

# DE LAUNE CYCLING CLUB

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**THE NEWS**



**RICHMOND PARK**

**January 2022**



## Cover Photos

L to R, Chris Gordon-Coker,

Peter Jenn.

Elain Owen,

George Lewis

Robert Owen

And John “KAV” Kavanagh in the lower photo



On a wet and cold Sunday, I was waiting for the club run to turn up. I thought my drive from Maidstone was in vain. Who should turn up? - it was Peter Jenn. He apologised for being late. He had to ride all the way from Streatham as his van was written off by the M.O.T people !

Ten minutes later, four more turned up led by George. It must have been the smell of the hot mulled wine that they made the effort, this was after George had insisted they rode three laps of the park. I think they only rode one.

I have attached a photo of our merry crew who look knackered, especially after two bottles of wine. Merry Christmas to you all.

Kav.

CLUB NIGHT  
SECOND MONDAY  
OF EACH MONTH  
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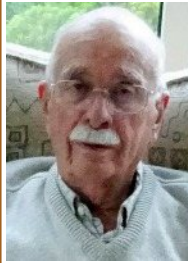
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Over the last 4 weeks have had emails from Ted McDonald, Ted is an Ex member and lives in South Africa.

Also mail fro Ian Silvester one of our other members from our Isle of Skye branch. See them on another page.

I have also found more Ex members, the great Jazz musician Adam Glasser (page 8) and Francis Thurmer (page 9).

Hi amark, I tried to contact Jeremy but I got nonreply. Not sure who to ask? Dave Le Grys here. You may or may not know but 2 of my family used to belong to De laune CC I was looking through your archive and come across a couple of newspaper cuttings. My question to you is, could I share them on social media? No problem if not. Always best to ask first. Kind regards Legro

Christmas Card from Beryl White enclosing a book of stamps for the DLN postage. Thank you Beryl.

Another letter from Geoff Sinnett he has been unwell and confined to bed for three week but he has enclose more stamps for the postage of the DLN.

The following is from the “The History of Holdsworths and as I think most of you know Tom Quick R.I.P was my brother in law.

Some **stock** frames were made by **Alec Bird**, but only for a couple of years, **other frame builders** were also used for **stock** frames. When Reg left (1970?) **Tommy Quick** took on the building of 'specials' and continued to 1995, although the name on the shop frames changed from 'Holdsworth' to 'Roy Thame' in 1975.

## The first whatsapp group ride

The screenshot shows a WhatsApp group chat interface. At the top, the status bar displays the time 15:02, signal strength, Wi-Fi, and 68% battery. The chat header is orange with a back arrow, the word "Ride", and a share icon. The sender is identified as Jean Bergin, with a profile picture and a timestamp of "Today at 9:31 AM · London, England". The message content includes the title "De Laune Friday spin" and the note "Very windy". Below the text is a map showing a red route through the De Laune area, with labels for Bexleyheath, Bromley, Swarley, Orpington, Croydon, Sutton, Duggin Hill, Mactarham, and Sevensal. A statistics table follows, and at the bottom, there is a "View Analysis" button and a group management section showing "with Nathan P." and a "Manage Group" button.

Distance	54.67 km	Elevation Gain	654 m
Moving Time	2:43:02	Avg Power	93 W
Avg Speed	20.1 km/h	Calories	1,010 Cal

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Cold and windy Friday spin with  
Elaine Owen Jean Birgin and Nathan Palmer



**'active riders whatsapp group'.**

I would love to start one up, if there isn't one already? If other riders wanted to start one up for leisurely club rides then i would happily organise it. All members need to do is whatsapp me on 07807303029

Nathan Palmer

TIME NOW FOR ALL YOU ACTIVE RIDERS TO GIVE NATHAN YOUR  
SUPPORT. Ed.

## Happy New Year everyone!

Just as a reminder, your membership is due for renewal on 1- January.

The most convenient way from our end is to use [RiderHQ.com](http://RiderHQ.com), who process all our membership payments for us.

If you haven't used this before, please use the link above which will take you to our club page and you can join from there. This helps us manage your membership in the future.

If you have used RiderHQ before, you should have already received a reminder from them via email. If you haven't seen it, please follow [this renewal link](#) – and check whether the reminder email may have gone into your Junk email.

If you have any problems with any of this, feel free to contact me at [wxwright@msn.com](mailto:wxwright@msn.com) and hopefully I can help.

Those of you who prefer not to use RiderHQ, don't worry, traditional methods are still available.

Either send a bank transfer to our account –

De Laune Cycling Club - 20-66-51 - 60324329

Or else you can post a cheque to me at

Bill Wright, 61a Burns House, Doddington Grove, London SE17 3SX

Our subscription rates are as follows:

Life members - Nuffin

Ordinary/Standard membership - £20

2nd Claim membership - £15

Full time student - £15

Associate membership - £10

Juniors / Youths - Free

Life members don't need to do any of this, we'll automatically roll your membership over.

Juniors and Youths, please email me to let me know that you wish to continue your membership.

Very many thanks

Bill Wright

Membership Secretary

Hi mark

Great effort in continuing to produce a good readable 'news' every month.

Enjoy reading Val's article on hers and Tony's life in the Scottish Isles and wish Tony a better quality of life. In the Isles.

The article on Reg Barnett and the News Of The world sprint did not mention his so call defeat was by the thickness of a tyre from Gesche, The following week the paper published a photo on is sports page of the finish of the final and lo and behold Reg was actually the winner by a tyre width from Gesche. But without photo finish camera as into day races the human eye would only see the rider coming up fast on the outside as the winner. Later that year (if I remember the years correctly) Reg beat Gesche in reach the final of the Paris Grand Prix were he finished second to Daniel Morelan the then current World Sprint Champion.

Hope to have the 2021 African new letter to you by the end of next month (December)

Regards

**Ted McDonald**



Hi Mark

Not sure if this is of use to you for some content in the next DLN but we think it might be?

On C4 there is currently a series of programmes (Grand Designs House of the Year) showing different styles of architecturally designed houses with a view to the RIBA (Royal Institute of British Architectures) voting from a final short list of houses featured in the programme. The winning house will be declared "House of the Year"

In the episode aired on Wednesday 24th November there was a house featured that was called "The Slot House". It was given this name because it was literally "slotted" into a space that was once a disused alley. The width of alley was just 2.80 metres so it really was a case of slotting the house into

the very narrow space available. Anyway, Claire and I watched the programme and as the film started showing external details of the house Claire commented that the house immediately to the right of the "Slot House" actually looked a bit familiar. The more that the programme showed external details the more convinced Claire became that she was certain that she knew the house immediately to the right.

A bit of Google searching ensued and it turns out the "Slot House" was located in Peckham, South London.

It was at this point that it dawned on Claire exactly why she recognised the building to the right of the "Slot House"

The building Claire recognised was the old De Laune clubroom!!

What a surprise too see, totally unexpected and out of the blue. But Claire is as certain as she can be that it was the old clubroom.

So there we have it. The old De Laune clubroom has been seen on C4 and is attached to an architecturally designed house short listed for "House of the Year"!! There's still time for you to take a peep at the house and old clubroom. It'll be featured in the final episode when they reveal the winning house.

By the way..... we both think it's a very good bit of architecture that made good use of a very small, compact and difficult to get to space. It's been shortlisted for the final. We're not so sure it's worthy of being declared the overall winner but we shall see as the series of programmes comes to its conclusion.

**IAN SILVESTER**

Hi Mark

First off, glad you can use the little writeup in the DLN.

Claire was pretty confident it was the clubroom but not 100%, maybe about 95% purely because it was such a long time ago and the 5% uncertainty was because she wondered whether her memory wasn't accurate.

On reading your email it turns out the 5% being unsure was unfounded. Look forward to seeing the next DLN





## EX MEMBER

Chromatic harmonica specialist - jazz, funk, latin, classical - worked with major artists including Sting. Harmonica album 'Free at First' Best Jazz Album South African Music Awards

- performed/recorded/TV with Sting, Eurythmics, Incognito, Joe Zawinul, BBC The Voice
- multiple TV/ film sessions include David Arnold, Steve Sidley, Debbie Wiseman, Howard Shore, Elliot Goldenthal, shared harmonica credits with Toots Thielemans on film 'Hard Rain'
- Live Orchestral performances include Welsh National Opera/BBC Concert Orchestra (Kurtag's 'Quasi Una Fantasia' ),
- Royal Northern Sinfonia/Manchester Camerata (John Barry film music).
- Theatre productions include Midsummer Night's Dream( Shakespeare's Globe ), His Girl Friday, Scenes from the Big Picture (Royal National Theatre, London).
- performed jazz/South African jazz at international festivals including Dakar, Cape Town, Johannesburg, Scarborough, Trossingen
- own critically acclaimed albums - 'Free at First' (2010 South African Music Award Best Modern Jazz Album) and 'Mzansi' (nominated 2012 SAMA Best Jazz Album).
- harmonica on the title track of for Abdullah



Ibrahim's 2019 album *The Balance*

- harmonica for 2018 UK orchestral tour of 'Italian Job' live screenings,
- head line performance of Adam Glasser SA Jazz Sextet at the 2018 Brecon Jazz Festival
- Piano: Hugh Masekela at the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow and at York University, UK tours with Jimmy Witherspoon, Martha Reeves & the Vandellas



## FRANCIS THURMER

**I have and ride (aprox) 25X bikes, admittedly some of 'em are in bits at the moment.**

**Part Time Trikie .**

**Founder member of the now defunct Highly Wycombe section of the Veteran Cycle Club ("old blokes on ole' bikes") . Riding with Oxon VCC since The Move .**

**In the deep mists of the previous century I toured and raced to second cat level and with a long 22 min "10" to my name and with absolutely no sucess wotsoever on the track and in cyclo-x with Edgeware section West Lon CTC , London St Christophers, CC Islington, The De Laune and latterly Thames Velo .**

**Now that I am a Grumpy ole' git I go off on my own on 40 hour "Velocio"-rides all over the South of England; and how do I do that ? Very, Very S L O W L Y .**

**I bought my Campag tool kit circa 1980 and with it and a Team issue Citroen CX did national+ international Race Service. .**

**It may be possible to do your repair while-u-wait or as a Master Class. Pick-up is possible though almost always much more expensive than you coming to me.**

**I have been a member of the Cyclists Touring Club since 1956**

# AFRICAN LETTER 2021

*Fifty years ago last month (5th November 1971) we embarked on the Windsor Castle from Southampton seen off by Roy & Gina Savery to forge a new life in Sunny South Africa, a Land of Milk and Honey*

*One Dollar would buy you R1.3/4*

*One Pound sterling would buy you R 1.77*

*Petrol was under 9 cents a litre*

*A Mercedes would cost you R4000*

*A three bedroom house under R20000*

*You decided how much you were going to save before you went shopping*

*And now fifty years later sunny South Africa is but a Land of Dust and Ashes*

*One Dollar buys you R16*

*A Pound buys you R22*

*Petrol R19 per litre*

*A Mercedes will cost you R850 000*

*A three bedroom house (little change from One Million Rand*

*After you go shopping you decide how much to save if you have any left*

*Crime is rampant, house breakins with armed robbers commonplace; living in Gated Complexes almost a must, especially for the elderly (which includes us these days!).*

*Hi jacking a daily occurrence.*

*Most of these activities carry little in the Newspapers as they are almost daily activities.*

In June our former President Jacob Zuma, was sentenced to 15 months for contempt of court and boy did we have fun over the following few months until he was released on Medical Parole. Shops burnt down , looting was rife, large multi stores in shopping centres were severely damaged that it took several months to repair and replace stock before they could reopen, which happened only last week. An area called Springfield Park was almost flattened. Police warned us via East Coast Radio not to approach anywhere the area. Some mobs clashed with the police resulting in the usual gun battles. Several Africans were killed bringing the usual uproar of police brutality.

Several people have been charged with inciting riots

Lorry drivers are on permanent quarrel to ban foreign drivers and recently blocked the main road to Johannesburg in both directions, lorries blocking all six lanes: three up and two down. This started at 3am, so when the daily traffic started you can imagine the commotion! The road was finally opened later the same day.

Taxi wars are ongoing, not with the drivers but with the Owners squabbling over the routes used, resulting in multiple drive-by shootings,

Local municipal elections were held recently, resulting in several candidates from townships finding themselves in gun battles with opposing parties. Three women dressed in ANC t-shirts were killed as they attempted to visit a political party meeting.

BILLY THE KID WOULD HAVE BEEN IN HIS ELEMENT, HAD HE LIVED IN SOUTH AFRICA TODAY

After Rio, where we gained 10 medals in the Olympics, and 17 medals in the Para-Olympics we thought we would have even greater success in Tokyo this year. Unfortunately this did not happen and we were restricted to just 3 medals in the Olympics (2 swimming and 1 Surfing) and 7 in the Para-Olympics. Our hero was 19 year old double amputee Ntando Mahlango, who spent the first 10 years of his life in a wheelchair. At 14 he had won a Silver Medal in Rio, prior to winning double gold in both the 100m and the Long Jump in Tokyo.

Have you noticed as you get a little older each year how many friends don't make it? We have seen 7 friends and acquaintances between the ages of 55 and 83 pass on this year: three from cancer; three for stroke and heart attacks, and one shot at home by masked robbers.

Life can be so short for some, but for us it lingers around a bit!

Both Judi and I had Covid 19 in August: I was in hospital for a week while Judi suffered at home. Two months later I went to the gym to train and landed back in hospital for another 2 days'

After 4 and ½ months we are still showing signs of the aftermath

With the New Year approaching new us!!!!!!!!!!!!

Over the years several De Laune members have written to me, in response to my African letter. If you would like to join them by writing to me I would be delighted to hear from you. (ted1mcdonald@telkomsa.net)

*Hope you all have a good  
New Year*

*Ted McDonald*

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From CYCLING

JULY 1915

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**Another Clubman Killed.**  
We regret to record the death in France of Frank C. Reed (Queen's Westminster), a popular member of the De Laune C.C. Previously C. Maxwell and P. Williams, of the same club had been wounded, and while the latter was having his wounds dressed a shell entered the building and caused further casualties. Frank Reed deprived himself of all rest that night by assisting to bandage and carry the wounded to the dressing station, as there was a lack of R.A.M.C. stretcher bearers. Next day, while in the reserve trenches, a shell burst near him, and a portion of shrapnel entered his head and killed him. His loss is a severe blow to his club, of which he was one of the most active members. A good rider, he had also a wonderful gift of thrilling his audiences with his songs, and he delighted the men of his regiment at the occasional concerts held in the rear of the trenches. Clubdon will mourn his loss.



Rishi Fox is a Facebook friend of mine from Melbourne Australia and she is an endurance cyclist.

She was the joint organiser for the MALLEE BLAST 1000km OFF ROAD and also was a rider in the event

Ed.

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**radrishi Mallee Blast Day 4  
Charlton to Creswick  
205km 2400vm**

Having pre ridden the southbound 500, today was the one day that I was actually worried about. I knew what was coming, and it was UP. Not my forte at the best of times, but with a twisted knee even more of a concern. I'd talked it up in my head almost to the point of anxiety. These are those times I have to remind myself of all the "impossible" situations I've been in before and made it through, and my favourite self talk "it will take however long it takes, just get on with it".

I left at 4am again, enjoying the cool morning and another brilliant sunrise. Breakfast in St Arnaud where I caught up with Rich and Noel again, then off on my own to tackle the inevitable. It was as bad as I remembered and with my fatigue and sore knee I had to walk a lot. But it was fine. I just got on with it and it wasn't really a big deal. I enjoyed the downs, making use of my mountain biking background. Until.... BANG! As soon as it happened I reacted quickly! A rock had sliced my sidewall. I was off the bike, finger over the gash while I ripped out my plugs from my top tube bag and stuffed one in there. It sealed OK and due to my quick reaction I hadn't lost much air, but I couldn't get it to seal completely so it was a slow leak the rest of the way to the finish line, stopping every few hours to add more air.

Once past the climbing I relaxed, knowing for sure

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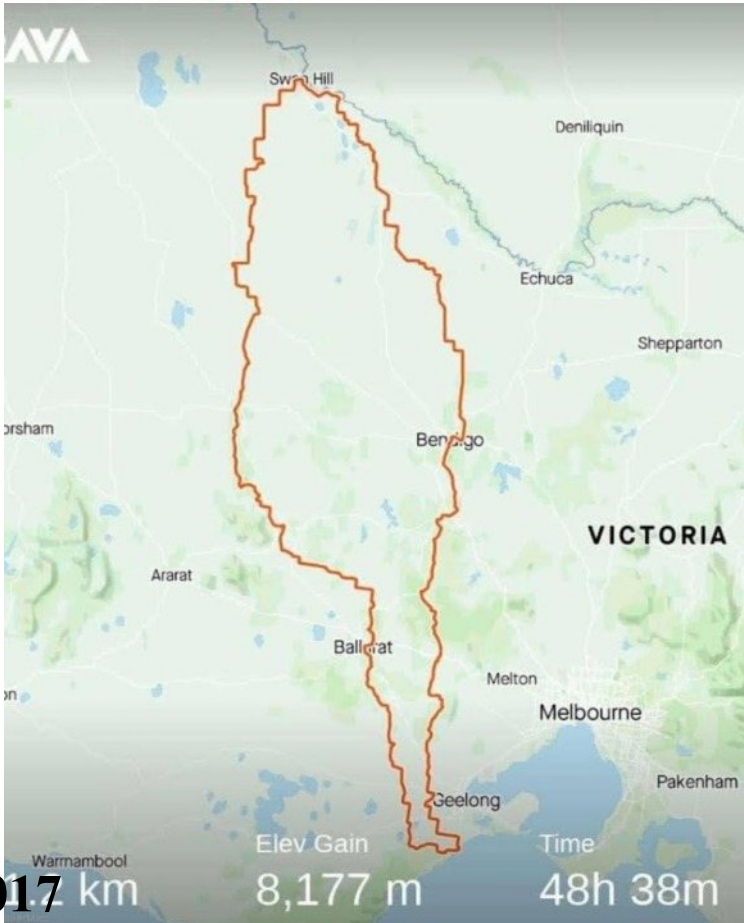
now that I would get to the end. The remainder of the day from Avoca to Creswick was the section of the route which I put together. Familiar territory I'd ridden heaps of times. I was surprised how much harder everything was than every other time I've ridden it! Fatigue made all those small climbs HURT! But I was having a great time 😊

#malleeblast1000 #malleeblast #bikepacking #ultraendurancecycling

eejster Beautiful pics..what did you use..



radrishi @eejster iPhone



## MEMBERS RIDES WEEK ENDING

		Distance	Rides	Longest	Avg.Speed	Elev. Gai
<b>W/E 5 December</b>						
1	Tom B.	224.9 km	5	100.7 km	24.8 km/h	2,587 m
2	Nathan P.	124.6 km	8	32.9 km	24.1 km/h	1,106 m
3	Gary B.	107.1 km	3	46.1 km	32.0 km/h	209 m
4	Simon L.	92.7 km	2	92.7 km	22.0 km/h	431 m
5	Michael V.	84.4 km	2	62.3 km	21.9 km/h	892 m
6	Jamie B.	82.8 km	3	35.5 km	34.5 km/h	727 m
7	Debra V.	82.1 km	2	62.1 km	22.9 km/h	778 m
8	Matt k.	80.5 km	1	80.5 km	28.4 km/h	138 m
9	Eddie B.	78.1 km	4	47.3 km	25.8 km/h	882 m
10	Ade B.	77.9 km	2	60.2 km	25.6 km/h	360 m
11	David H.	77.6 km	3	26.4 km	25.9 km/h	--
12	Chris G.	72.9 km	3	63.8 km	22.3 km/h	309 m
13	Jean B.	4.2 km	1	4.2 km	10.7 km/h	11 m
<b>W/E 12 December</b>						
1	Nathan P.	153.8 km	4	58.5 km	22.1 km/h	1,023 m
2	Jamie B.	143.3 km	4	88.9 km	27.1 km/h	1,680 m
3	Tom B.	137.7 km	4	37.4 km	28.8 km/h	1,697 m
4	Michael V.	136.2 km	4	44.4 km	22.7 km/h	1,286 m
5	Debra V.	107.4 km	3	43.0 km	21.4 km/h	1,205 m
6	Matt k.	103.1 km	1	103.1 km	28.4 km/h	180 m
7	Eddie B.	92.4 km	5	36.6 km	29.8 km/h	219 m
8	Chris G.	92.2 km	4	70.6 km	25.8 km/h	574 m
9	David H.	89.5 km	3	36.7 km	25.6 km/h	--
10	Simon L.	74.1 km	3	50.9 km	22.1 km/h	353 m
11	Gary B.	60.3 km	2	30.2 km	29.9 km/h	102 m
12	Jean B.	54.6 km	1	54.6 km	20.1 km/h	654 m
13	Ade B.	21.1 km	1	21.1 km	28.8 km/h	--
14	Richard P	.0.1 km	1	0.1 km	7.4 km/h	2 m



## MEMBERS RIDES WEEK ENDING

		Distance	Rides	Longest	Avg.Speed	Elev. Gai
<b>W/E 19 December</b>						
1	Tom B.	235.3 km	3	123.5 km	29.2 km/h	2,418 m
2	Nathan P.	217.1 km	6	87.6 km	22.4 km/h	1,827 m
3	Eddie B.	149.3 km	5	50.4 km	31.0 km/h	1,398 m
4	Michael V.	132.2 km	3	47.6 km	20.9 km/h	1,389 m
5	Chris G.	95.1 km	3	75.5 km	26.7 km/h	473 m
6	Simon L.	90.3 km	2	90.3 km	23.3 km/h	371 m
7	David H.	89.1 km	3	38.0 km	25.5 km/h	--
8	Debra V.	85.9 km	2	47.7 km	21.2 km/h	915 m
9	Gary B.	30.3 km	1	30.3 km	32.7 km/h	51 m
10	Matt k.	25.7 km	1	25.7 km	29.4 km/h	66 m
11	Jamie B.	23.0 km	1	23.0 km	32.9 km/h	177 m
12	Garry B.	22.5 km	2	19.5 km	22.8 km/h	210 m
13	Jean B.	13.4 km	1	13.4 km	7.7 km/h	93 m
<b>W/E 26 December</b>						
1	Garry B.	96.6 km	4	37.3 km	31.0 km/h	489 m
2	MichaelV.	80.8 km	3	30.6 km	21.8 km/h	854 m
3	Matt k.	67.5 k	2	51.6 km	22.8 km/h	995 m
4	Nathan P.	47.2 km	2	36.3 km	24.3 km/h	183 m
5	Tom B.	27.1 km	1	27.1 km	26.7 km/h	364 m
6	Simon L.	23.1 km	1	23.1 km	31.5 km/h	181 m
7	Debra V.	22.1 km	1	22.1 km	19.9 km/h	212 m
8	JJean B.	6.2 km	1	6.2 km	7.8 km/h	19 m

## BENCHES AT NEWNHAM

In last month's DLN (December 2021) there was a photograph of one of the two benches that the club has donated to the Church of St Peter and St Paul at Newnham. One of the benches is dedicated to Sir Roger Moate (1938-2019). Sir Roger was the Conservative MP for Faversham, Kent from 1970 to 1997; he was a member of the Select Committee for Agriculture from 1995 to 1997 and was knighted in 1993. He moved back to Faversham from Newnham, where he died of cancer in 2019.

The second bench is dedicated to Charlie Clark (1923-2020), who moved to Newnham from Bromley, Kent just before the Second World War. Charlie worked as a farmhand on a local farm where there were some thirty other employees. Today the farm is owned by an insurance company who employ just a farm manager with no other employees, all the farm work such as ploughing, seeding and harvesting is carried out by sub-contractors.

It is interesting to note that Sir Roger Moate and Charlie Clark should meet as Church Wardens at St Peter and St Paul Church from opposite ends of the agricultural industry.

***Brian Saxton***



Member Amy Piddington age 91 on the left is our oldest member by age and on the right I think this is Alan Piddington Amy's ex and also an ex member.

I believe the photo was taken in 2017 at the birthday party of her son James in the middle.

## Life on Skye

Hi everyone,

Firstly happy New Year to everyone – I hope those in the competitive range achieve their goals, I hope the out and out leisure riders enjoy their meanders through the countryside and the 'back room' boys and girls are not too overworked.

I cannot believe that we have been on the island almost a year, time has certainly flown by and our lives have changed significantly. Gone are the days when we could just pop out somewhere, every journey away from the house has to be organised almost to military manoeuvre status.

The Peachey's and Silvester's enjoyed a full Christmas lunch together, it is such a long time since I prepared and cooked one I had almost forgotten how to organise the day. Everything was present and correct with a helping hand from Claire. Ian's time did not go unused as he cleaned out my gutters which had been blocked by clumps of moss tumbling down from the roof. Jolly good job done and most appreciated. I had been dodging the overflow from the gutters for a few weeks, it was a bit like Nicaragua Falls at times.

At long last I have almost managed to plant all bulbs and purchased plants in the garden. I counted up in excess of 350 daffodils/tulip bulbs, they just kept coming. Every time I ordered plants they came with 25 bulbs. Thankfully Claire made use of some for me. I foolishly purchased 'bargain' bulbs very early on in the season, not knowing bags of free ones came with every order, I almost had bulbs coming out of my ears. All sorted now. Of the plants purchased I had 40 heathers, 12 red hot pokers, 9 miscanthus grasses, 10 echinacea and 20 Astrantia. Still to be planted out in the new year are 33 winter pansies and 33 polyanthus. If everything survives we should have a good show.

It was sad to see such a low turnout for the Newnham weekend, I should think that is the lowest for decades. Let us hope next year we will be lockdown and virus free when more club members will remember those club lads who paid the ultimate sacrifice so that we could all enjoy our freedom now.

**SEE OVER**

# CLUB EVENTS

Sat 1 January 2022 New Year's day walk - Three Horseshoes, Knockholt 10:00

*Our weather has been fairly kind to us, no snow so far but some really cold nights and strong winds. Those are the days you stay indoors in the warm. I just make sure I seize every opportunity to enjoy the grand outdoors.*

*Our thanks to all the club members who posted Christmas cards and those who send by email. Every visitor was astonished at the number displayed in our living room, almost seems sad to remove them on 12. night. On the good side it will be a lot easier to dust the furniture !!*

*Best wishes to all De Laune members for 2022, stay safe and healthy.*

## **Val the Peach**

**SEE MESSAGE BOARD to keep UP TO DATE**

**<http://mikepeel.proboards67.com>**

**CLOSING DATE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

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