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THE PRESIDENTS REPORTS

On the 25th October we had our Belgium night at our club room. For those not familiar with the Belgium night, let me explain: In Belgium they are well known for their six day cycle races around an indoor track. To appreciate the event you have to have a table in the centre of the track and have a good meal with a few glasses of wine or beer - alright so far? To replicate, we had a continental three course meal with plenty of wine and beer and we had roller racing. What more could you ask for?

The night was a sell-out as we could not make room for more people. The success of the evening was down to a handful of our members namely Peter Harris (roller racing co-coordinator), Dot Fuller (cash collector), Jeremy White (general dog's body), Peter Jenn, Brian Stax and I (Belgium waiters). I could not make out if Stax was a waiter, farmer Giles or Father Christmas! (We hope to show you some photos, eventually).

The event could not have worked without Cliff and Carol Steel. Cliff, who is a first class chef, arranged 40 three course meals plus snacks for the riders on only one small cooker. How he and Carol did it I do not know.

On the night we awarded Cliff and Carol the Silverdale How Shield. This perpetual trophy is awarded annually to a member who has been considered most beneficial to the club. The committee decided to award this trophy to Cliff and Carol, not for this one night alone, but for all the other nights he has cooked for us and at no cost to the club for his services. Not only that, but he has taken over as our membership secretary plus part time club run captain. Thanks to both of you.

Everybody wants a party night again before we sell the club room. Keep a date open in your diary for January and watch this space.

On Sunday the 17th November our members gathered at our annual remembrance service at Newnham, as the club has done for the last 82 years. It began with coffee at the George pub then a nice church service and the laying of the wreath and then down to the George for a good meal and a chat with old friends. This year it was a little different. Dot our organiser realised that she had more people coming than she could cope with. Dot as normal coped well. (Thank you Dot) The reason was that we had guests who came to pay their respects to their dead comrades in arms. This church service was a little special.

When you read this report it should be coming up to Christmas so I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and especially the workers in the engine room, the committee members - thanks guys.

A big thank you to Mark, Jason and Mike for keeping us all informed through the DLN and the web

PS Mark, a lady from Ramsgate, a Ms Lucy Lastic informs me you have been trying to get hold of her?



More from Kav.....

I know when I start to write about the good old days, you younger guys must think "he's at it again" Well I must tell you that, as you know, on Sunday the 17th November we had our church service at Newnham. A lot of old members turned up to pay their respects to our lost members. People from Brighton, Bognor etc, so distance was no problem, I only wish we had more younger members at the service. We owe so much to the members we lost in both world wars. There, I have said my piece.

We had members and guests who had flown many times over Germany with RAF bomber command. The conversation was "do you remember so and so" Bernard Palastanger, Ron Neal, Alex McGregor, Geoff Hind. Names which are not familiar to the younger members but good men we lost over Germany in the second world war. We must remember them.

Did you know we have two members who, after many years away, have rejoined the club? Peter Shepherd, who first joined in 1954, and Dave Griffiths who first joined in 1950, members who I think will not race but just want to be part of the club again. Welcome gentlemen. We had a new member who joined earlier this year - Simon Pagdin, unfortunately Simon's health has kept him off the bike. Simon we wish you well for the future and look forward to seeing you next year. Perhaps at the Good Friday meeting at Herne Hill, you will find the De Laune layabouts standing by the first bend.

What is a young new member?

A young new member is a person who is full of passion and ambition for racing.

A young new member is a person who finds out that it costs a fortune for a new bike.

A young new member is a person who finds out that to race properly and pay a mortgage is hard.

A young new member is a person who finds out that to have a mortgage and children has to put racing on the back burner.

A young new member becomes an old member.

What is an old member?

An old member starts off each sentence with "I remember when"

An old member will tell you when he would race, dressed in black.

An old member would remember Charlie Carlton's jokes.

An old member would say "it is not as good as it was in my day" or "how time flies"

An old member you will recognise not by his face but by the Italian style suit he wore at the 1956 club dinner!

VETS AGE RECORDS

Since the inception of the Vets Age Records, twenty-one records have been broken, all at the shorter distances.

	10 Miles		25 Miles	30 Miles	
	Alan Rowe	Peter Jenn	Peter Jenn	Alan Rowe	Malcolm Adair
1996	Age 57 23:18				
1997	Age 58 23:19	Age 53 22:37	Age 53 55:27	Age 58 1:10:40	
1998	Age 59 23:25 Age 59 23:20	Age 54 22:56		Age 59 1:12:14	Age 59 1:16:13
1999	Age 60 23:04 Age 60 22:51	Age 55 22:24 Age 55 22:22	Age 55 56:20	Age 60 1:14:50	
2000	Age 61 23:21 Age 61 23:11				
2001	Age 62 23:31				
2002	Age 63 22:24	Age 58 22:09			

Next season Alan & I will be riding as 64 year olds and more or less out of Peter Gunnell's clutches. This means we will have plenty of scope, especially the distances from 30 miles to 12 hours (the 24 hour we will leave to Jeremy when he reaches 40).

Our targets are as follows:

10 Miles	24:15	Alan will get this, but can I beat him to it!!
25 Miles	59:35	Get training Alan, you can do it!!
50 Miles	2:36:11	John Giles set this age 70...
100 Miles	5:51:34	This is the Vets age standard, should Alan or I decide to ride a 100 we will be able to take our saddle bags and sandwiches & also have time for a pint!!
12 Hours	187.80	Again, Vets age standard.... who knows?

Peter Jenn's targets, at age 59, are somewhat more daunting:

10 Miles	22:24	You'll have to get a little bit fit for this one Pete
25 Miles	56:33	Has Mr Gunnell put this one on the shelf forever? Over to you Pete
50 Miles	1:59:24	Not to interested are you Pete? Go on, have a go!!
100 Miles	4:26:08	
12 Hours	228.52	I'm sure Peter Gunnell is safe keeping these last two...

VETERANS AGE RECORDS

Age	Time	Name	Date
MEN - 10 Miles			
58	22:09	Peter Jenn	
63	22:24	Alan Rowe	
64	24:15 *	Peter Gunnell	
68	27:38 *	John Giles	
70	29:49 *	John Giles	
72	30:38 *	John Giles	
MEN - 25 Miles			
53	55:27	Peter Jenn	97
55	56:20	Peter Jenn	
63	56:33 *	Peter Gunnell	
64	59:35 *	Peter Gunnell	
68	1:13:08 *	John Giles	
69	1:20:23 *	John Giles	
MEN - 30 Miles			
58	1:10:40	Alan Rowe	17/8/97
59	1:12:14	Alan Rowe	14/6/98
60	1:14:50	Alan Rowe	13/6/99
64	1:22:33 *	Peter Gunnell	
70	1:36:11 *	John Giles	
MEN - 50 Miles			
62	1:59:24 *	Peter Gunnell	

63	2:03:25 *	Peter Gunnell	
70	2:36:11 *	John Giles	
MEN - 100 Miles			
50	4:15:35 *	Dave Hurst	
51	4:19:26 *	Dave Hurst	
52	4:24:08 *	Dave Hurst	
57	4:25:15 *	Peter Gunnell	
60	4:26:08 *	Peter Gunnell	
62	4:30:47 *	Peter Gunnell	
63	4:46:02 *	Peter Gunnell	
MEN - 12 Hours			
50	238.638*	Dave Hurst	
51	238.104*	Dave Hurst	
56	233.31 *	Peter Gunnell	
62	228.52 *	Peter Gunnell	
63	204.37 *	Peter Gunnell	
MEN - 24 Hours - Claimants must beat VTTA 1st Class Standards			
LADIES - 10 Miles to 24 Hours - Claimants must beat VTTA 3rd Class Standards			
<p>To obtain a Record the claimant must beat the Standard/Record of the person who was the same age or the next eldest as shown on current list. Records to be claimed by the 31 October each year.</p> <p>* Denotes that these records were the accepted bests at the time of the lists creation on 31 December 1994.</p>			

Malc Adams

Northern Area Mountain Bike Championships 2002 Hamsterley Forest, Co Durham

Although there was no Northern Area Series (equivalent to the SAMS or ERMA down South) this year, an Area Championships was arranged on the 20th October as a stand-alone race. I'd never been to Hamsterley Forest before although it has been used as an NPS venue in the past. The 5-mile course was a mix of fire road climbs and beautiful flowing single track descents threading through the pine forests. It reminded me quite strongly of Thetford Forest and also of the Surrey Hills course at Bagshot. There was about 800ft of climbing per lap, split into 3 main climbs on fire roads and a little bit of single track climbing. The circuit was reasonably hard-packed probably because of the sub-zero temperatures at night putting a frost on everything.

The turnout for the Expert race was reasonable, about a dozen people braving the bitter temperatures. At the gun, one rider shot off the front never to be seen again as the course climbed half a mile up some fire road before turning a sharp left into some twisty single track through the bracken. I worked with another rider, the two of us swapping between 2nd and 3rd place as we tried to close down the leader. It soon became apparent that we didn't stand a chance of catching up with him and the two of us worked together for half the race. On the third lap, my competitor had obviously assessed my weak points and he attacked on a rooty descent through the trees, leaving me trailing in his wake and bouncing over the 8-inch high roots. I was alone for a while although I caught glimpses of people through the trees, usually Sport category riders (who'd started a minute ahead of us). At the start of the last lap, the 4th placed Expert rider caught up with me and attacked almost immediately. The cold was starting to affect me by this point and I held him for as long as possible before giving up to the inevitable and letting him ride off in front. I rode the final technical descent, splashed through the cold river at the bottom and then there was just one brief climb and descent to the finish. I crossed the line in 5th place after 1hr 50 of racing.

Next year there are plans for a full series of races, which I will be concentrating on.
JAMES LYON

MTB champs took place on the 10th November 2002 at Crowthorne Wood, Bracknell Road, Crowthorne, Berkshire



James Lyon 1st (5th Overall)

Ross Fryer 2nd (13th Overall)

James Peckham 3rd (18th Overall)

This event was held as part of the Gorrick race meet and the above were entered in the Masters race.

2003 Mountain Bike Dates for your Diary

Gorrick Spring Series

Feb 2nd

Feb 23rd

Mar 16th

Apr 6th

May 4th

All venues TBC

"Enduro" events

Sunday 5th January

Salisbury Plain Challenge, Erlestoke (nr Devizes).

60 miles of mud, wind and rain out in the middle of nowhere. Always good for working off excess Christmas pudding.

Sunday 16th February

Thetford Enduro, Mayday Meadow, Thetford.

A 40-mile ride around the scenic (and flat) Thetford Forest. What this lacks in hills, it more than makes up for in the massive amounts of truly fantastic singletrack.

Saturday 3rd - Sunday 4th May

Enduro 6, Trentham Gardens

A return to this popular venue for a 6 hour solo jaunt around the tough circuit. Pre-ride on Saturday, race on Sunday.

Sunday 18th May
RAW Dyfi Enduro.
A big ride somewhere unpronounceable in Wales.

Sunday 8th June
Gorrick 100. Venue TBC
4 or 5 laps of a 20-25km circuit somewhere in Surrey. Hopefully with it being in June, a repeat of last year's mudbath can be avoided.

Saturday 26th - Sunday 27th July
Marin Dusk til Dawn, Thetford Forest
A 12 hour night-time race to be done as solos, teams of two or teams of four. Starts at 8pm, finishes at 8am. The 2002 event was fantastic with a superb 10-mile course, it promises to be bigger and better for 2003.

24hr Races
June 21st-22nd
Mountain Mayhem.
Formerly known as the Red Bull 24hr, the event returns in 2003 but minus its sponsors Red Bull. As yet there is no venue or replacement sponsor listed. Teams of two or four or for those wishing to break new barriers of pain and weariness, solo. Always massively popular. Watch this space!

August 9th-10th
Shimano 24hr Sleepless In The Saddle, Trentham Gardens
Once again, this popular venue hosts the SITS event. Usually more laid back than the Mountain Mayhem but always great fun. Teams of two or four or (for the real nutters), solo.

CLOTHING

Hi all,
I am about to submit a purchase order for clothing for the coming summer season. Due to the high costs of holding stock I will concentrate on SS Jerseys and Bib Shorts. We will start the year with at least 1 skinsuit in Med, Lge and xlge Short Sleeved, 2 Lg Sleeve Tops (warmer variety) small, med, lg and x lge, 1 bib tights med, lge, xlge, and 2 gilets med, lge and xlge. For the ladies I am looking into ladies specific items but no guarantee sizes 10 and 12. If anyone requires anything special or special sizing etc I require an order to be placed by 13th Dec 02.

Email me any requirements/ phone 020 7847 6448 (wk)
Regards
James

CYCLO CROSS NEWS

Latest update from the cross world. Mosquito/Kinesis London League Cyclo-Cross Round 6

2nd, best result of the series so far and thoroughly pleased with myself. Having not visited Hillingdon for a very long while I was pleasantly pleased to find a great deal of sand had been laid around the perimeter and inner tracks making for a very fast and flowing course.



As usual the wind was ever-present and gave you a reminder every time you came into the home straight. I crossed the line at the end of the first lap in 4th and could already see that there was a gap to first place but second and third stayed grouped. I bridged the gap to second and third and quickly dropped my company and continued what would be a race long chase to close the gap to 1st. Although I got the gap down to 10 sec at the half way point that was as close as it got as my rear tyre

was slowly losing pressure. The gap was probably 30 sec at the finish, knackered but extremely pleased to get one over a couple of riders higher than me in the overall standings and £25 richer, can't be bad.

Next Sunday I will be lining up for the London and South East championships fingers crossed that the form holds. Until next week

STEVEN PRICE

*Is Steven the only rider we have in these events, what has happened to the rest of the De Laune riders Ed. **Sorry have now found Danny in the results.***

1. Warwick Spence Bike Park
2. Steven Price. De Laune CC
3. Jon Sharpe . Saucony
4. Matt Starey. Pearsons
5. Mark Stains. Jim Walker RT
6. Shawn Blakey. Finsbury Park
21. Daniel Rudd. De Laune CC

Open London Championships held at Eastway, London on November 10 and organised by Catford CC and LCCA

Senior

- 1 Dave Collins Science in Sport.com 66.48
- 2 Shaun Snodden J.E. James 67.20

3 Stuart Blunt Corridori 68.01
9 Steven Price De Laune CC 75.04

Round seven of the 2002/2003 Mosquito/Kinesis London Cyclo-Cross League was held at Temple School, Strood on November 17 and hosted by Team Darent

Seniors/Women/Juniors/Veterans

1. Warick Spence; Bikepark 8 laps in 52'56"
2. Marcos Schier; u/a @ 1'08"
3. Jon Sharpe; Saucony @ 2'27"
4. Ben Lockwood; GS Invicta ELO @ 3'22"
5. Carl McDonagh; Brixton Cycles @ 5'19"
6. Paul Hayes; PCA Orbea
7. Daniel Rudd; De Laune CC

Steven gave up in this one saying that it was not his day. Ed.

Rankings after 7 events at 22/11/02, but with 6 counted at this time.

Note: Best 9 Results from 15 Rounds will decide the league

Seniors

Pos	Name	Club	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Total
1	Matt Holmes	Artic RT S	100	94	100	94	388											
2	Jon Sharpe	Saucony S	94	94	83	94	365											
3	Neil Simpson	London Phoenix CC S	78	66	69	64	76	353										
4	Graham Parkin	Team 2000 V	69	67	72	65	74	347										
5	Ben Lockwood	GS Invicta S	78	86	80	86	330											
6	Richard Munday	Addiscombe CC S	66	62	63	64	70	325										
15	Steve Price	De Laune CC S	83	90	100	273												
19	Danny Rudd	De Laune CC S	63	65	68	65	261											

FIRST PLACE

STEVE PRICE took first place in the Gloucester City CC Cross event over 12 miles the second placed rider he left 3mins. behind.

NEW MEMBER

Welcome to Simon Pugin who has just joined the De Laune unfortunately Simon will be out of action for the next few months and the Club wishes him a quick recovery and hope to see you back on your bike soon.

O.M.A.NEWS

We had a great turn-out at Newnham for our Annual Memorial Service, 42 members and friends attending. The weather was good, apart from some mist on leaving home; we all arrived at The George beforehand, for coffee and a chat in the Pub. Then it was over to the Church for the service, then followed our special Remembrance gathering in the Churchyard by the De Laune Memorial Tablet, our President Kav then read out the names and the Regiments of the members who gave their lives in the two World Wars. He also informed us as to where some of

them were buried in the various countries; this was a very moving ceremony, especially for the older members who would have known most of the 'lost lads'. There names are very familiar to those who have been attending these services over the years, Kav then laid the Poppy Wreath on behalf of the Club (well, he made three attempts to find the nail! (Then laid it beneath the Tablet).

It was then back into the Church where we were welcomed by the Church ladies, and treated to delicious cheese scones, cakes and coffee, (or in Roy Savery's case, water, as he had bought his own Herb Tea Bag - yes only one!).

Further chatting then took place for about ¾ hour, back to the Pub where 37 of us sat down for lunch, the others just stood around the bar for drinks. I think everyone agreed that Mark the Landlord catered for us all exceedingly well, the lunches were excellent and plentiful. There was plenty of catching up to do, with the friends we had not seen since last year, or even longer in some cases, there was Dave Griffiths and his wife, Peter Shepherd and wife, respectively from Bournemouth and Bognor, quite a long trip to make, hopefully they all thought that it was worth the effort (they have re-joined the Club, having been active members in the 50's).

Also good to see another O.M. John (Chick) Randall, over from his home in Spain, where he has lived and cycled for the last 11 years, he had a great time catching up with all his 'old' mates. Nice to see Brian Dacey, back from the World Masters Games in Australia, he enjoyed it so much he added a further week to his travels, plenty of stories to tell and photo's to show I'm sure.

Also just back from Aus and New Zealand were Val and Tony Peachey, looking suitably tanned and fit from their travels and they had lots of interesting places to tell us about. Well, after much talking about the 'good old days' on the bike and off, goodbyes again said, and off for the journey home, hope you all had a safe trip.

That is what Newnham seems to be about - lots of reminiscing, keeping in touch with good friends - old and new, hopefully we will see lots of you at our next O.M.'DO', maybe that will be at the Blackheath Supper or before - keep looking for the next date in the DLN.

Thanks all of you for making it a memorable Newnham gathering. GOOD WISHES for CHRISTMAS and a FIT & HAPPY NEW YEAR.

DOT & KEN

I did the food for the Belgium Night and Kav has requested me to do a recipe for the soup that I did on the night, which some of the OMA members asked for - at first I thought Kav was taking the Mickey - but he has asked again. I don't know where in the Mag is should be, maybe between the Horoscope and the Agony Aunt section:-

RED PEPPER SOUP (makes four portions)

INGREDIENTS: - 4Red peppers seeds removed, ½White Leek, 1Clove Garlic,

½White Onion, ½Stick celery, 250gram Butter, 1½Vegetable stock, Salt & pepper.

METHOD:- Chop peppers leek garlic onion celery place butter in pot low heat when melted add chopped vegetables cook on low heat for 30 min, bring Veg stock to boil add to vegetables bring to a simmer and cook out for 20 min check for salt & pepper, blend and enjoy.

Cliff

PS I hope to have a book out next year and I am looking for an agent, anyone know any.

SHARSTED COURT



Sharsted Court May 2000

The origins of the ancient Manor of Sharsted date back too far to be accurately ascertained; there has undoubtedly been a house on the site since 1080, but it is unlikely that there exist any remains of the original.

The present-day Sharsted Court is a romantic and rambling house, set within woods. One arrives at the gates - which are topped by winged, stone bulls - via an avenue of trees leading from Doddington Church (in which the Sharsted Chapel houses the graves of squires dating back to the 13th century). Through the wrought iron gates, designed in 1882, can be seen the Queen Anne front which faces north-west. The gazebo before it, dating back to the same period, is positioned on the angle of a long, walled terrace, running south-eastward and connected to the house by a wall of yew trees. Flint and brick walls surround the main gardens and the topiary section; they form a special backdrop for old-fashioned roses and border flowers. The yews present many interesting shapes which have evolved over the years, such as a little house with two chimney pots in the corner of the topiary garden and a locomotive running along one end of the sunken garden.

The brick front, dating back to 1711, consists of two wooden-corniced wings with steep, tiled roofs and a bold dormer on either side of the loftier centre. This centre section is furnished with imitation battlements and its roof is crowned with a belfry - which housed the bell to call the estate workers. In the middle is a porch (the pediment of which contains the crest of a demi-bull rampant) which leads into the hall. This is two storeys tall and the width of the central portion of the building. As one penetrates into the courtyard behind - which lies behind the more southerly wing of the front - it becomes clear that the much older building (dating back to the 14th century at least) was substantially remodelled in the 1700's.

Towards the end of the 1800's a fourth side was built, making the house almost square in shape with an inner courtyard. This high, three-storey and rather ugly, Victorian side - which had tall, cold rooms and little charm - was demolished in 1967. Now the light reaches into the lovely courtyard, illuminating the two beautiful old wings. The newer, Victorian East Wing had a conservatory added to it in 1987. Sharsted has a 'drunken' staircase (built at an angle), reputedly the 13th stairway to be constructed in the house, leading to the 79th room. There is a secret passage to one of the bedrooms from the Tapestry Sitting Room, about which many stories exist. The same can be said for the haunted Blue Room.

Ownership of Sharsted Court

When William the Conqueror ordered the compilation of the Domesday Book at the end of the 11th Century, Sharsted was apparently part of the estate of Bishop Odo of Bayeux - but whether it was a woodland lodge or a manor is not certain. However, during the 14th Century, Sharsted was typical of the medieval 'hall house', consisting of a large, rectangular hall heated by an open, wood fire, with arched roof rafters. The oak ceiling beams within the present roof are blackened by smoke from these early days.

Sharsted, which in Saxon times may have been woodland of the Teynham folk, first appears as a subsidiary manor held directly from the Archbishop of Canterbury in 1174 - but no separate rolls for it have been found. In 1254, however, its possessor was John de Sharsted, entered in Teynham records as holding a very small area ('one fortieth of a Knight's fee'). An early tomb in the Sharsted Chapel was observed by Hasted, the 18th-century Kentish historian, to have had a brass file inscribed 'Richard de Sharsted' and dating his death to 1287.

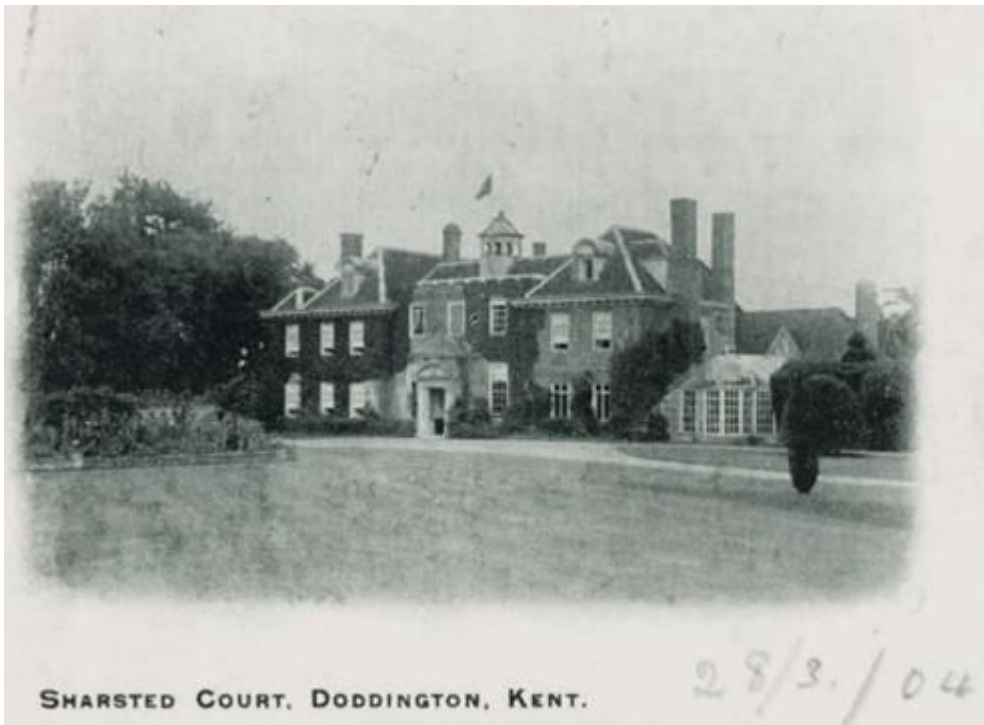
In 1314 Robert, a son or grandson, bought lands in Doddington, Lynsted, Teynham, Newnham, Ospringe and other adjoining parishes; clearly he was a rich man, although this must be seen in relation to the general poverty of the neighbourhood. In 1333, his son bequeathed Sharsted to his daughter and heiress, wife of John de Bourne of Down Court, Doddington - whose father was Sheriff under Edward III. At that time, Sharsted was apparently occupied by Robert de Nottingham, who also possessed Bayford Castle (in Sittingbourne), Tong Castle and Box Court. An explanation suggested is that John de Bourne is known to have been one of the knights who held Leeds Castle against Edward II in 1314; due to this his lands were forfeited to the Crown, until Edward III restored them - with the exception of Sharsted - in 1327. Robert de Nottingham is presumed to have been a follower of Edward II and appears to have been allowed to keep Sharsted until his death in 1374. His widow was left a specifically-defined section of the house; if the interpretation of the records is correct, it renders the age of the timber-framed South West range to at least the mid-14th Century, and suggests that its use at the time was as a 'dowager wing' of the 'great chamber' or main hall. It also suggests that the present house-keeper's room was once the 'new chamber' of a 14th Century squire's widow.

Bartholomew de Bourne's inheritance of Sharsted at the beginning of the 15th Century heralded the start of a long ownership. It was not until two hundred years later - in about 1625 - that Francis Bourne sold the estate. The new owner was Abraham Delaune, son of Dr Gideon Delaune, an eminent Huguenot physician and

theologian, one of the founders of the Apothecaries Hall and inventor of a pill of which James I thought highly. It would seem to have been Abraham's grandson, Col. William Delaune, MP, who transformed Sharsted in 1711 and added the gazebo at the end of the raised terrace.

The Colonel had no children of his own; it was his wife's stepson, George Swift, on whom Sharsted was settled. A tablet in Doddington Church relates that Swift 'died by an unfortunate fall from a chariot, April 21, 1732, aged 25'. Therefore, in 1739, Col. Delaune left Sharsted to his nephew, Gideon Thornicroft. In 1742, the latter died, leaving Sharsted to his mother - who survived him by only two years. She bequeathed the estate to her two unmarried daughters, Dorcas and Elizabeth. Dorcas subsequently left Sharsted to the great-grandson of Sir William Delaune, Alured Pinke. Mrs Mary Pinke, who died in 1839 at the age of 100, passed the property to her great-nephew, Captain Edmund Faunce. In 1864, his son Chapman Faunce added 'Delaune' to his surname and changed the spelling to Faunce-De-Laune. In 1892, he was succeeded by Captain A. Faunce-De-Laune, who died in 1949.

There followed a difficult period for Sharsted during the 1950's, when there was a possibility that the house would be pulled down. However, in 1966 the Court came into the possession of the Wade family. It remains in the hands of the Wade/Shepley families and much work has been undertaken, over the last thirty years, to preserve the house and gardens of Sharsted.



SHARSTED COURT, DODDINGTON, KENT.

The above article is published here by kind permission of the Webmaster for the Doddington Village web site www.doddington-kent.org.uk If you are interested then I would suggest that you take a look at this

site, as there are many pictures of Sharsted Court. Ed.

Note the above photo was taken in 1904. They have now included reference to the De Laune CC on their web site together with a link to the Clubs site.

Mike will be missed and my sympathies go out to his family and friends.

Katie Chown

Greetings from an old DL member,

I was a member of the Club in the late forties and early fifties, and I wondered whether the Club or any member would be interested in taking off my hands a whole lot of magazines dating from the forties to the sixties. Included are some superb photographs of Coppi, Bartali, Bobet, Tommy Simpson and other leading lights.

They are mostly in good condition and I think are of historical cycling interest to enthusiasts.

Best wishes and success to all De Laune members old & new.

Albert Wade

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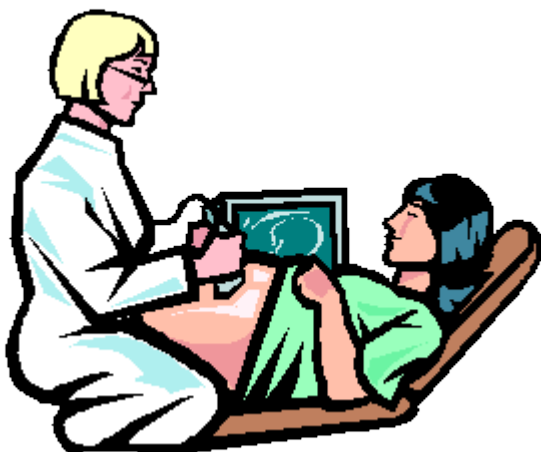
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For sale to make room for a baby

Geoff Roberts 21.5" road bike 531, chrome forks, Shimano 600 8 speed, Cinelli bars and stem, Turbomatic saddle, Mavic rims, new Conti Grand Prixs, VGC. £500.



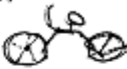
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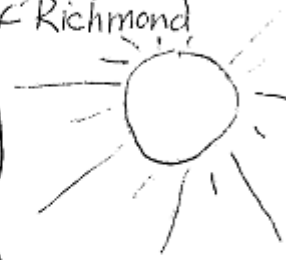
WHO'S PREGNANT THEN ? ? ? ?

MOUNTAIN BIKE RIDE!!

for Cancer charity!
of your choice 

MEET IN Wimbledon Village war memorial at 10am. Depart for Richmond Park at 10.15am to do up to 6 laps on the outer trail of Richmond

+ Those that wish to walk may do so (perhaps 1 or 2 laps) of Richmond Park



Jan 26
2003

Back at Wimbledon Village for a cup of tea after!
Raise funds for cancer charity of your choice and you are to contact the charity yourself!!

For info 0208 9476782

Quickest to do 6 laps 1 Bottle of Red wine
Slowest to do 6 laps 2 bottles of red wine.

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