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NEWS DE LAUNE



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Photo by *BOB BURDEN*

The Club Run to France

I organized a club run to France a few years ago and it has proved very popular. It is now a regular trip each year. Just get a bunch of guys who want to go to France on a bike for a day to a good reasonable priced restaurant and of course a decent wine, what more can you ask for.

Going back a few years ago this was a regular thing the club would do. The format now is that we drive to Dover, park our cars and ride our bikes onto the boat.



This year the weather was good with plenty of sun.

KAV

The first 7-mile to Sangatte was into a head-wind and I found myself up the front. How did I manage that? It was only after Mike Peel fell off his bike (he had not drank a thing!) that I managed to get to the back.

Val and Tony Peachey came with us this year. I know that Val has not ridden a bike seriously for ages and I was a little bit worried if she could ride the planned 40 miles but no problem. -Val was with us all the way. Well I say all the way: we had a President and an ex President just pushing the pace for Val to go off the back. A little word was called for!!

The President (I will not mention his name) said I was only doing 17 mph. He was, but that was up hill.

We stopped at a little French café on the way to Ardres as Steve Valentine wanted to buy me a beer. I was not going to let him down. We arrived at the restaurant "La Fregatt" in Ardres for lunch in good time.

The manager knows the De Laune by name, as we have been going to his place over the last few years. We get on well with him. Well we did until we forgot to pay for the wine! But that is another story!

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**CLUB NIGHT
SECOND MONDAY
OF EACH MONTH
Crown & Greyhound
in Dulwich Village**

**1889 DE LAUNE 2011
CYCLING CLUB**

THE PRESIDENTS REPORT



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Well here we are well into May (at time of writing), and still enjoying an early summer, I hope it continues.

Lyn and I have been to New Zealand since my last report, 3 terrific weeks

travelling both islands. We returned on the 5th May so I managed to get out to marshal the club '15' on Harrietsham two days later, no jet lag!. The following week we were at the Ken Fuller memorial road race. Good to see so many of you out assisting Roy Boy, especially Brian Waller who has not been around for the last year or so due to health problems, pleased to hear you are progressing well Brian.

The previous day I crawled around the Bexley '10' but still managed to grab 3rd on age standard. Jon, Sarah and Jayne also rode. Alan Rowe won the vets award, and with Chris Cowlard took the vets team award in the KCA '30' on the morning of the road race, well done.

Finally on our club racing scene, what about Chris Hubbard who rejoined us this year! he is ripping our vets records apart and then getting our club '10' record, congratulations Chris.



On Saturday, 21st May, eight of us went on our annual trip to France organised by Kav. We had a light refreshment stop at Guines before proceeding to Ardres for lunch a great day out. (a report elsewhere by Kav, I hope!)

The next club social function for me will be the OMA lunch at Brighton, look forward to seeing many of you there.

Malcolm



OUR FOUNDER'S UNCLES CONT.

CAPTAIN WALTER BERESFORD FAUNCE

Walter was the first of the Faunces to serve in Africa. He was commissioned in the 73rd foot, an offshoot of the Black Watch. It was in 1806 due to recruiting difficulties that this Scottish regiment opened its ranks to English and Irish. In 1845 with the rank of Captain he sailed to South Africa where his regiment was involved with three of the 'Kaffir Wars' between 1846-1853. These were about control of land between the English and the Boers on one hand, and the African tribes on the other. Troops were involved in rounding up tens of thousands of cattle, like cowboys. The 73rd were involved in the 8th conflict and the hardest which broke out on Christmas Eve 1850, the Gaika tribesman besieged the scattered white settlements. Over a period of eight months the 73rd marched 2,838 miles enduring near freezing temperatures at night and extreme heat during the day, by 1852, in this conflict, the Gaikas lost 6,000 men and over 80,000 cattle.

Over 20 years of letters sent to his widowed mother, Brydges, at Sharstead Court, are now preserved in the Kent Archives. To her he confided his weariness with the seemingly unending campaigning and his longing to get home and see his family and his hopes of marriage and promotion, sadly it was not to be.

The 73rd was called to fight another war – against the Basuto. In 1852 a 2,300 Field force advanced to the Berea Plateau with the object of seizing thousands of Basuto cattle. The British, under the command of Lt Gen. George Cathcart, had underestimated the Basuto and the Field force was scattered as they were beset by thousands of Basuto horseman, in this battle Walter lost his life. Apparently he was shot after being surrounded by the enemy, however, reports later reached England stating that he was taken prisoner and tortured before being killed. In a letter to the family it appeared he had been killed by a blow to the back of the head which was severely fractured and been cut off and was lying a short distance from his body. Such a dreadful end to a young man's life.

Next month I will see what I can find out about our founder although I fear there is little more that I will be able to add to that which we already know.

STOP PRESS.

Last Thursday and Friday (19th & 20th May) Lyn and I were staying with friends in Tonbridge, and it was suggested by them that we took a wander around Rochester on the Friday. I took this opportunity to suggest a quick visit to the Cathedral so I could hopefully locate some of our founder's forefathers, either graves or tablets. With the help of Lyn and our friends a few ancestors were found. In the October DLN (page 7) I wrote of Thomas Faunce (6) and his wife Jane Barrell. The Barrell family are well represented in the Cathedral and we found Jane's final resting place. On a wall tablet for a Francis Barrell we found the name Dodsworth (John), this name was used for several of the Australian Faunce descendants, so I guess more research to find the connection. The name Head (Sir Edmund) also appeared, Sir Robert Faunce married Elizabeth Head (DLN Aug 2010 Page 7) and no doubt Sir Edmund was part of this family. A future visit with a more intensive search will no doubt reveal more Faunce connections.

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You will need to zoom in on this photo to about 350 degrees to be able to read the inscription, Ed.

Here is the transcript from Jane Faunce's gravestone.

*A woman who was a most eminent Pattern
 of all the private and domestick virtues
 Adorned with the graces of a Christian
 A strict observer of every part of her religious duty;
 A faithful and most affectionate wife,
 A dutiful and tender daughter,
 A loving and careful mother
 A relation and friend
 Whom wisdom and best temper rendered useful and amiable.
 The contemplation of such an example would animate us
 in our Christian course;
 When we see what a pitch of excellence
 Human nature with religious care can attain.*



RACING RESULTS



YTTA (North & East Mids) "25" - 30 April - A25/4

1	Matthew Bottrill	I-Ride.co.uk	00:50:00	
8	Chris Hubbard	De Laune CC	00:56:58	+ 13:37
	Tony Peachey	De Laune CC	DNS	

Kent Cycling Association "10" - 1 May - Q10/22,

1	Kevin Tye	Datateam Allstars	20.43	V49
9	Jon Archdeacon	De Laune CC	22.29	V43
18	Ian Silvester	De Laune CC	23.21	V47
42	Chris Cowlard	De Laune CC	25.45	V57
46	Jane Wadsworth	De Laune CC	26.33	WY40
58	Sarah Archdeacon	De Laune CC	28.53	WY41
63	Tony Peachy	De Laune CC	32.06	V74

Club "15" - 7 May 2011 - at Harrietsham

1	Jon Archdeacon	34:23
2	Ian Silvester	35:34
3	Steve Carter-Smith	38:35
4	Jayne Wadsworth	41:13
5	George Lewis	41:16
6	Juliet Sprake	41:49
7	Simon Lowe	41:49
8	Sarah Archdeacon	41:53

Kingston Phoenix RC 10 - 7 May

1	Rupert Burbidge	Redhill CC	00:20:51
10	John Archdeacon	De Laune CC	00:22:44
34	Sarah Archdeacon	De Laune CC	00:27:58

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Wigmore CC "25" - 8 May - Q25/8

1	Pete Tados	In-Gear Quickvit Trainsharp	00:51:52
13	Jon Archdeacon	De Laune CC	00:57:01
57	Jayne Wadsworth	De Laune CC	01:06:19
68	Sarah Archdeacon	De Laune CC	01:10:13

Norlond TT Combine "30" - 8 May - F1/30

1	Matt Sinclair	Lutterworth Cycle Centre RT	01:02:49
6	Chris Hubbard	De Laune CC	01:07:20

CC Bexley "10" - 14 May

1	Mike Piper	Kent Cycles RC	00:21:49
7	Jon Archdeacon	De Laune CC Yet	00:23:16
9	Ian Silvester	De Laune CC Yet	00:23:29
22	Jayne Wadsworth	De Laune CC Lady/Yet	00:26:43
27	Sarah Archdeacon	De Laune CC Lady/Yet	00:28:20
33	Malcolm Adams	De Laune CC Yet	00:29:10

VTTA (Kent) "30" - 15 May - Q30/2

1	Andy Meilak	Data Team Allstars	01:08:33
16	Alan Rowe	De Laune CC	01:18:41
20	Chris Cowlard	De Laune CC	01:23:28
	Tony Peachey	De Laune CC	DNS

Norlond TT Combine "50"- 15 May - F1/50

1	Ian Cammish	Planet X	01:45:23
21	Chris Hubbard	De Laune CC	01:58:12

Worthing Excelsior CC "25" - 15 May - G25/53,

1	Steve Dennis	East Grinstead CC	00:52:26
8	Jon Archdeacon	De Laune CC	00:56:13
75	Jayne Wadsworth	De Laune CC	01:08:38
84	Sarah Archdeacon	De Laune CC	01:10:49

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SERRL Road Race - 15 May - Kenardington

5th Christian Rudolf 3/4 cat.

Northroad CC "25 - 21 may - F 14/12

1	Luke Clarke	Team Milton Keynes	00:54:45
	Roy Savery	Pearson Cycles	01:10:05

SCCU "25" - 21 May - G 10/57

1	N Dwyer	Lewes Wanderers	00:19:37
5	Jon Archdeacod	De Laune CC	00:21:17
32	Dave Haggart	De Laune CC	00:24:17
56	Jayne Wadsworth	De Laune CC	00:25:42
59	Sarah Archdeacon	De Laune CC	00:26:13
68	Barry Means	De Laune CC	00:27:07

San Fairy Ann CC 50 - 22 May - Q 50/11

1	Kevin Tye	Datateam Allstars	01:49:03	V	+37:29
23	Alan Rowe	De Laune CC	02:13:18	V	+40:32



Bayonne-Bordeaux, Tour de France 1908

CLUB 15 Mile Time Trial

The day dawned damp for our inaugural 15 mile club event on the A.20 in Kent but it didn't dampen the spirits for our the majority of our 11 riders – the exceptions being the two 'oldies' Tony and Alan who didn't want to get their bikes dirty so left them in the car and elected to help instead. Barry Meens didn't show at all, probably saw the early morning rain and decided to stay where he was – can't really blame him!!!

However nothing was going to deter the hardy soles especially Juliet who was riding her first ever event. Although a bit nervous at the start she went on to record an excellent time and with Sarah closing in on Jayne the end of season results could get a bit exciting for the girls.

Full Results : Page 5

Steve commented that the first two should be discounted as they are 'semi-professionals' but he was just told him to go faster next time!!!! No sympathy I'm afraid!!!

Most of the above plus the marshals and helpers Alan Constable, Malc Adams (fresh back from his holiday in NZ), Mike Peel, Val & Tony, Ian and myself descended on the Park Gate Inn for an enjoyable coffee and breakfast after the event.

Sarah & Jon set off again afterwards for another event in the afternoon – Kingston Phoenix 10 on the Godstone course (some will go to extreme lengths to go out for a picnic!!), then the Wigmore 25 on Sunday morning. I suspect they were glad to get back to work on Monday for a rest !

Claire

Dear Mark

I want to send a sincere congratulations to Bill Miles and many happy returns for his Ninety Ninth Birthday. Also George Wood on his 90th Birthday, I'm gradually catching up I was 78 last Wednesday.

And also congratulations to Mike Peel for his 31st London Marathon, I think the photo in DLN was after. In the March issue it was nice to hear from Ken Knapman, I was at school with him in the 40s. Loughborough Secondary School, we used to have sprint races in the local streets, before we became club members and *real racers!*

When I was out on my bike a week or two ago I was hailed by person on the grass verge I had difficulty stopping when doing 37 mph on the flat. It was none other than John O'Brien who lives at Swanage just down the road from me at Wareham, he had seen DeLaune jersey FLASH by and pulled into a lay by. It was a real pleasure chatting to another De Laune member, I did not know him caught up with things past and present, he also new a close neighbour of mine Eddy Stagg of Old Portleans.

I shall try and make it the OMA Lunch this year again.

Bert



Was that BRIAN DACEY seen sitting

in the stands at

Herne Hill on Good Friday

See photo page 1 bottom row <http://ht.ly/4UWPO>

KEN FULLER MEMORIAL ROAD RACE

It was great to see so many De Laune's out to help at Ken's Memorial Road Race at Crowhurst on 15th May – both young and (slightly!) older and lots of Ken's old friends. Nice to know he was being remembered in this way.



Organiser, Roy Savery, had a photo of Ken on the programme, which showed him riding in one of the many hill climbs he took part in, in the 50 and 60's. He was first to beat 2 mins in the Bec Hill Climb (1962) – the same hill as our club hill climb. This record was held by him for many years and then bikes got lighter and gears became more popular than the 'fixed wheel' which most riders used then and, of course, Lycra was invented and the woollen jersey and shorts were binned – thank goodness – as they were a pain to wash and get dry before the next Sunday (only had one of each then). Samples of these can be seen decorating the walls of the Blackheath Clubhouse when we have our Belgian night! These are courtesy of Stack – don't know where he gets them from. Well, that's enough of my reminiscing.

So, another year gone by and my thanks go to Roy and Gina for the organizing and all you old faithful for being there. I hope the event will take place for a few more years to come.

Keep fit! Dot

BRIGHTON LUNCH 26TH JUNE

All details in last month's DLN, so let me know your choice of lunch – a.s.a.p. and I look forward to seeing lots of you on that day.

DOT 01689 851241 or TRISH 01273 546226

Clothing Report

The Club clothing inventory has recently been updated and appears on the website. This is a true record of stock held as at 21st May. Should you need any club kit please don't hesitate to contact me, I can either post any orders direct to you or arrange delivery via club folk or club meetings.

Following recent requests, a further stock order has been placed with Giordana for jerseys & shorts together with tights without the bib ie what they call waisted tights. Clearly these are more user friendly for the ladies who have taken up the option of shorts without bibs, they will be in the region of £34 to club members. Also ordered - a new design of cotton caps. Our old stock of these has been completely exhausted. We have done some research and it appears Jayne can access 100% cotton twill cycling caps in plain blue with De Laune in white on the peak at an extremely favourable price. It is hoped they will be available within the next few weeks and be in the region of £3 to club members. So those of you who have been asking for this item - we should have a good stock in the near future.

Tony

CLUB RUN to FRANCE

See more photos on the Club's web site



THE BEST of the REST

New times this month in bold

Men		Fastest Time This Year		
Dist		Time	Event	Course
10	Chris Hubbard	00:20:28	City RC (Hull)	V 718
15	Jon Archdeacon	00:34:23	Club event	Q30/1
25	Jon Archdeacon	00:56.13	Worthing Excelsior	G25/53
30	Chris Hubbard	01:07:20	Norlond TT Combine	F1/30
50	Chris Hubbard	01:58:12	Norlond TT Combine	F1/50
100				
12 hour				

Ladies		Fastest Time This Year		
10	Jayne Wadsworth	00:25.42	SCCU	G10?57
15	Jayne Wadsworth	00:41:13	Club event	Q30/1
25	Jayne Wadsworth	01:06:19	Wigmore	G25/8
30				
50				
100				
12 hour				



JON

De Laune Cycling Club

Diamond Jubilee dinner booked for 10th December, 1949 at a cost of 16/- per ticket. Ken Whiterod had raised £2.10s0d. for Jubilee Fund on weekly raffles.

As an earlier prediction had identified, the expenditure of the club was projected to exceed income for the current and coming Jubilee Year. In order to correct the issue, entry fees would be increased immediately for 1949, cost of engraving of medals to be borne by recipients with a flat charge of 3/- per medal, one medal for one performance ie if scratch winner was also handicap winner one medal awarded, Junior age to be reduced to 18 instead of 21, increase club subs to 15/-. Thinner paper was voted upon for open event start/finish cards and advertisers sought. Club standard times to be reviewed.

The AGM of 1949 recorded a membership of 207. Concern remained of general fund expenditure exceeding income, though monies were held in various funds for specific purposes. Continuing losses were being revealed on the dances and a proposition made to cancel all future functions. A suggestion was made to purchase a cine camera to record activities during the coming year.

A complaint was received from caretaker at the Nelson Institute regarding members playing football inside the hall. Further problems had been encountered of rowdiness on Sunday mornings at the 'Windmill' and bad behaviour at many venues, members to be reminded they are under probation for the first 3 months of membership. Every member should ensure the protection of the club name and if necessary report bad cases to the committee. John Giles, Ted Pinchen and Harry Thomas were appointed 'In Charge of Games' at the Nelson Institute. Wally Fraser reported that the 30mile course was $\frac{1}{4}$ mile short this presented a problem as a new 30 club record, using the short course, had just been ratified. The 50 mile course was 7 furlongs short. New courses to be measured.

Among the new members listed for 1949 Alan Jackson, Alec Bedford, Mark Ballamy, Derek Duchemin, Frank Hooper, Derek Boon and Arthur How.

A letter had been received from RTTC requesting that observers be placed around the course of the Open 25 in view of the practice of many riders riding with their head down. Committee decided to maintain a record of best team times/distances recorded on road and track. A complaint was discussed that Ken Whiterod went on the wrong side of a keep left island during the Autumn 25 - committee's disapproval to be brought to his attention. Letter of complaint sent to Alan Jackson concerning bad behaviour. Diamond Jubilee dinner tickets were on sale at £1, Jack Young was administering all advanced sales. Wally Fraser had been so successful in the football sweep that he decided to experiment with a sweep on TT results. The post of handbook editor was initiated and taken on by Tom Williamson. The Newnham wreath, for the first time, would be purchased from General Funds.

Winter activities in 1949 - Treasure Hunt, Scavenger Hunt, Surprise Run, Run, walk & cycle race, Free wheel, rough stuff in conjunction with Kentish Wheelers, speed judging, table tennis, darts and draughts. George Wood continued to run the open 25 & 100 TT, Ken Hill would continue organising track events.

1949 was rounded off with a successful Diamond Jubilee dinner with Madame Faunce de Laune in the Chair who received members and their guests and received a magnificent bouquet of orchids. The menu was described by Ken Hill as sumptuous and it saw the presentation of a gold badge of honour to Frank Holland, a maiden speech from Don White along with the cross toasting, prize presentation and a magnificent photo display of the year's events by Bill Miles. Also recognised was the fact that the DLN came of age - 21 years old.

At the 1950 AGM it was reported that membership stood at 219. New members included Geoff Sinnett, Denis Nation, Edward Starsmeare, Charles Yearsley, Richard Ansell.

Unlike the present day when members travel by car to the start for an early morning time trial, it was customary to book overnight accommodation for riders and marshals for events on the Bath Road, Southern Roads or Portsmouth Road courses. The price of such facilities was rising therefore a suggestion was put forward to purchase some camping equipment, this idea was later dropped due to cost and storage problems. Early arrivers for the 1950 Treasure Hunt got more than they bargained for - Ken Hill picked up 2 sixpenny pieces, telling Ken Whiterod of his good fortune Ken spotted 3 more - the gold rush went on with Ken finding yet another two. Seven in total found, seven on the run - good fortune was shared equally. Dance venues at the right price were becoming difficult to identify. More rowdiness on clubruns was being encountered, it was suggested that during the 3 month probationary period of all members that they attend at least one committee meeting in order to understand the administrative procedures of the club. A complaint was issued by the club against WLCA, only 2 days notice had been received of a team pursuit tie at Paddington Track which, in consequence allowed the Silchester CC to have a ride over, such short notice contravened WLCA rules.

At the $\frac{1}{2}$ yearly AGM in 1950 a half hearted attempt to make the De Laune a mixed club was lost 8 for 24 against. Peter Gunnell had returned a badly moth eaten club track helmet, committee instructed that he be asked to pay for replacement. An emergency committee meeting was held to ratify the new hill climb record on Brasted Hill, set by Ken Fuller of 2min.0.4/5 sec timed by Chippendale & Hoare. The SCCU Junior massed start championship on the Goodwood Circuit won by Alan Jackson, beating 70 other riders over 31 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

Club dinner was booked with an anticipated attendance of 180-200 at a ticket cost of 15/-. Final figures revealed a loss of £4.2s8d, discussions took place as to how economies could be made in future such as reducing the number of invitations to 4 plus maximum of 6 distressed members and reducing amount printed on menu. The Memorial Clubroom Fund, established in 1942 with the express purpose to accumulate funds to purchase a permanent headquarters was officially recognised. Trustees were appointed

and rules formulated, an accumulated fund of £567.25.6d had been collected. Two Gold Badges of Honour were discussed for Harold Edmonds for his 11 years as Club Captain and Ken Fletcher for his 20 years of service by way of vice captain, open 25 promoter, active official for Jubilee dinners and DLN editor. It later transpired that due to austerity measures it was impossible to purchase gold, where upon Ken Hill immediately donated two of his previously won medals for melting down, offer accepted.

Val the Peach All information and snippets of club life have been culled from minutes + DLN publications



From the Treasury

Just a short report from the money department this month.

Our funds remain healthy, and we are continuing to function within our income.

Dave our Membership Secretary is continuing to chase those few members who are yet to pay their subs – so if you are one of them – please help by making Dave's job easier by sending him a cheque, you know it makes sense.

Tony has recently submitted a re-stock clothing order, more on this front elsewhere in the magazine, but this does mean that we will see a reduction in our working funds once the payment for this clothing is made. Don't forget, should you need any club kit all you have to do is contact him and he will ensure your needs are met.

Val the Peach

*OMA Lunch
Sunday 26 June 2011.
Venne Brighton Hove Golf Club.*

*Mixed Hors d'Oeuvres.
Roast Beef or Coq au Vin or Mushroom Stroganoff.
Homemade Trifle or Lemon Tart or Cheese & Biscuits.*

price £16.50 per head.

*Please contact either Dot on 01689 851241 or
Tricia on 01273 546226 or email me on
triciab60@hotmail.co.uk
with your choice of menu.*

Any queries with the menu please contact Tricia.

*Finally, I very much regret that the 'Woodsmill Coffee
Shop' will not be open this year as I have another
engagement that morning but look forward to seeing you
all at the Golf Club. George (father) and I will be
there midday onwards.*

**PLEASE NOTE THAT SHOULD THERE BE ROAD CLOSURE
SIGNS ON THE ROUNDABOUT, PLEASE, PLEASE IGNORE
THEM. AS WE ARE GOING TO THE GOLF CLUB WE ARE
ALLOWED ENTRY**

This is a copy of the details of a record attempt that Will Townsend (past Secretary of RTTC) which he intended to include in his memoirs. Our acknowledgements to RRA for being able to share this with you.

A Record that never Was

In August 1906 C.G. Cooper submitted a schedule for an attempt on the 1000 miles bicycle record, the standard for which has been fixed by the Road Records Association at 4 days 18 hours. Cooper was a member of the Hull Bicycle Club and, so far as is known, had never raced. His yearly mileage however was well above that of the average rider. It was Cooper's aim to beat the standard by nine hours.

Cooper left the G.P.O. in London at 8 am on Tuesday August 21st. The first 13 miles to Romford were covered in 1 hour and he reached Chelmsford in 2 hours 10 minutes, where he was nearly brought down by one of his helpers who slipped when handing him a feed. He was 30 minutes inside his schedule at Colchester, which he reached at 11.50 am having covered $58\frac{1}{2}$ miles. The weather was hot and the roads were dusty. At 1.20pm with $69\frac{3}{4}$ miles behind him he reached Ipswich where he stopped for dinner. Replenished he continued to Wickham Market where he was delayed 12 minutes with punctures. Lowestoft (113 miles) was reached at 5.30 pm but his gain on schedule was, by then, reduced to 10 minutes. He arrived at Great Yarmouth (123 miles) at 6.25 pm in heavy rain.

During the early hours of Wednesday morning he was delayed by punctures at Swafham and by losing his way Wisbech. Cooper arrived at Lincoln at 7.20 am where he had a good breakfast. Through Gainsborough, Thorne and Selby reaching Howden (345 miles) at 2.50 pm. At 4.55pm he reached Hull (358 miles) where he rested for $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour. The weather was hot, the temperature showing 90 in the shade. At this point Cooper was down on his schedule by $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours, so he stated he would continue riding until he had covered 450 miles, then deduct his loss on schedule from the hours assigned for sleep.

Cooper was scheduled to reach Thirsk (480 miles) at 2 am and take six hours sleep, however due to heavy rain he didn't arrive until 3.30 am. After sleeping he left at 9.20 am in better weather conditions. At 11.45 am he reached York (504 miles) and Doncaster (538 miles) at 2.15 pm. He was now making up lost time, reaching Nottingham (582 miles) at 8.30 pm, and Long Eaton at 9.20 pm.

In Birmingham he had a nasty fall due to tramway construction. Rain fell heavily as he continued to Ashby-de-la-Zouch, where he slept again until 4 am. At 8.10 am on Friday he arrived at Bromsgrove (646½ miles). Cooper had scheduled to reach Bromsgrove at 11.30pm on Thursday and have 5 or 6 hours sleep, but as he was so far down on his schedule he only slept for 38 minutes. Despite bad weather and heavy rain he was in good spirits. He reached Worcester (659 miles) at 9.42 am Gloucester (684 miles) at 11.50, Horfield (715 miles) at 4.45 pm, Bristol (718 miles) at 5.10 and Bath (730 miles) at 6.15pm. He was now 6¼ hours down on his schedule. He arrived at Melksham (749 miles) at 7.15 pm and Andover (776 miles) at 11.45 pm. After half an hour rest he restarted, continuing on to Southampton and reaching Brighton (864¾ miles) at 11.30 am on Saturday.

At this point Cooper had a problem - could he cover the remaining 135¼ miles before midnight - because although 4 days 18 hours did not expire until 2 am on Sunday morning, the RRA then had a rule that they could not consider a claim to a record for a ride, any part of which, had been performed on a Sunday. When Cooper was told he would have to average 12 mph he simply increased his pace. He passed through Lewes, Horsebridge, Ninfield, Hastings, Winchelsea, Rye, and New Romney to finish 4 miles from East Grinstead at 5 minutes to midnight - thus covering 1000 miles in 4 days 15 hours and 55 minutes, beating the standard by 2 hours and 5 minutes.

The tragedy was, however, that the timekeeper was not at the finish and the claim to the record was not accepted by the RRA.

Over

The Best on record for 1000 miles

Men

1907	G.A. Olley	4.09.03
1907	W. Welsh	4.07.41
1908	T.A.Fisher	3.19.01
1909	W.Welsh	3.15.57
1930	J.Rossiter	3.11.58
1934	H.Opperman	3.01.52
1937	S.Ferris	2.22.40
1956	A.Render	2.16.50
1960	R.F.Randall	2.10.40
2001	G.Butler	2.07.59

Tandem Men

1952	S.Cowell & E Denton	3.07.41
1964	P Withers & W.Withers	2.18.09

Tricycle Men

1938	G.Lawne	4.06.32
1956	D.Duffield	3.12.15
1958	A.Grimes	2.21.37

Ladies

1938	L.Dredge	4.19.14 pro
1939	M.Wilson	3.11.44 pro
1953	W.Wrightson	3.15.53 am
1954	E.Sheridan	3.01.00 pro
1974	J.Tebbut	3.09.29 am
2002	L.Taylor	2.15.38 am

Tandem Tricycle Men

1947	J.Letts & S.Parker	3.12.25
1954	A.Grimes & J Arnold	2.13.59



Obituary

Syd Parker 1916-2011

On Tuesday 10th May, one of the oldest Road Record Breakers, Syd Parker, Ealing Paragon CC, passed away aged 95.

Syd took his first two tricycle records, the London-York and 12 Hour in 1938, and the London-Bath and back in 1939. He set his last two records, the End to End and the 1,000 miles, on a tandem trike with Jim Letts, in 1947, just after the war. His other love was time trialling, being particularly good at the longer distances of the 12 hour and 24 hour, and gained the trike 24 hour Competition Record with 391 miles in 1948.

Syd attended may RRA and T.A. functions over the years and his last big outing was the T.A. dinner in 2008 where he was feted alongside John Arnold. After being unwell and hospitalised with breathing problems for the last few months, Syd seemed to be recovering well but succumbed to MRSA in his final weeks.

With Syd's passing we have lost a very valuable link with our past cycling history.

John Taylor. - RRA

We had Ken Legge with us (not in a De Laune vest I might add) and my old friend Roy Manser from the San Fairy Ann CC.

The highlight of the trip was the parking machine in Dover telling us that we had to pay £13.50 to get the barrier to open. Guess what? - the barrier was left open. Talk about the Calgary Stampede to get out!!

If you look on the De Laune website, Mike has a selection of good photos of the trip. I will be going on a similar trip with the San Fairy Ann CC on Saturday the 18th June. If you fancy it let me know.

Kav.



Photo's by Steve

Diary Social/Club for 2011

Sunday 19 June	Mid-Summer Club run & Picnic in Richmond Park - Contact John Kavanagh
Sunday 26 June	OMA Lunch - Brighton 12:45
Sunday 24 July	Max Dods Memorial B-B-Q at Herne Bay 9:00
Sunday 23 October	Club run to the Down Hill 10:00
Friday ? November	Belgium Night at Blackheath Harriers 19:30 for 20:00
Sunday 20 November	Newnham Remembrance Service 10:30
Sunday 11 December	Richmond Park Christmas Social Ride 09:00

Club & Inter-Club Events for 2011

Sunday	12 June	06:30	GS Invicta 25 - Club Championship & Novices		Q25/8
Tuesday	21 July		Circuit Race	Crystal Palace	
Sunday	31 July	6:30	De Laune Open 25 and Club Midsummer 25	Chilham	Q25/8
Saturday	13 August	08:30	OMA 10		Q10/22
Sunday	11 September	07:30	Kent VTTA Autumn 25		Q25/12
Saturday	15 October	11:00	Hill Climb	Whites Lane	
Sunday	?? October		KCA Reliability Trial	Details awaited - Phone KAV. 01622 726959	

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