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OUR ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH SECOND YEAR

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TOM BURKE-NOTT

January 2021



Dulwich and Streatham

can any one put a name to these two ex members



**CLUB NIGHT
SECOND MONDAY
OF EACH MONTH
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You will all know by now the we do not a have a President and we hope someone will take it on but will have to wait until the AGM.

Val & Tony were hoping to have moved to the Isle of Skye on the 17th December but did not get away due a hold up in there chain of sale so they are now looking at moving on the 15th January.

The article about Preston Park was sent to me by Trisha Burns our member who lives in Brighton, courtesy of "The Post".

It looks like no members turned up for our pre Christmas in the Park meet up, I do not know if this was due to Lockdown or the weather.

On the bright side we have had one member entering events, well done Tom Burke-Nott

For me I have had one of my cataract done and the other one on the 7th January but I am not certain when I will get the next DLN out as I am expecting to start a course of radiotherapy for a Cancer very soon.

Ed.

2020
by
MALCOLM ADAMS

What a crap year so I have written this poem.

Twenty Twenty, such a terrible time this has been,
what was to befall us all could not have been seen.

Twenty Twenty vision we are told is perfect sight
but could not see the Worlds forthcoming plight.

Silently from China this virus spread
and in its path lay thousands dead.

Each Country dealt with this pandemic in its own way,
this we learnt as we watched the news each day.

Stay indoors! were our Country's orders,
with many a city closing its borders.

Do not travel and spread this virus far and wide,
but many decided it was their right to decide.

Sanitise you hands and wear a mask,
and stay two metres apart, was not too much to ask.

But still people ignored these simple rules,
and it was not too long before the closing of all schools.

Our shops followed suit, unless they were selling food,
putting everyone in a sober mood.

Sadly after this initial wave through the winter into Spring,
many people started to relax with little thought of what this might bring.

Had they forgotten the NHS had been put under such an awful strain,
as the doctors and nurses fought to save lives, sometimes in vain.

In Care homes, sadly, the virus was most rampant in their midst,
any thoughts for those who lost loved ones was dismissed.

For they were sunning themselves on many of our beaches,
kidding themselves they were out of Covid 19's reaches.
Had they ever clapped our wonderful doctors and nurses on a Thursday eve,
how they could be so selfish it is difficult to conceive.
Families cannot unite and the distress is tearing them apart,
No hugging your Mum or Dad and that is just the start.
Grandchildren cannot be seen unless from a distance, if you're lucky,
no coming to your house and making it all mucky.
To others, memories are the only thing left to hold onto dearly,
as they have lost loved ones and so their grief we can see clearly.
Most shops which had survived had been allowed to reopen,
but a second wave has emerged, for the rules are still being broken.
Restaurants, cafes and pubs which had reopened had to close once more,,
but takeaways were permitted handed to you at the door.
Christmas with family seemed unlikely with all the trouble,
but Boris, our PM, promised us we could celebrate in a small bubble.
Now we have heard that it sadly cannot be,
for the virus is rampant and must be controlled you see.
So now we have been told to stay indoors, with no clear path ahead,
let's hope all obey the rules, if not what will follow I really dread.
Vaccines have now been produced, and regulations have been passed,
and so there is some hope for all of us at last.
Twenty Twenty One we pray will see the end of this doom and gloom
and life as we knew it, hopefully, can once again resume.

Update on the Peachey household

I suspect like many other club members we had an extremely quiet Christmas and looking ahead, the New Year is going to be spent in a similar vein. Tony and I were going to be on our own until a close friend of ours, who has been within our social 'bubble' for most of the year accepted our invitation to enjoy Christmas lunch with us. This turned out to be a fine outcome for all of us had been living like hermits for months, especially so since our friend lost his wife to COVID 19 during the summer months.

In the grand scheme of things we were planning to be relocated before Christmas on the Isle of Skye, spending the whole festive season with Claire and Ian but it was not to be.

The last part of our transaction has been a slow and tortuous route. Although we only had a chain of three families, ourselves, our buyer and were keen to push on. All contracts and legal documents completed required of us in a timely manor. However the family at the bottom of the chain proved to be more challenging. I suggested three different completion dates all of which were rebuffed by family No. 1. Eventually we conceded to their wishes only to be held up at the last minute with a mortgage lender issue on behalf of the same family. Our completion date hopefully is now 15 January 2021, but we will not know for sure until all the solicitors and estate agents open up their doors again in the new year on 4 January. Once we have everything confirmed I will inform Mark so that everyone will be aware of our contact details should they be required.

Clearly our life of late has been surrounded in organising the move and packing loads of boxes which are gradually being stacked in the garage. I have already packed a couple of items which we needed last week but although I have tried to be extremely concise of what is in each box I have failed to find the item in question, hence some hasty trips to B&Q. At least we have the

basics of mugs, plates, saucepans etc still to hand, we are not completely living out of boxes yet.

Scanning through the various guidelines from CTT HQ it seems that it might be some time before the time trialling season gets back to full strength in the manner we have become accustomed to. I suspect various restrictions will remain in place for a considerable time. I have noticed that the first event, traditionally held in Kent – the Southboro & Dist 10 has already been cancelled. Gone are the carefree events we have enjoyed over the decades. As an aside Ian has often said to us that he wished he had been able to ride time trials in the early 60's and 70's when the camaraderie was much closer between competitors, in a sense that is quite true. It is not unusual for riders to turn up to an event, ride the race, then pack up their bits and pieces and go home, some not even staying for a complimentary cup of tea. Shame that the social side of time trialling has disappeared over the years. Happy days, perhaps they will return as most of us have spent the best part of a year devoid of social gatherings.

Val



THE CHILLY DUATHLON DECEMBER 6 2020

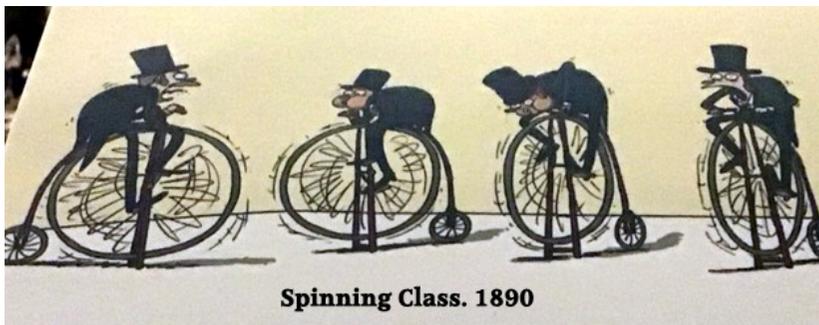
TOM BURKE-NOTT

Time 52:13.9 Category Vet 17 Male Cat Pos 49 DE LAUNE CC Gen Pos 13:58.2 Run1 G/Pos 78 Cycle 22:56.8 G/Pos 17 Run2 15:08.7 G/Pos 88

	From Start	Prev Leg	Prev Split	Time of Day	Over all	Category	Gender	Over all	Category	Gender
Run1	13:58:02	13:58:02	8:02	12:22:00.3	91	27	78	91	27	78
Cycle	37:05.2	22:56:08	26.8	12:50:07.2	62	18	52	17	4	17
Run2	52:13.9	15:08:07	8:07	13:10:06.9	89	26	76	102	29	88

Hi Mark,

Just joined the local club Tenterden CC.(second claim) of course! Once I've found the right bike & hat! Terry Deeley



Well Terry we had no problem in 1953 when we took part un the
Southwark Coronation Pageant



Love your hat! Hitler would have been really envious of that hairy thing under your nose. And where on earth did you all get those bikes from? I would love to have any one of those.

I think that should go in the mag. Maybe with the spinning class?

Have a good Christmas. Terry&Carole

Terry the bikes belonged to this young man
JOCK MILLER



PRESTON PARK VELODROME

The Oldest, Working Velodrome in the World

History Notes by Marion Bance

During these strange days of Covid-19, when our lives and, in particular, our sporting lives (actual participant or the sofa-type) are restricted as never before, looking back on past freedoms seems like an activity in itself. Like filling a whole afternoon looking through old photographs and feeling worn-out by the endeavour!

In one such moment of reflection, I thought about the Preston Park Velodrome, the place where my sons learned to ride their bikes and we, as a family, watched countless (endless) games of cricket. But this is no ordinary cycle track; it really is something rather special,

dating back to the reign of Queen Victoria, it is part of Brighton's sporting history.

The velodrome, including the cricket ground, was, in fact, recognised as a place of special historic interest in March 1987 when it was placed on the Historic England Register as a Grade II Listed Park and Garden.

It began in 1871, when Brighton Corporation bought land from the Stanford Estate (V F Bennett-Stanford retained ownership of Preston Manor and its walled gardens) and started to lay out Preston Park. The park was formally opened to the public on the 8th November 1884. Construction then moved



Vere Bennett-Stanford and his son John Bennett-Stanford. Courtesy of Brighton & Hove Museum



1950s cycle race. Crowds outside pavilion. Courtesy mybrightonandhove.org.uk

"Read you again?"

2^o Official Programme. 2^o

THE BRIGHTON, HOVE & PRESTON

CHARITY SPORTS.

(In Memory of the late Alvanus J. G. SAUNDERS)

Whit Monday, 1894. Preston Park.

Under Laws of the A.A.A. and Rules of the N.C.U.

Commencing at 2.0 p.m. prompt.

Organised by the following Local Clubs and affiliated to the Sussex Local Centre, N.C.U.

Chairmen	Referees	Clubs	Delegates
Mr. W. P. C. C.	T. Martin	V. H. C.	A. E. Hildes
Mr. J. A. C.	W. B. B.	Chichester Y.H.C.	W. B. B.
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Mr. J. H. B.	W. F. B.	Peacehaven H.C.	F. W. C.
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Special Notice.—No person allowed inside the Ballings except Officials and Members of the Press.

BADGES Officials—WHITE; Press—RED.

Admission, 1s. Ground & Enclosure, 2s.
Equestrian, 2.6. Carriages, 2.6 & 1/- each occupant.

A. E. GRIFFIN & A. LAWS, Hon. Secs.
J. FELDWICKE, Chairman.

Courtesy of Brighton Museum



Cycle racing at Preston Park. People in the wooden grandstand. Courtesy of mybrightonandhove.org.uk

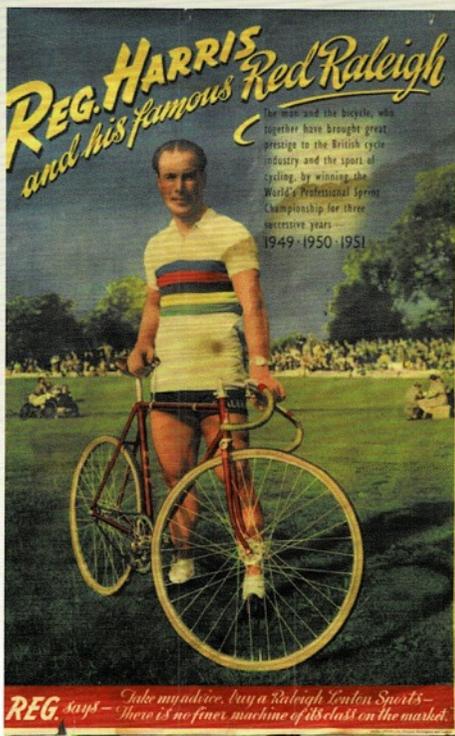


Arie van Vliet and Reg Harris sprinting at Preston Park track. Courtesy brighton-hove.gov.uk

on to the velodrome, situated in the north-west corner of the park and previously used by the Stanford family as a polo ground.

Work on the velodrome was carried out by the British Army. Soldiers dug out the entire enclosure by hand! On opening, in 1887, the sports arena comprised a cricket pitch, surrounding cycle track, pavilion and open air, flint-edge seating for thousands of spectators. Today it is the oldest cycle track in the country and the oldest, working velodrome in the world. All older velodromes have either fallen out of use or have been redeveloped.

Not only is the velodrome the oldest cycle track, it is the longest at 579 metres (1,900 feet). It is also one of the few velodromes that is not the normal oval shape. It has instead the rather unusual shape of four straight sides and two slightly banked corners. This anomaly is explained by the fact that until the beginning of the 20th century, when Olympic track cycling grew in popularity, there were no international velodrome standards and, therefore, earlier cycling tracks came in all shapes and sizes.





Big crowds at the start line Preston Park. Courtesy mybrightonandhove.org.uk

The velodrome was formally opened on the 30th May 1887 at a Whit Monday race meeting with races including a one mile handicap, three mile handicap, half-mile scratch and a one mile tricycle handicap. The entry fee was two shillings and prizes of up to £7 were awarded to those who came first. Riders, unfortunate enough to take a tumble on the cinders surface, were often badly injured and had to repair to the pavilion to have their wounds cleaned with hot water and a scrubbing brush!

Improvements in both safety and the amenities followed over time. In 1893 a concrete retaining wall was erected to support the embankment on the north-west corner of the track; a wooden grandstand with seating for 500 people was opened on the 18th October 1930; and in 1936, much to the relief of all riders, a tarmac surface was added.

The 1950s were the golden years of cycling; attendees of 3,000 – 5,000 were a regular occurrence at the velodrome with crowds watching some of the country's best riders. The largest recorded attendance was achieved on August Bank Holiday

Sussex Cycle Racing League
**Annual Whit Monday
 CYCLING FESTIVAL**
 (Under N.C.U. Rules) at
PRESTON PARK TRACK,
 BRIGHTON
Monday, MAY 14th, 1951. 2. p.m.

OFFICIALS
 President : T.J. Boniface, Esq.
 Judge : R. Humphrey, Esq. N.C.U.
 Asst. N.C.U. Judges : Messrs. E. Jenner, C. Lednor, W. Fitch,
 C. Barton-Tales, C. Trickey,
 N.C.U. Timekeepers : Messrs. E.R. Watts, F. Foulger, E.C. Godden,
 T.J. Boniface, M. O'Toole.
 Clerk of the Course : C. Barton-Tales, Esq. N.C.U.
 Starter : H. R. Butchers, Esq. N.C.U. A.A.A.
 Starter Judges : Messrs. A. Dows, A.E. Ruffell,
 N.C.U. Representatives & Messrs. W. Sutcliffe, A. May,
 Cuesensator ; G. J. Woodham, Esq.
 Recorder : J. Marsh, Esq.
 N.C.U. Handicapper : G. H. V. Rickards, Esq.
 Prize Steward : S. Chambers, Esq.
 Machine Check : H. Bredon, F. Pratt.
 Programme : Mrs. Cook, Miss. Cook, Mrs. Howell, Mrs. Jeffs.
 Umpires : Messrs. A.D. Banks, D. Meadon, K. Champion,
 A.E. Miller, H. J. Worthington, N. Harber, J. Best,
 B. Chilose, J. Webb, C. Carter.
 Stewards : Members of the League Club.
 Hon. Treasurer : T. Howell Esq. Cashier : H.B. Bredon.
 Hon. Sec : Charles Turner, 1, Crescent Mansions, Brighton, 7,
 St. John's Ambulance Corps (B'ston Div.) in attendance.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 6d. Betting Prohibited.

1952 when 8,000 people crowded into the velodrome to see world champion Reg Harris in action.

Reg Harris was five times World Sprint Champion and Double Olympic Silver Medallist; a cycling legend and poster-boy for Raleigh, famous for treating his spectators to races that were as fast as they were dangerous.

The only time racing stopped at the velodrome was during the two world wars and then again in 2015. At this time, the track had fallen into general disrepair due to lack of public funds for ongoing maintenance. Concerns expressed by riders about safety issues and, in particular, the quality of track fencing led the British Cycling Federation to stop official racing. But in the great way that people pull together, a very successful Save Preston Park Cycle Track Campaign was launched. A mass protest ride took place through the streets of Brighton, attended by riders from the cycling clubs and

leagues and also hundreds of local supporters from the wider cycling community. Their aim was to demonstrate the value of the velodrome to not only cycling clubs, but to local families and recreational cyclists. Eventually, Brighton and Hove City Council agreed to put money forward along with funding from the British Cycling Federation; the fencing was brought up-to-date and racing resumed in May 2016.

In 2013, St Peters Cricket Club, who had been using the arena since moving to Preston Park in 1889, agreed a 20-year lease with the Council for both the clubhouse and the upkeep of the two cricket squares. The original pavilion is still standing, and the flint edged seating is still around the north and eastern sides of the track. The heyday of cycling may have passed, but Sussex Cycle Racing League host a full calendar of events and do their utmost to ensure that racing at Preston Park Velodrome is still exciting. And young children are still taking their first, wobbly rides around the track.



Cycle race at Preston Park in the 1950s. Courtesy of Preston Park Youth Cycle Club, ppyc.org.uk

Following seeing the result sheet in last months DLN Mick Harley asked me if I had the rest of the result sheet and I was able to find it on the Facebook Wall of 80' cycling remembered.

Great stuff, many thanks for finding this!! Looking through it, I found that I slipped out of the "Top Ten" in the counting Seniors Event and unfortunately only made 12th fastest on the day; still, many scalps taken locally by 1981 standards. Forgot I was No.120 last-man-off, a great personal honour for me, probably a career first-and-last. The result sheet can now join my own Harry Wilson photo in the "Dave Lloyd" appreciation file. I discovered elsewhere that the event organiser was Eddie Starsmeare, a great effort for the Club. Thanks again.

Mick H

Mick held the clubs 10 mile record in 1979 with a 21:51 but improved on this in our own 10 promotion in 1981 and with Chris Hubbard and Mick Valentine set a new team record of 1:6:10. And talking of team records I still hold a share of the tandem 50 mile set 1954. Ed

ANOTHER FIND ON FACEBOOK

Have a look at Legends of the RTTC latest post 1954 BBAR in 254th place Charlie Yearsley De Laune CC 2.15.48 (50 miles) 4.36.43 (100 miles) 244.40 miles (12 Hour) average speed 21.380mph.
Stay safe

Social Club Events for 2021

Club & Inter Club Events for 2021

Apr 17			CLUB OPEN "10"	

Members may like to know that it is now possible to join, or to renew your Club membership online.

Simply follow this link

<https://www.riderhq.com/groups/delaunec/join>

or click on the button on the membership page of the website.

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