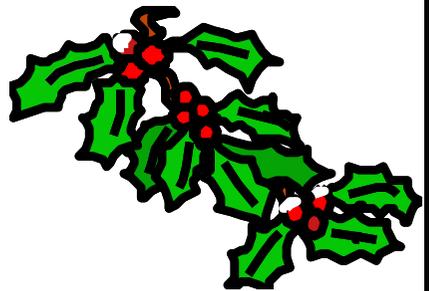


# DE LAUNE NEWS



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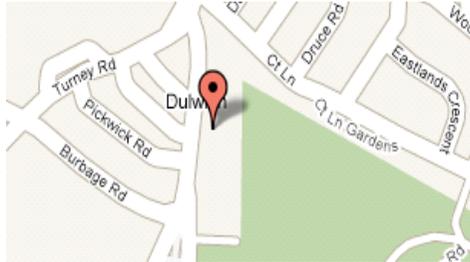
**DECEMBER 2009**

Club Nights and Committee Meetings

are being held in the

**Crown and greyhound pub**

situated in Dulwich Village  
73 Dulwich Village, London, SE21 7BJ. Tel: 020 8299 4976.



Free Parking in the surrounding roads and Bike parking at the front of the pub.

Meetings are at 8pm on the second Monday of each month, a chance to catch up with each other and find out what's happening in the De Laune.

### [Hell of the Ashdown sells out in 36 hours](#)

The Hell of the Ashdown sportive in January has had to close its doors after completely selling-out and within record time. The event received - and processed - 1,000 entries within just 36 hours of it opening.



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Dear Mark, I spotted this T shirt hanging up outside a shop and thought it quite amusing. I not sure who the extreme left hand figure reminds me of. Could it be Alan Rowe I ask, he always tries too hard in races. We will miss the Belgian night very much especially as we usually stay with Roy and Gina and make it a long weekend.

Regards to everybody.

John Geoghegan.

CLUB NIGHT  
SECOND MONDAY  
OF EACH MONTH  
Crown & Greyhound  
in Dulwich Village



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**PRESIDENTS REPORT**

Hi everyone,

Only two things to report for November – the Belgian Night and Newnham, two very important events for our Club.

The Belgian Night kicked off with much socialising as we all enjoyed the beer and wine which Kav brought back from France from a day trip. The food, served by Mike Peel, Titch Shambrook and Brian Saxton (under the supervision of “head waiter” Kav) was delicious. Gourmet dining, four courses, freely flowing wine, what a treat. The food was prepared by our talented chef, Cliff Steele and his gorgeous wife (ably assisted by their daughter). We all had a great time, and what great value for money at £10 per head all in (not including, of course, gratuities, which were very much deserved). Sadly, we were told by Mike Peel that next year we may have to rearrange the way the event is organised – more news about this later next year.

The other event was the Memorial Service at Newnham. The new Minister, Richard Birch, who was inaugurated just one year ago (in the afternoon, after we had been there in the morning) was a great help in arranging the Service. The day started off well for me, as I was chauffeured by

Mark Ballamy (I'm thinking of offering him a permanent job, unpaid, of course), and we arrived at Newnham in just under an hour, and went straight to the pub, which is just opposite the church, for coffee and ordering our lunches. For the last five years I have taken the sermon slot, but since I will have ended my Presidency before next year's service, I hope that the new President will represent the Club in this role. We then went outside where Rachael (the niece of Bernard Palastanga, a Club member who was a sergeant in the second World War) presented the Wreath with me. We then had coffee in the Church, a lovely tradition and the Church does us proud. The De Laune have been going to the St. Peter and St. Paul Church in Newnham since 1920.

Mark Ballamy gave me some useful bits of information. During the first World War the De Laune had their Silver Anniversary, and our Golden Anniversary was during the Second World War.

After coffee we went over to the pub for our lunch. A very sociable and enjoyable time was had by all after our morning or remembrance for those who had sacrificed themselves for our future.

I look forward to seeing you on the 5<sup>th</sup> December at the Cyclo-cross at Herne Hill organised by Bill Wright, and also at the Richmond Park Club Run on Sat. 19<sup>th</sup> December. Father Christmas (Kav) will probably be giving out mulled wine and mince pies.

If I don't see you there, Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year (what will be your New Year's resolution?)

Roy

Quote for the Month:

“To be a champ, you have to believe in yourself when nobody else will.”

Sugar Ray Robinson,

1920-1989, Boxer

## “KAV'S REPORT”

Another Belgium Night come and gone and, from the remarks I heard, the best yet. It goes without saying that the key to its success is the Steels. Cliff, Carol and of course little Cassia. A big thank you from everybody.

Three guys I must mention who ran their little socks off too, are our waiters. Mike, with his loud voice, letting us know what was happening! Stax who spent all Friday (so he told me!) putting out napkins and candles and Titch, although I cannot remember what he did? Yes, I do remember, he took the tops of the bottles!

A big thank you to Dot for getting the table seating arrangements to everybody's satisfaction. (I hope.) and, most importantly, collecting the cash from everybody at the end.

As I have told you before, Cliff will not take remuneration for his work but will always say “I will do it for the club”. However, he cannot stop us sending the basket around for us to show our appreciation. Cliff said thank you to you all. If I remember correctly, many years ago, when we sent the basket around for the collection we would be lucky to get the basket back!

Are we going to have another Belgium Night next year I have been asked? Yes and no is the answer! Cliff has said he would like to do it again next year, bless him and the Blackheath have said they would look at us favourably again for the use of their clubroom.

If we go again next year we need four young or younger waiters (the average age this year for the waiters was about 72!) to run their socks off. This would involve waiting, setting up the clubroom in the morning and leaving the clubroom as we found it in the evening, or early morning!

We do need four fit guys so I will be asking around over the next few months. Do not avoid me at your peril! Our existing waiters are clapped out and so I will need your commitment as waiters to go ahead next year.

Another social occasion coming up is the Christmas club run. Three laps around Richmond Park ending up with hot mulled wine, mince pies and sausage rolls. This will start from Roehampton Gate car park at 9am on Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> December.

If you are coming by car, get into the car park before 9am as it fills up very quickly.

I think this year has been one of our best years ever. We have had new members this year (not a lot but quality) and a few old members returning to the fold. Racing guys have had a few results; most of them in vet's events. Brian Dacey or as we call him "Mr Darcy" went to Australia and came back with a lot of medals the best one being a bronze on the track in the world UCI vets track championships.

The ride of the year must be the 22min 10 by a 70 year old member! Yes Alan Rowe. He has taken many vets awards this year. Well-done kid. I have got to mention our ladies also - Sarah and Jayne who won the ladies award in a two up event this year. Jayne has also had solo awards this year. Both have had a year of personal bests. Look out girls we have Clair Silvester (nee Peachey) back with us next year and she is a bit of a goer if you know what I mean!

On the social side of our club I think we are one of the best. This is thanks to Mark Ballamy and Mike Peel letting us know what is happening. You have only got to put your name on our web notice board saying are we going to ride this or that event and before you know it you have got a group. I notice Jayne has asked if anybody would be interested in riding a weekend three-day Sportive riding over 100 miles per day? I will give that one a miss Jayne.

The De Laune is being noticed out on the road. In the Kent CA reliability event we got a mention in the San Fairy Ann magazine by Pat Hill who is the editor She has open house to riders for tea and toast on the way around the course. She said "It was nice to see a few other clubs' faces, especially the annual visit from



**A few of our riders in the Kent CA Reliability event.**

John Kavanagh and what he called his fellow “De Loonies” who looked very bright and beautiful in their gorgeous blue strip seated around my dining room”

OK you beautiful people, turn up for the Christmas club run looking gorgeous if you will.

“Merry Crimples to you all”

Kav.

## NEWNHAM

Another good day for our club. We gathered together 35 members and friends for our Remembrance service. Luckily the rain and gales of the previous day had left the area, although it did stop the club-run taking place, which was a good decision as there were a few deeply flooded roads in Kent.

After the church service we gathered in the graveyard by the De Laune memorial tablet where our President Roy read out the names of the members who fell in two world wars. The poppy wreath was laid by Rachel, the niece of Bernard Palastanga one of the member’s who fell in the second world war. It was good to see his family once again.

Refreshments were again served, after the service, by two local ladies of the church, and we thank them for looking after us each year and for the lovely home-made goodies!

Then it was over to The George for lunch. The dining room, as usual, was full of chatty (noisy) De Launer’s catching up on the gossip, then home. Another great day out. Thanks to all our members and to President Roy for his sermon in church.

Happy Christmas and a fit and healthy 2010 to you all.

Dot



## From the Treasurers Desk



Again the traditional Belgium night which encompasses our prize presentation has taken place, ably catered for by Clif and Carol Steele acting as Chefs' supreme. All attendees were very appreciative and had great admiration and praise for their efforts on behalf of the club. This year they were assisted not only by our experienced waiter quartet waiter team of Kav, Tich, Mike the webmaster and Stack but also Clif and Carol's daughter Cassia who was somewhat overwhelmed with her 'special' bouquet from Pat.

The committee decision to increase the price this year to reduce the drain on club funds had the desired effect, although making a small loss, this was substantially lower than in previous years. We have a great club, with a band of people willing to make our promotions a success. The Belgium night is no exception. Not only do Cliff and Carol work their socks off, the 'booze boys', cum waiters, cum entertainers also give of their time tirelessly and Dot makes sure we have bums on seats – so thank you one and all.

A further order for club kit has been submitted as the first order is nearing depletion. You will find however that we have decided to reduce the subsidy to club members from 50% to 30%. This will mean that the following prices will apply

Short sleeve jersey	£28.00
Long sleeve jersey	£30.00
Bibshorts	£33.00
Bib tights with insert	£37.00
Skinsuits	£54.00
Heavy winter jackets	£54.00
Armwarmers	£8.00

Whilst on the subject of clothing, one person missing from the Belgium night was Mal Pires, due to work commitments. Over the past year Mal has spent many hours creating ideas, gathering member's views and requirements and eventually finding a company to supply our new kit. Since it's introduction

we have seen droves of De Laune members bedecked in splendid chocolate, blue and white parading the racing and leisure riding scene. All in all it has been a great success. For all his efforts he was awarded the only club merit award of the club - the Silverdale How Shield for the person who has benefited the club most during the past year. Well done Mal.

As is customary at this time of year the November committee meeting was the last one of the year – our next get together will be on 11<sup>th</sup> January. We meet on the second Monday of the month at the Crown and Greyhound in Dulwich Village at 8pm. We endeavour to keep our meetings moving along fairly speedily so that there is time for socialising in the bar afterwards, therefore any club member is welcome to catch up with us at that time, you would be most welcome. If you decide to join us in the meeting it is as well to be fairly quiet otherwise you may end up with a job to do !

Val the Peach

**"100" CLUB**

**DON'T FORGET TO BUY  
YOUR TICKETS**

A little part of our history, this is a letter from the March 1940 issue of the De Laune News this member moved to Canada before the first World War and remembered the De Laune Institute.

## SUPPORT FROM AFAR

Truax,  
Sask~ Canada  
28<sup>th</sup> March 1940

Dear Mr. Editor,

Think its about time I wrote thanking you for the De Laune News and as one of the old members has mentioned my name I guess I must reply I wonder how many of the old members remember the Institute in its prime and the athletic clubs connected with it?

The foremost was the D. L. Harriers who had some good runners. The Boxing Club had two good men in C. Stamford and Arthur Lock who could hold his own with any lad in South London at his weigh. The Swimming Club had a number of good swimmers and I well remember our half mile in the Thames, Sims 1, J. Holden 2 and your humble 3. The Cricket Club had the longest run after the Cycling Club. I remember playing at Sharsted before the death of Mr. Faunce De Laune and the Club was still going strong when I came out here. The Football Club could also be relied upon to put up a good game, but I think I will leave Auhrey King to finish this article.

How about it, old Rib you old D. - give the boys an account of the social side, dances, concerts etc. not forgetting the good old days at Shearsted Court - "Happy Days" !! Billy Pett was not wrong when he said the Le Gry's Brothers could "burn up" any combination. Was pleased to see letter from H. Hayter, A. Saxton and J. Pound. How about an account of our journeys home from High Wycombe at Easter. Harry, was it Hamp that towed me home?

Well must close now, wishing the boys the best of luck and a safe return,

Yours truly,  
Albert Bannell.  
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Mr Bannell, who went to Canada long before the last war (1914-18), followed the letter above with another a few days later in which he mentioned some history of the 'quad' which Chip enquired about in a recent issue. We hope to include some of this in another article in the near future. Meanwhile Mr. Bannell's second letter goes on –



“Have enclosed \$1. to the Comforts Fund. Wish I could send more, but things are very bad in dried out S. Sask: It rained for two weeks last June and but for two light rains in August have not seen any since. No snow until Xmas, that has all gone now. How fortunate we are away from the terrible times you are all going through. We hear all the news on the radio and I often wonder why a fiend like Hit1er is allowed to live. God help you all”



## LUNCH at NEWNHAM



Pat Burns - George Wood - The late Bernard Palastanga sister her husband  
Photo by Agrowe & Rachel

## **THE DE LAUNE CC 100 CLUB**

I am just writing to you all to remind about the De Laune CC 100 Club and to ask if you could please spare just £20 to support us in this venture.

As you know with the fall in interest rates over the last year the revenue on which the club relies to subsidise many of our activities has dropped enormously. This money not only helps with our club promotions, levies, sponsorships and subsidises our social events which all members enjoy whether they are still competing cyclists or not but also gives you the wonderful chance to win a cash prize every month.

The draw will take place each month at the committee meeting and the prize list is £30 for the first number drawn, £20 for the second and £10 for the third. For 2 months there will be a special draw where the winning number takes £200. Your chosen number will belong to you for 1 year so you will automatically be entered for 12 draws.

It goes without saying the odds are much better than those of the National Lottery and a De Laune number would make an excellent Christmas present!

Please do drop me a line to confirm your number or with any questions at all. The first draw will take place in January and cheques will not be cashed until the new year.

Thank you so much for your support and if you have already signed up Good Luck.

Jayne

62 Hinton Road  
London  
SE24 OHU

Please note that no cheques will be cashed until the New Year with the first draw taking place at the first committee meeting of the year.

E-mail me with your choice, numbers will be allocated on a first come first served basis [jaynewadsworth@hotmail.com](mailto:jaynewadsworth@hotmail.com).

# NAME SEARCH

THERE ARE 55 MEMBERS NAME TO BE FOUND



Name can be found horizontal, vertical or diagonal

They can be left to right or right to left

Top to bottom or bottom to top.

A bottle of wine to the member who fines the most names.

Answers to [mark.ballamy@virgin.net](mailto:mark.ballamy@virgin.net) in alphabetical order by 27th January

## BELGIAN NIGHT

A great evening once more – thanks to the ‘boys’ setting up the room for us and making it look so welcoming. And special thanks, of course, to our fabulous chef Cliff who never ceases to amaze us all with the wonderful menu he manages to provide for 70 people in such a small area, with the help of Carol – I am sure he could not do it all without her. And I must mention their gorgeous daughter Cassia – helping out as a waitress!!

We were all seated when the first of many national anthems were played – a good laugh to start with, then our Belgian Boys looking every inch (well almost) like real continental waiters, began their job of serving us our delicious dinners and filling up our wine glasses when necessary – or even before, in some cases!! Thanks lads.

Then cross-toasting began. Bill Miles still can tell a good joke or two. How does he remember them, I never can?

Congratulations then were expressed to Brian Dacey on his great rides at the World Masters Track Championships in Sydney in October. The medals and jerseys were displayed for us all to see and admire and, of course, congrats to Roly Crayford of the San Fair Ann Club (Brian’s guest) who also did some great rides.

Brian said that whilst at the Sydney track someone asked to see him, by the name of Monty. We assume this was an old club member who lives near Sydney but Brian was unable to go to see him at that time and, when he did, Monty was not to be found. What a shame that was. I am sure they both missed a great pleasure. Monty Watkins joined in 1935.

Thanks everyone for making the evening another happy De Laune event. A good crowd of members and friends getting together to chat about all the good times riding and racing together over the years

Thanks for my lovely flowers.

Dot



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24/11/2009

Dear Mr Adams

On behalf of all the children, families and staff at Demelza, I would like to thank you for your generous donation of £507.50 received recently in respect of your sponsorship of the Kent Cycle Association 12 Hour Bike Race. Please pass on our thanks to everyone for their support.

Demelza cares for over 570 life-limited children and their families across Kent, South London and East Sussex providing:

- Hospice at Home Care • Hospice Care • Planned Short Breaks • Emergency Respite •  
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You may be interested to learn that we will be having an Open Day at Demelza House in Sittingbourne on Thursday the 11th March, during which we will provide a full tour of the hospice. If you or your family and friends would like to attend, please contact the Fundraising Department on 01795 845288. It would be good to meet you.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2010.

Yours sincerely,

James Hanaway  
Director of Fundraising

Total raised, as you will see, was  
£507.50 (which equates to £42.29p  
per hour or £2.58 a mile)

Thanks  
Malcolm

Demelza Hospice Care for Children

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## Diary Social/Club for 2009/10

Sunday	13 December	Richmond Park Christmas Social Ride	09:00
Thurs-	25? February	Annual General Meeting at Blackheath Harriers HQ	20:00
Sunday	20? June	Mid-Summer Club run & Picnic in Richmond Park	John Kavhagh
Sunday	27? June	OMA Lunch - Brighton	12:45
Sunday	25 July	Max Dods Memorial B-B-Q at Herne Bay	9:00
Sunday	? November	Club run to the Down Hill	10:00
Sunday	21 November	Newnham Remembrance Service	10:30
Sunday	12 December	Richmond Park Christmas Social Ride	09:00

## Club & Inter-Club Events for 2009/10

Sunday	5 December	11:00	Cyclo-Cross	Herne Hill	
Sunday	11 April		SERRL - Road Race	Brenchley	
Sunday	16 May	06:30	Spring 25 & the Club	Chilham	Q25/8
Sunday	? May	10:00	Ken Fuller Memorial Road	Bletchingly	
Sunday	? May	13:30	Club Track Championships	Herne Hill	
Tuesday	? June	18:30	Circuit Race	Crystal Palace	
Saturday	24 July	07:30	Open '10' TT	Harrietsham	Q10/22
Sunday	1 August	06:30	Fred Peachey 25	Chilham	Q25/8
Sunday	8 August	06:30	Mid-Summer 25	Chilham	Q25/8
Saturday	14 August	07:30	OMA 10	Harrietsham	Q10/22
Sunday	26 Septem-	06:30	Autumn 25	Chilham	Q25/8
Sunday	17 October	11:00	Hill Climb	Titsey Hill	GH/31
Sunday	24 October		KCA Reliability Trial	Details awaited - Phone 01622 726959	
Sunday	? November	12:00	Down Hill	Tilburstow Hill	

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