

DE LAUNE CYCLING CLUB

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THE NEWS



Ex member TONY JAMES

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Notice of Annual General Meeting

In accordance with Club Rules 1.7 and 1.10 notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting which is to be held on Monday 14th March 2022 at 19.30hrs by Zoom at your homes.

Any member wishing to submit items for the Agenda should ensure they are with Chalky White by 12noon Thursday 25 February 2022, either by post or e-mail.

Nominations are required for President, Secretary, DLN Editor, Two Auditors and a reserve auditor, Time keepers and a member to join the Committee, which meets every two months on the second Monday of the month and prior to the lockdown we met in the Pavilion at Herne Hill Velodrome, we currently meet by Zoom.

Agenda and financial accounts will be circulated in accordance with Club Rules, prior to the meeting.

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Not a lot has happened this month except for the storms, hope to many of you were not effected by them.

Our member on the Isle of Skye lost their power for a few hours and Malcolm Adams at Herne Bay lost a few tiles from his roof.



I spoke with Vi , Geoff Sinnett’s wife and Geoff is not at all well.



Other than that my two Grand daughters had their 21- birthday on the 21 and the family came from Scotland to celebrate it in London



.COULD this be the last De Laune News as you will see from the AGM agenda I no longer wish to carry on. I have been producing the Mag for 28 years and doing the printing of it for even longer, in a couple of weeks I will be 90 so the time has come for me to hand over this job that I have enjoyed doing for so many years.

The Challenge Tires London and SE Cyclo-Cross League



Ardingly South of England Showground.

CYCLO CROSS

Prize giving today after team champs, very happy to get 5th in the women's vet 50 and proud to represent De Laune. Sorry I'm not wearing the team kit, but we got very wet.

JEAN BERGIN

Life on Skye

Hi everyone,

Well I don't think any of us have escaped the vagaries of the UK weather this month so far. It all started off so well with the opportunity to do so tidying up in the garden and then along came storm Dudley, hastily followed by Eunice and then Franklin. The only issue we have had is 'dancing' wheely bins and a few bent shrubs. We did have a power cut for just over 24 hours which was a bit of inconvenience as our energy is oil based and all electric – there is no gas supply to Skye only calor gas. We felt a bit hard done by missing half of the BBC 1 Countryfile programme – but as we had already finished our evening meal we just went to bed to keep warm. Strangely enough I had already filled up two large flasks of hot water before we lost power so we could have a warm drink the following morning. A neighbour called to make

sure we were OK, bringing with her another piping hot flask of water (much appreciated), hastily followed by Claire and Ian bearing gifts of hot soup and again hot water. Thankfully the power was restored in time for us to have a 'real' meal later in the day. I am now fully prepared for any further power losses, I have purchased a calor gas camping stove which could be a life saver next time.

Unfortunately I know some down south did not fair so well, Malcolm emailed me from Herne Bay asking if we were safe but also telling us that he had some roof damage and he was fearing the forecast of incoming rain. I understand all is OK, contractors have been arranged and the insurance has kicked in very quickly.

I do hope everyone else has remained intact and safe. Looking on the bright side the forthcoming weekend is forecast to be a lot quieter and dare I say it sunny. I must admit my heart goes out to those families that have again suffered severe flooding, it must be devastating, it makes my dancing bins seem immaterial.

My hard work of planting endless supplies of bulbs over the winter months are beginning to show through, though some are taller than others. Primroses and crocus are in full bloom but some pesky sparrows have attacked some of the crocus, just the yellow ones.

We have at last come to the top of the list for home care assistance and we now have a regular nurse visiting every morning to help me get Tony up. A different face and a nurses uniform has made all the difference, instead of a regular breakfast of 9.30-10.30 we have now returned to my normal of 8 – 8.30. Surprising what a difference it makes to the rest of the day.

I hope all goes well at the AGM and all vacant positions are filled. I know it is difficult to find willing volunteers for the various roles but if members don't make the effort to put something into the running of the club then, in a few years time, there may not be a club to run. So please think wisely and just ask yourselves, what could I do to help the club and others. Organisations do not run themselves there is always a team of 'boys and girls' in the

background steering the ship through these troubled waters. If you feel you would like to take up a vacancy but are not sure what it entails, please ask someone before you set aside your thoughts. The more helpers the club has the easier everyone's task is.

Val the Peach



Dear Mr Ballamy.

I would like to complain the way your membership secretary is doing his job!

He is telling our members who are alive and who is dead. The alive ones are dead and the dead ones are alive. Get a grip Mr Saxton.

I remember phoning Amy Dodds. She lives not far from Richmond Park so I asked her if she was coming to our club run and for a glass of wine. She said "Is that event still going on? That event was organised by Kav. He must be dead by now"

I will be organising the French Club Run in May. I will give you details later. It would seem that your Passports must have at least 10 years to run from the day you leave.

This information came from the Cycle Magazine (CTC)

Kav.

Dear Kav I have copied your mail as it came to me but you must be getting to old, Mr. SAXON is not the membership secretary and we do not have a member by the name of Amy Dods in the club but we do have a Mary Dods. Ed.

OLD CLUB MEMBERS

contributed by Malcolm Adams

Alan and I were at the VTTA Kent Prize giving and Lunch on the 6th February and the surprise was this Gentleman who neither of us recognised. Tony James' a club member from way back who had a successful career as a pro cyclist. It was great to have a catch up with him and he told us he still gets out on his bike about 3 times a week, Tony mentioned his early pro sponsor, but can only find LYCRA & ANC HALFORDS' He turned Pro in 1980 and retired in 1988.

I gleaned the following from the Internet. I think I heard a mention in the welcoming speech at the Dinner, of a Madison with Brian Dacey, but can't find anything, maybe I misheard!

1980 - Tony James is Britain's newest professional rider having turned professional after riding in the recent World Points Race Championship in Besancon. In August Tony won the British Madison Championship (partner-Dave Akam) to add to the many championships he has won in recent years. He is equally at home on either road or track and has won several important road events. He is known as the King of Crystal Palace because of the number of short circuit races he has won there this summer. He has international indoor track experience and two years ago he finished 2nd in the amateur Six day race in Hanover. Tony is from Sydenham Hill and born on the 24th January 1955."

Tony was 3rd in the Madison in 1976 & 1979, both times with Paul Fennell. When he won in 1980 in 2nd place was Glen Mitchell and Sean Yates.

He won two British National Track Championships in 1979. The Pursuit along with, Ron Keeble, Pete Hamilton & Glen Mitchell) and 1980 (as mentioned above, the Madison) he was also 2nd that year in the 50k amateur Points race.

He represented England in the 4,000 metres team pursuit, at the 1978 Commonwealth Games in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, the team went on to

win a bronze medal and consisted of Paul Fennell, Tony Doyle and Glen Mitchell.



LtoR - Dave Le Gry, Tony James, Paul Fennell, Tony Doyle & Glen Mitchell the photo was taken prior to 1978 Commonwealth Games.

(Dave Le Gry has been mentioned in the DLN recently due to his family ties to our club.)



THEN



NOW

Tony won the Wally Gimber Road race in 1977 promoted by the Dulwich Paragon (Brian Dacey won the 1st in 1960).

British Omnium Champion in 1985

Quite a Palmarès! Chapeau Tony.

MEMBERS RIDES WEEK ENDING 30th January

	Distance	Rides	Longest	Avg.Speed	Elev. Gai
1 Tom B.	232.5 km	6	67.0 km	25.9 km/h	2,879 m
2 Michael V.	224.3 km	6	57.3 km	21.9 km/h	2,673 m
3 Matt k.	158.3 km	3	80.5 km	29.9 km/h	589 m
4 Simon L	144.5 km	2	100.1 km	26.7 km/h	691 m
5 Debra V.	141.3 km	4	69.6 km	19.8 km/h	1,713 m
6 Nathan P.	139.5 km	5	58.7 km	21.2 km/h	1,708 m
7 Jean B.	129.6 km	2	70.4 km	17.6 km/h	75 m
8 Jamie B.	117.1 km	2	92.8 km	27.9 km/h	1,543 m
9 Eddie B.	104.4 km	3	39.9 km	33.8 km/h	--
10 David H.	95.3 km	3	41.7 km	27.2 km/h	--
11 Ade B.	71.0 km	3	30.1 km	15.4 km/h	1,356 m
12 Chris G.	22.0 km	3	17.7 km	33.8 km/h	--
13 Gary B.	21.0 km	1	21.0 km	29.8 km/h	38 m

MEMBERS RIDES WEEK ENDING 6th February

1 Tom B.	248.7 km	6	62.9 km	25.4 km/h	3,216 m
2 Debra V.	161.2 km	6	62.2 km	20.9 km/h	1,820 m
3 Simon L.	157.7 km	4	65.2 km	27.0 km/h	879 m
4 Michael V.	144.8 km	4	62.4 km	22.2 km/h	1,669 m
5 Chris G.	133.3 km	4	67.3 km	6.3 km/h	874 m
6 Jamie B.	123.1 km	6	33.4 km	28.1 km/h	906 m
7 Nathan P.	103.2 km	5	62.7 km	20.5 km/h	933 m
8 Garry B.	100.0 km	3	54.2 km	27.7 km/h	1,204 m
9 Eddie B.	77.6 km	2	40.5 km	38.9 km/h	--
10 Jean B.	57.7 km	1	57.7 km	11.9 km/h	623 m
11 Bill W.	56.2 km	1	56.2 km	13.9 km/h	626 m
12 David H.	53.7 km	2	27.0 km	26.9 km/h	--
13 Ed P.	45.9 km	2	23.3 km	30.2 km/h	508 m
14 Laurent S.	38.8 km	1	38.8 km	14.1 km/h	139 m
15 Matt k.	36.6 km	1	36.6 km	24.4 km/h	696 m
16 Gary B.	30.6 km	1	30.6 km	28.9 km/h	52 m

MEMBERS RIDES WEEK ENDING 13th February

		Distance	Rides	Longest	Avg.Speed	Elev. Gai
1	Tom B.	272.2 km	6	68.4 km	25.6 km/h	3,611 m
2	Eddie B.	205.7 km	3	135.6 km	31.6 km/h	1,527 m
3	Michael.	189.7 km	5	57.0 km	22.2 km/h	2,047 m
4	Debra V.	166.4 km	6	57.3 km	20.6 km/h	1,962 m
5	Ade B.	164.1 km	3	70.5 km	17.5 km/h	2,846 m
6	Simon L.	136.0 km	3	68.4 km	27.4 km/h	727 m
7	Chris G.	127.9 km	5	86.6 km	26.6 km/h	784 m
8	Jamie B.	117.9 km	6	34.8 km	27.7 km/h	1,131 m
9	Ed P.	115.7 km	4	42.4 km	30.3 km/h	724 m
10	Matt k.	99.5 km	3	48.3 km	26.9 km/h	1,226 m
11	Nathan P.	94.1 km	3	43.5 km	21.5 km/h	569 m
12	Jean B.	93.2 km	2	48.1 km	15.1 km/h	547 m
13	David H.	40.1 km	1	40.1 km	26.7 km/h	--
14	Garry B.	30.3 km	1	30.3 km	28.5 km/h	277 m
15	Gary B.	21.3 km	1	21.3 km	29.5 km/h	38 m

MEMBERS RIDES WEEK ENDING 20th February

1	Eddie B.	196.4 km	4	65.4 km	33.9 km/h	1,563 m
2	Simon L. .	159.2 km	5	94.8 km	24.5 km/h	923 m
3	David H.	91.9 km	3	40.0 km	26.3 km/h	--
4	Nathan P.	88.9 km	5	44.7 km	17.6 km/h	625 m
5	Tom B.	84.4 km	3	68.3 km	27.8 km/h	793 m
6	Matt k.	80.9 km	1	80.9 km	29.5 km/h	99 m
7	Bill W.	53.6 km	1	53.6 km	13.9 km/h	592 m
8	Jean B.	46.6 km	1	46.6 km	13.3 km/h	566 m
9	Jamie B.	28.8 km	2	14.5 km	23.7 km/h	182 m
10	Ade B.	27.7 km	1	27.7 km	15.5 km/h	389 m
11	Garry B	20.0 km	1	20.0 km	30.0 km/h	--
12	Debra V.	17.8 km	1	17.8 km	20.1 km/h	--
13	Chris G.	12.3 km	3	8.0 km	19.4 km/h	--
14	Ed P.	11.4 km	1	11.4 km	33.0 km/h	48 m

komoot A self-confessed loner drawn to wild places, [@katiejaneendurance](#) found her happy place in Serranía Celtibérica, one of the emptiest regions in Spain. Also known as Montañas Vacías, (Empty Mountains), the [@montanasvacias](#) route is filled with medieval villages, remote refuges, natural parks, high-elevation plateaus and so.much.wildlife.

Over six days and 700 kilometers (435 miles), Katie and her riding partner came across four other cyclists, a handful of cars, and a few people in the scattered villages en route.

The official route is packed with beginner-friendly gravel and many options for shortcuts, making this a great route for anyone from newbie bikepackers to experienced multi-day adventurers.

Check out more inspiration in her Collection on komoot (link in bio).



Katie-Jane L'Herpinier

CLUB EVENTS

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