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CLUB NIGHT

**FIRST THURSDAY
OF EACH MONTH
British Legion,
97 Barry Road,
SE22**

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Life begins at over 70!

I hope all of you have had a good November, and all the racing members of the Club have started to get the miles in. After my operation, I had to begin very slowly. I went out on the bike for the first time on 1st November – i.e. I used the turbo for 10 minutes. I gradually increased the time, and today I did 5 hours 1 minute (I like to be precise) on the road.

Our first social function for November was the Belgium Night on the 3rd. What a great night it was. Great company, great food, and a great time was had by all. Well done Cliff and Carol, and Kav and co. for organising it. . Being vegetarians, Gina and I often feel we get a poor deal, but it certainly wasn't so this time. As for the booze – well, I can only say that booking a cab to take you to and from this event is a very good idea!!

On Wednesday, 8th November, I organised with two other people an Appreciation Prayer Breakfast for people from Bromley at Sundridge Park Golf Club, to show that we appreciate the work that they do. Councillors, the police, medical profession, teachers, etc. We had 80 booked in, and the Mayor of Bromley, Charles Joel, gave a terrific speech. He has been to these breakfasts for the last 5 years,

and he said how much he appreciated the thought of supporting the people who work so hard to make Bromley a thriving community.

On he 14th I went up to London for a Cyclefit, a professional bike fitting service. If anyone is serious about racing and wants to achieve the most efficient output, then these guys are the tops. I am very pleased with the outcome of the time spent with them.

On Sunday 19th we went to Newnham for the Memorial Service for the 14 members who died in the two World Wars. It was a very poignant reminder of the people who sacrificed themselves for our freedom. I got to the Church early to meet the Minister as I was involved in the Service, and found Brian Saxton was already there in front of the Memorial putting up 14 wooden crosses with a poppy in the centre. Very thoughtful. We also had a wreath with the De Laune badge in the centre. Again, a powerful reminder designed by Mike Peel. I felt very privileged to be involved in the Service, which I find very emotional. More details from Dot later in the mag.

I'm already making my goals for 2007, and I hope you racers are setting your minds on your aims and achievements for the next season. My main targets are the Track National Championships, the European Championships and, if I do any good and can get a sponsor to help out, the World Championships in Australia. All these, of course, are for Masters' Age Category 70 plus. Because of these ambitions, and as I was so excited when I rode the Championships in Manchester this year on borrowed bikes., Pics on www.roysavery.co.uk (thanks again Sam, for lending me your track bike), I've now bought my own track bike, a Terry Dolan carbon fibre. I went up to Ormskirk to get this bike. Coming back, everything went well. I'd had a pleasant day out until I hit the rush hour with a huge box (my lovely new bike) which I was guarding zealously. One passenger even asked me if it was a Christmas present for someone (I should be so lucky. Gina). To which I replied, "Yes. Me." When I told her what it was, she said, "you're still riding a bike at your age?" My reply was "life can begin at 70!" Its whatever you make it.

I'll leave you with my monthly thought:

"Success is getting what you want. Happiness is liking what you get."

Author Unknown

ROY

The Chairman's Report



This is the time of the year when I like to thank, on behalf of all of us, the guys in the engine room. The people who make the club function on a day-to-day basis.

They are small in numbers (we could do with some more) but keen to keep our club going for another 100 years. In what format I do not know. In the 1880's we were a segment of the De Laune Institute for Men amongst which disciplines were boxing and athletics, but all have gone by the wayside. Not because of the lack of interest in boxing or athletics, but because the lack of people willing to organize or do a job for the club. I hope I have made my point.

A big thanks must go to Bill Wright, from the sale of the club room Bill has got involved with a battle with the Inland Revenue to keep the clubs capital gains tax to a minimum and at the same time has achieved a CASC status for the club to avoid paying more tax on future interest we receive from our funds. He has also arranged and made the club rules make sense. Bill is always the first to put up his hand if help is required in the running of our club. Thanks Bill.

Brian Saxton. What can you say about him that has not been said before? He has taken on the job of Club Secretary like a duck to water. If you have known Stax as long as I have you would say "no way" can he do that job. Well he has with the aid of a computer, a computer which he bought about four years ago and did not plug it in until recently to avoid getting a virus.

He is not only the Club Sec but also the Clothing Sec, (he buys more than he sells, must have a word with him about that) Property Steward, and another one to help with any job in the club and all because of his computer. Do you know he corresponds with Bill Yates? Thank you mate.

Many people have done the Club Treasurers job over the last few years but due to work commitments they have had to drop out. Each secretary had his own system, which did not help on the change over. Don White came out of retirement to do the job for us and what a job he has done.

Each month without fail, the committee get a statement to the last penny to what we have in club funds. He also was an adviser to the new Memorial Trust fund rules. Being an ex bank manager he has given the club the benefit of his knowledge; so if you are good Don we will keep you on for another 10 years. A big thanks.

Through the DLN and the club web site our members know what is happening in the club, especially those members who are spread all over the world, so a big thanks to Mark Ballamy our DLN editor and Mike Peel our web site administrator. What would we do with out them?

I could be here all day telling you all about what happens in the engine room but thanks to Alan Rowe our Time Trials Secretary - Cliff Steel our chief cook, bottle washer, Club Runs Captain, and Social Secretary - Jeremy White, Track Secretary - Dot Fuller, Old Members Secretary. Committee members: Nick Butler, James King and his old dad Dave. Sam Fensterheim and our President Roy Savery who, I believe, has started racing again!

What have we got for 2007? The club will be involved in a road race at Sevenoaks; the club open 25 at Chilham (Thanks to Val the Peach). An open track meeting at Herne Hill (thanks to Jeremy), a cyclo-cross (thanks to Bill), a full programme of time trials (thanks to Alan), and a couple of social gatherings thanks to Dot and Cliff.

If any of you have ideas of what we can do next year be it racing or social, please let us know. I feel sure that the committee will let us have a few bob from the piggy bank, within reason.

I suppose, not counting the Christmas club-run on 17th December, we finished our year with the Belgium night. A great night and a sell-out, what our new lady members thought of us I do not know! Sorry girls.

On behalf of all the boys and girls in the engine room a

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Kav.

Dear Mark,

A quick note to say congratulations on the format and content of DLN which is received by my old computer with no problem at all. In particular I must say that the News for November was outstanding and it is interesting to read about the activities of the members - e.g. great picture of my old friends Bill Miles, Ken Hill & Oscar Hoare. I used to help copy the News on an odd jelly like substance when Frank Holland was Editor - a long and involved operation, you seem to have better equipment!!! Kindest regards Monty Watkins

NEWNHAM

Our Annual Remembrance Service at Newnham. Another great gathering of De-Laune members, wives and friends - 41 altogether. A lovely sunny day as we all met up at "The George Inn". Then over to the church for our Remembrance Service for our 14 "lads" lost in 2 world wars. Pres - Roy gave the sermon, to which we "all" listened intently - as there were references to cycling - of course.

Then outside to read out the names and Roy to lay our wreath - we had the British Legion standard bearer do the honours - thanks to Dave (King) for arranging this once again. Back into church for nice homemade scones and cakes, tea and coffee - provided by Mrs Clark and other ladies (sorry I do not know their names).

Back to the "George" for lunch - which was enjoyed by everyone this year! Our tables were set up nice and welcoming and warm so it was all good cheer and chat as many members maybe only see each other once a year - as some live quite a distance apart, and have a lot of gossip to catch up on ! - good to see you all again (nice to see "May Starsmeare" after many years). We finally said our goodbyes - see you all again in 2007.

Our good wishes to you all, have a **MERRY XMAS** and fit, healthy and (successful for the racing lads) 2007.

Dot and Ken.

**‘Do not forget the Christmas club
run Sunday 17th of December.’**

**We meet in the car park in Richmond Park (at
the Richmond gate entrance) at 9am for three or
four laps of the park at club run pace?**

**We will at great expense have mince pies, sausage
rolls etc and hot mulled wine for you at the end.**

‘Merry Crimples to you all’

NATIONAL HILL CLIMB

<u>1</u>	James Doblin	Artctic Shorter	4.44.0
66	John O’Brien	De Laune	6.37.6



VETS RECORDS

This year seven records have been broken - Alan Priddy has taken four, Roy Savery, our President, two, and Brian Dacey, one. Congratulations to you all.

Alan removed Peter Gunnell's 25 mile standard of 59.35 for a 64 year old and replaced it with 59.25 (first time under since his comeback, well done!). He wiped out Alan Rowe's 1.14.50 (Age 60) and 1.16.18 (Age 64) and replaced them with 1.14.00. for 30 miles

He established a 50 mile record of 2.15.09 for a 64 year old. Also 100 mile record of 4.50.49.

Alan , as you can see from the above, completed all club BAR distances, I do not know of any other member competing at all distances this year, so I believe he must be Club Time Trial Champ. (as I read the rule 30a.the rider with the highest average speed over the three distances in any one year shall be known as the Club Time Trial Champion) no mention that there has to be more than one competitor, I hope the committee agree with me, he deserves it.

Brian Dacey held the 25 mile record (Age 67) for a couple of weeks. (this is not the shortest length of time Brian, I held the 30 mile some years back for about 10 mins! until Alan Rowe finished.) Brian's 1.03.15 was wiped out by our President Roy with a brilliant ride of 1.00.13 (under the hour next year Roy!) Brian did improve on his ride and reduced his '25' time to 1.01.50, but Roy had already done the damage. Roy also removed John Giles' 10 mile standard of 29.49 for a 70 year old and replaced it with a time of 24.34.

I am still awaiting all times to come in for the Vets BAR so I may have to hold fire until the December DLN.

Malcolm Adams

More over

VETS BAR 2006

David Haggart.

10 Miles 23mins 50secs
25mins 03secs

25 Miles 1hr 05mins 01secs
1hr 05mins 49secs

Average Speed. 23.7477 MPH

Age standard Age 45 **10 Miles** 26mins 30secs
 25 Miles 1hr 08mins 31secs

Average Speed on Standard 22.2666 MPH
Plus on Standard 1.4812 MPH

Peter Jenn

10 Miles 24mins 05secs
25mins 05secs

25 Miles 1hr 01mins 07secs
1hr 04mins 45secs

Average Speed 24.1348 MPH

Age Standard Age 62 **10 Miles** 30mins 16secs
 25 Miles 1hr 17mins 45secs

Average Speed on standard 19.5593 MPH
Plus on Standard 4.5755 MPH

FINAL RESULT

1st	Alan Priddy	+5.9619 MPH
2nd	Roy Savery	+5.6760 MPH
3rd	Peter Jenn	+4.5755 MPH
4th	Malcolm Adams	+3.0650 MPH
5th	David Haggart	+1.4812 MPH

BELGIUM NIGHT



LITTLE CHEF

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3rd November - Was of course our "**Belgium Night**". I'm sure this will be reported on by our Pres Roy and Chairman "Kav". I will begin by saying we had 66 names - could have been more but we had to stop or it would have been over the top so sorry late callers - soon be Next year! that is presuming our "Fab Chef" Cliff (and Carole of course) hasn't said "No More"



THE DRINK

I'm sure he won't do that!!! A wonderful menu - as always our most grateful thanks. Thanks also to the "intrepid"

lads who had to drive to France to get the Duty Free for us all to consume (and we did), Kav - Mike - Stack - Tich.

The evening began with much chat and carried on all evening - plenty of cross toasts and lots of laughs. A great evening - so thanks to all who helped in many ways - our waiters - all dressed up complete with some horrible moustache's. They served us without spilling anything - I think! and to Terri who, I hear, was hard at work preparing the room for us all and keeping the lads in order! A great evening was enjoyed by all.



THE CHEFS

Thanks for my lovely flowers.

Dot

BELGIUMNIGHT



CHARLIE CARLTON



BILL MILES



GEORGE WOOD



DOT & PRES

OLYMPICS 1956



I am sure when the article by Dave Tweddell with the accompanying photograph of Dave and Alan Jackson was published in October's 2006 DLN, a few club members must have thought, surely the Club Archivist (he's paid enough!) should have at least mentioned that it was 50 years since Alan won his Olympic medal.

I have held fire as, although Dave mentioned that it was November 1956 that the Olympic Road Race took place, in actual fact it was not until Friday, 7th December.

Last year Geoff Margetts, who you will recall lives in Germany (and is still riding his bike!), sent me the following article, in German, with an accompanying English translation (Geoff, I will be sending the German version on to Len Danby just to see if you've got it right! Len has been studying German for 70 years or more!).

How do you win an Olympic team medal?

by Gustav-Adolf Schur

The question still remained open as to how the team points should be decided. At that time there was no team time-trial. There were various ways to decide which the best team was; the question was which method should be used here? That was extremely important; either one added together the times of the three best team members to finish, or one gave points for each finishing place. Right up until we started, this had still not been clarified. The UCI officials were summoned; they argued for a long time and finally reached an agreement – points would be given for the riders finishing places, and the teams with the lowest points would get the medals.

In the meantime, the nervousness of the Australian officials had got even worse. Wolfgang Behrendt, who at that time was famous for winning the first gold medal for boxing for East Germany, had found a barrel in a paddock, rolled it down to the course, filled it with water and was showering us each time we rode past where he stood. This was refreshing, and we looked forward to it on each lap. However, one Australian official suddenly decided that this was “illegal assistance”, jumped from his official car and pushed the barrel over while Wolfgang wasn’t watching. The water soaked instantly into the ground. Boiling with rage, Wolfgang looked for the person who had done this but the official had already driven away. Luckily, he did not know that an argument with our quiet “helper” would have been very painful for him.

I had learned my lesson from my crash in Ballerup and had positioned myself towards the rear of the bunch. Suddenly the Italian, Ercole Baldini, sprinted away and three Italians skilfully slowed the bunch. Then Pommer broke away and sprinted for 200 meters without looking behind him; if he had looked he would have seen that, glued to his back wheel was the Frenchman, Geyre. I was not happy about this because now Pommer was dragging a powerful rider forwards, but it was too late to do anything sensible about it. The end came as it just had to; Pommer tired and Geyre rode past him, dropped him and chased after Baldini.

If only we had talked about the attack, as was usual in East German teams but, at this moment, it became frighteningly clear to me that the combined German team was actually two teams – East and West Germany, and each rider was only out for personal gain.

The most dangerous consequence of this attack was that our chances in the team classification sank, because everything depended on us getting as many of our team as possible in the front of the field.

The only thing left for me was to attack, because actually there were only three riders away in front; however, I was relying on Tüller to support me. I signalled him to move to the front of the bunch but he shook his head and said “I can’t – I’ve got cramp in my calf!” I continued to lead the attack

and suddenly we saw Geyre in front of us. Everything was open again, but if only I could have worked with someone, instead of attacking alone. Suddenly Jackson sprinted past me and then – I thought that I was dreaming – Tüller, the one with the “cramp” in his calf, shot past me! Geyre hung on to take silver, Jackson got bronze, Tüller was fourth and I was fifth. All four of us were given the same finishing time. I don’t have to say what I thought of Tüller and his “calf cramp”. I remembered how I had towed him along in the Saaletal race and thus helped him to qualify for Melbourne.

If the stubborn Pommer hadn’t attacked and had at least finished 12th, we would have won Olympic gold but, as I have already said, a proper team like I was used to in East Germany, we were not. Nevertheless, our consolation prize was Olympic bronze for the team.

Obviously, I had nothing more to say to Tüller after the race. We did not meet again because, a few weeks later, he finished his “guest appearance” in East Germany and, with his image as “best German” at Olympia; he got his long-hoped for professional contract in the west.

I was a little bit proud of the fact that no less a person than IOC President Avery Brundage presented the medals to us.

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Reinhold Pommer (West Germany)

Täve Schur (East Germany)

Erich Hagen (East Germany)

Horst Tüller (East Germany)

1. Ercole Baldini (ITA) – 5h 21’ 17”
2. Arnaud Geyre (FRA) – 5h 23’ 16”
3. Alan Jackson (GB) – same time
4. Horst Tüller (GER comb) – same time
5. Gustav-Adolf Schur (GER comb) – same time
6. Stan Brittain (GB) – 5h 23’ 40”
14. William Holmes (GB) – 5h 23’ 50”
18. Reinhold Pommer (GER comb) – 5h 24’ 38”

19. *Harold Reynolds (GB) – 5h 24' 44"*
22. *Erich Hagen (GER comb) – 5h 26' 38"*

For full result of the race go to http://www.memoire-du-cyclisme.net/chp_jo/olymp1956r.php" □ □ http://www.memoire-du-cyclisme.net/chp_jo/olymp1956r.php

Roadrace (187,731 km) – Team

1. *Frankreich (Arnaud Geyre, Maurice Moucheraud, Michel Vermeulin)*
2. *Grossbritannien (Alan Jackson, Arthur Stanley Brittain, William Holmes)*
3. *Deutschland (Horst Tüller, Gustave-Adolf Schur, Reinhold Pommer)*

Roadrace (187,731 km) – individual

1. *Ercole Baldini – ITA*
2. *Arnaud Geyre – FRA*
3. *Alan Jackson – GB*

Just a reminder that it would be 40 years before another British rider won a medal in an Olympic Road Race. Max Sciandri who, although born in Derby, spent 22 of his 29 years living in Northern Italy and who, if he had maintained allegiance to the land of his father, Italy, would not have been at Atlanta in 1996. As with Alan, Sciandri was awarded a bronze medal with the Swiss, Pascal Richard, taking gold and the Dane, Rolf Sorensen, silver.

Alan was born in 1933 and joined the club on the 18th March 1949. As Dave suggested, there is no doubt that he is the club's greatest road man to date. Alan died of a brain haemorrhage in March 1974 at the age of 40, which was indeed a great shock, not only to his family and friends but to the whole cycling fraternity.

You will find with this month's DLN (No 893 – December 2006) a photocopy of an article from the 1956 issue of "Best Sport" which

summarises Alan's cycling career up until the Olympics. Alan completed his National Service with the Royal Army Medical Corps and, incidentally, I have contacted and made arrangements with the Curator of the Army Medical Services Museum at Aldershot for Alan's regimental blazer badge to be put on permanent display at the Museum, together with a photograph of him and a short history of his cycling achievements whilst a member of the corps.

Brian Saxton
Club Archivist

(On the front cover of this magazine is a photocopy of Alan's Olympic blazer badge).



I would like to thank all those member that have sent me reports, results, articals, photos and the many thank you that I have had.

I took on the job of producing the DLN on a temporary basis until an Editor could be found in December 1993, So with this issue I have now done 13 years and I think that this last year thanks to the new printer we have had some great magazines I hope that I will be able to continue for a few more years but age is catching up fast, I wish all reader a

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Diary Social/Club for 2007

Club & Inter-Club Events for 2007

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