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PRESIDENTS REPORT

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Halfway through the year already, and for the next three weeks – YES – it's the Tour de France. Fantastic! I don't know about you, but I'll be watching it every day.

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As you will have seen from last month's DLN, I've got my picture on the front cover (does that make me a pin-up boy?). Just as well Kav didn't take a close up, because then you would have seen the "bingo wings" and all the veins. Never mind, handsome is as handsome does, and last week I did a 1.0.13, so Yates, watch out. I'm closing in, I'm improving.....

TREASURER

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On the 28th May the League of Veteran Racing Cyclists held their Road Racing Championships for age groups E(60-64),F(65-69),G(70-74) and H(75-80). I was so disappointed with my performance that I left the HQ very quickly. I believe I finished about 10th. We had no one in the LVRC National Criterion Championships at Eastway on the 4th June. Brian Dacy was waiting for his ribs to heal, and I decided to have a good training weekend, covering about 180 miles in three days.

MEMBERSHIP SEC.

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Gina and I went to the South of England Show at Ardingly on Friday 9th, and had a great day out. On Saturday 10th we went to a friend's birthday party, and then it was up early on Sunday for the Club Mid Summer 25 (see results). I was tail-end Charlie.

CLUB NIGHT

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

After the 25 in the morning, it was off to lunch at the Hove Golf Club. This is a great venue whatever the weather, but this year the sun was shining and the views were magnificent. Pat organised a wonderful lunch, and Dot organised the members(see report).

Last Saturday I rode up at Newmarket on the E2/25 course in the Shaftesbury Middlemarkers event. The fastest time on entry was 58 mins. Three youngsters did 54s, Tony Peachy did a 1.1 and I did 1.0.13. As I said earlier, I'm improving. –over 3.5 mins off last year's best 25 time, but I have to go faster to get anywhere in the World Masters Time Trial and Road Race Championships in August.

I am just about to leave here for Eastway to help out with our Club Cyclo-cross promotion, organised by Bill Wright. Have a great month. Don't forget the Club Open 25 on the 30th July. See you all there.

I'll just leave you with my monthly quote, this time from Dale Carnegie:-

"One of the most tragic things I know about human nature is that all of us tend to put off living. We are all dreaming of some magical rose garden over the horizon instead of enjoying the roses that are blooming outside our windows today."

Roy

Fred Peachey Memorial – Club Open 25

Time is fast approaching when the Club Open 25 in sunny Kent will be held. The exact date for you all to remember is **Sunday 30th July starting at 7am**. Yes, 7 am does still exist !!

The event will be held on our normal course at Chilham, and if you speak with any previous helpers or riders they will tell you that it is a really nice part of Kent. If you have a completely free day, after the event you can saunter off to Canterbury in the afternoon and wander round the cloisters or if you are really keen have some retail therapy in the Ashford shopping outlet. Do I look after you well ??.

To date I have 5 entries – 3 from the Peachey/Silvester clan, Nick Butler plus one other. Any more club riders coming ????

As a special treat I also have a couple of marshalling spots yet to fill – any volunteers before I get the shotgun out ??? I'd love to hear from any willing bodies our telephone number is 01622 727649.

Val the Peach

The Chairman's Report



As one of your Memorial Fund Trustees, I get asked by members 'What are we doing with the clubs money?' As most members *know*, unless we have a change of club rules, we are not allowed to touch the fund but we are allowed to benefit from the interest accrued.

If only life was that simple. As members and non-members read the DLN worldwide I will not go into figures. Your trustees are Peter Harris, Jeremy White, Bill Wright and myself who are all trying to make things simple.

Let me explain. Peter Harris put in a lot of hard work with the negotiations with buyers, solicitors, estate agents, and accountants etc to sell the clubroom. You would think that selling the club and putting the money into the bank and taking the interest would be simple, but no.

Firstly we had a lot of bills to pay and are still paying! The big one is the Inland Revenue, who cannot agree the amount we owe them, so this is an ongoing saga!

Bill Wright who is our Trustee Secretary is in at the deep end with this one. (Bless him) but is working like a Trojan to get a final figure agreed. Not only this, but he is involved in applying for CASC status (Community Amateur Sports Club) which will give our club tax advantages, including relief of tax payable on the interest we receive from our investments.

With regards to our investments; the bulk of the Memorial Fund is with the Alliance & Leicester in a current account and xviii stop there until we know how much we owe the Inland Revenue. As trustees we are looking at portfolio structures, which will give us a good return with low-risk factors.

Getting back to the first question: 'What are we doing with the club money?' or the interest we receive; as you know, we have what we call Managers. i.e. Track Manager, Road Race Managers, Time Trial Manager etc. Each will apply for a certain amount of money to promote his section. The amount and what it is for is put forward to the committee. If agreed we will ask our club Treasurer, Don White, to raise a cheque.

If Don decides we do not have the money in general club funds he will apply for money from the Memorial Fund interest. Not all the money is taken from the interest we receive each year.

With all this happening, new rules will have to be introduced or changed, so look out for a Special General Meeting in the near future (A good excuse to get together for a few beers down at our British Legion club room)

Kay.

PS Next month four of your elderly members will be going over the top in to France on a spying mission. Yes you have guest it. 'The Tour of France' We will report back to you in next months DLN. We will also give you colour photo's if the printer is still working!

PSS Did you read my article in last months DLN re the automated Check-in for the Eurotunnel? Well I know that Cliff Pendleton did and he told me that they had put the instructions on how to use the Self Check-in on the web.

I read the instructions and it finishes off with saying "It really couldn't be easier! Well tell that to four motorists who at 6.30 in the morning could not get in!

Dear Mark

I am pretty sure that one of the riders pictured in the ride from London to Bath & Back is Sid Alden who joined the club with me in 1949. He is the rider whose head is shown directly above Geoff Sinnett. We agreed to ride the event together, but for a reason I cannot recall, I did not take part. I think it was in either 1951 or 1952. I lost touch with Sid over 50 years ago while we were doing our National Service, Sid was in the Horse Guards and I was in the RAF.

I see you went to Effra Parade School in 1937-39 where Sid and I also attended. I was there from 1943, when my parents moved to Brixton, until 1946. The headmistress was, I believe, Miss Wilson and my least favourite teacher was my form mistress Miss Rankin, who, for some reason, took an extreme dislike to me. Do you remember either of these ladies?

Regards Dave Griffiths

THE LAST MONTH By JAYNE WADSWORTH

Well it's been a pretty hectic month or so for me starting back at the beginning of May with a trip up to The Lakes for the Fred Whitton Challenge. We spent 2 days taking it pretty easy cycling around the amazing countryside and admiring the views and plentiful cake shops, even managing to conquer a couple of the passes prior to the event on Sunday. The new Specialized bike felt great especially on the climbs having changed the back cog to a 27, so far so good. I started the course feeling strong and in good shape having even given some thought to my food routine for the day which is unheard of for me to be that organised, but 30 miles into the 100 mile course my crank fell off leaving me stranded road side in the middle of nowhere. Despite many cyclists stopping to offer assistance no-one had a tool which would fit the carbon fitting. Eventually I was rescued by a rider's wife and driven to the nearest town where I found a bike shop willing to help. The thread had sheared off the bolt so Lock Tight was applied to hold the crank in place so that I could cycle dejectedly the 30 miles back to the start where I waited for 6 hours for my friend to finish the course. On returning to London I took the bike back to Evans to be repaired they changed the crank to an Ultegra model until a new carbon crank was available and unfortunately at this time of writing some 4 weeks on I am still waiting for that call from Evans.

So on the 19th of May we set off for the Yorkshire Dales another beautiful part of the country with some great cycling to be had. The Etape Du Dales is a course of around 110 miles on undulating roads, although the course does not contain the huge almost impossible passes of the Fred Whitton it is unrelenting with no flat areas, you are either going up or down! I had ear marked this as the long distance event that I would treat the most seriously last year after finishing 3rd in 2005 I rode most of the distance with a couple of my Tri-London friends but we did have to drop the male member due to his faffing at the first feed station, so then the race was on between myself and Jo and although we didn't actually ride together, we both managed to pick up a couple of guys to work with, and so seemed to keep leap-frogging each other. Fortunately for me with 5 miles to go I had a bit more left and over-took Jo to which she could not respond and so finished 2nd lady with a time of 8:02: although the rumour is that the first "lady" was actually a guy riding in her place and I think the time of 7:09 reflects this!

The very next weekend I met up with Ross for the 3 day Tour of Wessex which was an excellent event with a 100 mile ride on day 1, 100 miles on day 2 and 125 miles on

day 3. The organisation was amazing resulting in a lot of pack riding in manageable sized pelatons which was new to me but which feels amazing when you are bowling along at 25 mph with very little effort although it definitely takes its toll



on your mental state with so much concentration required. Unfortunately the weather was terrible on the first day which resulted in a lot of serious crashes especially through Cheddar Gorge with I think about 8 people being hospitalised, the worse being when a rider met a car and had her forks were sheered clean off the bike. Parts of the course were off tarmac roads which was strange and left the road sides littered with people repairing punctures. Day 1 I achieved first place with a

time of 6:34. The quote of the day coming from an older guy who 5 miles from the finish commented that "I was going well for a woman" not a great remark at the best of times but after having just towed him and 2 other guys for 15 miles with no-one re leaving me of the front position I was a little non-plussed! Arrangements were made to meet up with some other members of my starting group to share the work load the next day.

Day 2 dawned much brighter with dry conditions so at 07:10 Ross and I were off again, unfortunately only a few miles in Ross had to turn back due to a problem with his knee. It was great ride alongside some friendly faces from the day before and lots of chat about the ride. Fortunately the course stayed on-road today so the risk of puncture was drastically reduced and there were much fewer casualties. This may have been due to reduced numbers with some of the guys who had entered the 3 day events taking Sunday off in order to watch the Grand Prix and spend time with wife and kids(?) The day went well for me although I found myself riding solo much more often than the previous day and even managed to locate the egg sandwiches on the second feed station which I had only heard rumours of the day before. I joined ranks with Battersea Cycling

Club in the last 15 miles when I was really starting to feel it and they brought me home again first lady in a very respectable 6:21

Day 3 and by now I am tired, 6 of us had hired a caravan to stay in which did the job but with tiny bedrooms and very small beds it was not the best of conditions,. My quads and gluts were already starting to moan on the start line. Again the ride started strongly, riding in a large pelaton with Jo and myself even managing to take our turn at the front without dropping the pace which I was very proud of! This was the longest course of the weekend and boy did it feel like it, my legs literally had nothing for the hills making me tackle them all seated, Jo on the other hand was having a great ride and after we stopped to help her fix a puncture off she rode off into the distance. I struggled round to finish and with a large lead over the first 2 days was determined to hang on to my overall lead. We took a coastal route today and then rode over the highest point of Exeter Moor where again very welcome egg sandwiches were on hand. At last in sight of the finish line I thought it was all over but no, a right turn and on to a very unnecessary 3 mile loop to take in the last hill of the day.

At last I crossed the finish line in a time of 8:37 managing to win overall by @ 15 minutes and thank-you Ross for being on the finish line with some of that fantastic flapjack!!

I decided to give the Tuesday TT at Eastway a miss the week following Wessex as I was entered in the Polka Dot on the following Sunday. By now all of the rides are beginning to merge into 1 but I have done the Polka Dot in the Peak District several times before and was confident that this ride although 106 miles was not particularly challenging. I shouldn't be so complacent as shortly after meeting my friends talk turned to the killer climbs of the day, Cat & Fiddle, Axe Edge, Snake Pass and the worst Winnets Pass which I had had to walk up the previous year. So my mood had changed from looking forward to an easy ride to one of "oh no not again, have I left enough recovery time between these events?" Again the weather was on our side, the heat had dropped off a bit from the previous day, there was no wind and no chance of rain. 8:18 back on the road. Surprisingly I felt strong and was soon off pushing myself to a good time. Unfortunately although this is a big event the riders did not seem as experienced as on the Tour Of Wessex so there was no pack riding to be had but there was always some-one to pass the time of day with en route. The same film crew was on the course as in Wessex and as there are always so few girls they lent a morale boosting hand. Managed to get over Winnets Pass no problem at all and finished in 6:07.

That's it now until 23rd June when we attempt the epic ride from Trondheim to Oslo so I am going to put my feet up for a while.

FIRST LADY Jayne Wadsworth De Laune CC

06:34:32 - 06:21:58 - 08:37:58 - **21:34:28**

"CONGRATULATIONS JAYNE WELL DONE"

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www.sportsphotos.org.uk

See the route details at:- www.cycloport.co.uk/wessex.asp

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Cyclo Sportives are mass-participation, semi competitive cycling events over challenging terrain. The best known is the **Etape du Tour** which gives you the chance to test yourself on the actual route of one of the mountain stages of the Tour de France.

This Photo is of Jayne in

THE POLKA DOT CHALLENGE2006

The 2006 Polka Dot Challenge was held on June 4th and the weather, as has become usual for this event, was glorious. A total of 375 riders completed the two events with 340 of them finishing the 100 mile ride.



SEE FRONT COVER

Brixton Cycles/Torq Bar Beastway MTB Series : 25/5/06

Round one of the final Beastway Series held on May 24 at Eastway.

Terrible weather & the closure of both Rotherhithe & Blackwell Tunnells saw numbers down, nonetheless 118 riders went mud wrestling with the great help of London Phoenix CC.

The latest round of the South East RR League held at Bennedon on May 28.

1/2/3

A group of nine eventually broke away. At the line Tim Elverson (VC Muedon) was able to hold off the rest, whilst Tristian Barnes in tenth led in the main group.

1	Tim Elverson	VC Muedon
2	Julian Clark	Appollo RT
11	Sam Fensterheim	De Laune CC
21	James King	De Laune CC

The 6th night of racing at Crystal Palace in 2006 held on May 30.

3/4/W

A few escapes were initiated to no avail, a very useful one being conducted by Mick Bell (London Fire Brigade CC) before De Laune CC team mates James King & Sam Fensterheim jumped clear. (*See next page*)

They looked able to take their break to the line, sadly for them they lost a few seconds when the E/1/2s came through. The chasers scented a chance to get back on & did so.

The race stayed together until Bell jumped away to win on the line. **3/4/W**

1	Mick Bell	London Fire Brigade CC
2	David Santoni	Pearson Cycles
3	Bryan Randall	Sutton CC/De Ver
4	James King	De Laune CC
5	Sam Fensterheim	De Laune CC



JAMES

SAM

**South East RR League held at Kenneradington, Kent
on June 4.**

3/4

A few groups formed off the front, but they were absorbed including one that was caught near the finish, resulting in a bunch finish won by Martin Dunford (Downland Cycles)

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| 1 | Martin Dunford | Downland Cycles |
| 2 | Rob Kennison | Medway Velo |
| 3 | I van Jordan | Storck |
| 4 | James King | De Laune CC |
| 8 | Sam Fensterheim | De Laune CC |

Surrey League Jaunts 2006 5 Day Stage Race

Stage 1 - Wildside RT - Withyham - 2/3 - 13 miles ITT

1	Kevin Tye Storck	Racing UK	2V	0:32:22
2	Andrew Bye	Kingston Wheelers	3	0:32:42
3	Karl Strugnell	Eurolines/Omega	2	0:32:58
30	James King	De Laune CC	3	0:35:07
45	Sam Fenterheim	De Laune CC	3J	0:36:13

Stage 2 - Epsom CC - Alfold - 2/3 - 71 miles

1	Matt Green	Crawley CC	2J	2:53:28
2	James Beaumont	Kingston Wheelers	2	2:53:28
3	Dave Creegan	VC Meudon	2	2:53:50
14	James King	De Laune CC	3	2:53:50
21	Sam Fenterheim	De Laune CC	3J	2:53:50

Stage 3 - Pearson Cycles - Ewhurst - 2/3 - 61 miles

1	Matt Green	Crawley CC	2J	2:43:00
2	Andrew Bye	Kingston Wheelers	3	2:43:22
3	Dave Creegan	VC Meudon	2	2:43:25
4	James King	De Laune CC	3	2:43:25
63	Sam Fenterheim	De Laune CC	3J	3:06:11

Stage 4 - Surrey League - Crowhurst - 2/3 - 64 miles

1	Mike Hawkins	Norwood Paragon CC	2	2:35:20
2	Philip Glowinski	VC Londres	2	2:35:20
3	Christopher Moores	Norwood Paragon CC	2	2:35:20
12	Sam Fenterheim	De Laune CC	3J	2:35:20
32	James King	De Laune CC	3	2:35:20

Cont. over

Stage 5 - Twickenham CC - Ellens Green - 2/3 - 64 miles

1	Ben Wilson	awcycles.co.uk	2	2:29:28
2	Mike Hawkins	Norwood Paragon CC	2	2:30:00
3	Justin Sims	London Dynamo	2	2:30:00
35	Sam Fenterheim	De Laune CC	3J	2:30:00
43	James King	De Laune CC	3	2:30:00

Surrey League Jaunts 2006 5 Day Stage Race Final General Classification

1	Kevin Tye Storck	Racing UK	2V	11:15:00
2	Mike Hawkins	Norwood Paragon CC	2	11:16:02
3	Matt Green	Crawley CC	2J	11:16:04
15	James King	De Laune CC	3	11:17:42
48	Sam Fenterheim	De Laune CC	3J	11:41:34

Don't forget to send
your results to the
Editor

The Southern XC MTB Series is made up of south of England clubs who have banded together to make the series possible.

Veteran Men Rankings after 3 rounds

1	Mark Chadbourne	Ride Cycleworks	56 56 60	172
2	Roland Tilley	Ride Cycleworks	52 60 56	168
3	Mark Cracknell	AWCycles.co.uk	60 52 47	159
34	William Wright	De Laune CC/Evans	15 23	38
39	Clifford Steele	De Laune CC	34	34

THE FAVERSHAM SOCIETY

I have received the following letter from Clive Foreman, the Hon Education Officer of The Faversham Society:

“We would like to include more information about local early cycling clubs in the ‘Sports and Leisure’ section of our museum, but very little information remains about the principal Faversham based clubs. The exception is your own club which, though not Faversham based, is well documented in the book *A Century Awheel* and on your website. We have a copy of the book in our library, kindly donated by Sir Roger Moate, and I have my own personal copy too.

Could we have permission to quote from the book and the website in our public displays? In particular, a copy of the drawing of Charles Southon facing page 77 of the hard-back copy of the book would look good on display (I could scan this in from the book, with your permission). If there is a badge available for display, that too would be most welcome.

We do appreciate that your club is essentially South London based, but the local connection makes it of interest to us. The memorial on the wall of Newnham Church and the annual service held there adds to this interest (we usually have somebody from the Faversham Society in attendance). The broader aspects of the important social benefits of late Victorian sports clubs are of particular interest to me with respect to talks I give to schools on life in Victorian times.”

As I believe this is a good means of publicity for the club, I have agreed to Mr Foreman's request and have sent him a cloth badge for his display.

Brian Saxton

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O.M.A. LUNCH

Good weather - good company - what more could we ask for at our club lunch at the Brighton & Hove Golf Club on 11th June.

Most of us met up first at the "De Laune coffee shop" - "Patricia's", most of us can now get there without taking the scenic route to Worthing - apart from Terry Deeley - he did not listen to Carole's instructions!! (what's new?). We enjoyed our coffee and goodies in "Tricia's" lovely garden or inside her spacious house.

Then off to lunch, quite a few had already met up at the Golf Club for pre-lunch drinks and to find out what they had all been up to over the past year, that of course took up all afternoon - before, during and after lunch. Tricia and J managed to get everyone "herded" into the Dining Room after Mike Peels' announcement - no one could fail to hear him, a great MC! The dining room lovely, all set up for 52 members, wives and friends, a few cross toasts started off by El Presidente - Roy, then silence (well almost) while we had lunch, then a speech by "Roy" and some presentations - beautiful flowers for Patricia and me for which we thanked the Club.

Then for being members of the De Laune for 50 years and some over that - were: Derek Boon - 1949, Geoff Sinnett - 1950, Tony Peachey - 1952, Brian Waller - 1956, Alan Rowe - 1956. All received whisky tumblers suitably engraved. On receiving them each said a few words of how they enjoyed being one of "the Gentlemen of the De Laune" having made great and lifelong friends along the way. I'm sure the gifts will come in very useful so don't put them in the glass cabinet "lads" - make use of them but do let your "Ladies" wash them up - just to be safe!!

After the presentations, a toast to "The De Laune" a great club to be in - everyone agreed. So good to see you all again especially our oldest member - Bill Miles, he still rides his bike and goes to ballroom dancing in his spare time! It just shows you've got to keep active, he also drinks wine and tells jokes - how he can remember them I don't know!! and of course red wine is good for the heart - so we are told!!

Finally all goodbyes were said (and that takes forever!) another really enjoyable De Laune event over - we can put in the next dates:-

Malcolm's BBQ - 16th July - Herne Bay

Belgian Night - Blackheath Clubhouse on 27th October

(See D.L.N for details).

Great to see you all - see you at the next "Do".

Dot.

I know that I have not attended this function for a few year and it seems that Dot did not notice that I was there this year and first to receive my tumbler, for being a member for over 50 years. I would like to record my thanks for this, no not for Dot missing me. Mark Ballamy

TIME TRIALS

Kingston Phoenix 10 - 29 April

1	Paul Burrows	Kent Cycles RC	00:56:46
28	Alan Priddy	De Laune CC	01:05:40

Hounslow & District Wheelers 10 20/05/2006

1	Nik Bowdler	Farnborough & Camber-	00:21:55
11	Peter Mallin	De Laune CC	00:23:39
27	James Lett	De Laune CC	00:25:10

Charlotteville CC 25 27/05/2006

1	Ben Instone	a3crg	00:51:18
16	Nick Butler	De Laune CC	00:56:42
56	Alan Priddy	De Laune CC	01:02:11

VTTA Surrey/Sussex 10 (Scratch) 03/06/2006

1	Keith COFFEY	Bec CC	00:20:49
6	Nick Butler	De Laune CC	00:22:24

Thanet RC 25 04/06/2006

1	Paul Burrows	Kent Cycles RC	00:55:15
11	Nick Butler	De Laune CC	00:59:15
30	Alan Priddy	De Laune CC	01:03:36
56	Malcolm Adams	De Laune CC	01:15:11

Sotonia CC 10 - 3 June 2006

1	George Unsworth	Gloucester City CC	00:21:20
103	John Starsmrae	De Laune CC	00:28:21

Bournemouth Jubilee Whs 10 (10/06/2006)

Tony Peachey	San Fairy Ann	00:26:35	2nd Claim
Clair Silvester	San Fairy Ann	00:26:20	Nee Peachey

CLUB SUMMER 25 MILE TT - 11th June

1	Nick Butler	De Laune CC	00:56:35
2	James King	De Laune CC	01:01:08
3	Alan Priddy	De Laune CC	01:01:55
4	Brian Dacey	De Laune CC	01:03:12
5	Steve Carter-Smith	De Laune CC	01:03:29
6	Dave Haggart	De Laune CC	01:05:01
7	Roy Savery	De Laune CC	01:05:04

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a daughter Alison 47yrs and two grandsons by her 26 and 22, all doing well. Steven works for the RNLI at Poole and Alison owns the Bankes Arms Hotel in Corfe Castle.

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Best regards to you and all in the De Laune.

Bert-Alf

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ARTIST PROFILE

Bert Wason F.R.P.S.

It was during a school visit to Swanage from his home in 1947 that Bert first discovered the wonders of Natural History, the rocks, the plants, insects, birds enthralled him.

He learnt about the basics of photography during his National Service, as a Model Maker in the R.A.F. He was working in a Joint Service Intelligence Unit, which involved the taking and use of photographs.

In 1955, Bert purchased his camera and joined Epsom Camera Club. This was the beginning of his competitive and exhibition type of photography.

His next Club was the Woking Photographic Society at which time he was working in the Wind Tunnel Dept. of Vickers Armstrong Aircraft, Weybridge. There was a well-equipped darkroom, which he put to very good use.

In 1964, he moved to Wareham, putting a damper on his photography until 1970 when he joined the young Wareham Camera Club. After complaining about competitions, he was coerced into being Competition Secretary. This was followed by various committee posts until the 80's when he had the honour to be President. (I'm still President)

It was in 1977 that a member, who encouraged him to join the R.P.S. and introduced him to the techniques of nature photography. In 1980, he attained his first ambition: Associateship in Nature Photography. In 1987, Bert achieved his Fellowship in Nature.

Bert tutors courses on Nature Photography and lectures widely to many societies. He publishes in various magazines and Awards include:

- Royal Photographic Society International Exhib. 1991 & 1992
- Southampton International Photographic Exhib. 1995
- BBC 'Gardeners World' Photographer of the Year 1992
- Southampton International 2000, PSA Silver Medal for
- Best Wildlife Slide in Exhibition.
- **Many acceptances in international exhibitions.**



Could this be our President out on a training ride in Tatsfield



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

Saturday	15-Jul	Track Meeting	Herne Hill
Sunday	16-Jul	Max Dods Memorial	Herne Bay
Sunday	07:00	30-Jul	Fred Peachy "25" Q25/8
Saturday	07:30	19-Aug	OMA 10 Harrietsham Q10/20
Saturday	06:30	9-Sep	Open "10" Q10/19
Sunday	07:40	17-Sep	Autumn 25 G25/53
Sunday		24-Sep	Down Hill Tilburstow
Sunday	11.00	1-Oct	Hill Climb GH 31

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