

# DE LAUNE C.C.

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## O.M.A.NEWS

Our Henfield lunch – presided over by our Pres – Mike, was a good day out, with 34 members attending, about 6 less than usual due to holidays, sickness etc., we hope that Jack Young, Les Pyne and Charlie will be feeling fitter by now. The lunch was excellent, for which we thank Pat's friends at the White Hart. This was our third visit here and each time the weather has been in the 80's, we were all melting to say the least, but this didn't stop the eating and chatting, there's always plenty to catch up on when we all get together. After coffee we all went out into the garden, where it was a shade cooler, continued the chat until about 5.00 when the party began to split up and we all wended our various ways home.

We encountered a thunderstorm on the way home as I'm sure most of you did, we were lucky it didn't arrive earlier. Well, another successful 'Do' over, I think the opinion was that next year we have our Henfield Lunch in the Spring, possibly April when it will be a lot cooler, and the summer lunch be held at Mark's Golf Club, this can be decided early next year. I am liasing with Mike to see if we can book a date in November, for a Supper at the Blackheath H.Q., this is usually a popular get together, so when I have a date it will be in the DLN. A date already for November, is of course NEWNHAM, this will be on the 16<sup>th</sup> Nov. as usual, the first Sunday after the official Remembrance Sunday. So that is a definite date for your Diary.

All for this month. Thanks again Pat for organizing the lunch venue for us.

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### Mountain Biking Dept.

The Off-road guys have had a very successful season - not quite over yet, but nearly - with **Nick Kinsey**, our 2nd claim rider gaining top honours in the prestigious National Points Series in the Master Category. Masters is an age category, for 30s to 39s, and is UCI-recognised, and at a national level attracts many of the country's top dogs, so a win here is a much more significant achievement than would be a win in the younger Sport category (19s to 29s). Sadly none of our other riders managed a top 20 finish to win any points, so Nick was our only Overall position.

Other notable successes have been for **Julian Baird**, a first-year Junior rider, who achieved 1st place overall in the relatively prestigious Beastway Series, scoring 59 points out of a possible 60. He has also been a consistent winner at the Whipstakes Farm Mtb Series, a local, but well attended local series of races. **Ross Fryer** was 3rd overall in the Master category, but in a season dogged by knee problems, and **Alan Male** a creditable 4th Sport rider. **David Law** is another promising first-year Junior, whose best result

so far was a 6th in the South-of-England SAMS Series race in the heavy mud at Stanmer Park, Brighton. His first-ever road race, a Crystal Palace crit, saw him getting a bunch finish in the main group, and mixing it at the front a few times.

Successes out of racing, too - **Sam Armour** and **Andrew King** both won themselves places at Cambridge University with straight A grades at A-level, and **Tom Hood** got 3 A\*s, and 6 A grades in his GCSEs. Clever stuff.

## Beastway Mountain Bike Series

The 12-week series ended on July 23rd, with a number of De Laune riders in top positions. It was a pity more club members couldn't turn out for the De Laune marshalled event on July 2nd, but a big thank you nonetheless to **Stuart Shand, Sue and Andy Lyle, Peter Baird and my Mum**. Not really enough people to run an event, but we got by commandeering spectators and friends/relatives of riders to help us out, and pulling De Laune riders off the start line. Bit of a shame really.

### Beastway Results

#### Team Race - June 18th

De Laune 'A' Team - (Alan Male, Ross Fryer, Julian Baird, James Peckham)

1st Sport team - 3rd team overall.

#### Final Overall Positions

Julian Baird - 1st Junior  
Andrew King - 7th Junior  
Luke Collins - 19th Junior

Ross Fryer - 3rd Master  
Bill Wright - 35th Master  
Paul Cooper - =20th Youth

Alan Male - 4th Sport  
James Lyon - 16th Sport  
James Peckham - 32nd Sport  
James Lett - 47th Sport  
James De Ville - =57th Sport  
James Colley - =76th Sport

**BMB National Points Series, Round 1, Margam Park, S. Wales, March  
30th**

2nd Master - Nick Kinsey

**BMB National Points Series, Round 2, Checkendon, Berks, April 20<sup>th</sup>  
2nd Master - Nick Kinsey**

**BMB National Points Series, Round 3, Fort William, Scotland, May  
18th**

1st Master - Nick Kinsey

**BMB National Points Series, Round 4, Newnham, Devon, July 6th**

27th Master - Bill Wright

DNF - Nick Kinsey

25th Junior - David Law

43rd Junior - Andrew King

30th Youth - Paul Cooper

**BMB National Points Series, Final Round, Ludlow, Shropshire, July  
20th**

5th Master -- Nick Kinsey

23rd Master - Bill Wright

**Final Overall Position**

Master Category Winner - Nick Kinsey

**BMB 1997 National Mountain Biking Championships,  
Nannerch, North Wales August 3**

4th Master - Nick Kinsey

36th Master - Bill Wright

54th Junior - David Law

81st Sport - James Lyon

**Southern Area Mountain Bike Series(SAMS), Round 3,  
Stanmer Park, Brighton, June 22<sup>nd</sup>**

6th Junior - David Law  
DNF - Julian Baird  
8th Elite - Nick Kinsey  
47th (last) Expert - Bill Wright  
DNF - James Peckham

**SAMS Round 4, Checkendon, Berks, 13th July.**

23rd Junior - David Law  
26th Sport - Alan Male  
DNF - James Peckham  
27th Master - Bill Wright  
28th Youth - Paul Cooper

**SAMS Round 5, East Meon, Hants, August 10th**

9th Master - Bill Wright  
27th Youth - Paul Cooper  
31st Junior - Luke Collins  
DNF - David Law

**Club Track Championships 1997**

At the time of going to press the date has not been confirmed, because it has been practically impossible to get hold of the Council department that takes the bookings for the track. We would like to hold it on Sunday September 21st from 9.00am until 1.00pm. By the time you get this we should have made the booking, so please ring Bill on 0171-735 9605 to confirm it. We will need timekeepers and officials, as well as entries. Track hire costs the Club a lot of money, so please make it worthwhile and come along to support your Club. Any donations will be very welcome.

**Club Autumn 25 TT** - Sunday 28th September 7.45am  
Starts in Mill Lane, South Holmwood, Surrey G437.

## **Club Runs 1997-98**

It is our intention to do a lot more in the way of Club Runs this winter, than we have in recent years. With Thursday club night attendance's dropping off significantly now, it is best that we try to get things going again on Sunday mornings. The usual meeting place is on Crystal Palace Parade, next to the junction with Farquhar Road, at 10am.

It would be a nice idea for both roadies and off-roadies to meet here at this time, since the usual rule is that any ride will actually leave a quarter of an hour after the stated time, so that there can be at least a minimal amount of chinwagging before departure, as well as time to fix a puncture on the way there.

The first one, however, will leave at 9.30 SHARP on October 5th to ride down to the Club Hill Climb at Titsey Lane in time for an 11.00 start. Road and mountain bikes are welcome - it only takes a couple of minutes, so do enter! (NB Mountain bikes may not use slick or semi-slick tyres!)

**While on the subject of Club Runs**, Mary and Francis Rudd have again agreed to run the now-famous Christmas Club-Run And Lunch, provisionally on December 15th, though this has still to be confirmed.

Dan Rudd, now a 2nd claim member riding for the Kent-based Renners RT, despite mid-season knee problems, won both the Monday Comp and the Wednesday Summer leagues at Herne Hill, and has been notching up several victories at Eastway, Palace and also at the Dartford Criteriums

# THE DE LAUNE MEMORIAL CLUBROOM

The result of the questionnaire sent to all members :-

54 member replied

34 - ordinary  
5 - life  
8 - associate  
3 - juniors  
3 - juvenile  
1 - 2<sup>nd</sup> claim

How often do you attend the clubroom

1 - weekly  
15 - monthly  
26 - seldom  
12 - never

Is the clubroom in the wrong place

33 - yes  
19 - no  
2 - had no view

Alternative areas

16 - Bromley / inner Kent  
11 - outer London / Croydon  
and on a bus route  
4 - close to junction of M25

More details and extracts of members views will be included in future DLN's in the hope of provoking discussion. The number of members living in the SE and SW postal areas continue to fall, and is now less than a third of the club.

**You will notice an item on the Agenda at the forthcoming Half Yearly General Meeting, under AOB, for a discussion on the members views on the future of the Clubroom premises.**

## DATES FOR INTERCLUB EVENTS

<i>DATE</i>	<i>CLUB</i>	<i>COURSE</i>	<i>START</i>	
SEPT 20	De Laune OMA 10 Jeremy Briggs 0181 284 5121	G10/38	08.00	SUNDRIDGE
SEPT 28	Club Autumn 25TT	G437	07.45	SOUTH HOLMWOOD
OCT 4	34 NOMADS	G1038	08.00	SUNDRIDGE
OCT 5	HILL CLIMB	TITSEY	11.00	

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## **DATES FOR YOUR DAIRY**

**CLUB TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS      SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER**  
**CLUB HILL CLIMB                      SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**  
**HALF YEARLY GENERAL MEETING THURSDAY 16<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**  
**OMA SUPPER                              SATURDAY 8<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**



**OMA SUPPER**  
**Saturday 8th November**

This will be at the  
Blackheath Harriers  
club house at Hayes Kent.  
More details in the next  
DLN or  
contact Dot on 01689

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