

# DE LAUNE CYCLING CLUB

*Founded 1889*

**OUR ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH SECOND YEAR**

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**MICHAEL RICE CROSSES THE LINE IN FIRST PLACE  
EASTWAY 1987**

*Thanks to Phil O'Connor for the photo*

**February 2021**



— EST. 2007 —  
Dulwich and Streatham

# CHRISTMAS CLUB RUN 6<sup>TH</sup> DEC 2020



*Chris G-C and George - both pics by Adam Glasser*

In the brief break we had between Covid lockdowns in early December, we were able to descend on Richmond Park to hold the Christmas Clubrun as usual. It wasn't very warm, and so that might have kept a few away, but even so we had lots of fun and there was even a bit of mulled wine and some mince pies to be had.

It was great to see Adam Glasser again, who has lost none of his hill-climbing abilities – or to put it another way, he climbed the hills a lot faster than I did. George Lewis led us on a tour of the inner routes which are a lot more interesting than just doing laps. Royboy didn't remember to bring his bike or his kit, but he counted us all out, and he counted us all back.

**Bill Wright**

**CLUB NIGHT  
SECOND MONDAY  
OF EACH MONTH  
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Not much happening in the club at present but I can report that Val and Tony Peachey started their journey north on the 15th and reached their destination late the next day having started their second day from Catterrick

with 6 inches of snow on the ground.

Had a phone call from Geoff Sinnett and during our chat reminded me that it was me who talked him into joining the De Laune in 1950, I had been riding with the club since July 1949 but did not become a member till Jan 50 as in those days the club did not take new subscriptions till the January. Both Geoff and I were electrician trainees at the London Electricity Board.

Our first event was the clubs Novices 25 mile TT on the Cherry Tree course, but no fast times it was won by Alan Jackson with a 1:11:01, I was third 1:13:17 and Geoff 1:15:30, however most of us will know that Alan was one of our most celebrated members having many win including National Championship and Olympic medalist. The photo is me in the Novice, it was a cold morning.

I also had a phone call from Beryl White who had sent me a Christmas card with a book of stamps for the postage of the DLN, also had a few email from Malcolm Adams telling me of a few comment that he had seen on Facebook that might be of interest in to our members.

**MARK BALLAMY**

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## FANTASTIC MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITY!!

You'll be delighted to know that the New Year brings an excellent opportunity to renew your Club membership.

This can now be done in a variety of ways:

Online via [www.riderhq.com/groups](http://www.riderhq.com/groups) This is a very convenient method as it saves you going to the post box. You'll need to sign in, click on 'Clubs', find 'De Laune CC' and then click 'Join'.

If you've previously joined up using RiderHQ you should have had a reminder email from them. In this case you can use this link.

You can write a cheque made out to 'De Laune CC' and send it to me at the address above.

If you prefer to use online banking and you have the club's bank details, please remember to include your name in the payment details. If you need the account details, please email me at [wxwright@msn.com](mailto:wxwright@msn.com) and I'll send this to you.

Membership fees are as follows:

Ordinary Full Membership	£20.00
Full Time Student	£15.00
2nd Claim	£15.00
Associate	£10.00
Junior (under 18)	Free
Youth (under 16)	Free

Many thanks

**Bill Wright**

## *The Peachey's have moved*

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Fiskavaig,  
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George Lewis

Adam Glasser

Rob Owen

Elaine Owen

Bill Wright

Chris Gordon-Coker

Roy Savery

### RICHMOND PARK - 6 DECEMBER

I was! Along with a return from the hill-climbing, harmonica-playing legend that is Adam Glasser. Ex pres Bill Wright rode with Elaine and George and ? (sorry!). Roy Savery provided invaluable road-side support.

In Kav's absence, Bill rustled up some much-appreciated mulled wine and mince pies too!

Chris Gordon-Coker

The Medway Velo Commencement Road Race 21 March 1976.

Almost a Nomads whitewash and a timely reminder of just how good Colin Christie was.

On a windswept March day, this race in the marshlands of The Hoo Peninsula in Kent, surrounded by a line of sand and clay hills, must have been an epic event reminiscent of a Flandrian Classic, and the hardmen in the result, and time gaps... See more

Official Results

MEDWAY VELO CLUB

22nd Annual Commencement Road Race  
held on Sunday 21st March, 1976

Under B.C.F. Rules

Senior Event for 1st/2nd/3rd Category riders - 92 kms

1st	G. Christie	34th Nomads C.C.	2hrs 20min 30 secs	£5
2nd	R. Wasey	St. Raphael (Waite Con)	@ 1 length	£4
→ 3rd	L. Double	De Laune C.C.	@	£3
4th	F. Allen	West. West. Beak C.C.	"	£2
5th	D. Peachey	34th Nomads C.C.	"	£1
6th	G. Bitch	34th Nomads C.C.	@ 1 min 50 secs	
7th	P. Farnell	Unity (Hircomney)	@ 2 min 54 secs	
8th	D. Carter	34th Nomads C.C.	"	
9th	R. Palin	34th Nomads C.C.	"	
10th	J. Clarey	Genial R.C.	"	
11th	R. Leach	C.C. Haslingstoke	@ 6 min 14 secs	
12th	R. Freuillet	Middlesex Clarion	"	
13th	D. Halyon	34th Nomads C.C.	"	
14th	S. Howe	Festival R.C.	@ 7 min 6 secs	
15th	K. Whibley	San Fairy Ann C.C.	"	
16th	T. McCall	Festival R.C.	"	
→ 17th	A. Peachey	De Laune C.C.	"	
18th	J. Leach	C.C. Haslingstoke	"	
19th	H. Branger	V.C. Elm	"	
20th	A. Marshall	V.C. Clayhill	"	
21st	F. Kelly	Wadestage C.C.	"	
22nd	B. White	De Laune C.C.	"	
23rd	P. Le Grys	34th Nomads C.C.	@ 9 min 50 sec	

Event for 3rd/Junior category riders - 70 kms

1st	C. Mitchell	34th Nomads C.C.	1hr 55min 58 secs	£5
2nd	D. Hunt	Hemel Hempstead C.C.		£4
3rd	M. Jones	St. Raphael (Waite Con.)		£3
4th	G. Luen	San Fairy Ann C.C.		£2
5th	R. Smith	Festival R.C.		£1
6th	A. Doyle	Clarence Wheelers		
7th	S. Barnsley	34th Nomads C.C.		
→ 8th	R. Jamieson	De Laune C.C.		
9th	D. Wood	Thanet R.C.		
10th	D. Griggs	Basildon C.C.		
11th	S. Sellen	Gravesend C.C.		

*Ted McDonald is an ex member of the club who move to South Africa many year ago but keeps in touch with us by his yearly news letter*

What a year! Even South Africa has been on lockdown, but like the UK many do not accept the importance of the necessary protection.

But what is new, I could fill the whole De Laune news with the happenings in this Country. Do you really want to know what it is like over here? 77 policemen killed on duty 87 taxi related incidents (manly owners) resulting in deaths in Western Cape alone 700 people killed in taxi accidents on the road. In KZN the old Natal saw four taxi accidents that have a death of more than 50 passengers.

One rolled down an embankment after running out of road, one was crushed between two lorries, and two were head on collision.

Taxis are licensed to carry 12 passengers but most carry between 16 and up to 25.

More than 50 farmers attacked and murdered during 2020. That's just the start.

Corruption is so out of control and that's another story: A police Brigadier and many of her ranked officers below her were involved in a tender for the painting of police vehicles. The company who won the tender was owned by her husband? A Colonel and other officers were involved in gun sales from their headquarters. There are so many others reported daily in the newspaper but too many to mention.

An African bank has gone under. At the beginning of the year it was noticed that Jacob Zuma, our past President had taken a loan of R7million to update his swimming pool and auditorium. Months later when the bank got into difficulties, all the directors, from the Chairman and CEO down had also taken loans. And bang went the bank. The case has yet to come to court.



The Durban City mayor was relieved of her duties in 2019 on account of a R200m fraud in a Waste Disposal scheme. Now she and her City Councillors have managed to increase the fraud to R400m. The case has yet to come to Court.

And now something to bring a smile to your face.....

For years we lived in a house on 1400m<sup>2</sup> of land on a corner plot with two road frontages, and very vulnerable position. With so many house break ins and robberies Judi was always suggesting that we sell and move to a retirement complex for more safety. I was always against it as retirement complexes are normally full of old people all living close together and I did enjoy our independence. Anyway a two bedroom cottage became available at a good price in a local over 50s retirement village and I succumbed and joined the elderly people in the complex. As I still ride my turbo I am hoping to stay in front of the fitness of the male folk here.

Then some months ago Judi complained that I either did not hear her or had selective hearing when she wanted something done! So after maaaaaaaaaaaaany protests agreed to have a hearing test and lo and behold I was advised that my hearing was diminishing and would need to invest in a hearing aid.

My eyes had dimmed over the years and I have to wear spectacles, my teeth are going but have yet to succumb to false ones, my hair went so long ago I can't even remember what it's like have any! And now, Failing Hearing! I have come to realise that I have finally reached the state of Elderly.

Elderly yes. But OLD never !!!

Keep safe and keep masked

Ted & Judi McDonald

Over the years a few members have written and we are always pleased to hear anyones' news

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# OZ TOUR DOWN UNDER

January 2021

Another fantastic Tour Down Under (or 'Festival of Cycling' due to no international riders this year) is over. Rode out to and up Willunga Hill in 38oC heat to watch the finish with my awesome friends. Loved the exciting racing at Victoria Park (in 41oC) yesterday, sadly whilst observing the amassing smoke clouds from the Adelaide Hills bushfire.. SUE.

It made Dots day to be out and about at Willunga Hill even though it reached 40oC



Our Vice President Dot Fuller

Ex members

Mike & Suzanne Ridding

Sue is Dot's daughter

All now residents of Adelaide



# New year — new record

FIRST time trial of 1976 was won by a rider in his first open event after a three-year lay-off.

CC Bexley's Tom Smith was the man, his 24-42 establishing a new course record for the Southborough and District Wheelers' New Year's Day "10" held on the Q10/23, better known as the finishing circuit for the Kent CA "12", and it was worth first handicap as well.

He collected four pints of Guinness and six cans of export ale at the presentation in the Smarden Bell pub, which was packed with more spectators than riders.

There were only 40 of the latter, although the club expect a bumper

turn-out next year having missed the handbook for the last two seasons.

Second man home Kevin Hickman, now in the VC St Raphael, was only three seconds — and the odd minute — down on Smith and won six cans of Long Life, while Southborough's own Val Peachey, the slowest rider with a restful 36-11, received a packet of prunes. Fastest woman was Jean Smith, another Southborough stalwart, who did 31-43.

Tom Smith, CC Bexley .....	24 42
	(course record)
K. Hickman, VC St Raphael .....	25 45
C. Worsfold, CC Orpington-Ken Bird	25 56
D. Crow, Thanet RC .....	25 59
P. McVey, Folkestone & D. ....	26 23
D. Munday, '34 Nomads CC .....	26 25
H'cap. — Smith (1-30), 23-12. Women. — J. Smith, Southborough & D. 31-43. Trike. — W. Finch, CC Bexley, 28-41.	



This kit is old stock not the latest and no advertising on kit

Jerseys long sleeve - X-small plus small (£18-00)each - Winter jacket - med (£30-00) only one -- Waisted tights -- small/med/large summer weight ((£20-00) no insert pad.--arm warmers long (£6-00) — Waisted tights -- winter thermo - XL/Small (£10-00).

Michael Valentine <michaelvalentine62@gmail.com>



## ***Social Club Events for 2021***

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### ***Club & Inter Club Events for 2021***

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Apr 17

CLUB OPEN "10"

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