

September 2011

DE LAUNE NEWS



ALAN ROWE

WINNER OF O.M.A. 10



For those who like short events and don't mind a bit of public pain (and possibly humiliation in front of a large crowd..) Catford CC are promoting their annual classic Open hill climb for the 116th time this year. It will be on Yorks Hill, near Sevenoaks, on Sunday 9th October - 10am start. Entries on CTT form with cheque for £8, payable to 'Catford Cycling Club, by 30th September to:

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Bromley
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(Contact organiser on his Mobile: 07500737473 or 07721675508, or by email: leluong4@hotmail.co.uk if you have any questions.)

There's usually a good turn-out from De Laune to watch this event and often a few brave souls who actually ride it!, so put it in your diary.. (Remember the Bec Hill Climb is on White's Lane in the afternoon - it makes quite a nice day out to ride out to the Catford then on to Titsey for some essential calories in the local hostelry which does some rather acceptable meals before heading up to the Bec and finally rolling home through the lanes. For anyone who doesn't know, both events usually attract a good field, including the odd World Tour pro..) Look out for an entry for club ride(s) out to the Catford event on the website bulletin board nearer the date.

Nigel

TIME TRIAL			ROAD RACE		
 World Masters Cycling Federation			 World Masters Cycling Federation		
20km			40km		
1	Gierer, Anton	29:48.45	1	NESSELHAUF W	01:07:12
13	Roy Savery	33:02.78	23	SAVERY R	01:15:57

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SECOND MONDAY
OF EACH MONTH
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in Dulwich Village**

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THE PRESIDENTS REPORT



Well, here we are in September, it seems to me that no sooner has the racing season started the end begins to loom.

No doubt you will read elsewhere that the OMA '10' was well supported, I counted around 30 people out. Dot came along with 2 old members who were before my time, so at least 53 years ago, they were John Carr and Terry Owen (Terry lives in New Zealand). Also out was Tony Purser, good to see you Tony and to hear you are still riding your bike and as you said, lucky to have Richmond Park on your doorstep. The weather was wet so I wimped out of riding, as did our TT sec. Claire.

The Fred Peachey Memorial '25' was stopped due to one of the riders having an 'argument' with a tractor, thankfully after a night in hospital for a CT scan to his head he was discharged. This leaves our riders having to contest the midsummer '25' in the SCCU event on 4th Sept. This will be followed the week after with the Autumn '25' in the VTTA (Kent Group) event on the Ham Street course, UGH! I hate this course. I will have to ride it as I need another '25' for our Vets BAR. I would have preferred the following weeks KCA'25', which I normally ride as it is literally just

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around the corner to me on the Thanet Way, but this year it happens to coincide with the finish of the Tour of Britain in London which I will be going to.

On the Wednesday the 7th of this month I have been invited by British Cycling to attend the re opening of the Herne Hill Stadium. Chris Boardman will be there, as will be the Sports Minister and other dignitaries. I understand a plaque is to be unveiled recognizing the substantial bequest of Len Lyes (who was a member of our club for many years), which enabled the track surface to be renewed, and thus get the complete regeneration of the stadium underway. I am hoping other members will also be in attendance as the invitation has now been extended to any member of our club who expresses his/her wish to attend and they would then receive an official BC invitation.

Elsewhere you will see the details of the walk and visit to Doddington Church, which I mentioned last month. Hope to see quite a few of you there.

Well that's it for this month.

OMA "10"



Our Founder's other sons Edmund and Hubert

Edmund was educated at Eton and Jesus College, Cambridge. During WW1 he served as a Major in the Royal East Kent Mounted Rifles (TA regiment). He lived in Calico House, Newnham (which many of you know). He was never married and died at the age of 66 and is buried in the church at Newnham.

Hubert, the youngest, was a volunteer as the Boer War 1899 was turning against the British due to over confident or incompetent British Generals. He was one of the first to join the newly formed Imperial Yeomanry, he was in a unique unit, the Duke of Cambridge's Own, sometimes known as the Millionaires Own. It consisted of rich men who had put down £130 each to find their own horses, outfits and passage to the Cape. They also donated their pay to the Soldiers Widows and Orphans Fund. The 13th Imperial Yeomanry was commanded by a regular soldier, Lt.Col. Basil Spragge. (There were 4 units all told, the other 3 were all Irish, one known as the Irish Hunt Contingent, and was mainly officered by the Master of Fox hounds and commanded by Captain the Earl of Longford. The other 2 came from the Protestant north, and included the Earl of Leitrim and a future Prime Minister of N.Ireland, James Craig.)

Regular cavalrymen had a poor opinion of the Yeomanry, a future Field Marshal Edmund Allenby regarded them as 'useless', they were over confident amateurs pitted against the resolute 'professional' Boers defending their homeland.

Hubert was to die at the Battle of Lindley* at the age of 25 and is buried at Quaycafontn Farm, on the battlefield.

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The Imperial Yeomanry was a [British volunteer cavalry regiment](#) that mainly saw action during the [Second Boer War](#). Officially created on 24 December 1899, the regiment was based on members of standing [Yeomanry](#) regiments, but also contained a large contingent of mid-upper class [English](#) volunteers.^[1] In [Ireland](#) 120 men were recruited in February 1900.^[2] It was officially disbanded in 1908.^[3]

**The next action took place in [Lindley](#), a Boer held town. On 27 May 1900,*

due to a miscommunication, the 13th battalion (under [Lieutenant Colonel Basil Spragge](#)) arrived at Lindley where they were ambushed by a group of Boers. Rather than retreat, Spragge decided to fight until aid arrived. Although a message for help did arrive, it didn't describe the urgency of the situation, and no help came until it was too late. One officer and 16 men were killed (with another officer and three more men later dying of wounds), and 400 were captured.

Next Month - Hubert Bonham Alured Faunce-De Laune (and family) son of Alured & Margaret (Jamieson) Faunce De Laune (past Presidents of our club)

The Illustrated News, 1886.

Tobacco Cultivation in Kent, Sharsted Court.

Could the gentleman in the bottom picture (see next page) wearing the top hat be our founder? Though I think he looks more like a Ministry man and the gentleman wearing the deerstalker is more likely to be him, as his attire is more suited to a landowner.



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STANDING THE TOBACCO LEAF.



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A FIELD OF TOBACCO-PLANTS, SHARPER POINT, KENT.
TOBACCO GROWING IN KENT

Result of the De Laune Cycling Club

Fred Peachey Memorial Open 25 Mile Time Trial.

Held on Sunday 31st July 2011 on course Q25/20 (Harrietsham)

Promoted for and on behalf of Cycling Time Trials under their Rules & Regulations

This event was an E.C.C.A. B.A.R. counting event

Event Secretary: Ian Silvester – 30 Cobbs Close, Paddock Wood,
Tonbridge Kent TN12 6UW

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E.mail: clan.silvester@o2.co.uk

The event was generously supported by Evans Cycles

Start time-keeper:	Kath Mephram	V C Elan
Finish time-keeper:	Paul Mephram	V C Elan
Recorder:	Claire Silvester	De Laune C.C.

First of all may I extend a very big thank you to the always reliable band of willing volunteers of the De Laune who assisted, marshalled, officiated and dispensed drinks and snacks on the morning. Also thanks to Kath and Paul Mephram of V C Elan who once again did the time-keeping at both ends of the course - without all their help none of us would have any events to ride.

Alas, unforeseen circumstances meant that the event had to be abandoned before everyone completed the full distance.

If you started the event I suspect you are aware that Robert Giles of the Rye and District Wheelers C.C. was involved in accident that entailed calling the ambulance and police services. A number of riders stopped to help out at the scene and my sincere thanks go to them. By the time news of Bob's accident filtered back to the HQ and finish time-keepers quite a few riders (if not all of them) who had come across the accident had decided to call it a day. The finish time-keepers needed to make a very quick decision as to whether or not the event should continue (there were clearly still quite a few of you out on the road totally unaware of events further along the course) and they decided that it was in the best interest of all riders still competing to abandon the event. I hope you will agree that, under the circumstances, this was the right call to make.

I realise that a number of riders stopped to offer their assistance at the scene - a big "thank you" if you were one of them. However, my special thanks must go to Sarah Sutton of the San Fairy Ann C.C. who I think was

first on the scene and took control of the situation as best she could. I hope you're not offended if you also helped at the scene and I haven't given you a mention. Suffice to say I'm appreciative of your help – as I'm sure Bob was too.

Another person on the scene almost immediately was a member of the public who was a trained medic and happened to drive past the scene just seconds after the accident and stopped to offer assistance despite being on a family outing to London. I have telephoned her on two occasions since the event to offer my thanks and to give her an up-date on Bob's condition, which she asked that I do.

Bob was taken to hospital and kept in over-night as a precaution. He is now back home. I gather he is somewhat battered and bruised as you would expect - he also has a dislocation to the right collar-bone. I'm sure we all wish him a speedy recovery.

Bob would also like to offer his apologies to all the riders and officials connected with the event.

Lastly, once everything had calmed down a bit it was announced at the HQ that each rider would receive a refund of £5 from the £8 entry fee. I was speaking to quite a few riders after this announcement and, without exception, they stated either that we were under no obligation to offer a refund or that, if we did refund £5, they didn't wish to accept it and that we were to either treat it as a donation to the De Laune C.C. or we were to make a payment to an appropriate charity. In this respect the De Laune committee re-convened to re-consider the decision and it has been decided to donate the sum of £300 (the value of the prize-list rounded up) to the Kent Air Ambulance rather than make £5 refunds to all riders. Unbelievably, KAA is funded purely on public generosity and doesn't receive funds



from any other source so I'm certain they will be appreciative of the donation.

I and the De Laune C.C. trust that this decision meets with your approval.

All that remains is to thank you all for entering the event – please do

think about riding again in 2012 – same time of year but hopefully back on the Chilham course where it should have been this year before road-works reared their ugly head !!

Despite the abandonment several riders did actually record a time and your information these are shown below.

RECORDED TIMES OF RIDERS COMPLETING THE COURSE BEFORE EVENT WAS ABANDONED.

(They are shown in starting order rather than in time order. These times are official and may be used on all future entry forms. However, please note that they may NOT be used for National Championship purposes)

No.	Name	Category	Club	Time	Std
1	George Lewis	V	De Laune C.C.	1:09:24	-2:54
2	Andrew Macey	V	Ashford Wheelers	1:04:58	+5:37
4	Ian Turner	V	Southboro' & Dist Whls	1:09:41	+8:04
5	Kevin Grimshaw	V	Bigfoot C.C.	0:59:55	+8:36
6	Andy Morley	V	Southboro' & Dist Whls	1:00:29	+9:04
7	Kevin Gleadow	V	Kent Cycles R.C.	1:07:27	+6:22
8	Peter Hayes	V	Catford C.C.	1:09:27	+10:38
9	Neil Drapper	V	Southboro' & Dist Whls	1:05:22	+4:11
10	Carl Chapman	V	G S Invicta	0:59:25	+6:35
11	Michael Gore	S	San Fairy Ann C.C.	1:00:41	
12	Trevor Bridge	V	TriSpirit Team	1:05:46	+5:21
14	Robert Graves	V	G S Avanti	1:09:06	+9:14
25	Gary Record	S	V C Deal	0:56:08	

There were six non-starters - No's 3, 15, 23, 37, 47 and 49. Apologies were received from no's 23, 37, 47 & 49 – many thanks for those.

Acknowledgement to club sponsors:

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Hi All, 8th August 2011

The re-surfacing work at Herne Hill is moving on apace, I dropped by this morning and there's about 3in of new tarmac on the velodrome. They still need to do a 3-4m 'cote d'azur' around the inside, and then fit the new track fence. However I'm told they are still on schedule to be completed by early September.

There will be a re-opening ceremony on Wednesday September 7th (sorry I don't know what time yet!) at which a plaque will be unveiled recognising Lenny Lyes for his bequest which has met most of the cost of this resurfacing. I understand that Malcolm has been sent an invitation to this. Unfortunately I'm off on holiday the previous day, however I hope some of you can be present on behalf of the club, particularly those of you who remember Len.

I asked a little while ago if anyone has any pictures of him, so if you can have a look through old albums I'd really appreciate it. I still don't know what he looks like, although I'm sure I'd recognize him if I was shown a photo. Even if it's an old grainy picture it would be great to display this in a news article or maybe even in the new pavilion when it's built.

Regards,
Bill Wright

PETER JENN
OMA "10"



8 August 2011

Mr Malc Adams
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Dear Malc,

Track reopening at Herne Hill Velodrome

As you may have read in the press recently, work is well underway to renew the cycling track at the historic Herne Hill Velodrome. As the last remaining finals venue from the 1948 London Olympics, Herne Hill is an iconic venue for sport in the capital but has suffered in recent years from a lack of investment.

Earlier this year British Cycling got together with the Dulwich Estate, who own the site, and agreed on a 15-year lease. This security of tenure has enabled us to fund the extensive repairs needed to the track and provide riders of all ages with a fantastic new surface on which to enjoy their cycling. Money received from the bequest of local resident Leonard Lyes, a member of the De Laune Cycling Club and a regular official at Herne Hill meetings, was pivotal to the track refurbishment costs and we have also invested a substantial sum from our Sport England 'Whole Sport Plan' award.

British Cycling will be hosting a small ceremony at Herne Hill at **10.00am on Wednesday 7 September 2011** to celebrate the reopening of the new 450m banked track. I am delighted to say that Olympic gold medallist Chris Boardman MBE and Sports Minister Hugh Robertson will be joining us along with some of our top young riders and it would be great to see you there too. Weather permitting, there may also be the opportunity to be among the first to ride on the new track.

The Velodrome has hosted many cycling competitions and helped introduce many young riders to track cycling over the years including triple Olympic champion and Tour de France rider Bradley Wiggins. British Cycling is delighted and proud of the role it is playing in helping getting the site back to its former glory and hopes that the resurfacing work will provide a major boost to the Save the Velodrome campaign and help develop the next generation of champions.

I would be delighted if you could join us for what will be a really significant landmark in the renewal of the Herne Hill Velodrome site. If you are able to attend then please contact Hannah Rosborough at hannahrosborough@britishcycling.org.uk or 0161 274 2000.

Yours sincerely

**Ian Drake**
Chief Executive



RACING RESULTS



SCCU 100 - 24 July - G /100

1	Julian Jenkinson	UTAG - Yamaha.com	03:42:04
15	Jon Archdeacon	De Laune CC	04:10:01
53	Chris Cowlard	De Laune CC	04:55:37
57	Jayne Wadsworth	De Laune CC	04:57:32
63	Sarah Archdeacon	De Laune CC	05:14:30

De Laune CC Open 25 - 31 July - G25/20

Event abandoned due to accident

George Lewis	De Laune CC	01:09:24
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BDCA "50" - 6 August - A50/6

1	Jeff Jones	Chippenham & Dist Whs	01:33:03
39	Chris Hubbard	De Laune CC	01:54:12

Anerley BC 50 - 7 August

1	Steve Dennis	East Grinstead CC	01:45:20
11	Jon Archdeacon	De Laune CC	01:58:17
50	David Haggart	De Laune CC	02:14:45
70	Sarah Archdeacon	De Laune CC	02:27:30

DERBY MERCURY RC 25 - 13 August - A25/11

1	Matthew Bottrill	i-ride.co.uk	00:47:32
38	Chris Hubbard	De Laune CC	00:54:15

South Emsall CC 10 - 20 August - 010/3

1	Kevin Dawson	Sportscover.com	00:19:25
15	Chris Hubbard	De Laune CC	00:21:35

Epsom Cycling Club 10 - 20 August - G10/57

1	Rupert Burbidge	Redhill CC	00:20:11
28	David Haggart	De Laune CC	00:24:21

North Hants RC 25 - 20 August - H25/8

1	Alex Dowsett	Team Sky Procycling	00:47:28
54	Alan Rowe	De Laune CC	01:00:33
73	Simon Lowe	De Laune CC	01:03:36
75	David Haggart	De Laune CC	01:03:47

Gravesend CC 10 - 20 August - Q10/24

1	Mike Piper	Kent Cycles RT	00:22:07
3	Jon Archdeacon	De Laune CC	00:22:57
34	Jane Wadsworth	De Laune CC	00:27:11
44	Sarah Archdeacon	De Laune CC	00:28:28

Old Ports CC 25 - 21 August - G25/45

1	Rupert Burbidge	Redhill CC	00:54:01
9	Jon Archdeacon	De Laune CC	00:57:34
41	Jayne Wadsworth	De Laune CC	01:08:17
45	Sarah Archdeacon	De Laune CC	01:09:40

Team Swift 10 - 28 August - V718/A63

1	Michael Hutchinson	In-Gear Quickvit	00:18:38
74	Chris Hubbard	De Laune CC	00:21:52
	Jayne Wadsworth	De Laune CC	00:24:10

Westerley CC 25 - 28th August - H25/2

1	Jon Archdeacon	De Laune CC	
	Dave Haggart	De Laune CC	
	Sahra Archdeacon	De Laune CC	

2011 BRITISH BEST ALL ROUNDER

Women 3 Distance			25	50	100	MPH
1	Jane Kilmartin	Cult Racing	0:54:02 *	1:54:09 *	4:03:54 *	26.214
26	Jayne Wadsworth	De Laune CC	1:06:19 *	2:21:06 *	4:57:32 *	21.349
32	Sarah Archdeacon	De Laune CC	1:09:57 *	2:27:30 *	5:14:30 *	20.287
Men 2 Distance						
1	Michael Hutchinson	In-Gea RT		1:41:28 *	3:24:45 *	29.435
72	Chris Hubbard	De Laune CC		1:54:12 *	4:13:51 *	24.953
80	Jon Archdeacon	De Laune CC		1:57:10 *	4:10:01 *	24.801
259	Chris Cowlard	De Laune CC		2:18:29 *	4:55:37 *	20.980

OMA 10 - 2011

Well what a turn out on such an unpromising morning of overcast skies and heavy rain. We had 18 on the start sheet but Claire and President Malc decided not to get their kit wet and Steve Carter Smith stayed in bed. The rest hardy keen racers left timekeeper Tony P full of enthusiasm after being pushed off by Mike Peel. I lost count of how many turned up to marshal, but I think we had sufficient to have them holding hands all round Charing roundabout. Everyone looked good passing Val the Peach (in the car) as finish timekeeper - though I should add it is down hill !

As expected Alan romped home as the OMA champ -full result:

Alan Rowe	+8.22	24.24
Peter Jenn	+4.19	27.11
Ian Silvester	+3.48	23.19
Barry Meens	+3.11	27.19
Jon Archdeacon	+3.08	22.58
Clif Pendleton	+2.40	29.20
Dave Haggart	+1.49	25.44
Simon Lowe	+1.25	25.05
Jayne Wadsworth	+1.10	25.57
Juliet Sprake	+0.55	27.04
Sarah Archdeacon	-0.26	27.46
Mick Valentine	-0.34	30.36
Mick Hartley	-1.00	31.45
George Lewis	-1.00	26.54

The day was not without events, Clif Pendleton managed to fall off in a ditch whilst warming up, returning to the hall covered in mud - that was no excuse for him not to start and finish with a creditable

time. As you can see some blasts from the past were tempted out in the guise of the two Micks (Valentine & Hartley). Watch out they could be encouraged to venture out again.

We were a cosmopolitan group one from France, one from New Zealand and one from Aldershot, not sure if that counts as cosmopolitan (?). Kav snapped most riders as they encircled the roundabout thankfully no one fell off whilst smiling at the camera. Kav then captured a group photo in the carpark for posterity. Following the coffee and cakes in the carpark the whole gang descended into a local hostelry for breakfast and happy chatter, and for further posterity the names of attendees in no particular order:

Claire & Ian Silvester, Jon & Sarah Archdeacon, Mick & Ann Hartley, Malc Adams, Alan Rowe, Mick Valentine, Peter Jenn, George Lewis, Simon Lowe, Jayne Wadsworth, Juliet Sprake, Mick Peel, Dave Haggart, Bill Wright, Kav, Brian Shambrook, Geoff Sinnett, Roy Savery, Roy Chittleborough, Maureen Jackson, Dot Fuller, Tony Purser, Tom O'Connor, Terry Owens, Brian Saxton, Barry Meens, Clif Pendleton and last but not least Val & Tony Peachey. A total of 32 - which represents a 3rd of the club membership - not bad going for a club event. (see photo)

I know some have already thanked Claire for the organisation via the forum but these thanks are extended to Claire for those who only have access to the DLN and had an enjoyable morning with friends.

Val the





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www.greatriverrace.co.uk/

Hi everybody

I was talked into doing the Dragon boat charity boat race up the Thames on the 17th September for very good cause Help the Heroes there is a link for anyone who would like to make a donation which would be very much appreciated.

Thanks

Cliff

<http://www.bmycharity.com/CliffSteel>



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CLIFF THINK OF ALL THOSE
MEALS HE HAS COOKED
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THE BEST of the REST

New times this month in bold

Men		Fastest 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	Chris Hubbard	00:53:27	Belper BC	A25/11
30	Chris Hubbard	01:07:20	Norlond TT Combine	F1/30
50	Chris Hubbard	01:54:12	BDCA	A50/6
100	Jon Archdeacon	04:10:01	SCCU	G100/
12 hour				

Ladies		Fastest Time This Year		
10	Jayne Wadsworth	00:24.10	Team Swift	V718/A63
15	Jayne Wadsworth	00:41:13	Club event	Q15/20
25	Jayne Wadsworth	01:06:19	Wigmore	G25/8
30				
50	Jayne Wadsworth	02:21:06	SCCU	G50/53
100	Jayne Wadsworth	04:57:32	SCCU	G100/
12 hour				

Radio host slammed for bicycle rant

Mexican radio host Angel Verdugo called on listeners to run over cyclists Mexico City's top environment official is describing as "backward" comments by a radio host who called on motorists to run over bicycle riders.

City Environment Secretary Marta Delgado said such incitement to violence was "an attack on the cycling community and the citizens of Mexico City". The city encourages bicycle use to cut down on traffic and pollution in the metropolis of 20 million.

Radio host Angel Verdugo said during his programme on the Reporte 98.5 station that cyclists had almost run into his car and were ignoring traffic rules and bothering pedestrians.

Verdugo called on motorists to "run your vehicles at them immediately, don't give them time to think, and crush them".

De Laune Cycling Club

1956 for the older members in the club means just one name, Alan Jackson. Alan joined the De Laune in 1948 as a young lad of 15 from Manchester. From square one he was described in the DLN as 'a rider who without doubt will be in the headlines within a short time'. In his early years he was a bit rebellious, on one occasion having to apologise to the Club committee for bad behaviour on a club run. In reality he was just a fun loving kid who enjoyed his bike and those bike-loving people around him. His first achievement with the De Laune was to come 23rd in the Club speed judging competition (probably went too fast !). He rode the club Junior 10 in 1949 without great success, the following year he was 12th in the inter club cyclo cross - 6 minutes behind the winner. Later in 1950, as a complete outsider, he won the Novices 25 and from that time onwards he never looked back. Alan's philosophy was never rush - learn, prepare, then have a go, it clearly paid off.

In 1951 and 1952 he tried his hand at road racing (massed start as it was called in those days) and found it suited his style, as did track racing and hill climbing. He was the first rider in the club to 'break the hour' for 25 miles in 1953 and still holds the hour record on the track, set in 1955. He competed at all time trial distances except the 12 hour, holding club trophies at all distances throughout his career. In 1956 he won the Club open 100.

Alan Jackson was again National Cyclo Cross Champion 1956 and together with Ken Fuller and Geoff Sinnett won the National team award. In fact in most of the events he competed in other club members were there to back him up for team awards, namely Ken Fuller, Bernard Start, Geoff Sinnett, Dennis Tarr, Tony Peachey, Tony Purser, Brian Dacey. On the track Alan was part of the team competing in the National Pursuit Championships where together With Brian Dacey, Dennis Tarr and Tony Purser they finished 3rd taking the bronze medals. On the road he was National Massed Start Champion.

On the strength of his fine performances, early in 1956 he was selected to ride in the World Championships in Copenhagen where he eventually finished 13th . He also rode in the 'Nine Provinces Tour of Belgium' where he finished 2nd . He continued to race throughout the year pleasing everyone in the club by winning our Crystal Palace Festival event Folkestone to London road race which this year had gained UCI status. After this event he was informed that he had been selected for the road team of the 1956 Olympic Games due to be held in December in Melbourne. Much to the delight of the club and no doubt Alan's family and close friends he finished a fantastic 3rd in the road race and led the GB team into 2nd place.

Well before the Olympics the committee had planned to host 'small' supper celebrating Alan's national fame, irrespective of his performance in Melbourne. This 'small gathering' numbered 130 members and friends to applaud their true champion and clubman. He was always a perfect clubman supporting the club in various activities, it was not all about racing, he was often found at the clubroom 'messaging around', he served as Road Racing Secretary for many years, he wrote articles in the DLN on clubruns and advice on training techniques. It fell to Derek Boon and Geoff Sinnett to 'chair' Alan forward at the supper to accept an album of photographs depicting his racing exploits of 1956 together with a portable radiogram. The organisers of the whole evening were Ken Hill, Charlie Carlton and John Barber.

Alan was not the only successful competitor in 1956, we also had a very strong junior team. On one occasion our team of Brian Dacey, Bernard Start and Dennis Tarr rode the Tour of Ashdown Hills with Brian riding well crossing the finish line first, only to be disqualified for borrowing a bike when he punctured, Dennis then finished 1st with Bernard 2nd .

The club finished one better in the team award for Bath and Back reliability ride, taking 2nd place behind the promoters Castlenau CC.

The Memorial Fund stood at £1070. Grave concerns were raised that Club General Funds were heavily in deficit with expenditure far exceeding income.

However various other 'pots' of money were available in Club Reserve Fund and Promotions Reserve Fund in a real emergency.

New members came in the shape of Alan Constable, along with Alan Maughan, Brian Waller, Alan Rowe, Bernard Start, Peter Itter, Also the caretaker of Nelson Institute was granted free honorary membership.

Vote of thanks was given to Ted Jackson for the continued use of his solid gold split centre second stop watch for club purposes. Photographic exhibition was undertaken for the 1956 annual dinner, display organised by John Barber and Tony Peachey.

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

Does any one know
where this monument is?



A CLUB RUN FROM YESTERYEAR

FROM THE TREASURY

Since my last report Ian Silvester has promoted the last of our open time trial promotions for 2011 – the Fred Peachey Memorial 25. As many members will know by now the event had to be abandoned due to an accident involving one of the riders during the event. The rider has now made a good recovery from his injuries. However from a depleted field of 50, 13 actually finished. Initially the idea was to return all entry fees to riders however the overwhelming message coming back from the riders was to donate the potential prize money to a deserving charity. The Kent Air Ambulance therefore received a cheque from the club valued at £300 to which Ian has received a very nice letter of appreciation. So, from something unpleasant something good has resulted.

The club agreed to sponsor both open time trials up to £100 each and Ian stayed within his budget using £76.15 – so well done Ian. The committee have decided to meet as a group for official meetings on alternative months therefore I have little to report on financial issues, except to say that our financial situation remains stable. We are however approaching a high spending part of the year when affiliation renewals occur, social activities come to a head with the Belgium Night gathering and the need to supply end of year medals etc for that evening, and our income reduces until the start of the new year, so I expect our balance will reduce somewhat in the coming months.

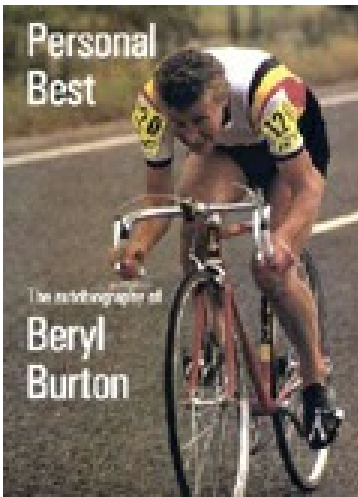
Although the committee meetings are being held on alternative months a social meeting takes place at the Crown & Greyhound in Dulwich village when a committee is not scheduled.

Income from clothing sales has been flowing in nicely, please don't forget to contact Tony if you require any replacement kit – they make a nice Christmas present – confidentiality will be assured if necessary !! The long awaited cotton racing caps have now arrived and are be available to club members for the princely sum of £3. A supply will be available at most club meets so pester Tony if you need any item of clothing. A quick phone call will ensure hand delivery at events and/or social meetings for any club clothing requirements. He can be contacted on 01622 727649.

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Appeal for help from Ray Pascoe

This request was included in Bromley Video's latest newsletter. I'm sure many of us have enjoyed Ray's efforts in the past, so if any members can help, please contact Ray. Apparently Bromley Video still have some copies of Beryl's autobiography left so if you want to add to your bookshelf, check their website; www.bromleyvideo.com



FORTHCOMING FILM: BERYL BURTON

Cycling film maker Ray Pascoe – *Something to Aim At, The World of Tom Simpson, Two Days, Two Nights, The Nostalgia Series 1-4, and Brian Robinson: A Gentleman Cyclist*, is in pre-production on a film of this legendary Yorkshire rider. If you have any photographs, home movie footage or any special memories about Beryl, Ray would be very interested to hear from you. Please contact him directly at rayfilms@ntlworld.com



Sharon Laws (Garmin-Cervelo Women's Squad) Blog

Interesting - , a bit different than the average male pro rider's blog:
<http://www.slipstreamsports.com/2011/08/16/rider-diary-racing-in-the-land-of-the-vikings>

Diary Social/Club for 2011

Sunday 23 October	Club run to the Down Hill 10:00
Friday 11 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	4 September		SCCU 25 (Mid Summer 25)		
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 KAV. 01622 726959	

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