

# DE LAUNE CYCLING CLUB

*Founded 1889*

**OUR ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH FIRST YEAR**

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**PHIL O'CONNOR**

**OUR THANKS TO PHIL FOR ALL THE TT PHOTOS FROM  
THE 80'S**

**DON'T FORGET TO BUY HIM A COFFEE**



**August 2020**

, Dulwich and Streatham

Note from Hon Secretary

The AGM was successfully held by Zoom on Monday 15. June 2020 and the minutes will be circulated shortly. As a result of Val & Tony Peachey being elected joint Presidents there are two vacancies for members to join the Committee, furthermore there is a vacancy for the reserve auditor. The Committee meets bi-monthly on the second Monday of the month, currently by Zoom but prior to the lockdown we met at The Herne Hill Velodrome Pavilion. Should any members wish to volunteer for any of these positions please contact Chalky at [chalky\\_white1949@outlook.com](mailto:chalky_white1949@outlook.com) by 1. September and any applications will be considered by the Committee at its next meeting on 14. September 2020.

***Hi All***

***Well we have just been given the all clear to go ahead with Time Trials. We have two club 10's Sat. 15/08/20 - 12/09/20 on course 10/24 Isle of Grain starting @ 15:00hrs. For those two days I will need time keepers, marshals, and Riders. Please let me know if you are available to help, or interested in riding. In both cases I need to know at least a week beforehand, I need at least 3 riders otherwise we would have more marshals than riders!***

***Hope to hear from you soon.***

***Alan***

19<sup>th</sup> July ***Hi all***

***So far I have six marshals & "ONE" rider for the first 10 15:8:2020, if there are no more entries with a week to go then I will have to cancel the event. 1 rider does not constitute a race, or a competition, when six members will give up their Saturday afternoon***

**CLUB NIGHT  
SECOND MONDAY  
OF EACH MONTH  
HERNE HILL VELODROME  
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## **Presidential Ramblings**



It's been a funny old month for the pair of us. Both your Presidents spent just shy of a week in hospital early on in the month when Val became unwell whilst out walking and was 'saved' by a kindly dog walker who realised things were not right despite Val assuring him she was 'fine'. Fortunately he did not believe her and summoned an ambulance and the rest was history. Once admitted it was realised that Tony was not good at looking after himself alone, and he was also admitted for his own safety. So unusually we were treated to the hospitality of the NHS of which we have no complaints. The best outcome was that we were both tested for COVID 19 and found to be negative. Needless to say we have had a quiet July, Val recovering slowly, gradually returning back to rude health.

To carry on the Emergency Ward 10 theme we heard a rumour that Mick Valentine had an argument with a car and although not badly injured he did suffer some aches, pains and bruises. I am reliably told

that he is out on the bike again, just shows you cannot keep a good man down.

As it turned out the Zoom committee meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> was a godsend as it meant we did not have to travel up to Herne Hill for the committee meeting. I must admit I was sceptical about video conferencing initially, especially as we had difficulty getting our Zoom connection just right. The first two meetings we joined we had no sound and other 'attendees' could not hear us. But perseverance proved beneficial and we were fully immersed with the chatter this time round. It is certainly convenient but you just cannot beat a face to face chat for an all round discussion.

At long last it seems we may be seeing the faint signs of some competition taking place. Many of the South East clubs are starting to run their club events but restricting entries to their own club folk only, something I understand we considering for our 2 club 10's. We need a minimum of 3 riders to make the events worthwhile, at the last count that is exactly what we have. Hopefully more will come forward at the last minute.

Many of the South East open time trial events have been abandoned for 2020 in line with other Districts. Certainly the local long distance events of 100 miles and 12 hour has been kicked into touch. The biggest issue regarding these events is the lack of halls for headquarters. I think it is proving too difficult to ensure premises are adequately sanitized after usage for it to be a viable proposition for hall committees to contemplate. I think we will see many clubs and the CTT National committee will not be awarding many trophies this year as the events have just not been viable.

I suspect BC events are fairing no better, in fact they may be even worse as the riders come into greater proximity to one another whilst competing.

In a sense this pandemic has turned out to be a disaster for competitive event generally, even worse than the foot and mouth outbreak in 2001, at least we did not have a lock down in our homes, although travel around the rural parts of the country were restrictive. I remember Claire and I went on a walking holiday in the Peak District, some of our routes were out of bounds but the pubs and cafes were open !!

Lets hope we have some much cheerier news next month when we hopefully will be getting back to some semblance of reality.

**Val & Tony**

## **APPALLED**

Seeing my photo in the mag made me realise how important it is to watch your diet & carry on with regular exercise. Seeing my bulk against the others, wasn't hard to see the odd one out. In our move to Tenterden(Kent) I came across a load of cycling memories that my mother had kept.

This is one of the Star Trophy races London to Brighton. A bit like the early season continental classics. This late March 1963 front page shows eventual winner O'Shea a giant of a man struggling off the back on that massive Ashdown climb, we called the wall.

You can also see to his far left our own De Laune Polish rider George Plonka. (Pronounced Peonka) not that any of us did. Strong as a horse. Always one you wanted in a break. Come to think of it, can't remember being in a break without him. When he came to England, he had to join De Laune because our own Alan Jackson was such a hero in Poland. The other photo is a slimmer me co leading over that same climb. Eventually finishing 5th after mucking up the finish when in a winning position. Even after all these years it's the one race that still bugs me.

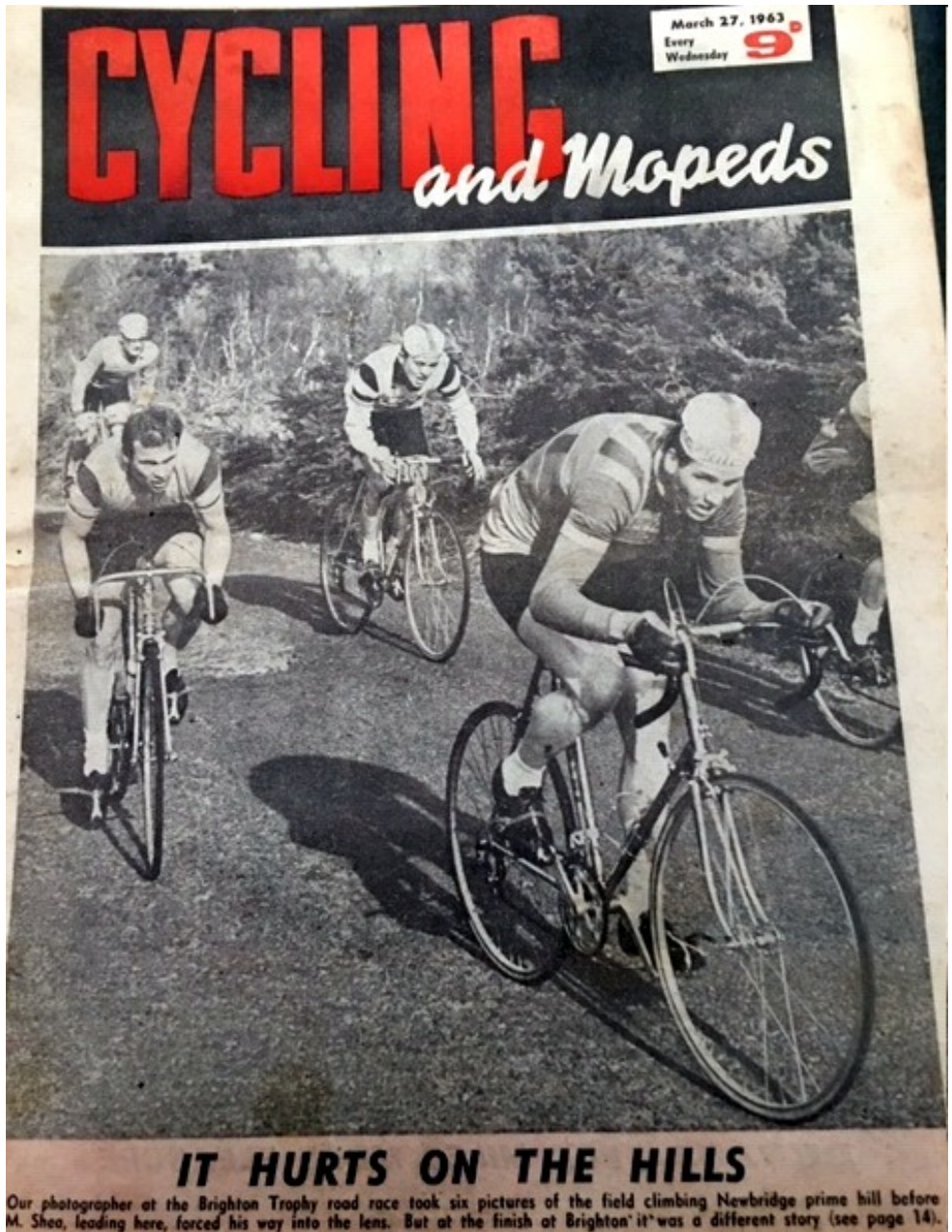
Tragically George died last year. He lived with us for a few years, and will be missed.

*Terry Deeley.*

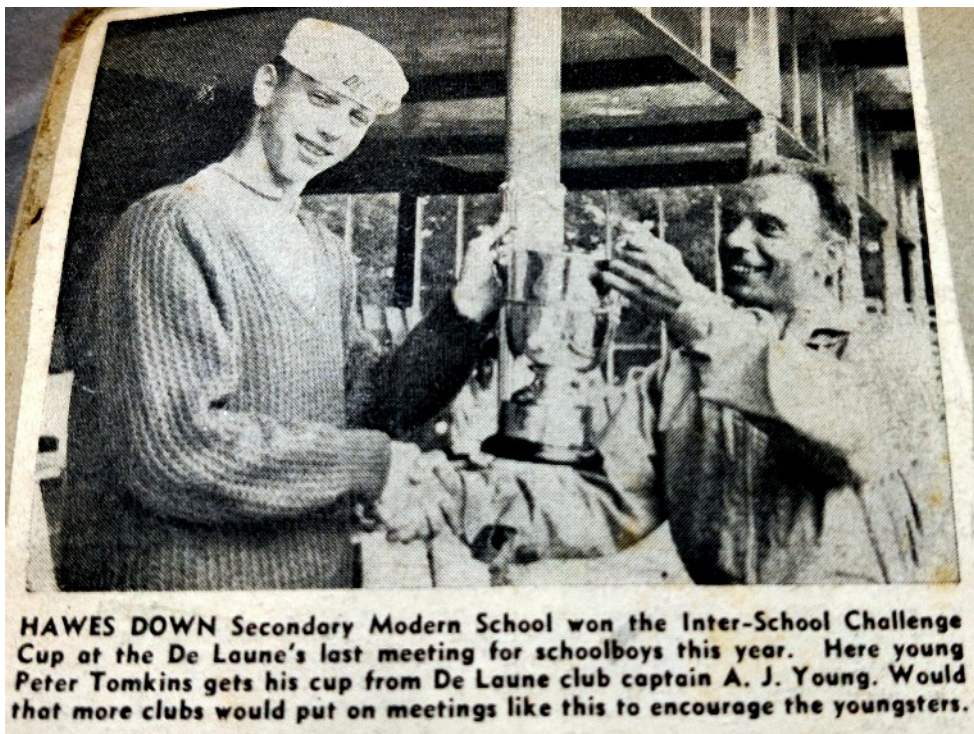




Sorry Mark, The old eyes are going. I'm 4th. From the left. I'm confusing it remembering going over the top leading with another rider, before Dave Bonner took a flyer, not to be seen again until just before the finishing parade. *Terry*



Hi Malc, hope all is well with your part of the world,thanks for the DL club mag good reading,I was in touch with Pete Hatch ,west kent living in Hastings ,I was talking about John Clarey he was saying he has mood swings and sleeps a fair amount during the day so it must be about two years ,since they flew him from the Isle of Wight after his crash. re the cutting it's about 50y old talking of old members do you remember a Crocume ,a rough spelling i think he had a dad who was POW IN Japan ,All the best Terry LackMore about



Graham Crocombe

*Mention was made of Graham Crocombe an ex member in last months DLN, so I have tried to see what I could fine out about him. You will see most of his history below but all I can find is that he moved back to London in November 2015 got married and then I have lost track of him. Ed.*

*Found this on Facebook*

I lived in Herne Hill S.E. London during my childhood and teenage years and attended William Penn Comprehensive School for boys in North Dulwich.

I was a member of the De Laune Cycling Club based in North Dulwich S.E. London from about 1965 until the mid 1970's. I raced in Time Trials and was also the Club Captain for one year organising Sunday Club Runs.



I moved to Swansea when aged 22 in 1971, to work at Morganite Morrison Swansea. While living in Swansea, I shared my house in the Sandfields area with various friends. While working I managed to fit in a couple of adventure holidays, travelling to Athens and then on to Crete by Mini Bus in 1972, and by in a Double Decker Bus (with the roof cut off) to Marrakesh in 1973.

During the mid 1980's I became involved with the 18+ Social Network for young people between the ages of 18 and 30 years of age. I eventually became the Chairman of the Swansea 18+ Group.

I got married to Yvonne from Bridgend in 1978, who was a member of the local Bridgend Group. I moved to the Bridgend area where I still currently live. During my career, I became responsible for Quality Management and then Health and Safety Management in what was at the time a large process engineering and manufacturing facility that was part of the Multi-National Morgan Crucible Group of Companies.

After leaving work, I went back to study at Bridgend College, where I completed a Post Graduate Certificate in Adult and Further Education and went on to carry out some voluntary teaching work.

I have been fully retired from work for some. I enjoy walking / trekking and adventure travel.

I have recently got back into cycling regularly this year.

Since retiring from work I have done some voluntary work and have been actively involved in various projects in the local community.





My friend in Melbourne, Ed. Rishi Fox- Endurance Cycling Adventures

11<sup>th</sup> July

One week till I was supposed to be flying to France to line up for my third go at TCR. I'm trying to stay positive but honestly I have my good and my bad days. Here in Victoria we have just gone back into stage 3 lockdown for the next six weeks. Covid 19 cases are on the increase and we now have community transmission. Everything I plan has to keep being cancelled. I feel like I've hardly ridden outside this year. While I'm glad for Zwift and my indoor trainer I yearn for fresh air and that feeling of adventure and the unknown. I'm grateful for my health and my job in a time where I am fully aware that others are in a worse position. I'm trying to take control by setting myself small, achievable goals and trying not to look too far into the future. I look back at all of the amazing rides I've done and places I've been and am so happy that I've had those experiences. I hope you are all doing ok and that some day, who knows when, we will be able to adventure again.

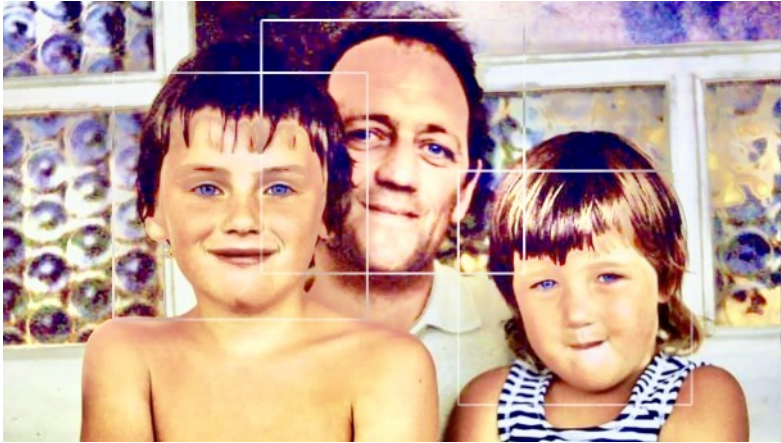
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L-R Mick Jones, Alan Rowe, Barry Rorrison, Dave Hughes  
Max Dods and John Double.

**WE HAVE A NEW MEMBER THIS MONTH DEREK BOON'S  
LITTLE BOY GARY**



**BUT IS NOT A LITTLE BOY ANY MORE HE IS NOW A  
VERY BIG BOY.**



**WELCOME TO THE CLUB GARY WE WILL LOOK FORWARD TO  
SEEING YOU ON A CLUB RUN IF YOU CAN FIND TIME TO  
MAKE THE JOURNEY FROM DUBAI, ON THE BIKE THAT IS.**

**2020 IS THE YEAR OF THE TREE**  
And this young couple of love birds  
Are now on the **WANTED** list by the  
Local council for **MUTILATING** a tree



**What lengths some members will go to just to get in the DLN**

**Photos courtesy of the Tree Warden**

**CAROLE & TERRY DEELEY,  
HAVE MOVED TO  
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**TERRY SAID  
ANY DE LAUNEIES PASSING WOULD BE WELCOLM TO  
KNOCK AT THE DOOR**

Attention, DIY'ers in Lockdown, take heed, this was penned some years ago, but never published. Here is a job best avoided as I found out to my own peril.

## **PATIO PAIN, NEVER AGAIN!**

**By Malcolm Adams**

Have you ever tried laying paving slabs on sand?  
The big buggers, which can't be lifted with one hand  
One hundred and fifty of these I had to lay  
So not a job that you can do in one day,  
Three months is the time you'll probably need,  
For handling these monsters will make your hands bleed.  
The sand must be levelled to an exact degree,  
Then you drop the slab, you've propped on your knee.  
Now it will fall on top of the sand,  
But I'll guarantee it won't fall where you want it to land.  
So you must pick it up again,  
Putting your back under more strain  
Four or five times this may have to be done,  
Till you get it right and you know you have won.  
Now that you have positioned the slab into its place,  
It must be level and of unevenness, not a trace.  
You tap it down with a block of wood,  
Don't tap it too hard for this is no good.  
A solid bash will only break it in half,  
I bet by now you're having a good laugh.  
This process must be repeated over and over again,  
And you'll wish that you could be relieved of your pain.  
So I have some good advice for you today,  
Get someone else to do it, and they'll earn their pay.



**Debby Valentine**





Buy Phil a coffee — <https://ko-fi.com/philocphotos>



Mike Peel holding ??????

Michael Rice racing





**FIRST TO NAME THE 12 MEMBERS IN THE PHOTOS ON PAGES  
13,14 & 15 WIN A BOTTLE OF WINE. ED.**

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<b><i>Social Club Events for 2020</i></b>			
Nov		NEWNHAM MEMORIAL SERVICE & LUNCH	
<b><i>Club &amp; Inter Club Events for 2020</i></b>			
15 <sup>th</sup> Aug		Club 10	Q10/24
12 <sup>th</sup> Sept		OM 10	Q10/24

**Members may like to know that it is now possible to join, or to renew your Club membership online.**

**Simply follow this link**

**<https://www.riderhq.com/groups/delaunec/join>**

**or click on the button on the membership page of the website.**

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

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

**CLOSING DATE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE 27<sup>th</sup> Aug 2020**

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