

# DE LAUNE CYCLING CLUB

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**Jean Bergin & Bill Wright**

**Enjoying some off road riding**

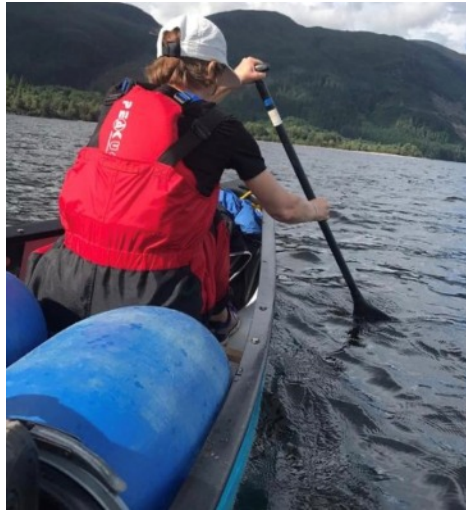
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**September 2021**



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, Dulwich and Streatham



**Do you know who this is?**

A group of cyclists and a volunteer are shown. One person is holding a checkered flag. The text 'KM BIG BIKE RIDE' and 'KM CHARITY TEAM' is visible on the volunteer's shirt. Large yellow text reads 'Help! Volunteers needed!'.

**Help!  
Volunteers  
needed!**

Can you help us put up the signage for the **KM Big Bike Ride** charity challenge in Deal? Available **any time 4-11 Sept**? Please email [charityteam@thekmgroup.co.uk](mailto:charityteam@thekmgroup.co.uk)

**CLUB NIGHT  
SECOND MONDAY  
OF EACH MONTH  
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**Your Editor**

Dear Mark  
Over recent months I have told some members about my being diagnosed with terminal cancer. I am pleased to say that following my reluctance to die to the medics schedule I have been reassessed and found to be in remission, a surprise to all those concerned, I shall be grateful if you can put a note in the DLN.

Best wishes Clif

Great news Clif I hope mine is going the same way.

Mark

It has been quite this month until a long email from one of our Vice Presidents John Darroch arrived see this on page 6 and I am sure all the members wish him a speedy recovery

Then we had our 10 mile TT see result, I am sure if there had been more pre race information there would have been more members supporting this club event. But great to see that we had 2 new young members in this event Harry Owen 17 & Jamie Coulson 14 a very warm welcome to both of you, hope that you enjoy being a member of the De Laune and

not forgetting Nathan Palmer riding his first club event since rejoining the club.

I have had a few finds of members on Facebook see their photos and nice to see we have another follower on our Facebook wall in the name of Barry Double who is the Son of John.

On September the 11th we have the Old Members "10", the first OMA "10" was held in 1967 why the A in those days we had an Old Members Association but this was disbanded many years ago. Unfortunately I do not have the results for this event but there was a good field with many of the older members riding including me, I rode my last TT in 1954 and I cannot remember where I got a bike from as I had sold all my bikes when I emigrated to Canada in 1957. Not only was there a good number of riders but we also had a lot of supporters and there were over 50 of us who sat down to breakfast that day. See photo

Henry Carter-Smith made his charity tandem free fall skydive "was epic fun might do it again sometime, great to do it for a good cause"

Me, still having my chemo injections into my stomach every 4 week I was taken off the other medication that I was on as I had some side effects and also my glucose level went very high.



I have been asked how the club lunch went but still heard nothing from the organiser Roy Savery. Ed.

# Club Ten Result

The club ten was held on Saturday 14th, August

On the Isle Of Grain. The sun was bright, but there was a very strong head wind out to the turn. We had a full compliment of helpers, Mike Peel, Bill Wright, timekeeping, Kav & Brian Saxton as turn marshal's, Malcolm Adams, Mike & Debbie Valentine supporting, thank you all for turning out.

We also had a good field of 7 riders. Two of the riders were under 18yrs. Harry Owen, that is Elaine Owen's 17yrs. old, and Jamie Coulson, who is 14yrs old, both of whom did very respectable times. Elaine recorded a good time considering the wind and finished very fast as she went past the timekeeper.

The best time of the day was performed by our returning member Nathan Palmer who was a member 15yrs, ago, welcome back Nathan. Steve C. Smith had to be satisfied with 2nd fastest. Terry Deeley trundled round for a training ride, and our private rider Debbie Percival Kent Vet. Ladies finished with a decent time.

Afterwards we all retired to the pub for good sociable chat.

<i>1st. Nathan Palmer</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>24:00</i>
<i>2nd. Steve C. Smith</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>25:23</i>
<i>3rd. Harry Owen</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>27:06</i>
<i>4th. Debbie Percival</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>27:38 PTT</i>
<i>5th Elaine Owen</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>32:16</i>
<i>6th. Jamie Coulson</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>33:19</i>
<i>7th. Terry Deeley</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>39:00</i>

*Alan Rowe*

# John Darroch



For any of you who do not know John Darroch he joined the club in 1953 and is one of our Vice President. In those days John lived in the Herne Hill area and in I remember correctly was a type writer mechanic, he later moved to Birmingham and started his own business "JOHN'S motor spares & accessories" some time in the 60's he then sold the business and moved to America and started a very successful company "APOLLO SPRAYERS" on his retirement moved to Thailand married and had his own house built. Ed.

**John was a keen Track and  
Grass Track Racer**

Hi Mark,

I am so sorry I have not been in touch for such a long period. The reason has been that I had been in hospital for two months; I was unconscious for for a long time. This last two months I have healed quite well and am attending the hospital as an outpatient, around three times a week. The hospital is fairly local so should be back to normal in four months. I have injured my right knee and have spent time at the hospital for a long period. I still have time to go although my knee is healing at last. I have no idea why this was caused, somehow I had become unconscious. Like most people I have been in a Pandemic lockdown. We are confined to the house, you will know all about this. If you have the time please could you mention this to my old friends back home. I have managed to send a note to Beryl White I had heard about the demise of Don, felt so sorry for her.

I had moved up north from my original home in Britain, currently we reside in Thailand, not too pleased with this so may move back to in America where I had moved from. At some point in time I will sell our current house and move back to where I had lived earlier. My son John is doing well with our business



so things are much better than anticipated. I hope that you and your family are doing well and hope that the Pandemic will soon be resolved and we can all live a normal life again.

Best wishes to yourself and all my old friends again. If I go back to America I may well take a trip down to the south Coast.

Very Best Wishes,

Please stay well and remember all old friends. John Darroch.



The home John had built in Phuket

*My brother-in-law TOM QUICK builder of TJQ frames who some of you would have know died on the 25<sup>th</sup> August 2021 Ed.*

John Kavanagh Sun, Aug 15, 10:05 AM (1 day ago)  
Found this old boy on the side of the road. Lost !



### CLUB '10' - 14th AUGUST 2021

These photographs were taken by Kav as a consolation for me due to the fact that I was unable to ride the '10' because of problems with my heart rate monitor (which was reading 250 bpm) and my Campag computer. This was solved by Kav who pointed out that it was the battery in my hearing aid that was causing the problem; unfortunately, by then it was too late for me to reach the start, so I joined Kav marshalling at the turn. He did, however, compliment me on the similarity of my legs with those of Geraint Thomas, which I thought was a nice gesture. He has also persuaded me to join him in using Alpecin, the hair-restoring people who sponsor a team in the Classics. Roll on September 11th!

*Brian Saxton*



## MEMBERS RIDES WEEK ENDING 15h August

		Distance	Rides	Longest	Avg.Speed	Elev. Gain
1	Simon L.	236.3 km	5	93.4 km	29.7 km/h	1,312 m
2	Debra V.	192.1 km	4	65.0 km	21.2 km/h	2,387 m
3	Jamie B.	79.5 km	3	65.6 km	28.2 km/h	2,285 m
4	David H.	117.3 km	3	43.0 km	27.6 km/h	
5	Ade B.	48.5 km	1	48.5 km	27.5 km/h	305 m
6	Laurent S.	45.1 km	1	45.1 km	14.1 km/h	522 m
7	Steven P.	23.2 km	6	3.9 km	23.0 km/h	374 m
8	Bill W.	21.0 km	1	21.0 km	13.0 km/h	18 m

## W/E 22nd August

1	Laurent S.	250.2 km	2	143.2 km	18.5 km/h	2,892 m
2	Debra V.	198.5 km	4	64.0 km	22.1 km/h	2,355 m
3	Simon L.	172.7 km	4	115.7 km	26.4 km/h	1,449 m
4	David H.	81.5 km	3	29.0 km	27.2 km/h --	
5	George L.	77.7 km	2	49.2 km	28.7 km/h	594 m
6	Eddie B.	72.9 km	2	42.8 km	29.7 km/h	131 m
7	Jamie B.	42.9 km	2	25.1 km	21.8 km/h	1,265 m
8	Ade B.	28.8 km	3	10.9 km	24.3 km/h	318 m
9	Bill W.	17.5 km	1	17.5 km	13.8 km/h	9 m
10	Steven P.	16.0 km	4	4.1 km	20.8 km/h	231 m

## OLYMPIC ROAD RACE

The late Alan Jackson of the De Laune CC was the last Brit (English-speaking) to win an Olympic Games Road Race medal, and that was in Melbourne, Australia in 1956. Alan won a bronze individual medal and was a member of the team who picked up a silver medal. However, an Italian by the name of Max Sciandri, having failed to be selected for the Italian National team, came to work in England at his uncle's restaurant and at the same time gained selection for the British Olympic team for the Games held in Atlanta, USA in 1996, where he was awarded a bronze medal. He then returned to Italy.



I did not read or hear any reference to Alan or Max Sciandri by any commentator or journalist in the build-up to the 2020 Tokyo Road Race, thus Alan's record has stood for the last 65 years, which is very surprising as there has been some excellent British roadmen in recent years.

Brian Saxton



The road race is one of two road bicycle racing events held at the Summer Olympics, the other being the time trial. The road race is a mass start, distinguished from the separate starts of the time trial. The men's road race was first held at the 1896, was not held again for 40 years, then has been held every Summer Games since the 1936 Summer Olympics. The women's event was first contested at the 1984 Summer Olympics, being the first women's cycling event (track events were added in 1988).

A team event, with the results of the individual event being used to place the teams, was held from 1936 to 1956 (4 times



**Clue - J W**

**Members enjoying the water**



**Another water babe  
Debbie V**

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

- Sun 21 November Newnham Remembrance Service 10:30
- Sun 5 December Richmond Park Christmas Social Ride 10:00  
at Roehampton Gate
- Sat 1 January New Year's day walk - Three Horseshoes, Knockholt 10:00

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

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11 - Sept	15:00	0 M 10 miles TT	Isle of Grain Q 10/24
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**CLOSING DATE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE 29th September 2021**

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