

DE LAUNE CYCLING CLUB

Founded 1889

OUR ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH YEAR

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Could this have been a De Laune Club Run, the riders are at the bottom of Brixton Hill. Issac Walton store is on the corner of Acre Lane and behind the hoarding on the left of the photo is the building of the Lambeth Town Hall, Brixton.

February 2020

OF BALFE'S BIKES
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*Club Prize Presentation Lunch.
Will be on Saturday 29th February
at the Three Horse Shoes,
Knockholt
12-30 for 1-00pm.
See Menu attached
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Club Rides (Sunday): Meet 9am,
Cadence Performance
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**CLUB NIGHT
SECOND MONDAY
OF EACH MONTH
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All The President's Pen

Into the new decade we go! We're now a month into the roaring twenties. Someone pointed out to me that if you're writing the date on any document this year, it is advisable to write the year in full – i.e. 29/01/2020, and not just 29/01/20 – because anyone **could** come along and adjust what you wrote to 29/01/2005, or 2022, or any other date if it was in their interest to do that. Possibly a teeny bit paranoid – but you never know!

We're also one month away from the De Laune Annual Awards Lunch, at the Three Horseshoes pub in Knockholt. Details elsewhere in this issue – please contact Royboy for bookings. That's on February 29 – something one can't say very often. The late and great Bill Miles's birthday – he would be 108. For those few of you who never knew him – the Past President Bill was the club's oldest ever member (as far as I know) and passed away at the ripe old age of 101, having only ever had 25 birthdays!

Looking back ten years to the start of 2010, and we had the then President Royboy talking about our

Cyclo-cross promotion which had just taken place in December! The only rider from De Laune in that race was George Lewis. I'm delighted to say that George is still competing at cyclocross this year. In fact he's only done one race less than me! (I've done two).

Looking back 20 years to Jan 2000, we celebrated our 111st anniversary that year. To mark the occasion it was more cyclocross - we put on the London Cyclocross Championships at Eastway, with a top prize of £111, and a total prize list of £1,111!

Looking ahead to our 1,111st anniversary in the year 3000, the prize list could be even higher (that's inflation for you!)

Thank you to everyone who has been sending in your subs, this is a reminder that subs became due on Jan 1. Those of you who receive your DLN via email will shortly be getting an email from RiderHQ to enable you to renew yours online. This is just one way of renewing, of course – I've been getting lots of cheques in the post (remember them!), and some via bank transfer too. (email me for the bank details).

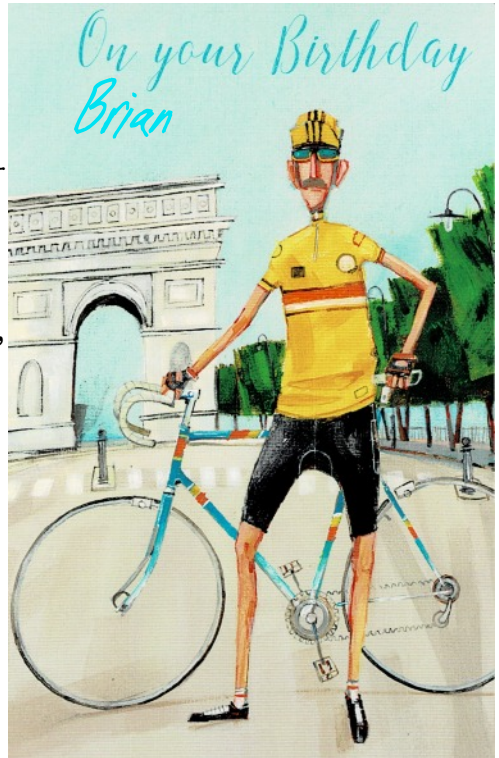
I would like to give a very warm second welcome back to Roger Hargreaves, who rejoined the club after a 20-odd year gap last year, and has now upped that to first claim. Having now retired, Roger has a great cycling future opening up ahead of him! Nice to have you back in the fold!

Bill

THIN LEGS

I was just recovering from the feelings of low self-esteem as a result of the comments made by John Kavanagh regarding my legs, when I received a birthday card from a cousin which has resulted in my deciding in future never to wear skinny jeans or shorts.

Brian Saxton

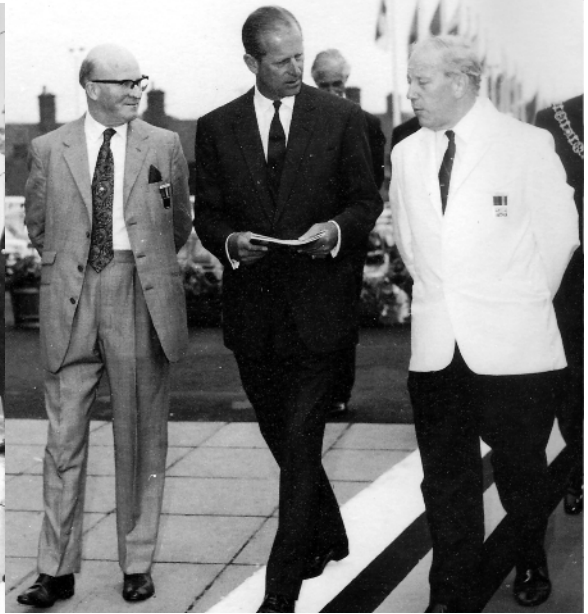


National Cycling Union Meeting at Bristol County Grounds 1891

De Laune member W.G.H. Bramton winning 5 mile tricycle Championship



*.Soon we will be electing a new President
Some Past Presidents*



*Edward (Chip) Chippendale 1977-79 with PM Edward Heath
and HRH Prince Philip and Benny Foster (BCF)*



*Mark Ballamy 1983-1985 Ken Fuller 1989-1992 Derek Boon 1986-1988
Ken Hill 1980-1992 Bill Miles 1974-1976 Ken Flecher 1971.1973*

MOVING ON - PART 3

The third item that Maureen handed to me prior to her move to Christchurch was Alan's Olympic blazer sporting the Olympic badge on the breast pocket. It was Alan's two years' National Service with the Royal Army Medical Corps that paved the way, not only to his success in the 1956 Olympic Games but also in the many other events he rode in during those two years.

It crossed my mind that the army may be interested in the blazer and I decided to contact the RAMC Museum at Ash Vale near Aldershot. The curator there said that they would be happy to accept the blazer and that it would be

displayed along with the racing vest of Sir Roger Bannister, who had also been a member of RAMC.



When I collected the blazer from Maureen she was concerned that it may be a little "dusty" as it had been hanging in her loft for some thirty or so years; however, it was perfectly clean but a little creased having been encased in a plastic cover - nothing that a little spruce-up at the local dry cleaners couldn't solve. They made a first-class job of smartening up the blazer and displayed it in the window of the shop for a few days, and also waived the cleaning charge!

The last time Alan's blazer was on show would have been at the clubroom in Choumert Road in 1988 when Ken Hill organised a display of club members' medals, cups and awards as a lead-up to the official opening of the clubroom the following year.

I made an appointment at the RAMC Museum in Ash Vale and was met by one of the assistants to the Curator (who informed me that the museum's central heating system had broken down and, boy, was it cold in there!). I briefly explained the background to Alan's cycling career with the RAMC, supported by a photograph of Alan wearing the blazer, together with press cuttings and articles from Cycling magazine provided by Mark Ballamy.

I was about to comment to the young assistant that he probably wasn't interested in cycle racing when he informed me that his father raced for a Basingstoke club and, by coincidence, his name was Wiggins (no relation to Bradley!). He mentioned that it was a good time to have the blazer as in 2020 they were hoping to include an Olympic theme to some of the exhibits.

After an interesting tour of the museum, during which I spotted Sir

Another of
Alan's wins



Roger's running vest amongst the various items, ranging from instruments for removing arrowheads from combatants at the Battle of Agincourt to more up-to-date equipment for dealing with the results of IEDs (Improvised Explosive Devices), I left for the warmth of my car with the heater at full blast and with a receipt for the blazer signed by D Wiggins!

Brian Saxton

A collection of Open Event medals won by the late Ken Fuller



De Laune Club medals won by the late Ken Fuller



Social Club Events for 2020

Saturday	29 - Feb	Prize Presentation At Three Horseshoes Knockholt 12:30 for 13:00
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Club & Inter Club Events for 2020

Saturday	18 - Apr	Q10/24	Clubs open "10"	Isle of Grain

**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.

SEE MESSAGE BOARD to keep UP TO DATE

<http://mikepeel.proboards67.com>

CLOSING DATE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE 27th February. 2020

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