

Llewellyn Family Newsletter #10

G'day Gladdies,

Yes, I been a slacker.

I can offer no profound excuses.

Just have not got around to a news letter, kept putting it off and putting it off and.....

It's been a while since the last one and the year has gone and nearly come to it's end.

So OK, here it is, a short news letter of things happening around the World Wide Llewellyn head quarters.

What's the big news this Summer?

It's socks !



Llewellyn froggie socks

Arrived today.

Socks are a stocking filler, {hint Hint}

Aussie made socks that **love** your feet.

Combined cotton yarns, {what does that mean?, cotton farmers telling stories in the pub?}

for a luxuriant soft feel, **ooooohhhhh**

Great looking socks to wear with your kit while styling along on the pedals.

Llewellyn froggie on the ankle.

Small sizes for the ladies.

And the larger one for medium to big hoofs.

Summer price of \$20.00 {ten buy \$15.00 each}

Christmas summer holiday special deal of Llewellyn Jersey, knicks and a pair of socks for \$230.00. Till January 10.

Bell or email Dazza and they will be in the post to you for Christmas.

Also, only two Ergos left from the 2007/2008 batch so plan now for winter
<http://www.llewellynbikes.com/thegallery/Trainingergo>

This year has been eventful.

My lug and dropout design projects have progressed and with some luck some production supply issues are nearly resolved.

I have a few new projects in the planing stage next year. I very much enjoy designing new lugs and fittings for Llewellyn frames, bringing traditional lugged building into the contemporary era.

Earlier this year my Dad's passing was a downer, however that is life and we all have to deal with these losses.

Mum is doing well.

I am appreciative for all the support my friends in the Llewellyn family have given to Mum, Rita and my self.

Thankyou.

Then my trip to visit Brett Horton in San Francisco and cast my eyes over his collection was a buzz and a biggish **wow** for me.

Then onto the "Cirque" bike show in North Carolina, and to win the peoples choice of **best in show** there was extremely flattering.

This was followed up by a visit to my good mates Peter Wiegler and Richard Sachs. Both are master craftsmen with distinctive styles and they have assisted and inspired me for many years.

Later this year I was again on a plane winging it to Italy and the drive up to Paris to collect the Aussie Women's road cycling development team.

Six weeks of mechanico for the girls training and racing in France was good fun. I enjoy France and to return again after four years absence was sweet. Lots of stories.

Home again for the routine in the workshop. Radio national and classic FM followed by a bit of Nick Cave in the evenings.

I had some nice variety of work this year, touring frames, road fixies, stainless lugged Slant 6 track frames, Mini 6 frames. A bit of everything and I like this, a bit of variety of expression in my metal work. Life is charming.

During the year Benissimo {Ben Fleming} started regular duties here. Ben allows me to keep myself attached to the metal working bench longer as he takes care of the increasing amount of Llewellyn service work, wheel lacing and tie and soldering stuff. So far he has managed to survive being around me, and his work ethic is impressive. I cannot imagine the place functioning with out him on the spanners. Ben is getting pretty handy on the lathe and mill as well for the odd metal working jobs. It is relief for me to concentrate at the frame building bench, thus allowing me to indulge deeper into my metal working. But I don't want Llewellyn end up like a regular bike shop and the pitfalls this brings, thus I want to keep the vision and direction I have for Llewellyn Custom Bicycles.

OK, this is the bit where I say

Merry Christmas.

Stay safe

Take care where ever you are.

Avoid the stress of and frantiness that happens at this time.

Give lots to those who are in real need this Christmas.

Have a good time with family and friends.

I thank every one for their support, it is very much appreciated.

See you all in the new year.

Cheers Dazza

