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AGM

Hi All,

Let's see how the situation pans out for our own AGM. Our Rules also say we should have it no later than the end of June. I think we could probably make a special one-off case to hold it after that, if it proves necessary. A face-to-face meeting generally works best, unless we can get everyone to use video conferencing software.

I suggest to keep the May 11th date in the diary for now, and make a decision with a couple of weeks to go.

Regards,

Bill

I have followed the advice from Ctt and have made the decision to cancel the open 10.

I hope you understand that in the present situation it would not be practical to run it and Ctt are very much in favour of events not running.

Best wishes to you all and keep well

Debbie Valentine

Hoping that you are all well and have not got the dreaded virus, when I was young CORONA came in a bottle not as a Virus. Ed



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All The President's Pen

What strange time we live in, and what a rapid change we are now all adjusting to! I just had a quick look at what I wrote last month, and there was nothing about the Coronavirus in it. I did make a joke about working from home in order to watch the World Track Champs, (in the end I went to the office), without realising that 'WFH' was about to become a part of many people's lives including my own.

This time last month there were less than 20 cases of Covid-19 in the UK, and the first British person passed away after having been infected on a cruise liner in Japan on Feb 28. As of yesterday (March 26.) there were 11,600 confirmed cases here and 578 people had passed away. By the time you read this we must expect it to be far higher. Last night at 8pm there was a very heartening 'Clap for our Carers' where people stood outside their homes and applauded the hard, selfless work that our amazing NHS workers are doing. I hadn't expected my inner-city housing estate to respond quite so enthusiastically, but it was nice to see a good community 'coming together' – in a self-isolating way of course!

The Club's Annual Prizegiving Lunch took place on Feb 29th at the Three Horseshoes in Knockholt, with Steve Carter-Smith sweeping the board and taking home five trophies. Many thanks to Roy Savery for organising this - I do hope that we'll be able to have some club competition at some point this year such that we can have another prize presentation next year!

Well ahead of the lockdown I'm happy to report another De Laune club run took place on March 8th, this one was off-road with 3 De Laune and 7 Herne Hill Youth riders, around a loop from Crystal Palace, Norwood Country Park, Addington and Keston. Sunny to start with, but we were all truly soaked by the end. A lot of fun, but who knows when we'll do that again?

Social distancing rules now say we can leave our homes for a bit of daily exercise provided we stay 2m apart from other people, and if we go for a walk or a bike ride, we should only do so with members of our own household. They also say don't go too far afield in case of any risk that could further stretch hospital services at a time when they really don't need further stretching. British Cycling has cancelled all events under their jurisdiction until at least June 30th. Our date to marshal a round of the Crystal Palace Crits this year was to have been....Tuesday June 30th. So we're off the hook for now. If – just if – we get through this early and the event is reinstated, I'd love to be able to see some of you there to help!

You'll know much of this stuff already, but I'll include it as a record for those who may be re-reading old DLNs sometime in the future – The Tokyo Olympics has just been postponed until 2021, (though oddly, it will apparently still be called the 2020 Olympics), and the ASO are considering whether to hold the Tour de France without spectators, but haven't made a decision yet.

Finally, please STAY SAFE. These are strange times, and they are going to get a lot stranger. We have members on five continents reading this, and all will be affected somehow. Please keep in touch with us via [our forum](#) so we can keep track of how you all are. I wish you and all your families well.

Bill Wright

Prize Presentation

The gathering for the presentation of the 2019 awards was booked by Roy Savery at the our usual haunt of the Three Horse Shoes, Knockholt. This a pleasant cosy country pub with a a landlady prepared to accommodate our motley crew.

Our annual meeting was sparsely attended this year with just 25 diners which was added to by Mark Ballamy who turned up for coffee towards the end.

Many of the regular faces were in attendance in the shape of Alan Rowe the first to arrive after ourselves, followed by Mick & Sarah Jones. Mick was quite proud of the fact that he had made the front cover of the DLN this month, I am sure he will frame that copy for posterity. Before anyone else arrived Tony and I had the chance to unload the trophies from the car and display them on the table provided in the dining room. We were soon accompanied by Pat & Len Brown, Dave & Moire Burford, Steve Carter Smith with daughter Charlotte, Bill Wright, Roy Savery, Tich, Mike Peel & Terri, Chris & Alicja Gordon Coker, Malcolm and Lyn Adams, Mick & Debbie Valentine, and last (and very late) Terry & Carole Deeley.

One addition to the above was a long lost member Rod Kitchen who Tony knew from the mid late 60's. After a few e-mails flying back and forth we encouraged him to come along to the meal. Unfortunately Rod is now wheelchair bound following 2 strokes but nevertheless his son brought him along promising to return around 3.30-4 to take Rod home again. We chatted throughout the meal and hopefully managed to keep him well informed and entertained. I left him with an application form to rejoin the club, hopefully that will come to fruition and we will see more of Rod in the future.

The prize presentation itself was officiated by our President Bill Wright. Our first recipient was a new member Elaine Owen taking a medal for the fastest lady on scratch in the OMA 10 in her first ever time trial but she was unfortunately unable to attend as she was freshly back from a skiing holiday with her family in Northern Italy and, you guessed it, was self isolating as a consequence of the corona virus.

Second up was Malc Adams taking medals as 2. on scratch in the OMA 10, 2. on standard in the OMA 10 and 2. on scratch in the open 10, also one overall medal for 4 club record age standard rides at the age of 80 at 10 miles.

Next came Chris Gordon Coker as 1. on scratch and standard in the OMA 10 taking the Ken & Dot Fuller 25. Anniversary Trophy and Alf Baldwin cup.

Last but certainly not least was Steve Carter Smith taking the Alf Baldwin Cup for 50 Championship plus the Miles Trophy for fastest 50 miles ride of the year. De Laune Challenge Bowl for Championship 25. Alan Maughan Trophy as fastest rider in Midsummer 25 and Golden Jubilee Bowl as fastest club rider in Autumn 25

There was a very healthy background of chatter throughout the dining room which tends to suggest everyone was enjoying the company and occasion, despite the inclement weather outside. It was a typical February day which started for us in brilliant sunshine, but less than 10 minutes into our journey across country the rain was coming down in stair rods – I had visions

of floating into the venue – but as luck would have it, less than 3 miles from our destination, the sun reappeared and all was well with the world. It rained incessantly all the way home !!!

Val the Peach



Remembering the 60's

Thanks for a interesting Mag this month, great effort by you in the absence of contributions. Greatly appreciated!

Facebook certainly provides a great source to relive the days gone by, I avidly follow the '60s Cycling remembered' group, as I know do several other club members. Not only does it stir our memories, but in some cases enables us to make contact with long lost club mates, and cycling friends from around the country.

The club member you could not ID in the first OMA '10' was Graham Young. I am still wondering where I was!

Graham and Mac Cole would have 'done' Privates as they would not have had 10 years membership, and be over 40. (might be wrong about Mac) I would have had to ride a Private as only 9 years membership at the time.

Whilst writing I thought I would name those in the small group photo taken at 'elevenses' on Leaves Green. L-R Bruce Gilmore, Charlie Butler, Graham Young, Me, Reg Dawkins, Alf Clinch, Bill Miles, Tony Wood? (could be wrong on this one!), Bob Jenner, Tim Hookins, Jack Zarfaz.

The Darts photo was either 1964 or 1965 when we won the Woolwich Cycle Association Darts Knockout both years. L-R Roy Boy, Me, Kav, Reg Dawkins, Dave Hughes, Bert Monger, Derek Boon, Brian Waller.

In the 15 years I captained the team (1961-1975) most of our current 'senior' members have played for the team at sometime or another. When we were at our own clubroom Charlie Carlton started a 2nd team, aptly named 'The Choumert', Mick Valentine and Dave King were the mainstays of that team.

The photo of the Moyra Trophy the back row is testing my brain I think it's Reg Barnett on the right. 2nd row Tim Hookins Mick Jones, Ken Hill & Roy Boy. Front left, John Lawrence, Front Right Ted Mc Donald.

I have many times ID'd the majority of the large group at The Olde Windmill on Clapham Common and will refrain from listing here.

Coming to the front cover, the picture of Mick on the right was taken in the Run, Walk and Cycle race which the club organised as a winter activity. This was 1964 if I remember correctly, Jack Young our club captain organised it and the location was Knockholt.

For those not familiar with this event here is a short explanation. The run was on a circuit (around half a mile roughly). You could hear the shoe plates clanking as the runners set off. Once the runners appeared back at the start they had to walk a certain distance, (in full view of the observers - no cheating!) and back to where the competitor's bikes were situated. Once you collected your bike the full running circuit was then completed, to determine the winner.

This should have given the more experienced/ fitter bike rider a chance to catch up on the ride, if they had been dropped earlier.

However, this was rarely the case as the non competitive clubmen would have hidden their clubmates bikes when they were out of site. So a free for all was set in motion!

This particular year was Mick's first entry and when he went to look for his bike it was nowhere to be seen. It was nothing personal, but his was the first bike to be seen by a certain club member, who knew the 'rules,' and took Mick's bike as it was the closest to hand, leaving him to struggle with a bike far too large for him. Mick's bike was the winner that year and the Eccles Cup (will explain in a minute), duly presented to a jubilant member who had never won a club event. I will remain anonymous!

The Eccles Cup was duly named by either Harry Thomas or Len Danby, the club captain and vice captain, when I joined in '58. They used to entertain us

on clubruns with their mimicking of the various Goons characters and thus named the cup.

I have no idea where it came from, but it was well kept, in pristine condition, at least it must have been at some time, but once in the hands of the De Laune it had more dents than a golf ball has dimples, and had no chance of being stood upright. Sadly, the cup disappeared and so did this great winter activity.

As I type this I recall the Speed Judging contest and the Treasure Hunts, both long gone, only the Downhill competition survived until recent years. Off bikes we socialised far more than today's riders with table tennis & darts competitions, the mini 'crits' around the hall at St Saviours, and our card schools, at that clubroom, which have been well documented over the years.

The major interclub activity off bikes was The South London Cyclist's Darts league. This boasted two leagues, inner and outer South London. We were in the 'A' league along with the Bellingham Whls, 34 Nomads, Catford CC, Rodney C. C. Wren Whls. Old Kent C.C. Dulwich Paragon, and Benfield (cycle polo). The 'B' league, among others, were Norwood Paragon, Addiscombe C.C. Old Ports C.C. Morden CRC, East Surrey RC. and Belle Vue C.C.

Each week there were hotly contested matches, with a similar rivalry to that when on a bike. Plus, it gave us the opportunity to socialise with all the cycling 'heroes' of South London, before the war and, then, present. I list Stan & Keith Butler amongst them, along with 'young' Ron Keeble, and many more whose achievements I never realised until years later.

Maybe other members would like to recount some of their memories, which might evoke further recollections and we can have our own 40s onwards Cycling remembered!

Mark, I hope this will ensure we have a DLN next month.

Malcolm Adams



RICHARD PORTAINER

You will have seen in last months DLN that Richard would like to return a trophy that he won while a member of our club. So I thought I would see what I could find out about him from the internet, he was very active racing member of the club in the 70's as you can see from the results below. At some time later having moved away from London he joined the Cycling Club Basingstoke and was racing again 2000 and is now a member of the OAKLEY PEDALERS

Richard was know in the club as
THE MALTESE FALCON

- 1970 5° in All London Championship, Road, Great Britain, Maidstone (Kent),
- 1971 5° in Redmon Trophy Grand Prix, (Chobham), Chobham (Surrey),
- 1971 1° in Stage 2 Gran Premio Sacchi Two Day, Woldingham (Surrey),
- 1971 6° in C.C. Bexley Road Race, (Hoo), Hoo (Medway),
- 1972 5° in Colchester Carnival, (Colchester (e)), Colchester (Essex),
- 1972 2° in Gestetner Premier Road Race, (Hatfield), Hatfield (Herefordshire),
- 1972 5° in Grand Prix of Kent, (Kent (b)), Rochester (Medway),
- 1973 5° in Surrey Roads C.C. Summer Road Race, (Alfold), Alfold (Surrey),
- 1973 4° in All London Championship, Road, Great Britain, Hartfield (East Sussex),
- 1973 2° in Winklebury Carnival, (Basingstoke), Basingstoke (Hampshire),
- 1973 3° in Frank Tidmarsh Memorial, (Bridgnorth), Bridgnorth (Shropshire),
- 1973 4° in part b Camel Filters Blackbushe, (Camberley, Criterium), Camberley (Surrey),
- 1973 4° in Division Championship South East London, Road, Great Britain, Tunbridge Wells (Kent),
- 1973 2° in Old Kent C.C. Jubilee Road Race, (Frant), Frant (East Sussex),
- 1973 1° in Southborough & District Wheelers Road Race, (Frant), Frant (East Sussex),
- 1973 1° in George Tennant Memorial, (Frant (h)), Frant (East Sussex),
- 1973 2° in Stage 3 Bill Cox Memorial Two Day, (Gravesend (f)), Gravesend (Kent),
- 1973 6° in Circuit of Higham, (Higham (d)), Higham (Kent),
- 1973 6° in Stage 2 Catford C.C. Two Day, (Higham (d)), Higham (Kent),
- 1973 4° in Bill Stocker Memorial, (Lingfield (b)), Lingfield (Surrey),
- 1973 1° in Stage 1 C.C. Islington Two Day, (Stapleford), Stapleford (Herefordshire),

1973 5^o in General Classification C.C. Islington Two Day, (Stapleford), Stapleford (Herefordshire),
 1973 8^o in Tour of Essex, Chipping Ongar (Essex),
 1973 3^o in Crest C.C. - Summer Road Race, (Ugley), Ugley (Essex),
 1974 2^o in Dave Cosson Memorial, (Dorking), Dorking (Surrey),
 1974 6^o in George Tennant Memorial, (Frant (h)), Frant (East Sussex),
 1974 5^o in Circuit of Handcross, (Handcross), Handcross (West Sussex),
 1974 5^o in Stage 1 Catford C.C. Two Day, (Higham (d)), Frant (East Sussex),
 1974 2^o in Stage 1 Peter Hansford Cycles Two Day, (Meonstoke (d)), Meonstoke (Hampshire),
 1975 4^o in Billericay - Takeley - Billericay, (Billericay (a)), Billericay (Essex),
 1975 2^o in A - Travers Essex, (Billericay (a)), Wickford (Essex),
 1975 4^o in Redmon Trophy Grand Prix, (Chobham), Chobham (Surrey),
 1975 4^o in Croydon Advertiser Trophy, (Croydon), London (Greater London),
 1975 2^o in Division Championship South East London, Road, Great Britain, Frant (East Sussex),
 1975 6^o in Folkestone - London Road Race, (Folkestone - London), London (Greater London),
 1975 4^o in Stage 2 Catford C.C. Two Day, (Higham (d)), Frant (East Sussex),
 1975 3^o in De Laune C.C. Road Race, (Hoo), Frant (East Sussex),
 1975 4^o in Bill Stocker Memorial, (Lingfield (b)), Lingfield (Surrey),
 1975 3^o in Margate Corporation Criterium, (Margate, Criterium), Margate (Kent),
 1975 7^o in Stage 2 Courage Challenge Two Day, (Reading (d)), Reading (Reading), Great Britain
 1975 5^o in Eastbourne Rovers Spring Road Race, (Rushlake Green (a)), Hellingly (East Sussex),
 1975 4^o in Stage 1 G.S. Europa Two Day, (Southampton), Meonstoke (Hampshire),
 1975 3^o in Stage 2 G.S. Europa Two Day, (Southampton), Newtown (Hampshire),
 1975 2^o in General Classification G.S. Europa Two Day, (Southampton), Newtown (Hampshire),
 1975 2^o in Mountains classification G.S. Europa Two Day, (Southampton), Newtown (Hampshire),
 1975 6^o in Stage 1 Tour of Essex, Colchester (Essex),
 1975 3^o in Stage 2 Tour of Essex, Colchester (Essex),
 1975 4^o in General Classification Tour of Essex, Colchester (Essex),
 1975 8^o in Lincoln Grand Prix, (Lincoln), Lincoln (Lincolnshire),
 1976 4^o in Archer R.C. Spring Road Race, (Farnham Common), Beaconsfield (Buckinghamshire),
 1976 6^o in General Classification G.S. Europa Two Day, (Southampton), Newtown (Hampshire),
 1980 2^o in Sussex Border Road Race, (Rowlands Castle (c)), Rowlands Castle (Hampshire), 15/10/2000

08/10/2000	Surrey League Road Race (2/3/4/V1)	3
01/10/2000	Surrey League - Goodwood (EL/1/2/3/4/W/V/J)	13
10/09/2000	Surrey League Road Race (1/2/3)	4
20/08/2000	Surrey League Road Race (1/2/3)	4
19/08/2000	Older Man's RR Incor. The Ken Warren Memorial	10
02/08/2000	VC Meudon Colborne Criterium Event 9 (EL/1/2/3)	5
26/07/2000	VC Meudon Colborne Criterium Event 8 (EL/1/2/3)	6
19/07/2000	VC Meudon Colborne Criterium Event 7 (EL/1/2/3)	2
05/07/2000	VC Meudon Colborne Criterium Event 5 (EL/1/2/3)	7
21/06/2000	VC Meudon Colborne Criterium Event 3 (EL/1/2/3)	7
07/06/2000	VC Meudon Colborne Criterium Event 1 (EL/1/2/3)	2
21/05/2000	Susies Circuit Races (EL/1/2)	6
13/05/2000	Surrey League Road Race (2/3)	8
07/05/2000	Surrey League Road Race (2/3)	2
16/04/2000	Surrey League Road Race (2/3/4)	9

WELL IT HELPED TO FILL SOME PAGES



70's

THE QUALIFYING EVENTS FOR 4 CLUB TROPHIES

Championship 50	Miles Trophy
Championship 25	De Laune Challenge Bowl
Mid Summer 25	Alan Maughan Trophy
Autumn 25	Golden Jubilee Trophy

The club events already applied for are :

Club 10	on	Q10/24	on	15 th	August
OMA 10	on	Q10/24	on	12 th	September.

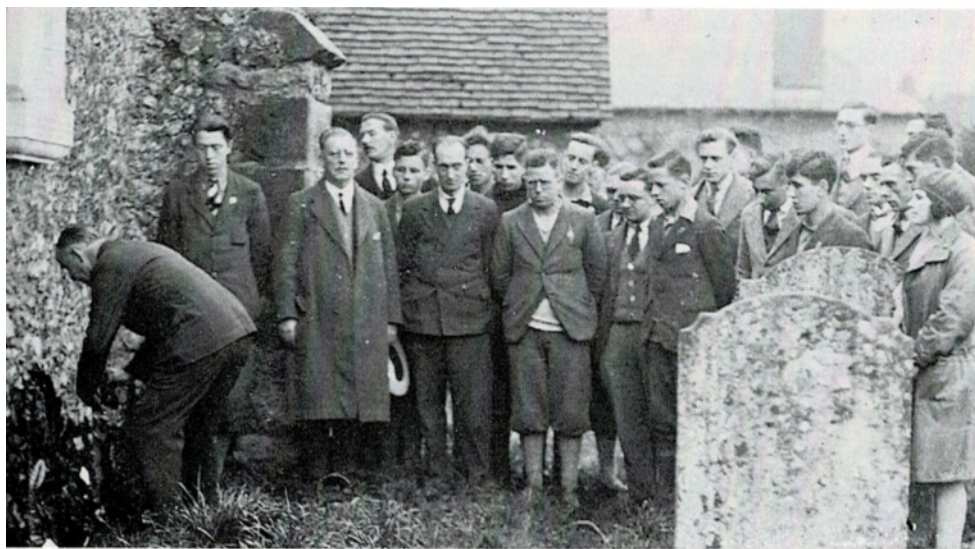
Kent and/or London South events possible

KCA 50	Q50/11	31 st	May
SCCU 50	G50/10	7 th	June
East Sussex CA 50	G50/90	14 th	June
Medway VC 50	Q50/11	9 th	August
Wigmore 25	Q25/8	3 rd	May
VTTA 25	Q25/8	14 th	June
KCA 25	Q25/10	19 th	July
Thanet RC	Q25/10	27 th	July
Catford 25	Q25/12	23 rd	August
SCCU 25	G25/43	6 th	September
VTTA 25	Q25/12	13 th	September

I have deliberately omitted the Gravesend event as, according to the handbook, they have opted for a 20K event rather than a 25 mile event.

Worth mentioning that we have a new trophy for the ladies – donated to the Club by Dave Rudd in memory of Francis Rudd – for the fastest 10 mile time recorded by a lady in each year. This way everyone in the club is aware it is up for grabs and not just information for members of the committee.

Val



Newnham Service 1920 -- the first wreath laying

Cycling in Denia

Our second year, we came last year and enjoyed it so much we decided to come again. The added bonus is that it coincides with the Fallas Festival. A week-long festival that finishes with the burning of massive paper Mache' statues.

This year turned out to be very different from last year but more about that later.

The cycling out here is very different to anything that I have done in the U.K. The landscape is rocky and hilly, the climbs are long and the descents scary or exhilarating depending on how you see these things. We were cycling with a great group of people led by Paul Rogers of the CTC holidays. The riding was not leisurely, and I spent more time looking at back wheels than scenery.

The sort of the riding that at the end of the day you say "did I do that "One of the climbs is the iconic Coll de rates. There is an old ticket box at the bottom and one at the top which was used pre strava to record times. Tejay Van Garderen done the climb in 8 minutes 23 seconds .I was a lot slower needless to say.

Rumours started then that the festival was cancelled and talk of restaurants closing. Then on Friday at midnight everything shut except supermarkets and chemists. People vanished from the previously busy streets. An occasional person walking a dog and a few people going to get provisions.

Paul said he was unable to take the group out on the Saturday but someone else volunteered. We did not mix with anyone and stuck to the orange groves and hills. Other groups of cyclists were out too.

After the ride we took our hire bikes back to outside the shop as it was not allowed to open and gave them back.

On Sunday everyone else left and it felt like we were alone in the hotel apart from a couple of staff. We sat on the roof terrace and we could hear life going on in all the apartments around us. The hotel left us food in a fridge and a microwave everyone was doing their best. We had a late flight home on the Monday, and everything went like clockwork. I was so pleased just to get home not knowing we are now in lockdown too



Social Club Events for 2020

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Club & Inter Club Events for 2020

15 th Aug		Club 10	Q10/24	
12 th Sep		OMA 10	Q10/24	

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>

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