

# DE LAUNE CYCLING CLUB

*Founded 1889*

**OUR ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH SECOND YEAR**

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**DENNIS TARR 1938 - 2010**

**NATIONAL JUNIOR ROAD RACE CHAMPION - 1955**

**First in London - Holyhead 1962 the longest one day race**

Also rode for

**CONDOR - CONDOR MACKSON - WHITCOME CYCLES**



**March 2021**

, Dulwich and Streatham

## SOME MORE OF DENNIS RESULT

1955 1° in N.C.U. National Championship, Road, Juniors, Great Britain, (Church Lawford, Juniors), Church Lawford ,

1956 1° in Brighton - London Road Race, (Brighton), London (Greater London),

1958 5° in Archer Grand Prix, (London), Beaconsfield (Buckinghamshire),

1958 1° in London - Battle - London, Elite, Road Race, (London (q)), London (Greater

1958 2° in Stage 2 Tour of Scotland, (Scottish Milk Race), Glasgow (Glasgow City),

1958 1° in Stage 3 Wellingborough Three Day, (Wellingborough (a)),

1959 1° in Stage 3 Wellingborough Three Day, (Wellingborough (a)),

1959 1° in Stage 4 Wellingborough Three Day, (Wellingborough (a)),

1959 2° in Havering Circuit Road Race, (Havering), Havering (Greater London),

1959 2° in Croydon Advertiser Trophy, (Croydon), Croydon (Croydon),

1960 1° in Stage 3 Bournemouth Three Day,

1960 2° in General Classification Bournemouth Three Day, (Bournemouth),

1960 3° in Stage 3 Tour of Britain, (Milk Race), Scarborough (North Yorkshire),

1960 3° in Stage 5 Tour of Britain, (Milk Race), Great Yarmouth (Norfolk),

1960 2° in Stage 7 Tour of Britain, (Milk Race), Southsea (Portsmouth),

1960 19° in General Classification Tour of Britain, (Milk Race), Blackpool

1961 Great Britain 4° in National Championship, Road, Amateurs, Great Britain, Douglas , Isle of Man

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**CLUB NIGHT  
SECOND MONDAY  
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No doubt you will recall that on page 2 of the January DLN there was a photo of two young De Laune member, this had been sent to me by Garry Birch who had found it on the Website of Wilson's Cycles, Peckham he said could anyone name them. Well about 5 weeks went by and I had a phone call from Peter Jenn who said I can tell you the one on the back in the photo it is Steve Hume the owner of Wilson Cycles, I contacted Steve to ask him to confirm that it was he which he did and said he thinks the other rider was Paul ???? And that he had another photo with 6 De Laune members and would I like it, so yes please. See the history of Wilson's Cycles on page 6.

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Email from Malcolm Adam he had found on the web a write up about a P. Barnard & Son and thought I may like to copy it into the DLN, however I know the site is copyright so I will put a link to it for those who may be interested as Percy and Bert were both members of our club.

[www.classiclightweights.co.uk](http://www.classiclightweights.co.uk) - click on Builders - click on Barnard, I still have photos of a Barnard that belonged to the late George Wood.

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A phone call from a Mike Butcher enquiring about his Grandfather who was a member of our club, I was able to tell him that he was a active member and officer of the club in the 1920/ 30's. He asked if there were any photos of his Grandfather and I have been able to find 6 for him he, he also mentioned the J.E.F.

Butcher memorial trophy and I was able to tell him that this is awarded every year since 1967 to winner of the clubs Old Members 10 Mile Time Trial. And in a further search of the DLN's of 1966 I found two page obituary written by Frank Holland which I sent him.

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Tom Burke-Nott has joined the Bristol South CC as his first claim club and has renewed his membership with use as a second claim member. Tom lives in Bristol so I can understand why he has joined BSCC which was founded in 1896.

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But we have some sad news that of Peter Gunnell (1929 - 2021) who past away in January, Peter joined the club in the 40's left and rejoined in 1978

## **MARK BALLAMY**



STEVE HUME



STEVE HUME

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JEFF WALKER

Mark

Could you possibly put a note in the next DLN to publicly thank Bill Wright for letting past racing colleagues know that I am not well at the moment, I have had wonderfully supportive emails from Terry Deeley and Bob Wileman ( Probably not known by newer member but a stalwart of the Club in the 1960s)

Terry reminisced about a two-up '25' that we rode in Kent in the 1980s, it was a bitterly cold day and I grovelled on Terry's wheel for the first ten miles until I warmed up and made a useful contribution on the way home. We did not do a super time but it was relatively respectable for two older citizens. If it is of interest , and you have space I attach a Phil O'connor photograph of us.

Best Wishes

*Clif Pendleton*

*Terry Deeley*



# Wheels of fortune

Wilson's Cycles opened its doors about 150 years ago and is Peckham's oldest business. Owner Steve Hume tells us more about the shop's rich history and its well-known former proprietor

Wilson's Cycles is the oldest business in Peckham. Ever since it first opened its doors about 150 years ago, in an age before electricity and automobiles, it has sold bicycles and the parts needed to service them.

Owner Steve Hume, who took over the Peckham High Street shop in 1995, is an excellent bicycle mechanic. I've been making use of Wilson's for almost 20 years now and have never been disappointed.

Steve is also an affable proprietor, who welcomes customers with a broad smile and is happy to discuss local history. Having grown up in nearby Lyndhurst Way, he knows the area well and is a proud south Londoner.

Wilson's opened some time in the 19th century," he says. "The oldest record of its existence that [Peckham-based] historian John Beasley could find when going through local records was 1870, but that's not to say it wasn't in business before then.

Harold Wilson was the founder and then it went to his son Arthur Wilson, who handed it down to his son Norman Wilson. Anyone who came in would remember Mr Wilson in his khaki-coloured coat. All the shopkeepers used to wear them.

Norman largely worked by himself and this was the only cycle shop in Peckham. He would have been about 70 when I first came into the shop, so he seemed ancient to me. He wasn't a very talkative man.

I'd buy bits and pieces here and tinker around at home. I came in aged 12 to buy a back wheel and when he presented it to me I said, 'Where are the cogs?' And he said, 'You have to take them off your old bike and put them on.' I remember him doing that for me.

“Many Peckham people remember Norman as he was here forever, running the shop all his life. It was the only job he ever had and he kept it until he died in 1995 aged 91. He was the last of the Wilsons and never married or had kids.”

So how did Steve come to take over the shop? “Living locally and having long been a customer – I first came here in 1976 to buy a puncture repair kit – I was aware that Wilson’s had been shut for five or six months,” he says. “Then word got round that Norman had died.

I was managing a cycle shop on the New King’s Road at the time but fancied having my own business, and Wilson’s was perfect for me. I made some enquiries and became owner in 1995.”

Running Wilson’s has made Steve something of an expert on the shop’s interesting history. “Wilson’s used to manufacture its own bikes – I’ve seen a picture from 1902 of a Wilson’s bike for sale for £12.

During World War One the small workshop out back where they built the bikes got requisitioned and they had to start making parts for the military. Wilson’s used to export internationally – an old document lists the prices in pounds, dollars, roubles etcetera.

When I first starting coming to the shop you couldn’t see inside, as the windows were boxed in and you had big frosted glass doors to enter through and a dark wood interior. Norman was very set in his ways, Victorian really, and had made no effort to change with the times.

The window always had the prices in pounds, shillings and pence [long after Britain went decimal in 1971], until the 1981 Brixton riots spread to Peckham and the front window got smashed. After that some more modern things got put in.

When I took over in 1995 the place was filthy. Everything had been kept in cardboard boxes – none of the fancy packaging you get now – and they were covered in dust. I took down the window boxes and the frosted doors – I wanted people to see in and me to see out.

*“In 2008 I replaced the original timber entrance because it was rotting away. Also the door was set within the entrance rather than on the street, which meant drug dealers and such made use of it.*

*I used to get architecture students and people from English Heritage coming down just to see the entrance, as it was a relic of Victorian architecture not often found. If they'd been willing to put some money up for the repair I would have been happy to have kept it, but that was never on the cards. Other than that very little has been done to the shop.”*

*Indeed, Wilson's original wooden bench survives and the steel stand Steve fits bikes to also hails from a century ago. Another tradition is Steve's refusal to take payment by card. He also maintains Wilson's ethos of providing same-day repairs, spares and accessories.*

*Wilson's has always been a community orientated shop,” says Steve, and it has certainly maintained that ethos, with a constant flow of people popping in during the afternoon while we chat.*

*They include old friends who have known Steve all his life, people wanting repairs or advice, cyclists demanding intense discussions on the pros and cons of London cycling and youths who just want their tyres pumped up (“50p mate”, says Steve to such requests).*

*One customer is Mark Pearman, a local whose family has lived in Peckham since the 1860s. He's a generation older than Steve so remembers Norman Wilson well. “Wilson's Cycles was like that Two Ronnies sketch of the four candles,” he says.*

*It was a Victorian shop, very dark and it smelt of rubber. Norman's sister used to work here in the 60s. She had a pink Cadillac that she used to park outside and it would take up most of the road.*

*To me Wilson's was like a sweet shop – there were all these bikes in the window that I couldn't afford. There was a showroom upstairs with lots of cycles and a lovely brown lino floor.*

*Credit to Garth Cartwright*

**DOES ALAN ROWE  
NEED  
SPEC SAVERS**



Alan Rowe though Rob was Chalky

**DO THEY LOOK ALIKE**



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*Wilson's Cycles is a real landmark in South East London, and enjoys the honour of being Peckham's oldest established business. Steve and his son Lee took the shop over from old Mr. Wilson around 25 years ago, and have built up a sterling reputation for their friendly and efficient service. Sometimes their gaff seems more like a social club than a repair shop.*

1961 Great Britain 1° in Victor Berlemont Memorial, Elite, Road Race, (London (i)), Withyham (East Sussex),

1961 Great Britain 3° in Stage 4 Tour of Britain, (Milk Race), Bournemouth (Bournemouth),

1961 Great Britain 4° in National Championship, Road, Amateurs, Great Britain, Douglas , Isle of Man

1961 Great Britain 3° in Stage 4 Tour of Britain, (Milk Race), Bournemouth (Bournemouth), 1961 Great Britain 4° in Stage 5 Tour of Britain, (Milk Race),

1961 Great Britain 1° in Stage 10 Tour of Britain, (Milk Race), Scarborough (North Yorkshire),

1961 Great Britain 33° in General Classification Tour of Britain, (Milk Race), Blackpool (Blackpool),

1962 Great Britain 1° in London - Holyhead, Elite, Road Race, (London - Holyhead), Holyhead (North Wales),

1962 Great Britain 2° in Camberley Wheelers, (Sandhurst, Criterium), Sandhurst (Hampshire),

1962 Great Britain 3° in Stage 1 Corona - Tour of the South West, Weston-super-Mare (North Somerset),

1962 Great Britain 3° in Stage 2 Corona - Tour of the South West, Ilfracombe (Devon),

1962 Great Britain 2° in Stage 4 Corona - Tour of the South West, Weston-super-Mare (North Somerset),

1962 Great Britain 13° in General Classification Corona - Tour of the South West, Weston-super-Mare (North Somerset),

1963 Great Britain 6° in Crystal Palace - Corona Grand Prix, Elite, Road Race, (London), London (Greater London),

1964 Great Britain 4° in Eastbourne - Green Street Green Road Race, (Eastbourne (d)), Kent (Kent),

## ***Social Club Events for 2021***

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### ***Club & Inter Club Events for 2021***

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Apr 17

**CANCELLED**



**Another Photo from  
Phil O'Connor  
Who is it**

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