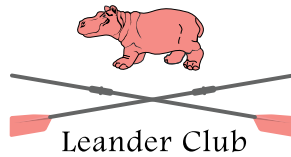


INFORMATION FOR **LEANDER** CLUB
GUESTS DURING HENLEY ROYAL REGATTA





The Chairman and Committee of Leander Club are delighted to be able to share their historic Clubhouse with you during Henley Royal Regatta. Henley attracts some of the finest crews in the world who race fiercely for coveted trophies against a backdrop that is quintessentially English in style. The dress code for Leander Club remains very traditional, the pace is relaxed and the atmosphere is courteous. If this is your first visit to Regatta then we recommend that you spend a few minutes reading the attached information which is designed to help you make the most of your day. We hope you enjoy your time with us and that you will return again to join us next year.



THE HISTORY OF HENLEY ROYAL REGATTA AND LEANDER CLUB

Henley Royal Regatta is the world's best known rowing regatta and continues to be one of Britain's top sporting and social occasions. Founded in 1839 by the townsfolk of Henley (largely with commercial rather than sporting motives) the event quickly blossomed and in 1851 gained Royal patronage. It's now a truly unique sporting event with almost 300 races taking place over five days. Leander Club's own history is intertwined with the growth of the Regatta, a relationship that was strengthened when the Club, which was founded as long ago as 1818, built its own clubhouse in Henley in 1896.

Now the most prestigious and successful rowing club in the world, Leander Club can boast athletes winning more Olympic medals than any other single sport club in the world! At Rio 2016 Leander athletes once again helped Great Britain top the rowing medal table, just as they had done in Beijing and London before. All 21 Leander athletes reached the finals and twelve won medals - seven gold, and five silver, followed two weeks later by two Paralympic gold medals for our Leander Club's athletes. These performances raised Leander Club's overall medal tally to 123 Olympic and 3 Paralympic medals since 1908.



THE RACING

There are two forms of rowing - 'sweep' in which each athlete has one oar and 'sculling' in which two oars (known as 'sculls') are used. In sweep, eights, fours (with or without cox) and pairs are used; sculling takes place in quads, doubles and single sculling boats. At Henley Royal Regatta there are 20 events, divided into three broad levels – the top 'blue ribbon' events (usually contested by international crews), intermediate-level events (generally the preserve of the cream of the club and university crews from around the world) and club-level events. There are also specific events for students and school/junior crews (under 19 years). Qualifying time-trials are held on the Friday before the Regatta starts. Once the field is finalised, the best crews are selected and the Draw is made on Saturday. Racing begins on Wednesday and goes through to Sunday.

The finish was moved from Henley Bridge to its current position in the late nineteenth Century so that the course is now exactly 1 mile and 550 yards (upstream). The two racing stations are named Bucks and Berks (the towpath side) – the latter enjoys a very slight advantage at the start and finish, while the former has a slight edge in the middle of the race. In 2-lane racing a fast start and early dominance is often favoured, unlike the more tactical racing usual in 6-lane events. For competitors, Henley is a unique experience, not least because of the level of noise. Please be sure that your cheers for the Leander crews are long and loud!



SUGGESTED TIMETABLE FOR THE DAY

If travelling by car, you should aim to arrive at the Wargrave Meadows Car Park early as traffic can be very heavy later in the morning. Car park tickets (enclosed) should be presented at the car park entrance. It is then a short walk to the Club where you will need your Leander Club entry badges to gain access. If travelling by train, Henley station is just 10 minutes walk from Leander Club.

Upon arrival at the Club you will be shown to your table or private area for the day and coffee and pastries will be served. Gentlemen will be given a pink carnation button hole and there will be an official race programme on your table which will detail all of the races for the day. This is where hosts normally arrange to meet their guests.

9am

Racing starts at 9am on weekdays and if you arrive early, and your host has not made other arrangements, you may like to walk down river to watch the racing. Your host will have your Stewards Enclosure entry tickets but you can watch proceedings from the tow path which runs down to the start.

Hosts and guests normally visit Stewards Enclosure during the morning.

12.30pm

Guests return to Leander Club for pre-lunch drinks

1.00pm

Luncheon is served. ***After lunch guests may wish to return to watch more racing in the Stewards' Enclosure.***

4.00pm

Traditional afternoon tea is served back at the Club

6.00pm

Conclusion of formal proceedings, but guests are welcome to browse in the Pink Hippo Shop, or to visit the Riverview and Club bars before making their way to the Car Park or Station.



DRESS CODE



LEANDER CLUB.

The dress code for Henley Royal Regatta is still very traditional, in keeping with this quintessentially English event. Within Leander clubhouse and grounds gentlemen are required to wear lounge suits, jackets or blazers with flannels and a tie or cravat. Jackets may be removed at table in the Marquee (only), but must be replaced when you leave table. Only in the most extreme temperatures will an announcement be made to relax the jacket rule. In such circumstances ties must remain fastened and sleeves un-rolled.

Ladies are required to wear dresses or suits. Dress length should be 'around the knee'. Please note that ladies wearing very much shorter, or very revealing, dresses will be declined entry. Entry will also be declined to ladies wearing divided skirts, culottes, or trousers. Hats are optional, but encouraged.

STEWARDS' ENCLOSURE.

The same dress code applies for Stewards' Enclosure but the dress must cover the knees. Ladies will not be allowed entry if their dress length is shorter.

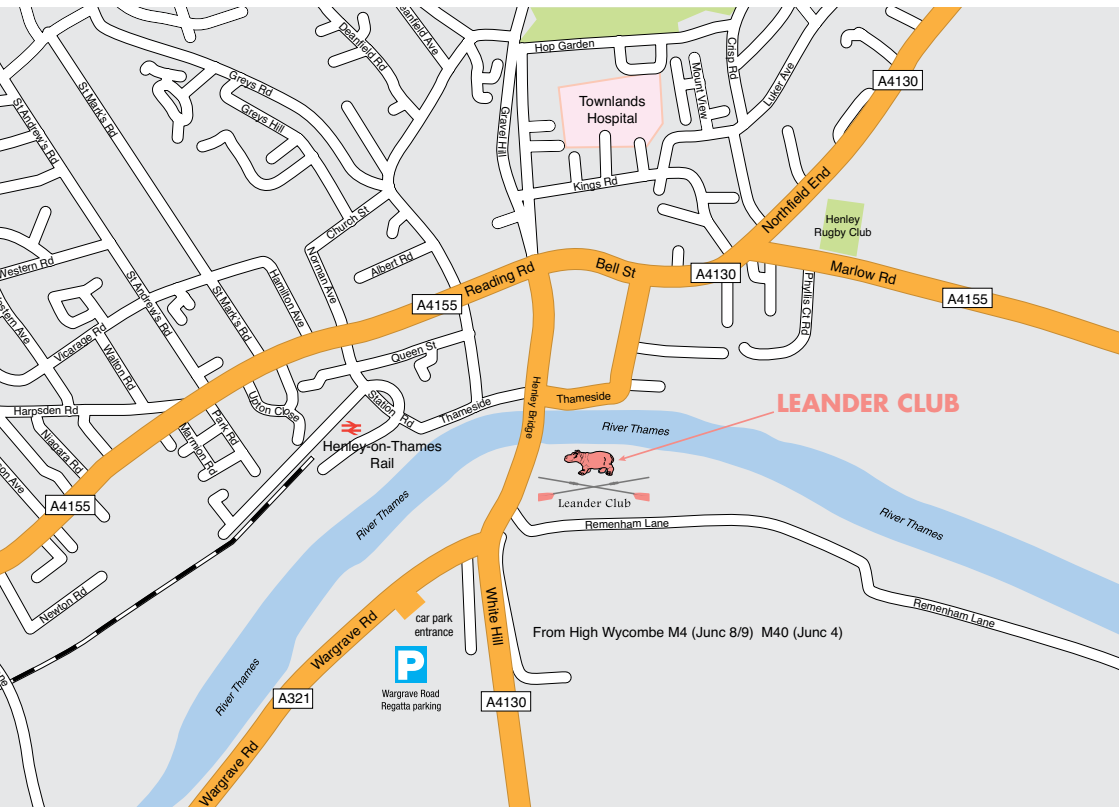
MOBILE PHONES.

Leander Club. Mobile phones must be switched to silent whilst in the Leander clubhouse and grounds. The golden rule is not to disturb the enjoyment of others. It is, for example, unacceptable to engage in (loud) mobile phone conversations that may disturb others especially when they are dining. Please make calls discreetly.

Stewards' Enclosure. The use of mobile phones is prohibited anywhere in the Stewards' Enclosure and you are likely to be escorted out of the enclosure if you make or receive calls.

DIRECTIONS TO WARGRAVE MEADOWS CAR PARK

To avoid congestion during this busy time, come off the M4 at junction 8/9 and onto the A404(M) dual carriageway for 2 miles. Turn left on to the A4 signposted Wargrave and Twyford and go straight over the small roundabout. At the next roundabout turn right towards Wargrave and Henley on the A321 continue for approx 4 miles. You will come to a hump back bridge and as the road starts to descend, you will see a sign on the right for Remenham. Go past the house 'The Moorings' and on the left is Henley Rowing Club, 100m further on the opposite side of the river is Wargrave Meadows Car Park which is set slightly back from the road. If you are approaching Henley from the other side of the river, please cross over Henley Bridge and turn right into Wargrave Road, the car park is on the left.



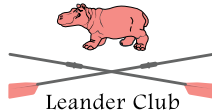


CORPORATE HOSPITALITY AT LEANDER CLUB

'Throughout the rest of the year, Leander Club operates as a private member club which welcomes corporates guests looking for a unique location to host meetings, seminars and team building days.

With a unsurpassed history of performance and success supported by fine food and state-of-the-art conference facilities we offer a friendly and personal service. Leander Club is the perfect backdrop to inspire and motivate your staff.

Find out more on our website or contact
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