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**CLUB NIGHT**

**FIRST THURSDAY  
OF EACH MONTH  
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**PRESIDENTS REPORT**

Hi Everybody,

Hope you all had a great Christmas. James and Fiona (our son and daughter-in-law) came over on Christmas Eve, and we were joined on Boxing Day by Fiona's mum. We have all eaten (and drunk) far too much, and had a great time.

Christmas started for me on the 1<sup>st</sup> December. As I am the new President of CBMC (Christian Businessmen's Committee, based in Bromley) I had to "chair" the first business lunch, our festive lunch, on that day. If any club member would like to be invited to these lunches, which take place on the first Thursday of each month, please get in touch with me.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> December I attended the Crescent Wheelers annual lunch and prizegiving, with my old friends Ken Craven, Laurie Eason, Dennis Adams, and Joe O'Herlehy. Great time, good celebration.

Next, the 6<sup>th</sup> December, I attended the Christmas function held by the Mayor of Bromley, and spoke to a lot of people about cycling and keeping fit.. 14<sup>th</sup> December. Bryan Dacey and myself went to a North London Cycling Club re-union. We met at the Farmer's Boy Pub in Brickendon, Herts, went for a 30+ mile ride, had a short break near Hatfield. Also on the ride were Roy Manser, Roly Crayford,

and many other North London riders. 34 of us sat down to lunch at the pub, and a great time was had by all.

Christmas for Gina and I starts with the Christmas Horse Show at Olympia. We have been going there for many years (well, you have to show an interest in your other half's hobby from time to time). Great fun. The musical ride by the Household Cavalry was wonderful – makes you proud to be British – the Shetland (very small pony) Grand National was great fun, there's the dog agility championships, the Puissance (how high can the horses jump?), and a grand Christmas Finale, ending with everyone singing "The First Noel". Great stuff!

Looking forward to the walk on New Year's Day, with lunch at the Rose and Crown, Knockholt. Hope to see you there.

I have just come back from seeing my coach, who tells me I am in good shape, so watch out all you younger members next year!!!

Sorry its all about me and my friends, but there's not a lot going on in the cycling world in winter.

Something which has been very helpful to me since 1973: I was introduced to the art of goal setting. Every year at this time I have been writing out my goals for the year ahead (this is not a wish list or a New Year's resolution list) but having and setting goals and a plan of how these goals will be achieved. If you want to know more, and how to make 2006 your best year yet, call me.

***HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL.***

**Roy**

## YOUR EDITOR

Firstly I would like to apologise for not producing the new address book that I was hoping to be able to send out with the last addition of the DLN, I have started on it - but it is now beyond my control as I am waiting for the up to date members list. Also very few of you have confirmed your e-mail address to me.

Now a much brighter note as most of you know I have produced the DLN for just over the last 10 years on two photo copiers that I have purchased at my own expense and before I retired on my office one.

You have now received your first copy of our new look DLN and yes you will be getting a colour front page and some colour inside, this has been made possible by the club committee agreeing with my request to purchase a colour laser printer capable of producing some 20,000 sheets of printing per year.

As this is only the first of our new DLN's I hope that over the coming months you will see it improving, the initial outlay to purchase this printer has been just over £1100 but I am hoping - thank to a special offer by the manufacturers to be able to claim back £250.00

The money for the purchase of the printer has been provided from part of the interest received from the memorial fund.

Any criticism or suggestion to improve the magazine are most welcome.

*All I ask of you is to keep sending me - Articles - Results - Photos  
For without these there would not be a De Laune News*

**Mark**

## **50-YEAR MEMBERSHIP – WHISKEY TUMBLERS**

I received a telephone call on the 21<sup>st</sup> August 2005. The guy at the other end had an Australian accent and I thought he could be calling from somewhere like Alice Springs. I said, “your voice is so clear, you could be speaking from Surbiton”. He said, “I am”. It transpired that it was Jack Russell, son of ‘Beefy’ Russell, who many of the old timers in the club will remember. (Beefy died in 1987).

Jack’s mother, Joan, died on the 2<sup>nd</sup> August this year (she was 94 years of age), and he was staying with his sister, Jill, and husband, John, in Surbiton. After tidying up their mother’s affairs, Jack and an Australian buddy were off on a CTC tour in Switzerland for a couple of weeks. Strangely enough, back in Oz they were having a drought: in Switzerland they were having torrential rain/floods, etc. Jack has only been biking for a few years but finds riding around Sydney a bit tedious, as the distances are too great for comfortable rides. He recommends Tasmania as it is very much like England.

You may be wondering what all this is to do with 50-year whiskey tumblers. Well, a few months ago it was decided at a club committee meeting that there should be some recognition for members who had been with the club for 50 years or more, thus the idea of the presentation tumblers, which are English crystal, engraved with the club badge and the words “50 years membership”, together with the name of the recipient.

I had a brilliant idea that on Jack’s return to Surbiton on his way back home, he could collect Monty Watkins’ tumbler and take it with him (Monty has lived in Australia for many years). Mark Ballamy did a quick check on his computer to see if Jack, who lives at Mona Vale, was anywhere near Monty’s home. Low and behold, they are a mere boomerang throw from each other; thus the photograph of the presentation to Monty in last month’s (December) DLN. What I did not know at the time was that the Russell and Watkins families had met up in Australia on several previous occasions.

It was appropriate that Monty, our longest serving member, should be the first to be awarded a tumbler, and it was an absolute stroke of luck that I learned that Nick Butler and his wife were going off to Thailand for a holiday and would be meeting with John Darroch; thus the other photograph in December's DLN of the presentation by Nick to John. (Monty joined the club on the 28<sup>th</sup> January 1937 and John joined on the 24<sup>th</sup> April 1953).

The President presented tumblers to other qualifying members on Belgian Night as follows:

	<u>Joined</u>
Bill Miles	04.03.37
George Wood	07.07.38
Ken Fuller	13.11.47
Don White	18.12.47
Brian Saxton	04.02.54
Roy Chittleborough	18.10.54
Brian Dacey	29.10.54
John Kavanagh	18.03.55

Although I personally have not experienced the effect, I understand if you fill the tumbler with whiskey, the engraving of the club badge stands out quite clearly; however, having drunk the contents, apparently you lose sight of the glass and, in extreme cases, your hand!

Brian Saxton

## **BELGIUM NIGHT**



**THE WAITERS - TICH - KAV - STAX - MIKE**



**PRESIDENT ROY  
& NICK BUTLER**





We met up with Peter Jaques on our arrival in NYC. Peter re-joined De Laune a couple of years ago and is a top man in the hotel biz. We only had time for a coffee and a short natter - he sends his regards to everyone especially anyone who remembers him from yore.

Anyone wishing to stay in NYC should make contact with Peter as he can offer special rates for members.

Mike Peel

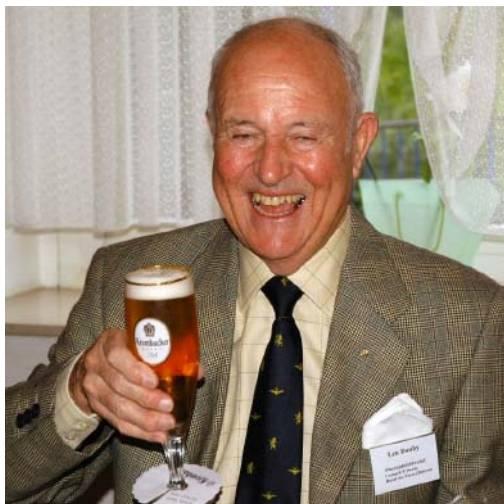
Dear Friends

Just had a Christmas card from Harry Thomas. In reply to my 'Get Well' card, all members of the De Laune Cycling Club were detailed to action by our President (at the time).

His last sentence reads, "I hope you are well and **enjoying life as you do**". Think Harry must have the wrong chap. **I never enjoy myself**, I am too old.

All the very best of luck and health in 2006.

Len



# The Chairman's Report

It is Boxing Day and I am in front of my computer and thinking what can I report? Well we can look back over the last 12 months and what will happen over the next.

It was sad to lose one of our respected members Brian Tidbury whose funeral many members attended last January. We hope, Maureen, that this Christmas was better than the last one.

It was this time last year that the Tsunami struck with the loss of many thousands of lives. One of our oldest members John Darroch who lives in Phuket was in the thick of it. Although not affected by the big wave I believe he was one of the many Brits who helped out. Thank you John for your reports.

One sad thing for 2005 was that we have not gained new young members the lifeblood of any club. James and Sam will be middle-aged soon! We have got so much to offer the kids in the way of equipment, funding and help, through Bill Wright our Junior Manager. People will say most clubs have the same problem but we are not like most clubs!

The highlight of the year for most members was the Belgium Night - again a sell out. If you refer to it as a club dinner no one will turn up. We are a funny lot!

We have a good social section in the club if you want to get involved. Skiing comes to mind. Last January we had a De Laune group skiing at Alp D'huez and only last month Brian Saxton and I took to the slopes to test out the snow for the large group of members who will be going out to Courchevel this month. As most of our group are in there 60's and a few 70's I will let you know how many member we have left!

Stax had problems on the December trip. On the first day he could not stand up and had to lay down a lot. He said it was altitude sickness! I think it was the complimentary drinks the night before.

In July again we have a group following the Tour of France. We will be based at the top of Alp D'Huez to see the big finish at the top and later we will see the finish and final time trial at Macon.

Can we look forward to places in events in 2006? Yes, I think we can. Most of this rests on the shoulders of our juniors James King and Sam Fensterheim, or as James likes to be called, A Student, bless him. Both have improved so much over the last 12 months and Nick Butler another guy who has improved so much in his short time at racing by getting under the hour regularly for 25 miles. (Despite the hair on his legs)

We have our Triathlon guys who we never see, (hint hint) who are still getting high places. Please, please, let us see you at the next Belgium night.

On the road we are a bit thin. From the reports we are getting, James Peckham and James Lyon are playing hell with northerners. The De Laune will again run a road race on behalf of the SERRL and we hope to have a full team of juniors?

One of our strongest sections must be our vets (is this good or bad?) Brian Dacey who will be going for another World Championship Track Vest this year with back up from Peter Jenn.

Roy Savery, our President, is going great guns since his retirement and is taking club vets records all the time. Look out for Alan Rowe this year. After his accident he has something to prove!

On behalf of the committee I wish you all a great year for 2006 and we hope to give you all the support we can.

Kav.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

We welcome new member, Wojtek Chlebek, who lives in London, N16. Wojtek was born in 1983, and should be pretty fit as he gives his occupation as Cycling Courier- very dangerous job, I should have thought! We assume he learnt all about us through the club website.

Elsewhere in this issue is shown a list of members as at the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2005, which totals 114 – down from last year when the total was 126 and also from the year before when the total was 131.

With this month's DLN (January 2006) you will receive your annual subscription request form. All cheques should be sent to me in the stamped/addressed envelope provided, together with the form. Please do not send any monies to our Treasurer, Don White.

Mike Peel will, once again, be producing our membership cards. On receipt of your cheque, your membership card will be sent to you and your bank statement will confirm that your cheque has been paid into the club bank account. Separate receipts will not be sent.

# **RACING NEWS & RESULTS**

**LVRC RR**    EASTWAY                    27 June 05

1.     Peter Jenn     De Laune

**Belle Vue '50'**                    H50/1                    3 July 05

         Peter Jenn                    2:12:59

**Ken Warren Memorial RR** 95K    13 August 05

1       Group F                    Peter Jenn

**Redmond '10'**    13 September 05

         Peter Jenn                    24:52

## **Herne Hill Cyclo Cross - 4th December**

**Senior/ Junior/ Women/ Veteran** (12 laps)

1st	Louis Charity	Corridori	56:52
2nd	Thorsten Klassen	Kingston Wheelers	57:46
3rd	Graham Stacey	Catford CC	58:14
9th	James King	De Laune CC	59:20

## **E - MAILS**

**To:** [webmaster@de-launecc.org](mailto:webmaster@de-launecc.org)

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 28, 2005 10:54 AM

**Subject:** 50-mile National Tandem paced championship

Good morning!

I just had a glance at your web site and enjoyed reading the 'do you remember?' items listed: I remember a great many of them, as an enthusiastic attendee at Herne Hill track during my boyhood following the end of World War II. You don't mention the dreadful day when Reg Harris lost the 1948 Olympic sprint to a doped Italian Mario Ghella!

You mention that Gerry Waters was the first person to win the above race three times in a row. Is this correct? My recollection is that the first ever to achieve this was Dave Fleming in 1939, 1946 and 1947, the race not having been run in the gap created by the war. I have no means of looking this up, however. I recall the 50 mile contest as the most exciting event of my watching year.

In the old lists of the membership of your club, you will find my grandfather's name. Charles Hardy died when I was a student about 1957 but had been a competitor in your club's colours in the early years of the 20th century.

Greetings. Bruce Hardy

## LIST OF MEMBERS AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2005

MALCOLM ADAMS	DOT FULLER	CLIF PENDLETON
SAM ARMOUR	KEN FULLER	AMY PIDDINGTON
MATTHEW BAKER	JOHN GEOGHEGAN	ALAN PRIDDY
ROSIE BAKER	ADAM GLASSER	TONY PURSER
MARK BALLAMY	MATT GOODES	LES PYNE
SAM BAXENDALE	CHRIS GORDON-COKER	MIKE RICE
TOM BEWSEY	YVONNE GREGORY	MARK ROSSI
EDWARD BOND	DAVE GRIFFITHS	ALAN ROWE
DEREK BOON	PETER GUNNELL	DANIEL RUDD
JEREMY BRIGGS	DAVID HAGGART	DAVE RUDD
LEN BROWN	PETER HARRIS	FRANCIS RUDD
DAVE BURFOOT	GEOFF HEATON	JOSEPH RUDD
PAT BURNS	ARTHUR HOW	CHRISTIAN RUDOLF
NICK BUTLER	MAUREEN JACKSON	ROY SAVERY
CHAS CARLTON	PETER JAQUES	BRIAN SAXTON
CHARLOTTE CARTER-	PETER JENN	NIGEL SCALES
SMITH	JOHN KAVANAGH	BRIAN SHAMBROOK
HENRY CARTER-	TOPEL KEMAL	PETER SHEPHERD
SMITH	DAVID KING	GEOFF SINNETT
STEVE CARTER-	JAMES KING (DOB	ALAN SPELLING
SMITH	28.12.86)	PETER STAFF
VERONIQUE CARTER-	JAMES KING (DOB	EDDIE STARSMEARE
SMITH	21.02.77)	JOHN STARSMEARE
ROY CHITTLEBOR-	KEN KNAPMAN	CLIFF STEELE
OUGH	ALARIC LESTER	DAVE TWEDDELL
WOJTEK CHLEBEK	JAMES LETT	MICHAEL VALENTINE
KATIE CHOWN	JAMES LYON	MARK WADLEY
BERT COLLINS	PETER MALLIN-JONES	JAYNE WADSWORTH
ALAN CONSTABLE	GEOFF MARGETTS	BRIAN WALLER
HARRY CORBETT	CHRIS MARSHALL	RUPERT WALSH
HOWARD COULSON	WILL MATTHEWS	MONTY WATKINS
BRIAN DACEY	RICHARD McBRIDE	SCOTT WELLCOME
LEN DANBY	BILL MILES	DON WHITE
JOHN DARROCH	MICHAEL MOORE	JEREMY WHITE
TERRY DEELEY	HELEN MORRISSEY	BERYL WILLIAMSON
JOHN DODS	BEN NEVILLE	GEORGE WOOD
MARY DODS	JOHN O'BRIEN	BILL WRIGHTJEREMY
LEN DOUBLE	NATHAN PALMER	WHITE
JENNIFER EVANS	TONY PEACHEY	BERYL WILLIAMSON
JIM EVANS	VAL PEACHEY	GEORGE WOOD
SAM FENSTERHEIM	JAMES PECKHAM	BILL WRIGHT
ROSS FRYER	MIKE PEEL	



# ***DATES TO REMEMBER***

## **Diary Social/Club for 2006**

Friday		27-Oct	Belgium Night	Blackheath Clubroom
Sunday	10.30	19-Nov	Memorial Service	Newnham

## **Club & Inter-Club Events for 2006**

Sunday	09.30	2-Apr	SERRL ROAD RACE	Sevenoaks Weald
Sunday		11-Jun	Midsummer 25	G25/53
Saturday		15-Jul	Track Meeting	Herne Hill
Saturday		19-Aug	OMA 10	Harrietsham Q10/20
Sunday		17-Sep	Autumn 25	G25/53
Sunday			Down Hill	Tilburstow
Sunday	11.00	1-Oct	Hill Climb	GH 31

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**CLOSING DATE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE 28 January**

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