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Photo by KAV

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR PLEDGE



On my many visits to Scotland over the last 5 years I have only seen a Red Squirrel once before this one and not been able to get a photo of one.

I was standing by the window when this one appeared in front of me, he was then up the fence in front of me to get to the nuts hanging in the bird feeder.

Grabing the camera I was able to get quite a few shot but these were from behind the glass window so they are not a sharp as one would like.



Mark Ballamy

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#### **AUGUST 2011**

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#### THE PRESIDENTS REPORT

What a Tour!, crash after crash, poor Brad, I was gutted, especially as he had put in so much hard work and was a genuine contender for a podium place. Thomas Voeckler, what a battler, France has a new hero.



My money was on Andy Schleck to win, but in the end it all came down to the final time trail and whilst Cadel Evans is not my favourite person he certainly deserved to be the 'Tour' winner with a brilliant ride to take  $2^{nd}$  place only 7 seconds behind Tony Martin. But it was his lone pursuit of Andy Schleck on the Galibier two days previous, when the likes of Contador, Basso and Sanchez refused to help him, that showed his courage and determination as he reduced a 4 minute gap by half in the last 10 kilometres. This lone effort was no doubt what won him the Tour.

Green Jersey for 'Cav', brilliant!

We were once again lucky with the weather for the annual BBQ. 40 people in all, 25 De Laune and 15 'locals'. The Max Dods memorial ride in the morning was somewhat depleted as several of the regulars were not in attendance. Roy Boy was at his old mate Eric Beauchamp's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday bash and Mike and

Terry were returning from holiday that day. Alan had entered the Kent Vets Championship '50', as after winning the '30' he thought he had a chance, and he did, he won on standard by a couple of minutes, well done Alan. So it was left for me to lead Mike and Debbie Valentine and two 'locals' on a steady 33 mile ride, well it was until we reached Birchington and were faced with a 4 mile battle with a serious headwind along the sea wall to Reculver but we arrived back at our place a couple of minutes after 1 o'clock, right on schedule, and just in time for me to light the BBQ.

An enjoyable afternoon was then spent eating, drinking and chatting until around 4 o'clock when, despite the sunshine, there was a mad rush indoors for a ringside seat around our new television (no more jokes Kav) to watch the last couple of circuits around Paris for the 'Tour. Eyes glued to the screen searching out the 'Green Jersey' with the question on all our minds, will he do it for the  $3^{\rm rd}$  time.

So to the last few kilometres and the familiar HTC line out, setting up Mark Cavendish for the sprint, started to formulate, and the cheer from our front room, as Cav went over the line, must have been heard all over Herne Bay. So win number 3 on the Champs Elysees, thus taking his total 'Tour' wins to 20, plus the Green Jersey, his main ambition in this 'Tour', as I said earlier, brilliant!

After the excitement it was back to the garden for a little more relaxation and refreshment before the gradual departure of our guests for their journeys home. We hope to see everyone again next year, which Lyn and I believe will be our 20th year.

Earlier this year I mentioned that I would organise a visit to Doddington Church, a walk, via Sharsted Court, along the ridge past Doddington Manor, then back to 'The George' at Newnham for a light lunch. Having spoken to our 'walkers' at the BBQ this will take place next month, mid September penciled in, I will advise in next DLN.

Finally, congratulations to Chris Hubbard for doing a PB for a '25' and taking the Club record. Also well done to Jayne on her '10' PB

Hopefully see some of you at the OMA '10' on the  $13^{\rm th}$  of this month. Malcolm

#### Alured Faunce De Laune.

#### President of the De Laune Cycling Club 1909-1949

Educated at Eton, he took over the running of Sharsted Court at the age of 22 on the death of his father Chapman. During the 1st World War he served as a Captain in the Royal East Kent Mounted Rifles along with his brother Edmund. He also held an honorary colonelcy of the 24 Battalion County of London Regiment who were based in Kennington. (in the same area already linked to the Faunce De Launes). He married Margaret Jamieson daughter of Robert Jamieson. They had one son, Hubert Bonham Alured, (b 1914). Alured died in 1949 and is buried in a fenced enclosure at Doddington Church. Margaret, as most of you know, then became our president until her death in 1956.

Searching for further information on Capt. Alured Faunce De Laune I found the following, reiterating above, but with the addition of the Junior Carlton Club.

From Country Families of the UK

FAUNCE-DE LAUNE, Capt. Alured, of Sharsted Court, Kent. Eldest son of Chapman Delaune Faunce-De Laune, Esq., of Sharsted Court, who d. 1892, by Anne, who d. 1892, 2nd dau. of the late George Stoddart, Esq., of Balleudrick, Perthshire; b. 1870; m. 1913 Margaret, only dau. of the late Robert Jamieson, Esq., of The Wells, Epsom, and has a son, \* Hubert Bonham Alured, h. 1914. Capt. Faunce-De Laune, who was educated at Eton, is a J.P. for Kent, Hon. Col. 24th Batt. (Co. of London) London Regt.. Capt. E. East Kent Yeo.. Lord of the Manor of Sharsted, and Patron of 1 living. — Sharsted Court, Sittingbourne; Junior Carlton Club, s.w.

#### Being curious I googled Junior Carlton Club.

#### THE JUNIOR CARLTON CLUB

Anticipating the forthcoming Second Reform Act under <u>Benjamin Disraeli</u>, numerous prospective electors decided to form a club closely aligned to the <u>Conservative party</u>. Adopting the model of numerous other clubs of the day, i.e. the <u>Junior Athenaeum</u>, the <u>Junior Oxford and Cambridge Club</u>, etc, the club styled itself the Junior Carlton after the <u>Carlton Club</u>, which had a fixed



number of members, and a lengthy waiting list, and so was therefore likely to remain out of the reach of these soon-to-be-enfranchised/newly-enfranchised electors.

The Junior Carlton Club, which was entirely separate from the Carlton itself, was established in 1864 and occupied a large purpose-built club house, com-

pleted in 1869, at 30 Pall Mall, almost opposite the Carlton. Their redevelopment of their premises into a modern 1960s office-style block as a prototype 'club of the future' led to mass resignations from that club, and in December 1977 it formally merged with the Carlton Club, with negotiations conducted by <a href="Harold Macmillan">Harold Macmillan</a>.

I mentioned last month that our Founder was an accomplished artist and found this for auction at Christies.

C. DE L. FAUNCE DE LAUNE AN ALBUM OF VIEWS OF EGYPT, SYRIA, ASIA MINOR, TURKEY, GREECE, CORFU, ITALY AND SWITZERLAND

### Price Realized (Set Currency)

- f.920
- (\$1,516)
- Price includes buyer's premium

#### Estimate

£700 - £1,000

• (\$1,153 - \$1,647)



Sale 8081

#### BRITISH AND CONTINENTAL WATERCOLOURS AND DRAWINGS

23 July 1998

London, South Kensington

Overview

#### Lot Description

C. DE L. FAUNCE DE LAUNE

AN ALBUM OF VIEWS OF EGYPT, SYRIA, ASIA MINOR, TURKEY, GREECE. CORFU. ITALY AND SWITZERLAND

THE MAJORITY INSCRIBED AND VARIOUSLY DATED '1869' AND '1870'

PENCIL AND WATERCOLOUR, SOME HEIGHTENED WITH WHITE, SOME WITH SCRATCHING OUT

6.7/8 X 9¾IN. (17.5 X 24.8CM.) AND SMALLER

69 WATERCOLOURS LAID DOWN ON THE PAGES OF THE ALBUM

#### Provenance

EDMUND FAUNCE DE LAUNE

Alured's brothers Edmund & Hubert next momth

#### **CLUB HANDICAP COMPETITION (prov. after 2 Events)**

#### Last three seasons best Best Times in Club Events to date

**1st SIMON** 10 miles 26.29 22.65576 mph 26.18 22.81369 mph 25 miles 1.08.49 21.79705 mph 11.5 miles 28.55 23.86167 mph (equivalent to 1.02.52 for 25 miles) +1.11127 mph **2<sup>nd</sup> JAYNE** 10 miles 26.02 23.04738 mph 27.19 21.96461 mph 25 miles 1.06.19 22.61875 mph 11.5 miles 29.44 23.20628 mph (equivalent to 1.04.38 for 25 miles) - 0.24762 mph **3rd JON** 10 miles 21.39 27.71363 mph 22.48 26.31579 mph 25 miles 55.23 27.08396 mph 11.5 miles 24.59 27.61841 mph (equivalent to 54.19 for 25 miles) <u>-0.43170 mph</u> 4th SARAH 10 miles 25.52 23.19586 mph 28.41 20.91807 mph 25 miles 1.08.43 21.82877 mph 11.5 miles 31.03 22.22222 mph (equivalent to 1.07.30 for 25 miles) - 0.94217 mph 5th MALCOLM 10 miles 25.22 23.65309 mph 28.17 21.21391 mph 25 miles 1.09.06 21.70767 mph 11.5 miles 31.26 21.95122 mph (equivalent to 1.08.43 for 25 miles) -1.09781 mph 6th **DAVID** 10 miles 23.20 25.71429 mph 25.34 23.46806 mph 25 miles 1.00.25 24.82759 mph 11.5 miles 28.18 24.38162 mph (equivalent to 1.01.31 for 25 miles) -1.34610 mph 7th ALAN 10 miles 22.58 26.12482 mph 25.29 23.54480 mph 25 miles 59.34 25.18187 mph 11.5 miles 28.57 23.83420 mph (equivalent to 1.02.56 for 25 miles) -1.96385 mph

Above times shows the current position in the handicap competition. This is after 2 events, the club open '10'

held on the on the 2nd April and the GS Invicta '25' held on the 12<sup>th</sup> June (reduced to 11.5 miles due to road works).

There are two more chances to improve your '25' time but I fear that as the GS Invicta was only 11.5 miles and as this competition is based on MPH it could be difficult for some of us to improve. There is only one '10' so for most this is the only opportunity to improve your MPH average.

Our 2 novices, Juliet and George need to ride the OMA '10' to get into this competition and I believe if they do they will get a top placing. Not having previous times both have to beat their Vet Age Standards

Juliet's is 1.12.11 for the '25' and this equates as 20.78042 mph, her GS Invicta time was 30.17 for the 11.5 miles ((1.05.50 for '25') this was a speed of 22.78481 giving her +**2.00439mph.** Juliet has a standard of 27.59 for the '10'

George's is 1.06.30 which is 22.55639mph his GS Invicta time was 29.31 (1.04.10 for '25') this was a speed of 23.37662mph giving him +**0.820223 mph.** George has a standard of 25.54 for the '10'

Jayne now has a new '10' time 25.42.

Chris and Ian both need to ride one of the '25's to qualify.

It is also not too late for Barry, Royboy & Tony to get into this competition. Good Luck all.

#### **Club Veterans Records** (as at 17 July 2011)

Our vets seem to be having a field day below is a list of new age records so far this year.

**Chris Hubbard** Age 49

10 Miles

21.35 (2 April)

21.12 (16 April)

20.28 (22 April) THIS ALSO BEING A CLUB RECORD

The 21.35 removed Tony Peachey's 22.07 at age 47, this being the Standard

Chris Hubbard (cont)

25 Miles 53.27 (2nd July) THIS ALSO BEING A CLUB RECORD

This time removed John Kavanagh's 55.01at age 40, this being the Standard to beat

**30 Miles** 1.07.20 (8<sup>th</sup> May)

This time removed Tony Peachey's 1.10.35 at age 46, this being the Standard to beat

**100 Miles** 4.13.51 (17<sup>th</sup> July)

Alan Rowe Age 72

**10 Miles** 23.42 (2 June) 22.56 (9 June)

The 22.56 removed Alan's own record of 23.25 at age 71

**25 Miles** 59.34 (11<sup>th</sup> June)

This time removed Roy Savery's 59.52 when he was 72

**30 Miles** 1.18.41 (15<sup>th</sup> May)

1.18.41 (15<sup>th</sup> May)

Roy Savery Age 74

**10 Miles** 25.32 (18th June)

Sarah Archdeacon Age 41

**10 Miles** 26.13 (21st May)

**25 Miles** 1.10.13 (8<sup>th</sup> May)

Jayne Wadsworth Age 40

**10 Miles** 25.42 (21st May) 25.38 (9th July) (**PB**)

The 25.42 removes Sarah's 25.52 at the same age

**25 Miles** 1.06.19 (8th May)

This time removes Sarah's 1.08.43 at the same age

CONGRATULATIONS TO ONE AND ALL



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Chris Hubbard

## RACING RESULTS



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1	Peter Tados		00:19:53
11	lan Silvester	De Laune CC	00:23:23
34	Malcolm Adams	De Laune CC	00:28:12
	Old Portl	lians CC 10 - 2 July - <i>G</i> 10/5'	7
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28	David Haggart	De Laune CC	00:24:18
42	Roy Savery	De Laune CC	00:25:43
48	Sarah Archdeacon	De Laune CC	00:26:27
	Thane	t RC 25 - 3 July - Q25/10	
1	Kevin Tye	Datateam Allstars	00:52:37
8	Jon Archdeacon	De Laune CC	00:57:11
33	Jayne Wadsworth	De Laune CC	01:07:38
36	Sarah Archdeacon	De Laune CC	01:09:57
39	Malcolm Adams	De Laune CC	01:13:04
	lan Silvester	De Laune CC	DNS
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00:55:42.

De Laune CC

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1	Nick Dwyer	Lewes Wanderers		01:50:09	
36	Chris Cowlard	De Laune CC		02:18:29	
	North Middles	ex & HCA 100 - 17 Ju	ly - F1/	100	
1	Jeff Jones	Chippenham & Dist.	CC	03:39:43	
11	Chris Hubbard	De Laune CC		04:13:51	
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1	Steve Dennis	East Grinstead CC		00:52:33	
14	Jon Archdeacon	De Laune CC		00:57:55	
63	Jayne Wadsworth	De Laune CC		01:07:02	
67	David Haggart	De Laune CC		01:08:16	
77	Sarah Archdeacon	De Laune CC		01:12:06	



DNS

De Laune CC

Tony Peachey

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33	David Haggart	De Laune CC	00:24:38
40	Simon Lowe	De Laune CC	00:24:49
49	Sarah Archdeacon	De Laune CC	00:26:19
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1	Michael Hutchinson	In-Gear Quickvit	00:18-25
43	Chris Hubbard	De Laune CC	00:21-09
	VTTA (K	ent) 50 Mile TT - 24	4 July
1	Andy Miles	VC Elan	01.50.21
29	Alan Rowe	De Laune CC	02.13.52
	Tony Peachey	De Laune CC	DNS

## SAVE THE HERNE HILL VELODROME How do I do that?

The Herne Hill Velodrome is the last remaining finals venue from the 1948 Olympic games. Originally built in 1891 it remains one of the best cycling tracks in the UK, but we need your help to restore it and to give it a viable future – that's why we need to collect the kind pledge you made right now. We've made progress on the track with a new lease to British Cycling and they are re-surfacing the track this Summer. However, we still need your help to ensure the Velodrome has a viable future at the heart of our community.

Save the Velodrome \*\*\*\*\*We have broken the £10,000 mark with your generous donation! Thanks to all those who have donated so far.

To donate click the link....Thanks StV <a href="http://ht.ly/5G8cS">http://ht.ly/5G8cS</a>

#### Leonard Lyes Remembered as British Cycling Saves the Herne Hill Track

Len was born in January 1921 and joined the De laune in November 1961 after being a member of the Sydenham Wheelers, he died two years ago and left a large legacy to "British Cycling". Our members remember him mostly as an offical at Herne Hill and Crysal Palace.

Here is an extract from British Cycling's website.

Now, with a lease signed, work can begin on rebuilding and refurbishing the facility. The first part of this process is to carry out structural repairs to the track itself. This is being funded by British Cycling's "Whole Sport Plan" through its Sport England investment, and from a financial bequest left to British Cycling for use "in the pursuit of track cycling" by London resident Leonard Lyes, who died in July 2009. A life-long Track cycling supporter, Mr Lyes was a member of De Laune CC, who regularly officiated at Herne Hill track meetings. The British Cycling Board has therefore agreed that this seems particularly fitting that his bequest is to be used for this purpose, and work is expected to start on the track in week commencing 4 July.

For the full report see:-

www.britishcycling.org.uk/about/article/bc20110624-Green-Light-for-Herne-Hill-Repairs-Plans-0

## **Save the Velodrome** Check out the resurfacing work on the webcam.... <a href="http://ht.ly/5LfXV">http://ht.ly/5LfXV</a>

#### Herne Hill Velodrome - Resurfacing ht.ly

The first step will be to remove the track fence, then build a ramp by the final banking to allow the heavy machinery to drive into the track...

#### THE TRIP TO SEE THE 2011 TOUR

As I said in last months DLN, the old boys Stax, Titch, Gordon and myself made our annual trip to France to see the Tour. The same format we have used for the last 15 years. No bikes. Well we are getting past that sort of thing!

We decided to cut out the long mileage like last year, when we drove down to the Pyrenees but, instead, keep to Brittany and Normandy. Having said that, I drove about 450 miles the first day. Our first stop was at Pornichet not far from St- Nazaire. We always stop at Ibis hotels and, when you have been to one Ibis you have been to them all. They all look the same. The benefit of the Ibis is that you do not have to give a deposit when you book (they do take your plastic card number, however) and as I book 6 months in advance I do not need to lay out a lot of cash.

Talking about cash, France is getting expensive again. I remember in the old days you would drive straiaht throuah France non-stop, on your way to Spain it was that expensive. It is going that way again. In most cases a round of drinks (beer) was about 20 euros almost £20.00.



**Team Time Trial** 

The first day we made our way to the finish at Mont Des Alouettes. We noticed there were a lot more people than last year, especially the next day at Les Essarts for the Team Time Trial. Being a keen photographer I like to get some close-up shots of the riders, but not this year. I got plenty of photos of spectators heads poking out at the last minute and photos of the dreaded big green hands the tour give out each year.

I do like the look of a time trial team coming through all in the same kit

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colours. Not impressed with Team Sky who had four types of vests; two national champions vests, and one best youngest rider's vest and the rest Sky.

On our annual trip we like to visit places of interest so on our way in to Normandy we visited Mont Saint Michel. It is a very impressive abbey and, without doubt, one of the most spectacular sights in Europe. A circular, rocky, island fortress rising dramatically out of the vast sandy bay crowned by a magnificent Romanesque and Gothic fairy-tale abbey. (I got that bit from tourist book!)

In most cases we like to see 4 or 5 stages over the 7 day period and, like all visits, we miss a stage by being in a bar or restaurant too long. And, yes, we did it again. On the stage from Dinan to Lisieux we found a nice bar in a village called Clecy not far from the route, so we thought. While sitting outside the bar the helicopter came over and we saw ourselves on the bar television and it dawned on us that we were not on the course!

One of the places we visited was the museum at Azincourt. You must remember the battle of Azincourt, when the English were out numbered 3 to 1 and gave the French a good hiding. I could give you more information but I cannot find my tourist book.

Another place we visited in Normandy was the Pegasus Bridge just outside of Caen. We older guys will remember the glider drop by the airborne troops in order to capture the bridge before the D-Day landings. This is well worth a visit. They have a museum not far from the bridge showing you films and war mementos.

On your visit you have got to go to the Café Gondree or the Pegasus Café near the bridge. It is full of photos and mementos from old airborne guys who visit. Beware of the Madam! Arlette Gondree who is the owner of the café. She was four when the invasion came and she lived in the café. She stood no nonsense as Titch found out. Titch asked for the bill and she said in a very stern voice you shall have to wait. Titch, after about 10 minutes, went over to the counter and she said, "Get back to your table". I was expecting her to march us out in three ranks to our car.

To conclude a good holiday a bit expensive so will we do it again? You bet we will.

Kav.

#### THE BEST of the REST

New times this month in bold

Men		Fastest 7	Time This Year	
Dist		Time	Event	Course
10	Chris Hubbard	00:20:28	City RC (Hull)	V 718
15	Jon Archdeacon	00:34:23	Club event	Q15/20
25	<b>Chris Hubbard</b>	00:53:27	Belper BC	A25/11
30	Chris Hubbard	01:07:20	Norlond TT Combine	F1/30
50	Jon Archdeacon	01:57:10	SCCU	G50/53
100	<b>Chris Hubbard</b>	04:13:51	North Middx & Herts	F1/100
12 hour				
12 hour Ladies		Fastest 7	Time This Year	
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Ladies				<b>G10/57</b> Q15/20
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<b>Ladies 10</b> 15 25 30	Jayne Wadsworth Jayne Wadsworth Jayne Wadsworth	<b>00:25.38</b> 00:41:13 01:06:19	Southeast RC Club event Wigmore	Q15/20 G25/8



## Fancy a bike that can cane its rivals:

BAMBOO has a range of uses, from furniture and construction to textiles and paper – even as bicycle frames.

Rachel Hammond, left, of Todmord West Yorkshire, is the only bamboo bicycle importer in Britain. Her firm, Raw Bamboo Bikes, supplies frames imported from California.

Rachel, 29, says: 'Because bamboo a grass it has qualities that absorb everyday bumps.

'But it is still strong and light enough to make the perfect frame. It works fo mountain bikes as well as road bikes.

#### De Laune Cycling Club

The first of the new members for 1953 included John Darroch, later followed by Peter Staff, George Starsmeare, George Pinchen, Ron Willey, Wedding bells rang out for Arthur and Joan How.

Alan Jackson wins the Isle of Wight Easter massed start race. Alan shortlisted for World Championship Road Race selection. Later in the year he won the London Centre 4000m Individual Pursuit at Herne Hill, beating Bill Best by 6 seconds.

Club decide to organise a massed start event at Crystal Palace on August Bank Holiday Sunday & Monday in aid of British Red Cross and St. John Ambulance. The festival included bicycle polo, mass start events, historic bicycle parade, beauty contest, novelty events and the finish of the Folkestone to London International RR. Cost of promotion was revealed as £1368.16.7d whilst income was £1675.11.6d. Because of this success a further promotion was earmarked for 1954 our 65th anniversary, promoted by 'Chip' with the power to co-opt members as officials as necessary. Tony Peachey was awarded the Silverdale How shield both for his assistance in this club venture and tasks undertaken for the club throughout the year.

The club was placed 3rd in the Bath and Back Reliability Ride organised by the Castlenau CC. We fielded 18 riders. The club participation in the event was always popular - quite something when you consider the distance covered was around 215 miles in 14-15 hours in early March.

Club committee was engrossed in correspondence from both BLRC and NCU on road racing matters. A perpetual item on most agendas concerned clubroom facilities. The Nelson Institute continued to be used even though it did not seem to fit the needs of the club.

Club hill climb was won by Alan Jackson, followed by Ken Fuller, John Darroch, Alf Wason, Geoff Sinnett, Bob Prosser and George Stannard.

A strange fact was reported of a huge 135 ton piece of equipment that was moved by road from Newcastle upon Tyne to Dartford power station, journey took 7 weeks, at an average speed of 400 yards per hour.

New members in 1954 Bert Collins, Brian Saxton, Peter Shepherd, Fred Peachey, Ken Lazell, Dennis Tarr, Michael Moore, Brian Dacey, Tony Purser, John Lawrence

A proposition at the AGM stated 'where coloured vests are used by members in races or time trials, only club colours will be permitted' A sub committee of Bob Willey, Alan Jackson and Ken Hill were commissioned to design suitable garment. The design was agreed of light blue with 6" chocolate band and chocolate shoulder flashes was duly approved in February 1954.

Mrs. De Laune donated a cup for the club 100 - to be known as the 'Presidents Trophy'. Club championship 25 boasted 37 entries from the club.

A clubrun to Dorchester reported that the run was nearly taken out by a horse and cart on Wandsworth Common, the driver being half asleep, good job the clubrunners weren't.

Wedding bells rang out for Monty Watkins in Australia also, closer to home, Ken & Dot Fuller. In May 1954 mention was made in the DLN on the subject of allowing ladies to join the 'Gentlemen of the De Laune', the editor suggesting they could assist as they often do for marshalling and tea making, but members should think twice as many other clubs have folded after opening their membership to the fairer sex. The DLN celebrated 25 years of existence.

1955 started on a high with Alan Jackson becoming the first National Champion of the club in Cyclo Cross. A fund was created to support Alan in his participation in the World Cyclo Cross Championships. Later in the year Dennis Tarr became Junior Massed Start National Champion. Alan

finished 16th overall and Dave Tweddle 20th in the Circuit of Britain the forerunner to the Tour of Britain (Both riding for the Army CU). In December Alan was chosen to represent GB in the Tour of Egypt together with Dave Tweddle, Stan Britain and Owen Blower.

Alan & Maureen Jackson obviously tied the knot as January saw them thanking members for their good wishes, as did Eddie & Iris Sharpe, 'Chip' became engaged to Daphne, marrying later in the year, also Alf & Margaret Wason married. New members included John Kavanagh, Peter Dawkins.

Despite the success of the Crystal Palace massed start promotions in 1953/4 the club voted against such a venture in 1955. 'Chip' agreed to be responsible for the issue of a press notice explaining the Club's attitude. However in February '55 a special general meeting considered the fact that Raleigh were prepared to meet the clear up cost of the venue and arrange for tentage to be left in situ following the motor meeting on the previous day, Bas Chilcott of SCCU would organise a rally, Brooks (the saddle makers) would supply a trophy and there would be no sponsored Tour of Britain that year. With this information to hand the promotion by the club was sanctioned. Portable typewriters were purchased for the promoter, advertising manager, road race organiser, and officials manager.

A possibility of a clubroom on Brixton Hill, more information was sought.

Various social functions continued to be organised such as dances, club dinner, traditional winter bun fight, Newnham weekend, theatre visits and coach trips as well as table tennis, draughts, darts and ad hoc raffles and sweeps. Guests at the 1955 dinner (180) included Eddie & Ann Wingrave, together with editors of 'Cycling', South London Press, caretaker of Nelson Institute and Tom Bray.

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

#### FROM THE TREASURY

Very little for me to report this month - it must be a case of everybody being glued to the TV watching le Tour. Certainly exciting this year right to the very end and a welcome boost to the sport in general with Cav winning the green jersey. Wonder if we would have seen another Brit on the podium had Wiggo not crashed so heavily and sustaining his broken collar bone.

News from the cash bag front is limited. Subs, donations and clothing being the only income, in fact Tony has also been the biggest spender from our bank balance with the delivery of another clothing order. His report appears elsewhere which covers our current stock levels - though it alters so rapidly these days that there have been minor changes with all the small short sleeve racing jerseys now out of stock. So any small rider wishing to extend their wardrobe had better extend their waistline as well so that they can purchase a medium jersey!!!

Ian is about to promote our last open promotion of the year - the Fred Peachey Memorial 25 on 31st July. Riders are reduced as a consequence of change of course but the club support is, as usual, brilliant. I am sure Ian will submit a report after the event in the usual fashion. Don't forget to get your entries into Claire for the OMA 10 on 13th August - always a hotly contested event which brings out the best of the oldies.

Val the Peach

#### Clothing Report – Tony Peachey

The Club clothing inventory has recently been updated and appears on the website. This is a true record of stock held as at 14<sup>th</sup> July. For those not on the web the same information is shown below. Should you need any club kit please don't hesitate to contact me, I can either post orders direct to you or arrange delivery via club folk or club meetings.

Following recent requests, small stock of waisted tights (tights without a bib and no padded insert), these are now in stock at the purchase price of £34. Clearly these are more user friendly for the ladies who have taken up the option of shorts without bibs, however I am sure the lads will also find them useful at events. The design of these tights are the same as the bib tights. Also ordered — a new design of cotton caps, these are in the process of being manufactured and are scheduled to be with us during August, a picture of the new design appeared in the July Magazine. The selling price for these will be £3 to club members. So those of you who have been asking for this item — we should have a good stock in the near future, I will carry a small stock of these caps to most club functions for a while so just come and badger me.

As a matter of interest the income from club clothing over the past year has been £2861 (actual purchase price £4190). As you can see club clothing is still selling very well, so don't delay if you require anything

SEE OVER FOR STOCK

#### **CLOTHING STOCK**

	XS	S	M	L	XL	XXL	Cost £
Jersey s/s	2	2	8	7			28.00
Jersey 1/s	1	2	1	2	1		30.00
Skinsuit		1	4	1	2		54.00
Bib shorts		3	6	6	1		34.00
Shorts		1	1	1			31.00
Bib tights		1		2	1		40.00
Waisted tights		3	4	2			34.00
Tights		1			1		25.00
Arm warmers		2		4	2		8.00
Leg warmers		1					10.00
Knee warmers			1				7.00
Winter jacket			1	3	1		54.00
Leisure jacket			1				15.00
Gilets			3	1	1		30.00
Polos		3		4	2		5.00
Sweatshirts		5	1	1			10.00
Sponsored clothing							
Shorts mens		3			2		8.00
Shorts ladies		1 (12	2)				8.00
Skinsuit s/s					1		15.00
Skinsuit 1/s				1			15.00
Jacket no sleeves		1					10.00

All sponsored clothing will be OK for training/leisure riding (cannot be used for racing).

Small quantity of sponsored triathlete clothing of swimming trunks, running shorts and singlet vests — offers welcome!

#### Diary Social/Club for 2011

Sunday 23 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

Sunday	31 July	6:30	De Laune Open 25 and Club Midsummer 25	Harrietsham	Q2520
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 KAV. 01622 7	

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