minutes too slow for winning and 6 minutes too slow for a PB—not that a PB could sanely be expected on such a frigid morning.

Big things were also expected from Mike

Dongworth, '34 Nomads co-winner of last week's Brentwood RC 2-up with 58-31—but his solo effort slipped to 1-5-14.

On the other the success story of another Brentwood 2-up “hero” Ron Shade, Addiscombe CC continued with a creditable solo 1-3-30 for 6th place.

Gerry Butterfill, Guildford Phoenix punctured early and heroically persevered only to go flying off course to a permissible DNF.

The Bath Road Club were jubilant a shade too early—the team race was almost theirs but last man off John Kavanagh, De Laune CC who won this event as long as 12 years ago when it was a medium-gear event (and John was 22), mustered a fine 1-4-16 and led team-mates Mick Valentine and Barry Meens to victory.

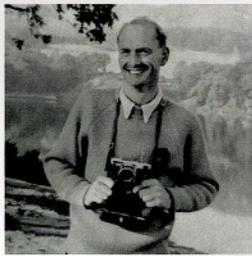
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Team.—De Laune CC, 3-16-42 (Kavanagh, Meens 1-6-36 and Valentine 1-5-50).

BERNARD THOMPSON

DAVID DULAKE

The Dulake family are sad to announce the passing of



DAVID DULAKE

Lived for 92 wonderful years

David died on the 16 September 2021 at the age of 92. He was born on the 7th January 1929 in Camberwell, southeast London. As a youngster he joined the Delta Road Club and it was at Herne Hill track in 1958 that he was to meet his future wife, Vera, who was also a member of the Delta. They married in 1960.

David, together with Eddie Cummings and Eric Capsall, were the linchpins of the Delta for many years, with David Eldridge (who may well be remembered by a few of the De Laune racers of the 1950/60s). In fact, both Alan Piddington and Bernard Start were also members of the Delta who went on to join the De Laune.

At the age of six, David unfortunately developed femoral epiphysis and spent the whole of the war period in hospital; however, he recovered well enough to invest in buying a bike. Against all the odds, David went on to ride his bike for many years, including touring holidays, until 1979 when he was unable to mount his bike due to what had developed into arthritis in both legs which resulted in him having to use two sticks to get around.

At the age of 16 he served an apprenticeship as a cobbler. He then went on to work in an office job and finally to WH Smith, from where he retired in 1987.

He joined Bromley Camera Club and became their slide secretary. He and Vera visited numerous countries with the club including Scotland, Norway, Iceland, Greenland, France, USA, Nepal, Slovakia, Austria and Italy. Sadly, Vera died in 2007.

On the demise of the Delta, David decided to keep his interest in the cycling world by joining the De Laune in 2006 as an Associate Member. On his application form, David indicated that he had learnt of the De Laune through his contact with Ken Whiterod in 1951.

Simon, David's son, handed over to me a large number of back numbers of the DLN on the front covers of which David had marked page numbers in which he held a particular interest, such as "Bert Wason, artist profile", all the details of the sale of the clubroom, anything to do with Herne Hill track development and the production of the DLN over the years, together with a report on Barnard's bike shop in Brixton.

Simon also loaned me the Delta RC minute book from 1952 to 1968 which recorded Reg Dawkins

being invited as guest of honour to the Delta Club dinner on a couple of occasions apparently David and Reg were great pals. There was also a list of starters in the Delta RC 25-mile massed start, second class, held on the 12 June 1958 which included Alan Constable with the number 99 on his back

Thus, David was well versed in the doings of the DeLaune. Another tenuous link between the Dulakes and our founders, the DeLaunes, is that they are both Huguenot names, French Protestants who were driven out of France in the 16th and 17th centuries; in fact, the Dulake family can trace their history back to the 1700s.

As I only live a short distance from David's house, I was able to deliver his copy of the DLN each month by hand, and it is obvious that he enjoyed reading the various articles in each copy. I will miss my regular visit to David to deliver the DLN and our chats, and on occasions I would meet up with him on his regular walks for exercise using his two sticks. A remarkable guy who was determined to live a normal life despite his disability.

I represented the club at David's funeral on the 26th October. Our sincere condolences are extended to Simon and the family.

BRIAN SAXTON



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“THESE CUTTINGS CAME FROM THE SCRAPBOOK OF ERIC CAPSALL (A MEMBER OF THE DELTA ROAD CLUB) WHICH WAS LOANED TO ME BY DAVID DULAKE’S SON, SIMON”

I threw it away¹⁹⁶⁷ —claims Barnett

by TONY STENSON

OLD KENT sprinter Reg Barnett, who failed by a tyre's width to become the champion of champions at Herne Hill on Good Friday, claimed afterwards: "I threw it away.

He explained: "I kept too low around the last banking and let the other two riders come down on me and gain that extra thrust on the straight.

"Luckily I had a little extra in reserve and stayed with them."

All three were so close at the finish that they were credited with 12.5 sec. for the last 200 metres.

The race, over 1,000 metres, was won by East German Jurgen Gesche with Pierre Trentin, of France, third.

Twenty-one-year-old Barnett, who lives at Crystal Palace, surprised all by reaching the final, and then made the break after the three riders had "stood" still for over a minute at the start.

"I was still warm from my previous races but I was getting cold waiting about at the start, so I thought it would be better to be on the move," said Reg.

"I wanted Gesche in my sights all the time. He was my most dangerous opponent, tactically he's brilliant."

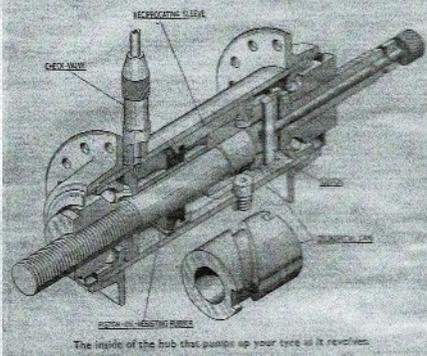
Barnett, one of England's most promising riders, led all the way until the final stretch.

After being pipped in the preliminary heats he won his way through in a repechage bout in which he beat world sprint champion Daniel Morelon of France.

Reg was also a member of the
De Laune

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RECORD TIME IN ISLAND RACE

THE fabulous King brothers, of Coventry C.C., 32-year-old Bernard, and 29-year-old H.W. "Bill," whose incredible run of successes in Sandown Easter Cycle Rallies has made their names a legend among the cycling fraternity and Sandown holiday crowds, once more delighted their followers by pulling off another Isle of Wight Grand Prix victory on Saturday.

H. W. ("Bill") King won the Dickinson Cup for this gruelling, stamina-testing 57-mile round the Island race, in the record-breaking time of two hours 12 minutes 19 seconds, opposed by top-ranking opposition.

Much of the credit was due to the clever tactics of his brother, Bernard, who won the race in 1956 and 1955. "H.W." King was the winner in 1954. J. R. Blunsdon (Willesden C.C.) finished second; Olympic bronze medallist, Alan Jackson (De Laune), who won in 1953, was third, and Bernard King, architect of his brother's victory, was fourth.

De Laune, with all three riders (Jackson, Tarr, Pound), in the first six, won the team race.

Prizes winners: Luccombe China Hill presented by Shank-

lin Business Association (G. F. Coles, Suffolk Roads C.C.); Afton Downs, presented by I.W. County Press (J. R. Blunsdon, Willesden C.C.); Newport County Hall, silver cup presented by Newport Business Association and the Ryde Esplanade prime, presented by Ryde Business Association, were won by H. W. King.

A tremendous pace was also set in the Clubman Special, which started from Sandown Esplanade 30 minutes after the Grand Prix and was routed over the same course. The "Special" provided a hurricane-finish, more than 20 riders flashing over the finishing line in a tight group, less than 15 yards separating the first dozen or so riders.

J. N. Carr (De Laune), a 20-year-old apprentice watchmaker, finished less than a wheel-length in front of M. J. Dunn (Catford) to win in 2 hours, 17 minutes 18 seconds. J. W. King (Hounslow and District) was 3rd, E. Heather (Woolwich C.C.) 4th, W. Ingram (Norwood) 5th, G. Bridge (Southern Elite) 6th, M. Wall (Zenith) 7th, and C. Henman (Addiscombe) 8th.

Highgate (44 points) won the team race.

LARGE FOLLOWING

Thousands of spectators watched the Grand Prix and Clubman Special from vantage points in towns and countryside over the 57-mile route.

A crowd of several hundred gathered on Brading Downs early Sunday morning to

watch the three massed-start races and many more big groups were scattered along the 86 mile winding uphill down - dale circuit. Dave Tweddell (De Laune, the British international rider, who was on the Olympics short-list for the trip to Melbourne, won the principal event (34.4 miles) in terrific fashion. Lying well back in the field for the first lap, he sprinted to the front to build a 55 seconds lead over G. E. Ferdinand (Welwyn W.) by the end of the second lap. By the end of lap three, Tweddell staggered the crowd by increasing his lead to 75 seconds. Jackson was second and H. W. King, last year's winner, finished third. Tweddell's winning time was 1 hour 36 minutes 47 seconds.

The De Laune Club completed a great "double" by winning the team prize for this event in addition to their success in the Grand Prix.

The three-lap "B" event (25.8 miles) was won in 1 hour 11 minutes 7 seconds by P. Allen (Eltham Par). D. G. Trice (Surrey R.C.) was second, J. Lawrence (Bromley) third, and P. Urry (Surrey R.C.) fourth. Surrey R.C. won the team event and Salisbury were runners-up. The two-lap "C" event (17.2 miles) was won by P. W. Hawker (New Forest C.C.), in 48min. 45sec., R. J. Stapley (Epsom C.C.) was runner-up, M. Taylor (Faversham C. and A.C.) third, and D. A. Eldridge (Delta R.C.) fourth.

MEMBERS RIDES WEEK ENDING

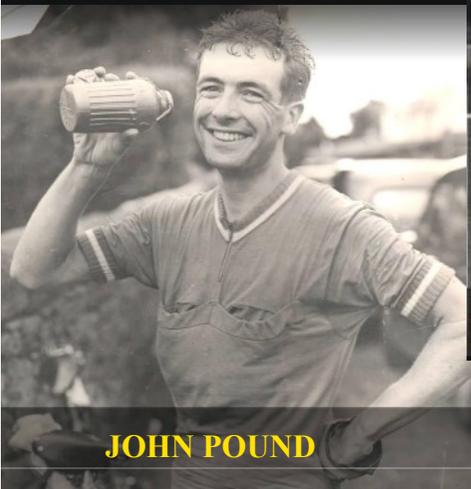
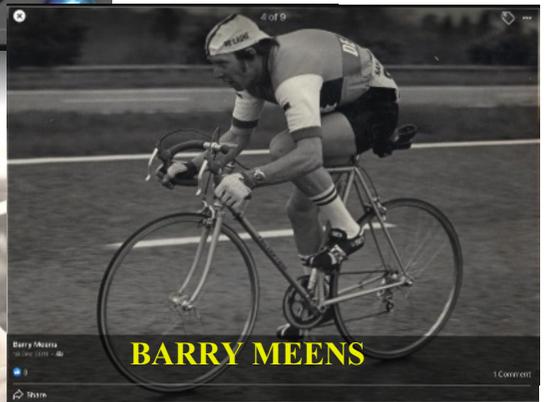
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1	Tom B.	135.6 km	3	63.3 km	28.4 km/h	1,478 m
2	Debra V.	124.3 km	4	59.2 km	18.9 km/h	1,275 m
3	Gary B.	121.1 km	4	30.5 km	30.8 km/h	193 m
4	Simon L.	119.7 km	2	92.0 km	28.4 km/h	582 m
5	Michael V.	17.6 km	2	59.1 km	21.0 km/h	1,334 m
6	Nathan P.	98.2 km	7	33.7 km	24.8 km/h	523 m
7	Ade B.	87.1 km	3	50.7 km	26.7 km/h	724 m
8	Eddie B.	87.0 km	2	50.0 km	32.5 km/h	887 m
9	Matt k.	81.4 km	1	81.4 km	29.5 km/h	95 m
10	Jean B.	76.4 km	2	46.1 km	13.1 km/h	595 m
11	David H.	75.0 km	3	37.1 km	25.0 km/h	--
12	Garry B.	34.2 km	1	34.2 km	27.9 km/h	362 m
13	Jamie B.	8.4 km	1	28.4 km	28.1 km/h	285 m

MEMBERS RIDES WEEK ENDING

		Distance	Rides	Longest	Avg.Speed	Elev. Gai
						W/E 21 November
1	Tom B.	213.7 km	4	67.5 km	28.2 km/h	2,449 m
2	Michael V.	206.8 km	4	58.2 km	21.8 km/h	2,282 m
3	Debra V.	180.4 km	3	70.3 km	20.9 km/h	2,252 m
4	Simon L.	168.1 km	3	100.1 km	27.9 km/h	841 m
5	Eddie B.	112.8 km	3	50.1 km	29.3 km/h	1,435 m
6	Jamie B.	105.8 km	3	60.5 km	26.2 km/h	1,261 m
7	Ade B.	85.7 km	2	65.4 km	25.1 km/h	468 m
8	David H.	78.9 km	3	27.0 km	26.3 km/h	--
9	Nathan P.	66.0 km	4	31.7 km	24.9 km/h	476 m
10	George L.	61.8 km	1	61.8 km	28.1 km/h	182 m
11	Garry B.	53.8 km	3	36.7 km	24.4 km/h	677 m
12	Bill W.	53.0 km	1	53.0 km	17.0 km/h	160 m
13	Gary B.	15.8 km	1	15.8 km	0.1 km/h	16 m
14	Chris G.	10.1 km	2	8.0 km	16.9 km/h	--

DO YOU REMEMBER THESE

These photo are of members of the clubs Facebook page and may or may not now be members of the De Laune CC



Social Club Events for 2021

Sun 5 December Richmond Park Christmas Social Ride 10:00
at Roehampton Gate

Sat 1 January 2022 New Year's day walk - Three Horseshoes, Knockholt 10:00

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