

# DE LAUNE NEWS



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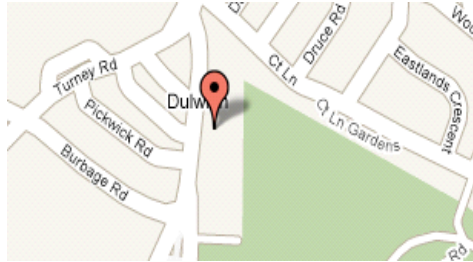
**JANUARY 2010**

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.

## **AGM 2010 - Agenda submissions**

The 2010 AGM will take place on February 25th at the Blackheath Harriers Clubhouse in West Wickham, starting at 8pm. More details will be circulated nearer the date.

Any members who wish to submit items for the Agenda (propositions for rule changes, or any other items) should ensure they are with the General Secretary, Nigel Scales, by January 19th. Email submissions (to [nigel\\_scales@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:nigel_scales@yahoo.co.uk)) are preferred and should also be copied to the Chairman, Jon Archdeacon ([archdeacon.home@virgin.net](mailto:archdeacon.home@virgin.net)).

Nominations for club officer positions should also be submitted to the General Secretary by January 19th. Any member who would like to stand for a club officer position them self should make this known to the General Secretary and Chairman by the same date.

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

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**PRESIDENTS REPORT**

Hi everyone,

I hope and trust that you all had a great Christmas, with lots of presents and not too much over-indulgence in food and drink, because its hard work to lose those extra few pounds which we all usually gain over the festive season.

Not too much happened during the last month. On the 5<sup>th</sup> December we had the De Laune Cyclo Cross, promoted by Bill Wright, who did a marvellous job, and on the 13<sup>th</sup> we had the Christmas Club run, then on the 15<sup>th</sup> the North London Cycling Reunion held their annual lunch.

The Cyclo Cross was a splendid event, well attended by riders from the age of 9 and 10 up to vets over the age of 40. It was a cold and windy day, but we still had a great day. Prizes were given after every race, and quite a few of the riders had a reward for their efforts. The course had to be marked out by members of the Club, and their help was very much appreciated. Sarah Archdeacon and Jane Wadsworth were "manning" the finishing line, and they must have been freezing, even though Jane had the foresight to wear her skiing gear. Thanks to all the members who contributed to the success of the event. My task, together with Mike Peel, was the very taxing one of giving out the prizes!



The Christmas Club Run on the 13<sup>th</sup> was ably organised by Kav. We did three circuits, and as ever, when the hills start some of the riders go out the back, while the competitive ones have a go at the front, with everyone meeting up along the way. Kav brought along mince pies and lovely hot mulled wine which were awaiting us when we finished at the Roehampton Gate car park. The refreshments were very welcome. It was a shame that some members were ill and so could not attend, because they missed a really great time. After demolishing Kav's offerings, we adjourned to the cafe for brunch and the usual natter. I met Guy Pearson with some of his club mates, one of which was Rebecca Romeiro, the gold medal winner in the pursuit at the Beijing Olympics.

The North London Cycling Reunion lunch was preceded by a 30 mile ride. We set off at 10am from Brickendon Grange Golf Club near Hertford. There were 40 plus riders and we moved at a brisk pace. We stopped for a cuppa at 11.0am, and then it was a fast half hour ride back to the Golf Club for lunch. There was plenty of banter and cross-toasting over lunch, with jokes galore. Much of the banter was addressed to Brian Tadman, who was the subject of many of the jokes. I had a great chat with my old friends Alf Engers, and Monty and Grant Young. Many of the riders there could not have afforded their equipment in their early racing days without the help of Monty Young of Condor Cycles, who let them pay by instalments for the gear they needed. I cross toasted him and thanked him for this help, which was much appreciated by the young riders. Kav was the other De Laune member who came, and we both agreed that we had a marvellous time.

That's all for now. I hope you all have a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Roy

Quote for the month:

"The secret of joy in work is contained in one word – excellence. #To know how to do something well is to enjoy it."

Pearl S. Buck

1892-1973, Writer

## “KAY’S REPORT”

By the time you read this it will be probably be year 2010. So a happy New Year to you all.

December will be remembered for being b\*\*\*\*y cold! The first week we had the De Laune Cyclocross organized by Bill Wright at Herne Hill. Not a bad turn out, but most of the riders were youngsters. I was marshalling on a sharp, muddy corner, and spent most of the time picking up little kids and putting them back on their bikes. Bless them.

We only had one rider that was George Lewis who rode in the novice event. He started off well holding third place and then fourth place and then fifth place and so on, and he then lost his chain.

The event ran smoothly thanks to Bill and his helpers: Sarah, Jayne, Steve, Mike, Christian, Val, Nigel, Roy, Jeremy, George, Jon, Dave, Cliff, and little Cassia (you can see what a familiar club we are, I do not have to use surnames). Well done, Bill.

I see we actually got our results in the “Cycling Weekly” magazine.

On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December and another cold day for our Christmas club run around Richmond Park; a merry group of De Loonies turned up as usual. I will not mention names, as you can see them in the photo.

The rule of the day was three laps (21 miles) with the first two laps at club run pace and the last lap was every man for himself. Well, it did not work out that way. I was off the back in the first mile. (I bought a new carbon bike especially for this event) thanks to George Lewis who rode up the front with me and put a half wheel on me! I was praying his chain would come off again!

I could see the club run going away in the distance. The only consolation was that I led Jeremy White up the second hill. He then bugged off and left me. No respect for old people!

We finished off the day with our traditional mulled red wine with mince pies and sausage rolls. Mr Darcy and Sarah could not make it due to being under the weather and Jayne not being over her knee operation yet. It was good to see one of our old members Tony Purser, out on his mountain bike. Tony has lost a bit of weight due to a new hip being fitted. I asked him how the hip was going and he said it was great but the grease nipple gets caught in his racing shorts.

Hope to see you all next year.

Kav.

p.s. I have just heard that one of our old members, Peter Staff, is in hospital. Peter has suffered ill health over the last few years and may go into a nursing home on a permanent basis. Peter introduced me to the club way back in 1954. Older members will remember the advert in the cycling mag saying "Join a mans club, join the De Laune" (we were an all male club in those days) Peter was the contact name and I met him at Camberwell Green and he took me to the clubroom at Trafalgar Street. He was going so fast he lost me on the way. I know that all members especially the old ones send him and his family best wishes.



HOW ARE YOU ALL GETTING ON WITH THE  
NAME SEARCH PUZZLE  
DON'T FORGET CLOSING DATE IS  
27TH JANUARY

## 2009 African Letter



Dear Friends

2009 has been a very eventful year, at the beginning of the year fully retired, a leisurely breakfast, mid morning coffee on the patio training 9/10 o'clock depending on the weather and the mood, lunch on the patio, gym late afternoon before the 'workers' rush to the gym began and relaxed evenings. And now, at the end of 2009 getting up at the crack of dawn snatching 60 mins on the turbo or squeeze 45 mins in at the gym and then rush to the office, getting home 6/7 o'clock, supper and to bed. Returning to live in the in the real world again! Given a choice, retirement wins hands down on all fronts!

The reason for the change, our business, Ted McDonald Real Estate situated in Queensburgh a suburb of Durban some 95kms from our retirement home in Howick, was supposedly sold to two Business Brokers from the company who had our business on the market for sale.

A long story but to say that after two and a bit years the business failed, leaving many debts including money owing to us, trust fund money missing and has given us no alternative but to return to Queensburgh for what has become a rescue operation. And like the property market in the UK, not at the best time.

As expected cycling and training have taken a back seat for the time being, as training on the roads during the week is a no no with the traffic congestion in and around town and the lack of driving skills of our African taxi drivers. I could train with the early morning riders at - 4.30am, but in my culture 4.30am is for sleeping!

Most weekends we go home to Howick so some Saturdays and Sundays road riding could be on the cards. Adjusting to the old way of life, pre-retirement, is not easy. Although we both remain healthy just a little more stressed than earlier in the year!

We have had a lot of changes in Durban during the past year. The local government, in their wisdom, have decided to rename streets and buildings after 'fallen heroes of the struggle'. So streets like NMR Avenue (Natal Mounted Rifles) named after Natal's own regiment who fought with honour during the 39-45 war has become Masabalala Yengwa Avenue, Edwin Swales

VC Drive a freeway named after one of the few South Africans to be awarded the VC, awarded for having stayed with his aircraft whilst his crew bailed out, but too late to save himself, some two months before the end of the war, has now become Solomon Mahlangu Drive and a teen who bombed a shopping centre in Amanzimtoti killing five civilians and executed as a terrorist now has a main street in that town named after him.

Many of the names are unknown to vast amounts of the white population. If we get lost in Durban the problem is remembering the new names of the buildings and streets and it can be further complicated by even if we do remember the new names is how to pronounce them in order to ask the way! We are also not sure if the changes are beneficial to all, a large slice of the white and Indian population have 'packed for Perth'. We also understand that there is a little South Africa in New Zealand where Judi's daughter and grandchildren stay.

One of the better saving graces for me at least is that with our paid TV we see all the top sports events of the world like hours of the Tour de France, Wimbledon, the Olympics, all UK Premier league soccer (being able to watch the Spurs every week is great) and top golf UK & US. Judi doesn't quite feel the same about all the sport, but then again we do get all the soapies and series, UK & US.

We are a country of mixed heritage heading in some directions to third world and in others to the modern culture of Europe and the US.

Certainly a vastly different South Africa to the one we emigrated to in 1971. When whites reigned supreme!

2010 we have the World Cup Soccer and although we have one of the highest unemployment figures in the world, we have spent billions on seven new stadiums, all magnificent master pieces, state of the art and all that. Our major concern is will these become white elephants after the World Cup, anyway if and when we get the Olympics we will have the stadiums ready!

2010 could be our year in the world cup as South Africa ranked 85 in the world we could well be the surprise of the tournament. Watch this space and remember you read it here first!

A blessed Christmas and prosperous 2010 to you all.

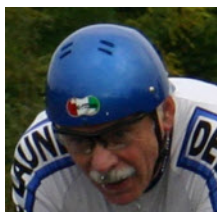
Ted & Judi McDonald

P.s any responses will be greatly appreciated.



# A DE LAUNE ABROAD

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AND NOW  
AN INVITATION  
TO  
THE DE LAUNE CLUBRUN  
ON  
SUNDAY 15th FEBRUARY  
VENUE  
OBRIS FARM WESTERHAM  
11am to 2pm  
STARTING AT WEST WICKHAM LEISURE CENTRE 10am  
(see page 15 for more details, Ed).

*Peter Jenn*

*See over for another De Laune abroad*

COULD IT BE?

NO!

COULD IT?

IS IT ALAN ROWE MOONLIGHTING AS A  
PASTRY CHEF SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE

HAPPY NEW YEAR ALAN





## From the Treasurers Desk



Not much to report from my side of the club for this month, except to say that we remain solvent despite the unusual spending over the year on new Club kit, medal backlog and general run of the mill expenditure to keep the Club functioning. We had no official committee meeting in December, and our next get together is just after the publication date of this DLN. We then embark upon the AGM on 25<sup>th</sup> February when the audited accounts will be available to everyone. It would be great to have a good turnout for the AGM, it is your Club we are running, so if you want a say or just want to put faces to names that appear in the DLN each month, here is your chance. We may even be able to find you a job. I have it on good authority that there will be a bar available at the Blackheath Harriers Clubroom, if that helps to make your decision !!

What a difference a year makes – this time last year the Peachey household was very much down in the dumps. Tony was plastered before we reached Christmas 2008 having fallen over whilst out walking and broke his leg. I didn't want to miss out on the sympathy stakes, falling over on some sheet ice in a garden centre seeking out a bird bath to replace our leaky one. I won't bore you with the details of my injury but suffice to say my left hand was not a pretty sight for many months. Spare a thought though for Claire who had to pick up the pieces for a couple of weeks, sorting out a couple of oldies intent on maiming themselves. Needless to say I never did replace that bird bath through the year and it still leaked, so, undaunted we ventured forth this year again, on a mission to make a purchase. Clearly I was not trusted to view any purchase unattended, however I can now report that 'our birds' can now bathe in complete luxury.

It looks as though the weather forecast for the first couple of weeks in the new year is not going to be very conducive to riding on the road so I suspect the turbo will come into its own for those early season events. For the keen ones amongst you I will be promoting an early season 10 for the VTTA on 6<sup>th</sup> March. This is a Saturday morning, using the same course as the Club uses for the Open 10 in July and the OMA 10 in August. If you want to blow away those cobwebs I would be happy to receive your entry. Although it is listed as a Vets event all ages are welcome.

Happy New Year to everyone – see you on 25<sup>th</sup> February ???

WISHING ALL OUR  
MEMBERS A VERY HAPPY  
NEW YEAR AND IT COULD  
BE A VERY PROSPEROUS  
ONE FOR YOU IF YOU BUY  
A TICKET IN THE CLUBS

**"100" CLUB**

**FIRST DRAW  
11TH JANUARY 2010**

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

Jayne                      62 Hinton Road  
                                 London  
                                 SE24 0HU

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).





## Obriss Farm, Brasted, Kent

Sixteenth century farmhouse, in open farmland, now restored and owned by the Landmark Trust and available for rent as a holiday home.

Obriss Farm was built c.1550. As a rough guide this would be just after the Mary Rose sank (1545) and in the transition from the tudors with Henry VIII dying 1547, with Edward VI and Mary I taking brief turns before Elizabeth I became queen in 1558, so the property is basically Elizabethan. The farm was acquired by the Landmark Trust from Mrs Helena Cooper in 1990 and first open to guests in 1996. The original spelling, Oberice, from the original OS maps of 1819, persists in the Oberice Apiary.

### Finding Obriss Farm:

- From the M25, follow the A25 and then turn off at Westerham, following signs for Chartwell and then going slightly further on.
- Chartwell was home for Sir Winston Churchill from 1924 until he died and is now a [National Trust](#) property



## Diary Social/Club for 2009/10

Thurs-	25 February	Annual General Meeting at Blackheath Harriers HQ	20:00
Sunday	20 <sup>th</sup> June	Mid-Summer Club run & Picnic in Richmond Park	John Kavhagh
Sunday	27 <sup>th</sup> 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	11 April	SERRL - Road Race	Brenchley	
Sunday	16 May	06:30 Spring 25 & the Club	Chilham	Q25/8
Sunday	23 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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