

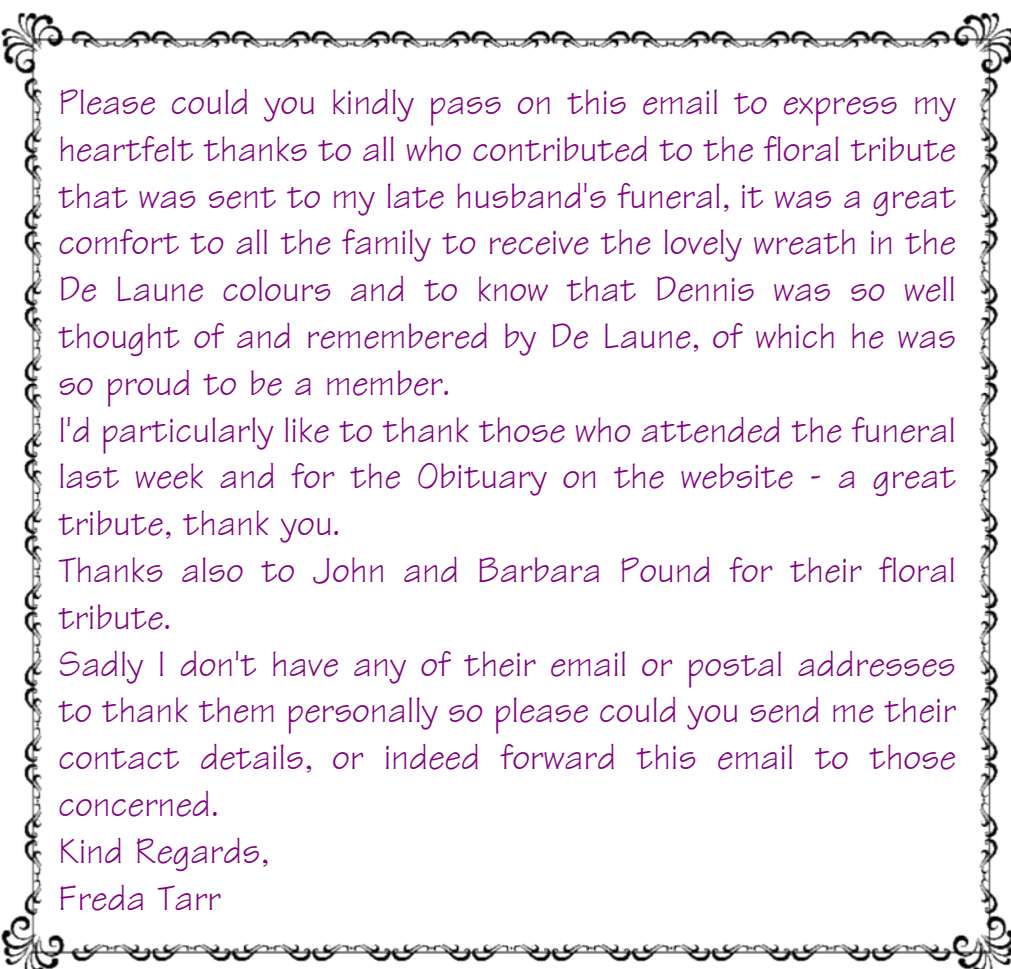
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DE LAUNE NEWS



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The Club's Help the Aged group
on their annul New Year Day Walk
(they could have cleaned the sign before the photo was taken)

A decorative border with a repeating floral and scrollwork pattern, featuring larger ornate corner pieces.

Please could you kindly pass on this email to express my heartfelt thanks to all who contributed to the floral tribute that was sent to my late husband's funeral, it was a great comfort to all the family to receive the lovely wreath in the De Laune colours and to know that Dennis was so well thought of and remembered by De Laune, of which he was so proud to be a member.

I'd particularly like to thank those who attended the funeral last week and for the Obituary on the website - a great tribute, thank you.

Thanks also to John and Barbara Pound for their floral tribute.

Sadly I don't have any of their email or postal addresses to thank them personally so please could you send me their contact details, or indeed forward this email to those concerned.

Kind Regards,

Freda Tarr

**CLUB NIGHT
SECOND MONDAY
OF EACH MONTH**

**Crown & Greyhound
in Dulwich Village**

**1889 DE LAUNE 2011
CYCLING CLUB**

THE PRESIDENTS REPORT



I am starting this report on a sad note, for the club received a message from Dennis Tarr's son David informing us that Dennis had died (Boxing Day). I would like to convey the club's and my personal sympathy to Dennis' family. Tony, Val and Terry Deeley attended his funeral in Devon and a floral tribute was sent on behalf of the De Laune. I am told past club member, Reg Barnett, also attended.

I went to our 'local' cycle jumble last Saturday (15th) at Woodchurch near Ashford and meet up with Ken & Jean Knapman. I had told Ken that Wally Happy (Norwood Paragon, older members will remember him) always has a stall there and Ken hoped to have a reunion with Wally after some 50 years. Wally must have got wind of Ken's intended visit and wasn't there! Ken and Wally were part of an RAF team selected to ride the Tour of Ireland in 1954. In the same race was Shay Elliot, who went on to ride the Tour of France (how about telling us about that tour Ken?)

During the following week I rang Ken to clarify the above facts and he told me Wally rang him sometime

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afterwards and bent his ear for nearly an hour. Whilst I was chatting to Ken he was on his turbo and he told me that the other day he punctured on it, overheated the tyre! Sounds to me that Ken is fit enough to ride the OMA '10', step aside Roy boy.

These cycle jumbles are a good social morning out and you never know who is going to turn up. This time Alan Rowe was in attendance, Roger Hargreaves an ex De Laune member from the late 60's had his usual stall. Also Dave Burwood , Old Kent C. C. & Vulcan RC in the 60's, a very good junior in his day and now performing well in the LYRC events and Barry O'Leary who was in our club for a very short time in the early 60's and went on to become an 'independent' with the Clive Stuart team.

Sunday 20 February is the Kent Vets Annual Group Lunch & Prize Presentation, guest speaker Mick Ballard. Tony, Val, Jean and Alan Rowe and Lyn and I are regular attendees and it would be nice to see a few more of our vets in attendance, now that we are in the SE District. It will be held in the Charter Hall Smarden, nr Ashford. If you are interested I can let you have full details.

Well that's about it for this month

Don't forget the AGM on 24th February when I hope to see many of you there.

Keep those pedals turning!

Malcolm

FAUNCE FAMILY - MARY FAUNCE

Mary Faunce (daughter of Thomas G and Jane Barrell) married Alured Pinke thus the De Launes and Faunces come together and Sharsted Court was to be their home Alured was the last of the De Laune bloodline.

Alured was the son of Elizabeth (neeThornicroft), and her 2nd husband, also named Alured Pinke. (both father and son were solicitors/ barristers). Elizabeth was the daughter of Mary (daughter of Sir William De Laune) and Col Edward Thornicroft..

Memorials in Doddington Church trace the whole Delaune-Faunce connection. In the vault below the Sharsted Chapel lie the remains of Thomas (G) Faunce, who died in 1797, in his ninety-first year; of his daughter Mary Pincke, who died in 1839 in her hundredth year, and of Mary's husband Alured Pincke, who died in 1822, aged ninety-one. There also lie Alured and Mary's children, who pre-deceased them: Edmund Alured who died in 1762, aged four: and Thomas who died in 1785, aged twenty-two.

From Mary, Sharsted Court was to pass to Edmund Barrell Faunce (her great nephew) father of our founder.

Prior to her marriage to Alured she was Lady Abergavenny a title conferred on her when she married her 1st husband George Nevill, Lord Abergavenny . George succeeded to the title on the death of his father in 1722, (George was 19 years old). He married Elizabeth in 1723 and died of smallpox the same year, 5 days later his widow gave birth to twin girls, they only survived a few days.

Extract from British History

Mary Faunce's husband, Alured Pincke, came from a Hampshire family whose home was at Kempshott Part, Winslade, near Basingstoke. Through his mother he was related to the Delaunes whilst through his grandmother, Jane Alured, he was related to a prominent Yorkshire family, the Alureds of Kingston-upon-Hull.

Jane Alured and her husband William Pincke christened their son Alured and he in turn passed the name on to his son who became Mary Faunce's husband. Faunces and Faunce-de-Launes have continued to use this unusual name (an Old English form of Alfred) down to present century.

From Wikipedia

John Alured (1607–1651) was an army officer who fought for the parliamentary cause in the English Civil War and was one of the regicides of King Charles I in 1649.

He was born in Kingston upon Hull. He inherited the family estate in 1628 and married Mary Darley (second cousin) in 1631.

Alured was the MP for Hedon in both the Short and Long Parliaments. He spent most of the First Civil War as a colonel in, Lord Fairfax's northern parliamentarian army and is known to have fought at Adwalton Moor in 1643 and possibly at Marston Moor in 1644. In February 1645 he took up a new command in the New Model Army. In 1649, appointed to the High Court of Justice at the trial of King Charles, he was one of the signatories of the King's death warrant.

Next month, the next generation Edmund Faunce eldest son of the Rev.Edmund Faunce of Sutton-at-Hone, who resided at St Mary's Hall on Isle of Grain (photo in Oct DLN)

Dennis Tarr

Hi Mark

Its with great sadness that I read of Dennis's death.

Dennis was one the De Laune team that gained silver medals in the 1961 National team pursuit Championship at Herne Hill losing to The Norwood Paragen.

The other surviving members are Brian Dacey, Alan Rowe and myself. Dennis's strength made up for his lack of height (just over five feet) with Brian and myself both six footer and Alan not a lot less.

Its sad to kept reading about the passing of our racing contemporaries of the 50s and 60s most of which bring back good memories of the racing days with them.

Ted McDonald

From www, VeloRiders.CO.UK - DENNIS TARR R.I.P

<http://www.veloriders.co.uk/phpBB2/viewtopic.php?p=1242085&sid=508a9fd85cdb1e6c845ed66e60afb487#1242085>

A rider much discussed and respected on this forum earlier this year.



Gosh I remember him rather livening up the Master's track champs some years ago with some really spirited riding and on a bike almost as old as he was. What a character



Ditto that. I was there and although I didn't know him personally, he really delighted the crowd. RIP



Very sad news, a great rider AND character.

Last 'raced' against Dennis at an LVRC event, in say 1999, on the rolling course based around Wolverton - Norton Lindsey - Bearley area, near Stratford. While 'warming up' saw this small guy, with a very large waistline, and wearing a really BAD racing outfit - dark brown!

We set off and (seemingly unfortunately) I got stuck behind him on the first climb (ok slope). I thought 'he's not going to be able to hold a wheel', race is going to split, I'll be stuffed'. No way! He just sat there and pedalled.

There were some good riders, from days past, all around us, and I got to thinking 'Who can this guy be?' 'Noooo, it can't be', but it was Dennis and he was still there at the finish, putting in a very strong sprint, probably placed. Yet, due to his girth, unable to change from his seated, hands on hoods, position. I later got to chat with him on the phone - great guy. RIP



I think I might have organised that race (though of course many races are run on that circuit). When Dennis turned up I discreetly mentioned to someone "How is he going to get around on this tough circuit - he'll never make it?" and I was told "That mate is Dennis Tarr - stand by to be surprised!". And of course he rode a great race and was a great character too. What a pity.



Dennis was a real Legend and sometimes we use that as a description far too often. I first met him at Alan Sanders' North Weald Circuit Races in the 1990s riding a machine that should have been in the Cycling Museum rather

than on a race circuit. He came third and said he wasn't fit but would get better. True to his word he did.



At the Masters I had several long and fruitful chats with him and he described how he got back to riding after being quite ill. He lived on the top of a hill and he rode down the hill and then phoned for a lift home. As he got fitter he got further from home and then after a while he turned around and started to ride home. He said he was ready to race when he got home under his own power.



He was always chatting to youngsters. They didn't take him serious until he beat them. They tried everything to get shot of the old git with the beard but nothing really worked. THEN and only THEN they listened. And as I recall, some actually learned something



RIP Dennis. I hadn't seen you for a while but another source of real experience has been lost. I will treasure the memories of those long convoluted and deep conversations for ever.



My lasting memory is of Dennis riding I think the Fountain 100 lap Madison at Herne Hill, partner unknown, but know that Alan also rode so this is pre 1966. I am sat in the stands when a bike appears in the air in the back straight complete with rider strapped in doing a somersault. According to Alan, Dennis got up unscathed!



Dennis was a British International rider in the 50's & 60's and former member of De Laune - and still holds a couple of tandem track records with Alan Jackson from 1957.

By far the longest road race in the country, was
London to Holyhead

The 1962 winner was Denis Tarr riding for
CondorMackeson



DENNIS TARR 21 June 1938 - 26 December 2010

I have been asked to write a few words about Dennis who I first met when I was interviewed for a watchmaker apprenticeship. John Carr a talented De Laune roadman had just left after completing his apprenticeship and I took his place alongside Dennis

When asked during the interview what sport I did Dennis's eyes lit up when I said I wanted to join a cycling club, he did not seem to fit the image when told he was an international, that went out of the window when the same weekend I biked it down to watch the finish of the London to Brighton, Dennis led the bunch two to three lengths clear for second place, something he bettered later, when no less than Fausto Coppi first prize to Dennis for the Brighton to London (Star Trophy event then). Dennis won the London Battle and back a few years later when I got second Dennis winked and said "still can't beat me"!

I don't think people realise how many races Dennis won I believe one year it was over 50. His best, London to Holyhead 260+ miles (worlds longest single day race) plus a 138 mile tough stage in the Tour of Britain, Dennis started racing again at 56, winning many races.

I got to know Dennis a lot better during our Wednesday afternoon training straight from work, doing 60 to 80 miles, sprinting for every zebra crossing, prime and hilltop, he never let me win I was always strong and a fair climber but no sprint. This rapidly changed when I started to win the odd junior race purely due to Dennis's tuition which he always freely gave.

I enjoyed Monday mornings when the weekend racing was discussed, Dennis would always give exciting account of what had gone on. On a more comical note Dennis love to wrestle, so when the boss went up to town we would often have a wrestling match in the shop sometimes ending up on the floor, Customers would come in and peer from behind the counter into the workshop amazed to see arms and legs in the air and both of us refusing to let go, life was never dull with Dennis.

Later on myself and a partner bought Dennis's first jewellers shop in East

Dulwich while he went on to bigger and better things owning a further four or five shops it wasn't just racing he was good at!

Il drove down to Devon with John Carr to the funeral and it was good to see Tony and Val Peachey and also Reg Barnett who I did not immediately recognise.

Dennis and Freda have a very close family and Dennis was obviously much loved by all four children, two boys and two girls who each gave a moving tributes. It was John Carr who introduced Dennis to Freda (now that was a prize)

We were invited to a family dinner after the funeral during which Reg Barnett, De Laune and National Sprint Champion gave a brilliant and emotional speech during which he said what a great shame it was that the BCF didn't ask Dennis to become a coach.

I have asked Freda to come to our Belgium night an she has said she will and we look forward to seeing her.

TERRY DEELEY



Dear Mark

Il would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and good luck with their racing.

Only two events competed last year

OMA '10'	27.05
Essex '10'	24.43

Il know we are supposed to report our results but here's one I failed to report at the time (10 years ago) better late than never. Its a result of a race within a race.

All the best Peter Jenn

see over



ISLE OF MAN INTERNATIONAL CYCLING WEEK 2000 OFFICIAL RESULTS SERVICE

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CURWEN CLAGUE MEMORIAL ROAD RACE

Under BCF Technical Regulations

Wednesday 21st June 2000 Billown Circuit 48 miles

Pos	No	Name	Club	Time
1	541	Pete Jenn	De Laune CC	1h 50m 3s
2	435	Gianni Epifani	Manx Road Club	@ 02s
3	404	Philip Marland	Army CU	st
4	308	Ian Stott	Blackburn & District CTC	st
5	542	Austin Heath	Mount Racing Team	st
6	503	Ferdinand Laussmann	Coventry CC	st
7	412	David Roberts	Chester RC	st
8	202	Mark Plowright	Beeston RC	st
9	551	Clive Walmsley	Birkenhead North End CC	st
10	20	James Griffiths	Wales	st
11	310	James Webster	Coventry Olympic	st
12	428	Christopher Riley	Prickett Atom Elite	st
13	317	Michael Gill	Otley CC	st
14	320	Paul Carvill	Prickett Atom Elite	@ 1m 13s
15	31	Steve Wharton	Team Sport & Publicity	@ 1m 15s
16	421	Mark Falcous	Loughborough Students CC	@ 1m 56s
17	406	Eddie Eade	Army CU	@ 1m 59s
18	506	Robert Duquemin	Guernsey Velo Club	st
19	602	Ann Bowditch	MI Race Team	st
20	434	Peter Forshaw	Team Velo Sport	st
21	324	Dave Halewood	Team Velo Sport	st
22	502	Glenn Nicholson	British Airways CC	st
23	420	Jonathan Boxhall	Loughborough Students CC	@ 2m 14s
24	715	Paul Wareing	Ribble Valley CRC	@ 3m 30s
25	535	Allan Ramsay	Roadpeace	st
26	540	Dave Astles	Weaver Valley CC	@ 3m 58s
27	618	Sue Thomas	Scott Racing Team	@ 4m 49s
28	601	Sarah Gill	Cottingham Coureurs RT	@ 5m 04s
29	507	Kevin Taylor	Guernsey Velo Club	st
30	509	Chris Singleton	Bush Healthcare CRT	@ 5m 15s
31	543	Phil Hemming	Bournemouth Arrow	@ 5m 21s
32	537	Malcolm Bradley	Manx Road Club	st
33	536	Dave Parry	Birkenhead North End CC	st
34	418	Dean Machon	Guernsey Velo Club	@ 6m 11s
35	318	Paul Pearce	Prickett Atom Elite	@ 11m 03s
36	319	David Lowe	Prickett Atom Elite	st
37	508	Alun Roberts	Army CU	st
38	429	Jacob Elkin	Royal Sutton CC	@ 12m 12s

CATEGORY AWARDS

Vet 50+	541	Pete Jenn	De Laune CC
Vets 40+	541	Pete Jenn	De Laune CC
Ladies	602	Ann Bowditch	MI Race Team

Prizes

Lap 2	505	Alan Crowley	Manx Viking Wheelers
Lap 4	541	Pete Jenn	De Laune CC
Lap 6	509	Chris Singleton	Bush Healthcare CRT
Lap 8	540	Dave Astles	Weaver Valley CC

PETER PICKED UP 4 PRIZES IN THIS EVENT

DE LAUNE CYCLING CLUB

At the 1933 AGM concerns were raised that many resignations were being received from members who had become unemployed - it was agreed that anyone who joined the club before 1932 and has been unemployed for 2 months would be exempt from paying club subs but may continue to enjoy the full benefits of the club.

A new money spinning venture started last year was the Christmas Swindle whereby gifts were donated by members and/or local businesses and raffle tickets sold, as the name suggests a draw took place at Christmas. £37 made on the first year and an encouraging £30 in 1933 giving a valued boost to club funds.

The SCCU 12 hour course was discussed at the August meeting and concerns were raised at the fact that they were intending to use a course measuring 52½ miles and transversing it many times throughout the day. The benefits were put forward as being helpful to the organisation and clubs assisting with feeding etc, however such an arrangement did not conform to National rules and should any records be broken we could not be recognised, this view was overturned at a subsequent meeting. Later in the year it was agreed that those members who were unemployed and receiving 'free' club membership should be invited to the club dinner on the same basis, a subsequent limit of 10 was imposed selection to be made on a case by case basis and no names should be disclosed.

A new duplicator to be purchased costing no more than £17 to cater for the ever growing DLN, a machine was eventually purchased costing £11.11.0d. Concern was raised at the amount of gambling taking place on club nights - it was felt such activities were unhealthy and could cause a split in the club, the gamblers thought the whole affair had been exaggerated. An annual insurance was taken out on the club stop watch costing 10/-. A winter bun fight was again organised, however concerns were raised when it was reported money had been taken from the towel machine in the gents toilets at 'The George', Morden. An item was placed in the DLN suggesting

that if any member of the club was responsible it was a most despicable action and unworthy of a member of our club. Advice for race clothing - it was suggested that members should wear a thin vest underneath the race jersey, topped off with an alpaca jacket. To reduce problems in the saddle area underclothes should be cut short underneath tights, dispensing of slack shorts. Ultra light shoes will make pedals cut into your feet so wear a thick soled shoe, have a thick pair of socks wrapped around the ankles to keep them warm which will help fast pedaling. Don't forget a comb and mirror in the pocket to make yourself look presentable in case young ladies are at the finish to greet you ! As the club membership was steadily growing it was decided to start a 'Who's Who' in the pages of the DLN, known as pink pages. A trip to Paris was arranged to see the World Championships, travelling by train and bike the total expenses from Saturday to early Monday morning - £3.7s.6d.

Hard times continued to inflict many members in 1934 who were again given 'free' membership. A Bluemels Pump had been donated to the club this was earmarked as a prize in for a nominated event by the committee - the customary Lucas Lamp would be awarded to the individual attending races as a helper. Discussion took place regarding a letter received from Frank Wynne who asked to become a member. Without any member present knowing the gentleman, request deferred. Frank would later become a prolific record breaker in the De Laune primarily at the longer distances - his 24 hour still record stands today. The purchase of caps and ties in club colours were welcomed, later to be followed by cuff links. Initially winter training in the guise of football was not very successful despite many purchasing jersey, shorts and socks in club colours however a second attempt at competition saw the Castlenau CC thrashed 4-1 in the first match and 4-3 in the return game. Ping pong was again in full swing at the clubroom and the 'customary' gambling.

Problems were appearing on some of the recognised TT courses - traffic lights - necessitating changes to many routes. A trip to Crystal Palace exhibition was organised by Len Beretta and enjoyed by George Francombe who reached the final of the roller competition, other attendees were Ken Hill and Ron Hoare looking for freebee handouts. Three accidents reported

Frank Rice ran out of braking distance on a club run, W. Plant came to grief in the KW novices, ending up in hospital with a broken collar bone, Percy Williams was in collision with a coach on Wimbledon common. All recovered well. A further three members fell foul of Hertfordshire County Constabulary for faulty reflectors.

1935 saw the formation of a Track Section and various standards set for competition. This aspect of the sport was popular from the start with riders competing at Herne Hill and Paddington successfully. A volunteer was sought to act as custodian of the club feeding bottles - Ken Hill stepped forward. Plans were for a Jubilee Garden Party in 1939 were set in motion, the first to contribute to the Fund, Len Beretta & A.Boothby. Permanent record plaques were suggested by Bill Tanner and contributions from club members were invited twelve were required and 10 were donated by September. Club Road Championship instigated - fastest rider over 25, 50 & 100 miles. A protest from Fletcher, Cousins, Watkins, Ward and Hill was heard concerning pacing in the club 25 between Francombe and Banks. Francombe was disqualified after admitting the offence, Banks was warned of his 'foul riding' and not reporting the incident.

Interestingly Frank Holland gave a potted history of 25 mile time trialling in the club. The first unpaced ride recorded was 1900 by Charles Wilson in 1.18.7, however the first 25 paced ride was in 1894 of 1.19.00. The fastest man always started first, individuals with the same handicap started on the same minute - hence a paced ride. Ken Hill invested 20 shillings as entry in the Catford 24, unfortunate he only lasted 6 hours having lost his way in the dark !

New member in 1935 included Harold Edmonds.

Val the Peach All information and snippets of club life have been culled from minutes + DLN publications

Dear Mark Very many thanks for the great Christmas Card which was delightful especially to our 8 Grandchildren Also we now have the 'Officers & Records' and it gave me great pleasure to read such an accurate history of the life of the Club - many of the names bring back lovely memories. I appreciate that my name is mentioned (Page 6) and I note that John (beefy) Russell has 8 entries so I am cc to his Son, Jack Russell, who lives nearby and I will show him my copy ASAP Well, this is about all - hope the Club continues its success in 2011 note that Bill Miles & Tom Bewsey are still around - I had my 90th in October. Thanks again Mark, keep up the good work - don't worry too much about the Barmy Army we all love'em here Kindest regards Monty Watkins

WOULD YOU LIKE ONE

The club has three prints of this photo which are mounted on photographic board an measure 24 by 10 inches and are of excellent quality possible better than the original photo.

If you would like one then please make a sensible offer to Val Peachey.



The Photo of club members was taken at a SCCU meeting
in Bushey Park c. 1910



CLUB CLOTHING

If you require any new club kit please let Tony know and he can bring it to any committee meeting or the AGM for you.

Tony 01622 727649

A short film of a Cyclo Cross at Crystal Palace 1970

<http://www.britishpathe.com/record.php?id=46027>

General Secretary's Summary of Committee Meeting January 10th, 2011

Thirteen members attended the January meeting in the "Crown & Greyhound" "Tap Room" (remember – you don't have to be on the Committee to attend – we're always pleased to see other members and we usually have time after the meeting for some socialising.)

Meeting highlights

Club finances discussed. No concerns. Accounts will be audited on January 20th, ready for the AGM.

A wreath was sent to the funeral of ex-member Dennis Tarr in the West Country and several members attended. Dennis's victories included among others the 1963 London-Holyhead road race, riding as a professional, in the colours of the Condor team. An obituary, referencing the club, appeared on Cycling Weekly's website and there is a tribute on our own website. .

As last year, John Kavanagh will be organizing a social clubrun in France on 21st May. The format will be to meet in Dover, take a ferry with bikes only, a relatively easy ride out to a pre-selected restaurant for lunch and an easy ride back. The club will be subsidizing part of the travel cost.

Other socially-oriented events that have been scheduled include the OMA Lunch – 26th June, and the traditional barbecue at Club President Malcolm Addams home in Herne Bay – 24th July.

De Laune News. One desired outcome of the 2011 membership renewal cycle is to get up-to-date email addresses for as many members as possible and to try to reduce costs by moving (consenting) members away from printed copies of DLN and to receiving electronic copies.

Eastern Counties Cycling Association (ECCA) affiliation. Didn't express any additional views, by email or otherwise, in respect of renewing or ceasing affiliation, participation in ECCA events or on the marshalling commitment. Accordingly, De Laune will not re-affiliate to ECCA and members will need to affiliate separately, or ride as second-claim members for an affiliated club, if they want to ride ECCA events. Private affiliation will incur a marshalling commitment for the individual, though not the club. General Secretary will advise ECCA of our decision.

Jon and Sarah Archdeacon volunteered to represent the club at the Southern Counties Cycling Union AGM in Croydon on 20th January. 2011.

The VTTA (Kent Group) Reliability Trial takes place on Sunday 6 February 2011. Routes are 33 or 50 miles, start from 9.30am. HQ is Bethersden Village Hall where refreshments will be available. Entry £2 in advance or £2.50 on the day. Further details from Roger Burchett, Haytor, Stone Street, Lympne, Hythe, Kent CT21 4JY. Tel 01303 267969.

Kent VTTA Lunch is on 20th February at Charlton Hall, Smarden.

First time trial in Kent is Val Peachey's VTTA 10 mile on 12th March at Harrietsham, 07.30 start. Tony's event follows on April 2nd on the new Q10/24, Isle of Grain, course, 15.00 start.

Alan Rowe was thanked for his efforts in getting an entry for the De Laune published in Cycling Weekly's regular feature on clubs.

Membership application received from returning member (1981-1990) Chris Hubbard Chris held club records (individual club record at 10 miles in 1982 with 21.01 and featured in the team record for 10 miles in 1981 with Mick Valentine and Mick Hartley with 1.6.10.). He lives in Nottingham but is planning to come south to ride some of our Open events.

The 2011 AGM will take place on February 24th at the Crown & Greyhound-Public House, Dulwich, starting at 8pm. More details and the Agenda will be circulated nearer the date. We're hoping that AGM business will be concluded quite speedily allowing time for members to socialize afterwards



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Dear Mark, I just hope that I am in time for this months DLN, Eileen and I flew to Adelaide from Brisbane on the 12th January just as the awful floods arrived, our son's house was flooded, 10 feet of water but more of that next month.

It was not as hot as usual for the Tour, I think that the hottest was 36 one day whereas other years we have been in the 40's. On the Sunday morning we wandered down to Glenelg to the coffee cafes where all the local cyclists meet and who should be sitting on the next table but the man himself, Lance together with Robbie McKewen and the rest of the Radio Shack team. On the table the other side were quite a few of the Quick Step boys and Alessandro Ballan of BMC who was world road champ in 2008. I just don't recall seeing riders like that in Mrs Curds or the Big Teapot etc! We watched the criterium in the city on the Sunday night and I think most people had Mark Cavenish's name down as the winner but he was delayed by a crash and had to brake slightly but his team mates were 1st and 2nd.

Cav unfortunately had a nasty crash on the Tuesday but soldiered on, his crash hat broke his sunglasses which cut his eyebrow and eyelid, ouch, plus his left leg was very badly cut. Some of the stages were where you could only see them once but the Thursday we go to a little town called Stirling where they can be seen 3 times. Cav was looking very sorry for himself as it was hot and hilly and the roads re-opened early which made him very angry as you can imagine. Saturday is the "killer" day with the climb of Willunga Hill twice, it's about 3ks long and again Cav was off the back, this time with his sprint rival Tyler Farrar.

Sunday was the last day, again a criterium style race around a big park in Adelaide. Eileen had her 'photo taken with Stu O'Grady who is an Adelaide Lad and I also took one of Dot with Stu. I had my 'photo taken with Paul Sherwen and impressed him with my Swahili after all these years. He went to school in Kenya and I did my National Service there. I heard him in Geelong at the worlds a few months ago speaking to Chris Froome of the Sky team who was born and raised in Kenya before moving to South Africa.

Regards to all and I hope that the winter is soon over for you and that you can get some decent riding in.

John Geoghegan.

Sorry John Photos will have to wait till next month, Ed.

Diary Social/Club for 2011

Thursday ? February	Annual General Meeting at Blackheath Harriers HQ 20:00
Sunday ? June	Mid-Summer Club run & Picnic in Richmond Park - Contact John Kavanagh
Sunday 26 June	OMA Lunch - Brighton 12:45
Sunday 24 July	Max Dods Memorial B-B-Q at Herne Bay 9:00
Sunday ? October	Club run to the Down Hill 10:00
Friday ? November	Belgium Night at Blackheath Harriers 19:30 for 20:00
Sunday 20 November	Newnham Remembrance Service 10:30
Sunday 11 December	Richmond Park Christmas Social Ride 09:00

Club & Inter-Club Events for 2011

Saturday	2 April	15:00	De Laune Open 10	Grain	Q10/24
Sunday	? April		SERRL - Road Race	Brenchley	
Saturday	7 May	08:30	Club Event 15 miles	Harrietsham	Q15/20
Sunday	15 May		Ken Fuller Memorial RR	Crowhurst	
Sunday	12 June	06:30	GS Invicta 25 - Club Championship & Novices		Q25/8
Tuesday	14? July		Circuit Race	Crystal Palaxe	
Sunday	31 July	6:30	De Laune Open 25 and Club Midsummer 25	Chilham	Q25/8
Saturday	13 August	08:30	OMA 10		Q10/22
Sunday	11 September	07:30	Kent VTTA Autumn 25		Q25/12
Saturday	15 October	11:00	Hill Climb	Whites Lane	
Sunday	?? October		KCA Reliability Trial	Details awaited - Phone 01622 726959	

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