

# DE LAUNE CYCLING CLUB

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MIKE PEEL & JEAN BIRGIN

@ the start of the O.M 10 mile TT

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**October 2021**



— EST. 2007 —  
Dulwich and Streatham

# De Laune lead the way

IN 1953 De Laune C.C. led cycling sport. They showed the L.C.C. that there was support for racing at the Palace, they demonstrated their leadership to St. John's Ambulance Brigade and the Red Cross with a cheque for £300.

This was the praise that came to De Laune at their annual dinner on Saturday, from a member of one of their rivals, Charlie King of the Kentish Wheelers.

King went even further with his bouquets:

"You demonstrated to the British

League of Racing Cyclists that the National Cyclists' Union is not a decadent organisation inasmuch as promoting an international road race—a road race that should take its place in the road racing calendar," he said.



De Laune were the first club to promote cycling at the Crystal Palace and one of the first N.C.U. organisations to run an international road race—the Folke-

stone to London event that finished on the Palace circuit.

On a turnover of £1,600 the De Laune made a profit of just over £300, and a cheque for this sum was handed to Sir Otto Lund, head of the St. John Ambulance Brigade.

De Laune secretary Don White gave some indication of the mammoth task of organising the event.

"We were too busy to see the Festival itself but we saw it after—on the film we took of the afternoon's sport.

## Newnham.Remembrance Service

If you intend to have lunch at the George after the service contact Lyn & me so we can arrange a tentative booking. please do this ASAP

Many Thanks Tele 01227373045 or [jazzymalc@aol.com](mailto:jazzymalc@aol.com)

*Malcolm Adams*

**A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS**

**HARRY OWEN 17 - SW16**

**JAMES COULSON 14 - SE27**

**EBEN HASKEL-HULLEY 15 - SE27**

**LISA HASKEL - SE27**

**CLUB NIGHT  
SECOND MONDAY  
OF EACH MONTH  
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*Great you are getting new members and still putting on races. Fantastic to see Terry Deeleys still riding, the legend of the Godstone sprint and club downhill .. Suzanne Riding*

*Received an email from Chris Gordon-Coker wanted to know how he could get his Strava rides onto the Club Strava page, I was able to help him we now just have to wait and see his inputs.*

*Another past member has appeared on the Club's Strava page and that is Samuel Fensthiem where are you these days Sam?*

*Yet more more members and ex members using Strava and that is Jeremy Briggs, Cliff Steele, Alan Rowe, Nick Kinsey, Nathan Palmer, Jeremy White? But they are not on the club page.*

*Another De Laune outing, this time Tour of the Cornfields. 100k off road in Cambridgeshire.*

*Jean Birgin*

### **I AM GIVING IT UP**

*1953 is the year that I started doing the duplicating of the DLN and also all the press notices that we sent out re the Crystal Palace Cycling Festival. In those*

days all we had was a Roneo duplicated and you fed a blank page in turned the handle one at a time it was also quite a messy job as one had to spread the ink on to the roller. Following the Festival we had made enough money to buy a Gestetner duplicates this was much better as you put a lot of paper in and just turned the handle. I did this until 1957 as this was when I emigrated to Canada.

My only involvement after my year in Canada came in the seventies when I had a friend who was a wholesaler of paper and I would get the paper from him then get one of my staff who lived in Maidstone to take it to Val and Tony Peachey who were producing the DLN until 1983

The return of the printing then came to me sometime in the 80's when I use to do it on my office photo copier, Ken Hill would come to the office to collect the printed pages then take it to the club room to collate it and do the distributing.

It continued like this until I sold my business and retired 1995 on retiring In I purchased a reconditioned photo copier and a few years later purchased another one, from 94 I had taken on with my son Jason the full production of the DL for a few months until a new editor was found as Yvonne Sparsen had had to give up as Editor

The copier lasted a few more years till November 2005 then it was time to get the club to buy colour laser printer this was replaced in 2013 and I am still using it but may need replacing soon. But now is the time for someone to come forward and take over the production of the DLN, I am now 89 and not in the best of health and cannot carry on much longer. I will carry on if needed till the next AGM but if no one comes forward then there will not be a DLN every month

**Mark**

Hi Mark,

Glad you are on the mend, as is Cliff Pendleton. So good to get some good news at last.

This last year has been all about updating our new (Old) house. Decorating colours and most other things chosen by Carole (The Boss) leaving me with just one room (The smallest) downstairs loo.

That's only because we don't know how to change it. However needing to put up some of our paintings around the house. Going though the many collected over the years. I came across a portrait of me presented at De Launes 100th anniversary dinner. Can't remember why? Must have done something.

**TERRY DEELEY**



**Artwork by PETER JENN**

I had a letter from Michael Moore's daughter Gillian a few days ago to let me know that he has recently died. She didn't actually tell me a great deal except to ask me to amend our records, so I don't know how long ago he passed or if the funeral has already taken place. I've written to her to ask. However she did say "He died still very much enthralled by cycling and having installed Eurosport on his television earlier this year he was able to watch all this year's races and tours with great enjoyment."

He was in fact our oldest member at 94, and had been a member for 67 years since 1954. I knew him fairly well as he had been a very regular commissaire and judge at Herne Hill and Palace for many years, but he gave that up at around the age of 86 and I haven't seen him at all since then. Chalky was saying this evening at the committee meeting that he was really efficient as a judge, unfazed during hectic events and able to produce a full result on paper minutes after a race.

I remember someone saying they don't actually remember him cycling all that much, preferring to watch, judge or do admin. I don't remember him at any club socials or timekeeping club events in my time, but perhaps you do?

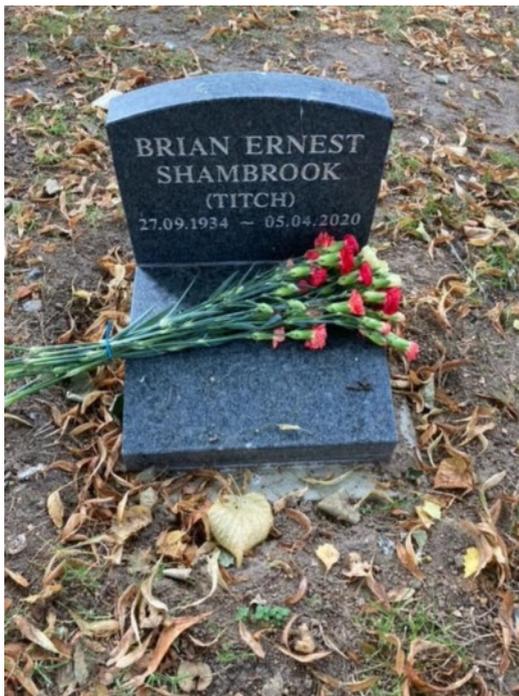
We've just heard from David Dulake's son Simon, that David passed away recently. I don't think I've met David but I expect some of you knew him.

I have an email address if anyone would like to pass a message - Brian Saxton is getting in touch regarding some memorabilia that he had.

I wrote to Michael Moore's daughter, Gillian, who says that Michael's funeral is to be held on September 28th. I intend to go

*Bill Wright*

The photograph of Titch's headstone was sent to me by his nephew, Gary. As I plan to travel to Essex in the near future to call on an old work mate, it is my intention to also visit Dedham and lay a floral tribute on behalf of the club on Titch's grave.



Sadly, another two members of the club have died, Michael Moore and David Dulake. I know very little about Michael's background; he joined the club in 1954, the same year as myself but in all those years I do not recall ever seeing him at any club social or, in fact, riding a bike. The only times our paths crossed were either at Herne Hill or the circuit races at Crystal Palace. I do, however, know a little more about David. His son, Simon, informs me that due to the circumstances of his father's death, he is awaiting a coroner's report before he can arrange the funeral. I will, therefore, wait until after the funeral before putting together a short obituary for David.

*Brian Saxton*

## WHO'S - WHO ON STRAVA

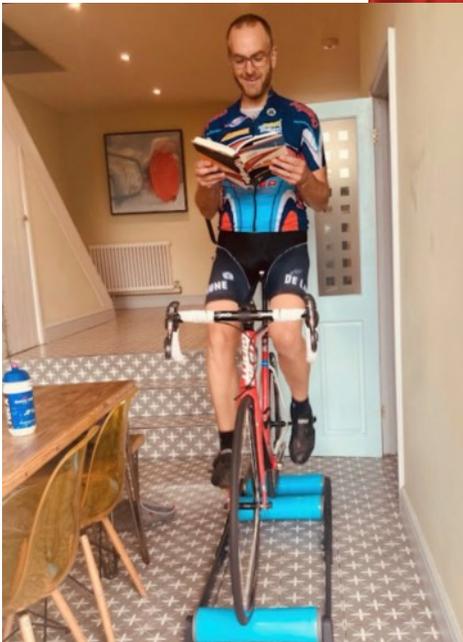
I have been looking at the STRAVA page on the Clubs web site which has 21 name on it some members and other that still want to be remembered so here are those that I found. Ed.



Ricard Preese who set up our Clubs STRAVA page



Garry Birch ex member was also President of the Fremont Racing Team in America and is now back in the UK and with the Ashford Tri Club



Tom Burke-Nott now riding for Bristol South CC but still wearing some of his De Laune kit.



Steven Pavett lives in the Dulwich area and also a Friend of HHV



Gary Boon, Derek little boy, resident in Dubai



Sam Fensterheim, much travelled ex-member also believed to be in Dubai



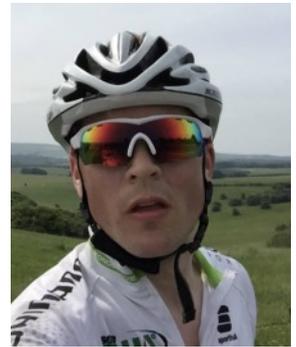
Simon Lowe nearly always out of his office when I send out the DLN



Jamie Batten also with the Dulwich Paragon



Matt Kirk has his address as Aberdeen but seem to spend a lot of time in America



Eddie Buckley now living in Washington USA



Ade B, sorry who is this?



What a surprise, Steve the other Valentine- seem that he has got lost not seen he for some time



David Haggart, not been seen for a long time



Chris Gordon-Coker just made it on to here - what a Diamond



Bill Wright always active and minder of our purse



Debra Valentine also with Bigfoot CC and likes a little



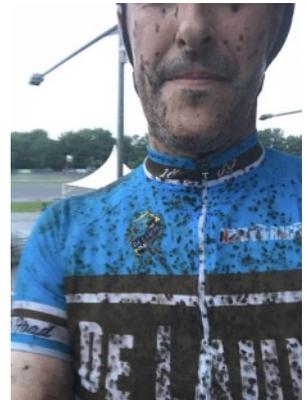
Laurent Schonbach a City Gent could be a banker



Christian Rudulf don't know what he has to shout about



Jean Bergin - enjoying the Tour of the Cornfields an off road event



George Lewis like playing with the Mud

## Life on Skye

Hi everyone,

Let me commence by apologising for missing last month's deadline date, though after reading the September issue of DLN it seems that I was not the only one under the weather. From out of the blue I went down with a bout of bronchitis, I tried diligently to self medicate with paracetamol and ibuprofen but I eventually had to give in and visit the doctor's surgery, I cannot complain, I rang the surgery at 9.10am and had an appointment with the GP at 10.30. After the consultation and organisation of antibiotics for 10 days I was walking out of the surgery at 11 and home by 11.15. Now that infection is behind me I have just this week developed an ear ache, I felt I needed the ear to be syringed but I was assured all was OK and could be cured by ear drops, after 5 days it is no better so an appointment for Monday is scheduled in. I did feel that they were treating the symptoms and not the cause but who am I to argue with a medical professional !!

We both feel a bit groggy today after having our flu jab this morning, so a lazy weekend beckons.

Skye has certainly been living up to it's reputation for the last couple of weeks rain wise which has hampered our outings somewhat. The upside to the rain, the midges have disappeared. Having watched the broadcasts from Chelsea Flower show this week I have become a bit jealous of your sunshine. I have so many ideas of what I can plan for the garden for 2022 but I am hampered by the soggy ground at the moment. Things can only get better ??

One of our outings a couple of weeks ago was to go to Portree to give Ian some encouragement as he had entered the Skye half marathon. It was a good day, not too hot and not cold and the rain subsided for the event though it was a bit wet underfoot. The route is far from flat, no off road stuff but not a lot of level road, in fact the route is either up or down. At

first he was not sure if he would run as he had twisted his ankle badly whilst out training with the 'boys' 10 days before the half marathon, but as it turned out he was as fit as a fiddle. His aim was to run faster than last year and to finish higher up the ratings, he managed both of those aims. From a field of starters in excess of 500 Ian romped home 9.

and fastest in the 50-59 age group, needless to say he was very pleased with his performance. To cap that he took 15 minutes off of last years' time, he finished in 1 hour 24 minutes, leading his own club team of 3 home. Unfortunately we could not see him on the course as it was on closed roads but we were there at the start and finish. The event started in the local high school premises, all runners piped away with a rousing pipe and drums band sending them away to Scotland the Brave. The same band welcomed them back with yet more Scotland the Brave. I had taken a collapsible chair for Tony and his toes were tapping way to the music. Plenty of refreshments available from the various coffee vans so everyone was well catered for. The event was sponsored by Skye Salmon Fisheries hence most of the prizes consisted of the appropriate fish from the sea.

We are still awaiting our new set of wheels ie the wheelchair, hopefully by the time it is delivered we will see some late sunshine and we can christen the chair appropriately.

Tony remains well, though the impact of his illness is taking it's toll on both of us but we are sailing along with the help of Claire and Ian, my neighbour two doors away who comes to sit with Tony for a couple of hours every Monday though as the weather has been dreary lately we just sit and 'blether' as Fiona calls it, for a couple of hours. Together with these essential individuals we have various District Nurses and Link Workers keeping an eye on us. To be honest though neither of us are looking forward to the impending shorter days. Already the evenings are closing in earlier and earlier and the sunrise is later and later, I just have to make sure I use every minute of reasonable daylight hours as possible.

Best wishes to all keep safe and healthy,

*Val the Peach*

## MEMBERS RIDES WEEK ENDING

	Distance	Rides	Longest	Avg.Speed	Elev. Gai	
<b>W/E 19 September</b>						
1	Eddie B.	247.6 km	8	75.5 km	26.3 km/h	2,301 m
2	Tom B.	182.3 km	4	115.4 km	28.6 km/h	1,615 m
3	Debra V.	181.7 km	3	76.1 km	22.2 km/h	1,413 m
4	Samuel F.	165.2 km	4	64.3 km	31.1 km/h	449 m
5	Simon L.	155.0 km	3	100.4 km	28.5 km/h	1,337 m
6	Gary B.	121.6 km	4	39.7 km	34.1 km/h	209 m
7	Jamie B.	120.6 km	1	120.6 km	29.2 km/h	1,184 m
8	Chris G.	105.2 km	3	86.2 km	25.8 km/h	780 m
9	Matt k.	96.3 km	2	70.0 km	28.7 km/h	160 m
10	Garry B.	42.4 km	2	25.6 km	24.0 km/h	593 m
11	Ade B.	31.3 km	2	21.5 km	18.4 km/h	330 m
12	Jean B.	20.3 km	1	20.3 km	12.4 km/h	232 m
13	Steven P.	7.7 km	2	3.9 km	23.7 km/h	117

## W/E 26 September

1	Debra V.	287.4 km	5	93.5 km	20.8 km/h	2,672 m
2	Tom B.	240.2 km	6	78.8 km	26.7 km/h	2989 m
3	Simon L.	165.0 km	3	92.3 km	26.0 km/h	858 m
4	Matt k.	80.5 km	1	80.5 km	29.5 km/h	89 m
5	Jamie B.	66.9 km	2	36.4 km	24.6 km/h	689 m
6	Eddie B.	62.3 km	4	50.0 km	25.5 km/h	738 m
7	Gary B.	60.8 km	2	30.4 km	34.8 km/h	106 m
8	Samuel F.	49.5 km	2	25.4 km	23.9 km/h	83 m
9	Laurent S.	45.6 km	1	45.6 km	15.0 km/h	524 m
10	George L.	42.0 km	1	42.0 km	24.1 km/h	288 m
11	Garry B.	21.7 km	1	21.7 km	29.5 km/h	181 m
12	Steven P.	15.5 km	4	3.9 km	23.1 km/h	237 m
13	Chris G.	10.0 km	2	8.0 km	17.4 km/h	

## **O.M. Ten Championship**

Our last ten of the season, we had a good turnout of riders and helpers. Congratulations to Chris on a very good ride, there was a very strong wind out the turn where Brian Saxton turned them home. Next Steve didn't disappoint with another respectable time, of course we can't forget Jean who completed the course in a very good time considering her lack of experience. Harry came up with another excellent ride, but this time he was piped by new member Eban Haskel-Hulley. A big thank you to all the helpers, inc. Peter Jenn who had a nice time touring up and down the course.

		Act Time
1st	Chris Gordon-Coker	24:25
2nd	Steve Carter-Smith	25:44
3rd	Eban Haskel-Hulley	25:59
4th	Harry Owen	27:34
5th	Jean Bergin	31:55

Vets Std. Position    std    .    +/-

1st	Chris Gordon-Coker	27:44	+3:19
2nd	Steve Carter-Smith	28:30	+2:46

Lady

1st	Jean Bergin	31:55
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What a day... the 'Tour des Combins' in a oner on the mountain bike!! 115km and 4100m vert.

By Katie-Jane L'Herpiniere

The Tour des Combins is a spectacular alpine circular hiking route that goes through Italy and Switzerland. Fairly unknown compared with some of the big iconic alpine hikes like the Tour du Mont Blanc, but in my opinion it's just as scenic and the riding on the Tour des Combins is MUCH more enjoyable.

As it's a hiking route, there is of course technical single track in places and plenty of my beloved hike-a-bike, but the 85% that is rideable, is some of the best riding I have found in the Alps.

The route consist of three main passes; Fenêtre de Durand pass 2,797 m, Col du Mille 2,472m and the Gran San Bernardo Pass 2,473m. The first of which offering epic views over the glacier d'Otemma and the Col du Mille offering spectacular views of Mont Blanc massif.

I would highly recommend you add this one to your bucket list, if remote high alpine bikepacking is your bag. Epic gravel tunnels, trails cut through rocks, easy via-Ferrata sections, turquoise lakes, plus some of the best high balcony gravel roads I have ridden. It's also empty! ...if you want to avoid super busy trails like the Tour du Mont Blanc, then this is for you. We saw just a handful of people over the entire route.

@bikepackingcom suggests 3 days to complete the route, but it's also very doable in 2 days.

As for doing it in 1 day... well it was pretty brutal! If I was doing the route just for the enjoyment of riding my bike, then I would have chosen to have done it over 2. However, I wanted to remind myself of how a long day on the bike feels like, as it had been a while, so I thought I would challenge myself to doing it as a oner!



Katie is a facebook friend of mine. Ed.

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

Sun 21 November Newnham Remembrance Service 10:30

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

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



### ***ANOTHER SELFIE***

***ELAIN***

***BILL***

***JEAN***

***LISA***

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