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**PRESIDENTS REPORT**

Hi everyone,

Did you see the Tour of Italy? What an exciting event, and a great result for Deluca.

Did you also see the Dauphine where Moreau won it? Again another exciting finish. If you did not see the opening stage, Bradley Wiggins won that by about two seconds, and he went on to hold the yellow jersey for two days. Of course Millar also did a good ride.

I see that the track surface at Manchester Velodrome has been pulled up because it had so much use it wore out. It is currently being replaced, and should be open on 1<sup>st</sup> August. The facilities for cyclists are few and far between. Anyone living in this area who wants to do some indoor training, has to travel three hours to Newport, South Wales, or nearly four hours to Manchester. Some really good facilities are being provided for tennis, athletics and swimming, but very little for a sport which gets most medals for this country in the Olympics.

I read in Cycling that Will Townsend, OBE, who was one of the most influential figures in the history of British Time Trialing died on his 102<sup>nd</sup>. Birthday. He was still working until he was 92. He was a lawyer and a member of the Westerly Cycling Club.

I don't know about you, but I would have liked to have been in London for the weekend of 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, when there was a naked demo by cyclists. Apparently this protest is now in its fourth year.

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Brian Dacey is doing well in his White Jersey event, and has had a win in Dunton, which is the testing circuit for the Ford Motor Company. This weekend (30<sup>th</sup>-1<sup>st</sup> July) Brian and I will be in sunny Scunny (Scunthorpe) for the National Masters' Championships. Brian in the 60-69 age group, and me in the 70+ group. I'm looking forward to seeing how I'm going after my accident – hopefully I'll stay upright!

We had our usual members lunch in Brighton on the 24<sup>th</sup>, which was well attended, and a great time was had by all. Special thanks to Dot for organising the members, and Pat for organising the venue. As you know, Ken Fuller could not join us at the lunch, as he is still in Princess Elizabeth Hospital, Farnborough, and he was very much missed. Arthur Howe was presented with his glass tankard for 50+ years membership in our Club – he has, in fact, done 58 years!! He still holds a record with Kav for the tandem 50 miles, which they did in 1 hour 56 minutes. (*sorry Mr Pres. I must correct you the record is 1:48:26 held by Kav & John Geoghegan, Arthur has a share of the team record riding with George Starsmeare 2:2:?: and myself & Charlie Carlton 1:54:?: Ed.*) Way back, Kav and Arthur held the 1000 metre tandem track record for 5 minutes, then along came two upstarts – Alan Jackson and Dennis Tar – who took it away from them. We have been trying to present this tankard to Arthur for a while, but this was the first event he has been able to attend for some time, and very good to see him again it was too.

Now July is coming – and so is LE TOUR. Many of us are going up to London on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup>, to go to the starting area and hopefully meet some of the riders, and we'll be back there on Saturday to see the start. If you all want to meet up somewhere, liaise with Mike Peel

### **Quote for the month:**

“I’m going to a special place when I die, but I want to make sure life is special while I’m here”.

Payne Stewart, Golfer

Roy

## The Chairman's Report

Club Runs. I have always said that the backbone of any club is the club run and in our club they tend to be very spasmodic. This could be due to people having other things to do be it training, racing, holidays or other interests.



Many years ago we would ride out on a Saturday to Pangbourne lane on the Bath Road, get digs, and race Sunday morning, then ride back to London in the afternoon. Then came the dreaded motorcar! We went out to the event in the car; rode the event, and came back in the car. In some cases the only person you saw was the timekeeper and perhaps your minute-man.

I now think that the motorcar could be our saviour. Let me explain: if you live in London, to get to the green stuff (you remember the country side?) you ride on your bike for say one hour, depending where you live, to get to the fresh air.

My idea is that, as most of us have motorised transport, we meet at a rendezvous outside of London with the bikes in the back. We would have say two to three hours on the bike on a circular route, including a stop at a café or pub for lunch - I do know some nice country pubs.

To start with I would like to make this once a month, so I will start the ball rolling.

Our first run will be in the Weald of Kent, through lovely villages like Yalding, Marden, and Staplehurst etc. I know that June and July and perhaps August is busy a time, but I suggest we meet at 10am in the car park at Wateringbury on Sunday the 12th of August. Depending on how many people want to go, I will book a table at a pub for lunch. Please let me know if you are interested. If it is successful I will run one a month to start with.

If you have no transport the trains run from London to East Malling which is just up the road. I will keep you all informed through the DLN and our web site.

Did you know that the Maidstone San Fairy Ann, my second claim club, have three club runs on a Saturday (about 60 to 80 people) and meet at Marden and most of them go to the start in motorcars. It makes you think.

A lot of people ask me how Ken Fuller is. Ken is back in Farnborough Hospital again with fluid in his tummy and ankles. From our visits you can tell he is p..... Off with the whole thing, bless him.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> June we had our club 25 on the fast Horsham course. You will have seen the results on the web and in this DLN. Two outstanding rides from John Archdeacon with 58.59 and James King 57.27. Both under the hour for the first time and in John's case it is his second time trial. The only sad part of the morning was that the Tesco café has closed down for refurbishment so no "Eat as much as you like for £3.50 breakfast"

Peter Jenn knew a small place just down the road. It was good but half the way to Bognor Regis!

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of June Mike Peel organized the Circuit Race around Crystal Palace but unfortunately the race had to be cancelled after two laps due to slippery road surfaces and a few falls.

On Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup> of June we had our annual old members lunch at Brighton. The usual format, good food, good wine and good friends. If you have not been to one of our lunches please come to our next on as it is for all de Laune members and guests Thanks again to Pat Burns and Dot Fuller who organized the event. I know Dot will give you a full report in this issue.

Did you know that Mr & Mrs Terry Deely turned up! Yes Mr & Mrs. They kept that quiet. After all those years Terry and Carol got married on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June this year. We think it was for Inheritance tax problems? Carol had a lovely ring made by Terry. Carol said that they would have been married two years ago but you know how long it takes Terry to make things? Best wishes from us all.



Talking about being married. John and Eileen Geoghegan have been married 40 years on the 15<sup>th</sup> of July. The only problem is that Glyn their son has given an open invitation (bring a bottle) to about 250 people to their home so far! I had better not give you their address. Congratulations to you both.

**Kav.**

PS Back to club runs again. I am off to France for the day with the San fairy Ann CC on Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> of June. We have a group of about 20. The format is that we leave the cars in the all day car park at Dover. With our bikes, we get the ferry to Calais. We then have a 30-mile ride through the lanes with a stop at a restaurant. I will let you know how I get on and if you are interested I will organize a trip.



Riverside studios is, again, showing some films that may interest you.  
(All times given are for the start of the main film, so allow a little extra time if you don't want to miss anything!! Plus if you're more than 15 minutes late they won't let you in, so as not to disturb everyone else - fair enough I guess.)  
Cinema is in Crisp Street, near Hammersmith Broadway underground station, towards the river.

Box Office telephone number is 020 8237 1111 (open 12.00-21.00) or email [info@riversidestudios.co.uk](mailto:info@riversidestudios.co.uk) Website is [www.riversidestudios.co.uk](http://www.riversidestudios.co.uk)

Normal tickets are £6.50

**Wednesday 4th July** Notebook from the Tour de France 2006 (Ray Pascoe)  
7.20pm -- Hell on Wheels 8.30pm

**Friday 27th July** The Battle Of the Bikes (Graham Obree World Hour Record, 1994) 7.15pm -The Flying Scotsman (Graham Obree biography - new) 8.30pm

Matinee:

**Saturday 28th July** The Battle Of the Bikes (Graham Obree World Hour Record, 1994) 3.15pm -The Flying Scotsman (Graham Obree biography - new) 4.30pm

Evening:

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**NIGEL**

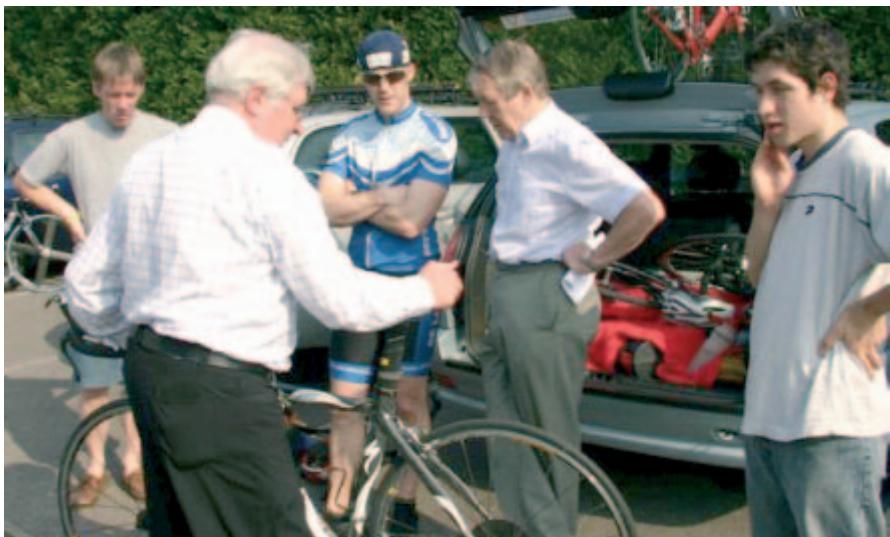
# Club 25 Results - 10 June 2007

*Photos by Kav.*



1	John Archdeacon	58:59
2	Dave Haggart	1:03:37
3	Cliffe Steele	1:06:25
4	Peter Jenn	1:07:18
5	Simon Lowe	1:10:31
	Alan Rowe	DNF
	James King	private
		57:27





## **De Laune CC Open 25 Fred Peachey Memorial**

As mentioned in the DLN this year's event will be held on 29<sup>th</sup> July on our usual course at Chilham with a 7am start. I am hoping for a good field this year – I have certainly been advertising it at every event Tony has ridden so far this year.

To date I have one entry from the club plus the promise of another – bear in mind please that this event has been designated as the Club Championship 25 which carries with it a superb trophy which dates back to 1904. So how about getting your entry in by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July and have opportunity of having your name engraved on such an august trophy.

The numbers have been gradually building for the last few years, I actually managed to attract 95 riders in 2006 – my aim is to reach 100 – more if possible. It would be good to see some Junior entries this year so that the Johnson Trophy can be awarded. To this end I have targeted clubs who I know have junior riders competing, by pushing out flyers advertising the trophy. With luck we will be successful in witnessing a good competition for this cup.

With all this talk of entries and riders I will need some help to promote. So far I have most of the duties covered and I hope to be able to 'sit back', having completed most of my searching's at the OMA lunch For the outstanding duties I shall be on the phone in the next couple of days. However, if you have a favourite spot or job you like doing get in quick and I shall allocate as necessary.

Look forward to hearing from you

Val the Peach

# VETS CLUB RECORDS & CLUB B.A.R.

Congratulations to Alan Priddy, who is flying. So far this year he has taken 3 vets records for a 65 year old and there is more to come (he has ridden privates and gone quicker but I'm not telling!)

Below are his fastest qualifying rides:-

**10 Miles** 21<sup>st</sup> June Bognor Regis C C Course P901 23mins.35secs.

(22mins 57secs is the current record held by Alan Rowe at age 65)

**25 Miles** 26 May Charlottesville C C Course H25/8 59mins.01secs.

(**New record**, taking out his own record of 59mins 25secs at age 64)

**50 Miles** 17<sup>th</sup> June East Sussex CA Open Course G50/89 2hrs..09mins.02secs.

(**New record**, taking out his own record of 2hrs.15mins.09sec at age 64)

**100 Miles** 24<sup>th</sup> June Kent C A (incorp. Vets Nat Champs) Q100/5 4hrs.41mins.01sec.

**100 miles..... (New record, taking out Peter Gunnells at age 63 & his own record of 4hrs.50mins.49secs. at age 64)**

Alan's '100' time gave him **Silver Medal** in the Nat.Champs. & in the KCA-Champs. (Shay Giles, age 61 was winner in both Champs, he did 4hrs.29mins.33sec. with a plus 3mins.06sec faster on age standard than Alan).

So far this year Alan is in double figures in the amount of Vets awards he has picked up and is featuring frequently in the 'comics' results

Those of you time trialists (vet or other) who read this will realise that Alan has now completed the 3 distances for the club BAR and is thus leading the competition.

**Are there any challengers out there?**

**Malcolm Adams (BAR Co-ordinator)**

## MEMBERSHIP

I volunteered to do a write-up on the club's Crystal Palace circuit race promotion as it was an easy one, ie same report as last year – poured with rain with senior event being cancelled after a couple of laps! Directly the surface of the course at the Palace becomes wet it is absolutely treacherous. I watched half a dozen riders try to negotiate a left-hand bend, all of them going straight off the road onto the grass.

As soon as it was realised that the event had been cancelled, we all ran for our cars, leaving Jayne Wadsworth and Marie Brunborg, who had both been marshalling and by this time were absolutely drowned, to ride their bikes back home to Southwark. Also we left Christian Rudolf, who had cycled from work to the event with his suit in his bonk-bag, debating whether to change back into his suit to at least start his ride home to Peckham in dry clothes or risk getting pneumonia by staying in his wet ones!

There appeared to be a double-booking at this event as the Woolwich CC also thought it was their promotion – thus there were plenty of marshals around the course. I had an interesting conversation with one of the guys from the Woolwich (which is, in fact, an older club than the De Laune). He informed me that the founder members of the cycling club then went on to form Arsenal Football Club.

We received an e-mail from our man in Germany – Geoff Margetts – about a short film by a Philip Parkin with the title “Riding Bikes and Robbing Trains”, which is a three-minute documentary on Bruce Reynolds, a member of the 1963 Great Train Robbery gang. I quote a brief section of the write-up on this documentary: “Bruce Reynolds grew up with a passion for cycling that has never left him. In his mid-teens before he took up the criminal lifestyle that would lead to him becoming one of the 20<sup>th</sup> century’s most wanted men, Reynolds joined the De Laune Cycling Club in South London, going on 50-mile Sunday runs – and spending all the money he earned as a newspaper messenger boy on his Bates cycle”. For more information see <http://tinyurl.com/21e9o4>.

Coincidentally, in the June/July 2007 Newsletter of the Veteran Cycle Club a question is posed to anyone who had been a member of the Southern Velo enquiring if they could verify whether Bruce Reynolds had ever been a member of that club! Our Club Archivist can confirm that he was never a member of the De Laune!

Monty Watkins has sent us an e-mail to say that he had received a call from Mary Tooke, who lives in the UK, advising that her mother, Florrie, had recently died at the age of 88. Monty mentioned in his message that “some (really old) members” will recall her late husband, Les, who was apparently a great track sprinter pre-war. Florrie was sister to Ken and Rob Fletcher. The late Ken Fletcher was, of course, a President of the club.

Brian Saxton

*Tom Quick my brother in law of TJQ Cycles who rode with Bruce Renold (not on the train) and also went to school with him, tells me that he may have been a member of the Southern Velo - did not ride a “Bates” but a “Paris Galibier” .Ed.*

PARIS as a make did have a later incarnation when Michael Kemp, who had bought the PARIS name, traded as the Paris Lightweight Cycle Company Ltd.

Monty Young of Condor Cycles, and Tom Board who was Condor's frame builder, were also Directors of this venture. Tom Board, as the only builder, built high-class replica PARIS Galibier and Champion du Monde frames between 1981 and 1987. It is rumoured that Condor may yet again re-introduce the Galibier as a custom made retro design.



## **SNIPPETS**

### **Important Notice**

All time triallists should note that Regulation 14 (g) states that the open area of the front wheel must be at least 45% of the surface area.

**Mavic 10 and X-Treme Aeromax Elite** wheels are two that we know do not meet this requirement. They should not be used in any (including club) CTT events.

Disc wheels are not allowed to be used on the front Regulation 14 (f).

It is the responsibility of each rider to ensure that they comply with all CTT Regulations. Not doing so could leave themselves open to disqualification and further disciplinary action.

**Tony Peachey**



**Max Dod's Memorial Run and BBQ this year will be  
held on Sunday the 5th August**

Arrive at our house around 9am if your bringing your bike, we usually leave around 9.30am.(the ride will be no more than 40 miles.) The more sedate will be doing their usual walk (stroll) leaving around 11am.

The BBQ will kick off around 1pm. don't forget bring your own food.  
We will provide drinks etc as usual.

Please let me know if you are coming or if you need further details.  
(how to get to Herne Bay)

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# A DE LAUNE ABROAD

## Part 4

By Peter Jenn

Blenhiem, South Island. I reluctantly say goodbye to Max and Pauline Pendleton and Derek Smith and point the Bromton in the direction of the station. The train was late from Picton, while I waited I got talking to a typical old Aussie in his eighties very tough, huge hands - "deed a bit of ranging ov're bi potato tin camp" he said, looking at me to see my reaction. "Yere" he said nodding "year" " we were 1000 mile north of Kalgori at Coolbar Creek.....hadn'tseen rain fer sixteen year" another look, I don't know if I showed it but I was amazed, how could people survive. He continued " they turn lake Karnesh inter H/Bomb testing site" "yere they did" just as he began telling me about wrestling a 20 foot croc, the train arrived, he didn't get on, just wanted to talk to the driver. I climb aboard if you are ever in N.Z. This train journey is a must.

Picton to Christchurch - 5 hours on the Unique Tranz Coastal Railway, we climb over Dashwood Pass to the coast, spectacular views of the Pacific Ocean breaking onto rocky outcrops on one side and snow clad mountains on the other. There is an open observation carriage and it rocks and sways in the wind we go through 21 tunnels and over 175 bridges and right by the sea. We stop at Kaikoura, the continental shelf is within 1 km. off the coast and strong undercurrents create a up swell rich in nutrients which attracts the Wales, Kaikora is world famous for its Whale watching. We pass the Red Grassmere Lake which produces 100,000 tonnes of salt per year, a half million acre cattle farm - wild deer, seal colonies within 100 feet of the train and out at sea a shoal of Dolphins actually racing the train. By the time we get into Christchurch it's getting dark, jumping onto the Brompton I ride into the centre and find the local YHA, the girl at the desk say sorry but we are full, that American over there is waiting to be taken to another hostel. I quickly fold up the bike and wait, after about 10 min. an old Dormobile stops outside and I follow the American and without saying a word throw my gear in the back climb in and off we go, I wonder to where? Well bye for now

Pete.



PRESIDENT ROY  
PRESENTING  
ARTHUR HOW  
WITH A  
50 YEARS GLASS

BERT WASON  
MAKING HIS FIRST  
VISIT TO THE  
OMA LUNCH

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## Who wants to be a US President

Look what happens when a US President gets elected in a year ending with an '0' and notice how it progresses by 20 years. Note the years shown are those in which these presidents were elected.

- 1840 William Henry Harrison (died in office)
- 1860 Abraham Lincoln (assassinated)
- 1880 James A. Garfield (assassinated)
- 1990 William McKinley (assassinated)
- 1920 Warren G. Harding (died in office)
- 1940 Franklin D. Roosevelt (died in office)
- 1960 John F. Kennedy (assassinated)
- 1980 Ronald Reagan (survived assassination attempt)

More bizarre facts

Abraham Lincoln was elected to Congress in 1846

John F. Kennedy was elected to Congress in 1946

Abraham Lincoln was made President in 1860

John F. Kennedy was made President in 1960

Both were particularly concerned with civil rights.

Both had wives who lost children while living in the White House

Both Presidents were shot dead on a Friday and both were shot in the head.

Now it gets more weird:

Lincoln's Secretary was named Kennedy. Kennedy's Secretary was named Lincoln

Both Presidents were assassinated by Southerners. Both were succeeded by Southerners named Johnson

Andrew Johnson, who followed Lincoln was born in 1808

Lyndon Johnson, who followed Kennedy was born in 1908

John Wilkes Booth, assassinated Lincoln, was born in 1839

Lee Harvey Oswald, who assassinated Kennedy was born in 1939

Both assassins were known by their three names, both had names composed of 15 letters, both were assassinated before their trials

Lincoln was shot at the theatre named Ford. Kennedy was shot in a Ford car, model Lincoln

A week before Lincoln was shot he was in Monroe, Maryland

A week before Kennedy was shot he was with Marilyn Monroe

Val the Peach



# **DATES TO REMEMBER**

## **Diary Social/Club for 2007**

Sunday	5 - Aug	Max Dod's Memorial	Herne Bay
Friday	2-Nov	Belgium Night	Blackheath Harriers
Sunday	10.30	18-Nov	Remembrance Service
			Newham

## **Club & Inter-Club Events for 2007**

Sunday	07.00	29-Jul	Fred Peachey 25	Chilham
Saturday	07.30	18-Aug	OMA 10	Q10/20
Sunday	07.45	16-Sep	Autumn 25	G25/53
Saturday	07.15	22-Sep	Interclub 10	Q10/19
Sunday	11.00	?- Sep	Down Hill	Tilburstow Hill
Sunday	11.00	14-Oct	Hill Climb	Titsey Hill Gh/31
Saturday		1 - Dec	Cyclo Cross	Herne Hill

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