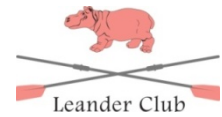


# LEANDER NEWS

APRIL & MAY 2020



For the next few months, until life is more certain, we are publishing a shorter monthly online newsletter for Members in place of our biannual printed editions. This pdf is a summary of the April and May editions, so that Members without the internet can also enjoy reading them.

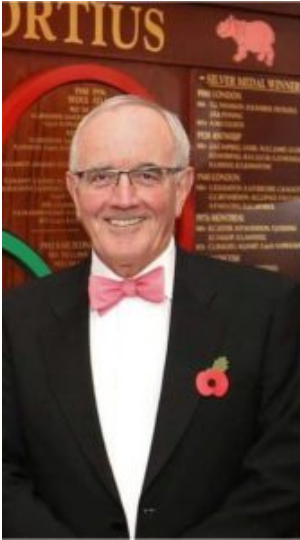
Articles, photographs and ideas, as well as news of our Members, are always welcome and should be addressed to the Editor, Barbara Wilson at [editor@leander.co.uk](mailto:editor@leander.co.uk)



The Leander Women's VIII preparing for the Women's Eights Head of the River Race in March, taken before the lockdown

# FROM THE PRESIDENT

APRIL



We are currently living in extraordinary times with most of the world's population operating under a variety of constraints. The Clubhouse is closed, the regatta season has been devastated and there will be no Royal Regatta this year.

In these difficult and challenging circumstances the Committee has decided that the biannual, printed newsletter will not be published this Spring. This has given the Club the opportunity to look at a different format by creating a new page on the website. For the next few months, until life is more certain, there will be a much shorter monthly online newsletter – this is the first edition. This will also help the Club financially, as the production costs are much reduced.

Ted Bainbridge had been our newsletter editor for the last three years and the Club is immensely grateful to him for all his hard work.

Two editions each year might not seem to be too onerous a task but I can assure you that the effort behind the scenes – particularly the chasing up of all the various contributions – is monumental.

I am delighted to be able to announce that Barbara Wilson has agreed to take over as the new editor – albeit that with the world changing around us, she is facing a quite different task to that which she thought she would be signing up for last December.



Barbara will be known to all our Dark Blue members as she was the OUBC Administrator for over 14 years, only retiring fairly recently. She is thoroughly steeped in rowing with a host of key roles including Deputy Chair of British Rowing's Sport Committee, Deputy Chair of the Junior Inter Regional Regatta and chairing the organising committee for the British Rowing Offshore Championships and the British Rowing Beach Sprint Championships.

On another positive note, Mark Banks and his coaches have been remotely supervising our squad of 19 men, 20 women and 6 juniors and, when required, supporting our 35 squad athletes at Caversham – setting training programmes, contacting each rower individually on a regular basis – motivating and supporting. Their feedback is really encouraging – our rowers are delighted to be given schedules and targets – this provides real purpose to otherwise very long and empty days.

In May, the 'Remembering our Members' section will move online to a new link on the Members' page of the website. The Committee would very much welcome your feedback on this new format of the newsletter – comments, please to Barbara at [editor@leander.co.uk](mailto:editor@leander.co.uk)

Stay safe and well. We look forward to welcoming you back at the clubhouse as soon as we possibly can.

**Mike Sweeney CBE**

# MAY EDITORIAL & CLUB NEWS

MAY



Welcome to the newsletter and thank you for all the positive feedback regarding the online format. In this edition, we pay tribute to Paul Budd who will be retiring at the end of June and Alistair Brown gives an insight into the current rowing programme. We also have a video blog from two athletes about how they are training. There are also several important notifications below, in particular, relating to the Annual General Meeting.

I hope you enjoy this month's edition; we appreciate your feedback and any suggestions of what you would like to be included in the future.

In June's edition, we will welcome our new General Manager and hope to have a further update as to when the Club may reopen.

**Barbara Wilson, Editor**

## Postponement of the Annual General Meeting

As a result of the present Covid-19 pandemic, Leander remains closed in line with Government guidance. The club will re-open when it is decided safe for "clubs and hospitality" to resume business. This will not be until July 2020, at the earliest.

Due to these unusual circumstances, the Annual General Meeting, which was originally due to have taken place on 28 June, will now be postponed until the Club has re-opened. Whilst some clubs can opt to hold a virtual meeting, Leander's Articles stipulate: "33.2 At a general meeting, 25 Voting Members present in person shall form a quorum."

As a result, we do not have the option of a remote meeting. The rescheduled date for the AGM will be published as soon as practicable. Appropriate arrangements will be put into place to stage the AGM safely, with a combination of postal and online communications and voting.

I trust that Members will show understanding of the action we are taking to ensure the AGM goes ahead safely in these difficult times.

**Fiona Dennis, Hon. Secretary**

## Remembering our Members

Sadly, several Members have passed away since publication of the Autumn 2019 newsletter including Aleya Grellier, 1948 Olympic medallist Paul Bircher and John Hall Craggs. Details of all Members can be found on the new 'Remembering our Members' area on the website by following the link <https://www.leander.co.uk/2020/05/07/remembering-our-members-spring-2020/>

This online format has been created to enable details to be updated more regularly and provide more flexibility in recognising the contribution of our Members.

## Meals to take away or be delivered

We appreciate that some Members may not wish to leave their homes at the present time. The Club is considering the possibility of providing grocery boxes and meals either to take away or to be delivered to Members (who have an RG9 postcode). If you would be interested in either option please email [manager@leander.co.uk](mailto:manager@leander.co.uk) Please note, if there is sufficient interest to proceed, this will not be a daily service.

## Leander Golf Day

It is with deep regret that the Leander Golf Day at Huntercombe Golf Club on Tuesday 9th June is cancelled. Golf courses were only allowed to re-open on 13th May but under severe restrictions which are most unlikely to be lifted in June. The intention will be to hold a Leander Golf Day in 2021.

# CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT



It was a great honour to receive a letter from the Leander Committee at the end of last year congratulating me on being elected Captain for 2020. I have been a Member of Leander since 2012, but for me, my story at the 'Pink Palace' goes back a lot further than that.

I was first brought to Leander as a young boy by my father Peter, who

rowed at the club in the 1980's. The Clubhouse would often be the starting point for riverside walks, picnics or trips to the River and Rowing Museum. My dad was always proud to show the Club off to me and my siblings. He would particularly like to show off the photo of his Olympic crew of 1988, who won the Grand, and the honours board with his name on it.

My most lasting childhood memory at Leander was at Henley Royal Regatta in 2004. I was a ten-year-old novice rower when I met the Olympic four of Pinsent, Cracknell, Williams and Coode (along with coach Jürgen Grobler), fresh off the water after winning the Stewards challenge cup. I fondly remember Steve Williams asking me to hold his water bottle and banana while he signed his autograph for me on a postcard and comparing blisters with the other three members of the crew.

I joined Leander in September 2012, straight after a successful final junior season in which I won the Fawley challenge cup with my school, Sir William Borlase's Grammar School. I was so inspired by Team GB's exceptional performances at the London 2012 Olympic Games. This inspiration was doubled when during my first week, I ate lunch in the crew room with one of my boyhood heroes, Pete Reed. The ability for Olympic champions to mix with young and upcoming rowers contributes hugely to the success of Leander and is something which I would like to develop further as Captain.

During my time at Leander so far, I have had a rollercoaster of a career. I have had some tough days! During the lead up to the World Championships in 2015 on a training camp in Portugal, my double scull had a 'head on' collision with the eight. As you can imagine, the world's fastest eight came out from this a bit better than I did. I spent the next week in a Portuguese hospital with many fractured vertebrae before having a medical evacuation back to the UK for further treatment. This was a very uncertain time for me, as I wasn't sure if I would make it back to being able to function normally, let alone row. Throughout this time, it was the Committee members, the coaches, the other athletes, the staff and the Members of Leander Club, who were sending me messages of support, and offering help. This has never been forgotten, and the support from each of you helped me to get back on my feet and back in a boat.

On a lighter note, I have also had some great successes including eight consecutive Henley wins, two European championship Bronze medals, a World championship silver medal, and even a last-minute call up to the Olympic Games in 2016.

When I look back to exploring Leander as a young boy, seeing all these giant Olympians walking around the place, and seeing my dad's photos on the wall, I would never have believed that it would be my name on those honours boards.



*Photography by Robert Treharne Jones*

I now understand my role is to inspire others, like the rowers before me inspired me. I can also tease my dad now as I have won more Henley medals than him. However, he always comes back with a low blow and tells me that my medals don't count as they are for the lesser discipline of sculling. "Come back to me when you have won the Grand!".

I am looking forward to supporting all the athletes this year, which is a particularly strange year with the COVID-19 pandemic. But now, more than ever, each and every one of us Leander Members need to pull together and support our Club and our world class athletes.

### **Jack Beaumont, Leander Club Captain 2020**



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# A BUMP IN THE ROAD



“Anything worth having is never easy to get”. I’ve heard that said quite a few times during my rowing career so far, but I can tell you I didn’t see this bump in the ‘road to Tokyo’ coming.

This will be my 7th season on the GB senior team. I came from Hollingworth Lake Rowing Club and moved to Caversham after completing my A-levels, where Leander helped me find my feet in Henley and Vicky Thornley taught me how to cook pasta.

After those early massive learning curves, I had many, many more in my first two seasons on the team where I was part of the women’s quad. After two attempts, we failed to gain qualification for the 2016 Rio Olympics Games. Although there were tough lessons, I wouldn’t change having had this experience, it opened my eyes to senior racing and the standard that we needed to reach.

I came into the 2017 season knowing we had a mountain to climb and only a bit of an idea of how we were going to begin. We started the Olympiad well, with a lot of determination earning ourselves a bronze medal. Illness and injury plagued us. We had another lesson to learn – to respect and listen to your body.

Back on track, we managed to qualify the quad for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. This was huge for me. I didn’t realise how much it meant to me until we crossed that finish line. We had achieved what we couldn’t quite do last time around. The monsters were definitely out of the cupboard and put well and truly to bed.

Having achieved qualification for the boat and managing to earn a seat over an extremely taxing year of trials, to hear that the Tokyo Olympics would not be taking place in 2020, was quite hard to take.

However, with everything going on in the world, how devastating Covid-19 has been so far and what we are all facing perspective was quick and easy to find.

We are all at home, training hard, trying to find a new normal, supporting each other and trying to do our bit to help. We aren’t able to train properly and different teams are affected in different ways in varying amounts all over the world, so it wouldn’t be right to hold an Olympics even if it were safe to do so. We want to be part of a fair Olympics with everyone at their best facing off shoulder to shoulder. I’m looking forwards to trying to earn my place again and be a part of Tokyo 2020 next year.

**Jess Leyden**

## PINK HIPPO CLUB WINNERS

Created to generate funds for our rowing programme, tickets for the Pink Hippo Club cost £12 each, payable by standing order and the draw takes place every six months to determine the lucky winners. If you would like to join the Pink Hippo Club please email [Philippa@leander.co.uk](mailto:Philippa@leander.co.uk).

### THE WINNERS OF THE SPRING DRAW 2020

1st prize MT Kirby £300 2nd prize GR Horne £200 3rd prize JF Adey £100

# KEEPING THE POSITIVITY FLOWING

APRIL



I remember sitting on the Leander pontoon, having lost the Henley semi-final of the Ladies' Plate, drained and exhausted with an overwhelming emotion of wanting to set things right.

It was my first loss at the regatta in four years. The regatta is used as a defining variable between a good season and a bad one. You either win and it's a great season, with all previous failures fading into a distant memory, and the sacrifices made become validated. Or, you lose and the decisions you made, as well as your own ability, are questioned.

There is limited middle ground, no second place or silver medals. This is what makes the regatta so appealing to spectators and rowers alike.

Amidst the rumours of an impending pandemic, the Club had gathered great momentum on training camp in Banyoles, with our training routine remaining normal and focussed on the upcoming competitions with a win at the regatta the goal for the year.

My naïvity and stubbornness refused to believe the virus could penetrate the British Isles, but this was quickly proved wrong. As the number of new cases rose and the death toll followed, the cancellation of HRR became more and more probable. The goalposts you have been using to validate the fact that you are on the right path to achieve your goals, don't look like they are just going to be moved, but pulled out the ground all together. With the lockdown finally in place the week before the works were meant to start on the regatta course, it was only a matter of time before the news broke. The tweet started "we are sorry..." and nothing further needed to be read. Although an understandable and necessary action, a sense of frustration still lingered. We had a very strong squad this year with a great mix of experience, power and a good culture, which we had been developing throughout the year. An Olympic year is always slightly strange and will sometimes offer opportunities in open competitions for club crews to prove their speed against international crews, which we were hoping to do. With the cancellation of the regattas as well as all the other summer races, there will be no validation of our winter training, no assurance that the changes we have forced through repetition have improved us, and no chance to right a nagging loss from the previous year.

Being forced into lockdown and being left with your own thoughts could exacerbate the feelings and compound the frustration felt. Thankfully we've been keeping close as a group via weekly House Party and WhatsApp group chats keeping the positivity flowing. Personally, I understand how exceptionally lucky I am during this period. I have moved back to my parent's house with a garden I have moved back to my parent's house with a garden and have been provided weights and an ergo by Leander, which are keeping me sane.

This allows me to work on my weaknesses and in a time like this, turn negatives into positives.

Although this year's goal posts have been torn out the ground, they will be eventually rooted back in and the focus switches to starting September with fewer weaknesses than before.

**James Stanhope**



# REFLECTIONS



## 12 years of service to Leander Club

Shortly after I arrived at Leander in August 2008, I was asked to write a piece for the Newsletter giving my first impressions of the Club. These impressions I summed up under three headings: professional, challenging and friendly. Looking back now over my twelve-year tenure as General Manager I think these first impressions have stood the test of time admirably.

### **Professionalism.**

I have always sensed within the Club an underlying drive to achieve the best for our athletes and Members. In 2011, we crystallised this sense of purpose as 'striving for excellence on and off the water'.

Our results on the water reflect professionalism from our coaches, athletes and the Rowing Management Group that it would be difficult to argue against. I would like to think the same professionalism remains true of our front of house team that I manage. Several key staff have been here longer than me and their professionalism was already embedded in the staff DNA when I arrived. The caring and vocational approach that all the staff display to their respective jobs and our Members and athletes underpins now we continue to do business.

I have also been impressed by the volunteers, that core of committee members and ex committee members who willingly give their time and experience to put back into their sport. These volunteers provide the strategic direction, governance and are the guardians of the look and feel of the Club. There is nothing amateur about the way this core of Members operates and work alongside the professional staff.

### **Challenging.**

The main challenge given to me by the Committee on arrival was to improve the footfall within the Clubhouse and therefore the trading revenue stream. There has never been a 'silver bullet' solution to achieve this and no sooner had the challenge been set than the task significantly increased with the onset of the 2009 financial recession. This recession took the edge off Member spend in the Clubhouse but much more seriously for us, set in train a fundamental re-evaluation by the corporate sector of how they spend money on entertainment, external meetings, food and accommodation. We have consistently tried to respond to this change and to seek innovative ways of attracting the non-Member pound, without upsetting our core Members' expectations and the look and feel of our prestigious Clubhouse. I believe this remains the central challenge and it requires both fine judgement and a good understanding of the Members whose collective subscriptions are the lifeblood of the Club's continued existence. I expect this challenge will remain a high propriety or my successor, along with the impact of COVID-19, which may have a more profound impact than the recession I faced.

Many other challenges keep life interesting within Leander. Maintaining the old part of the building is a constant drain on funds. Added to this there has been an exponential rise in regulatory compliance standards requiring us to spend more money and tick more boxes. Keeping abreast of IT developments, personal data and financial security, developing a relevant web and social media presence and trying to match on-line ordering expectations in our humble shop with those set by the multi-nationals are all significant challenges that we are managing with no more office staff than we had in 2008. I believe I have been very lucky to have such dedicated and caring staff in my team.

**Friendly.**

What makes being at Leander so rewarding is that notwithstanding the professionalism, and sometimes the emotion we direct at the challenges we face, we remain at our heart a Club of like minded people with a common purpose. We have grown our Membership over the first half of my tenure and maintained it over the second and I firmly believe that friendliness and respect for others must stay at the centre of the way we operate. Whether you are a member of staff, a volunteer committee helper or a visiting Member, you will only maintain your engagement with the Club if you feel welcomed and appreciated. We need creative tension, but we have never needed self-centred hostility or confrontational management styles to get business done efficiently. In thirty-four years in the military, I learnt that leadership is getting people to do what you want them to do because they want to do it. Long may that continue to underpin the way Leander operates.

I consider it a great privilege to have been a part of the Leander enterprise. I shall miss it hugely when I leave but looking back I consider myself very lucky to have been in the role at such a pre-eminent period in the Club's illustrious history. I have worked alongside so many talented caring people and I will miss them most of all.

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**Paul Budd, General Manager**

## THANK YOU TO PAUL



I well remember, twelve long years ago, the reservations expressed by many when the news leaked out that a military man, a colonel no less, had been selected from a strong short list as the Club's new General Manager.

Fears of a fierce individual sporting a handle-bar moustache were unfounded, the Club was in the hands of one of the least pompous people you could hope to meet. Paul was soon to befriend the Membership on a wholesale basis, making him one of the most popular General Managers that the Club has ever had.

Following a very successful rowing career at University College School and continuing as a GB youth international, Paul was deservedly made a Member of Leander Club on arrival. He displayed great enthusiasm for all things Leander, and it was fortunate for the Club that his appetite for work matched his enthusiasm for Leander and, under his leadership, the Club blossomed.

His most obvious contribution was in the high standards he demanded for food and service, and that, together with his careful oversight of the state of our Edwardian Clubhouse, are evidence of his ambitious and capable management.

It is no coincidence that Paul's twelve loyal years coincide with one of the most successful periods for the Club. The strap line so often quoted was 'striving for excellence on and off the water' and achieving the second part of that aim was very much down to Paul. The Club's memorable bicentenary year, which was enjoyed by so many of the Members, remains a testament to his organisational skills. The photo shows Paul with Arnie Zarach (left) and Brian Armstrong (right), enjoying afternoon tea at the Houses of Parliament Leander bicentenary event in 2018. I know I speak on behalf of the Membership when I say thank you for all you have done Paul, we wish you well in your thoroughly deserved retirement.

**Jeremy Randall, President, 2013-2018**

# COACHING DURING LOCK DOWN



I feel huge sympathy for our athletes who have dedicated their lives to training over the last three and a half years to get to the point of the Olympic cycle, only to have their season cancelled. Equally, for our development squad athletes who are based at the Club preparing for Henley Royal Regatta, it is a shame that they will not be able to compete this summer after all their hard work and sacrifice.

Our biggest concern as a coaching team during lockdown has been the wellbeing of every athlete. They are used to training in a large group with great camaraderie between the squads. Training alongside their friends, sharing the same dreams of competing in the summer, and then to suddenly be in isolation at home, away from everybody and with no summer races to look forward to, is a very big life change for them.

The next job was to communicate with the athletes, wherever they were going to be staying during the lockdown, as many had already decided they would move out of their smaller shared rented accommodation in Henley and return to their family homes.

Once it was clear that everyone would have to stay at home and self-isolate, the decision was made to divide up the equipment from the gym for each athlete so that they could continue to train from their homes. It was a sad end to the season helping them load ergos and weights into their cars, not knowing when we would be back together again as a squad.

The next job was to communicate with the athletes, wherever they were going to be staying during the lockdown as many had already decided they would move out of their smaller shared rented accommodation in Henley and return to their family homes. The coaches took time to learn where each athlete was going to be based and who they were living with, so that we could identify anyone who may be on their own, needing extra support from us.

The athletes were put into groups and allocated a coach to work with them during this time in isolation, so every athlete would get quality time and attention.

Mark Banks, Leander's Director of Rowing and Chief Coach was keen to keep the coaching team on their usual schedule of a team meeting every morning, although now this is on zoom, via the internet on our laptops. In the daily meetings, each coach gives an update on their group as to how each athlete is getting on. His remit could be broken down to 3 key points: athletes and coach wellbeing, athletes taking ownership of their programme and communication.

It was decided very early on by Mark to give the athletes freedom during this time to create their own training programmes, based on the equipment they had available. Each coach worked closely, but remotely, with the athletes in their group to identify key areas that they could focus on, whilst letting the athletes make their own decisions. Most of the athletes were keen to take the opportunity to go out on their road bikes as they enjoy it so much in pre-season. Guidance was given from the coaches to create a weight training routine to maintain their strength, this was challenging with limited gym equipment and resulted in some resourceful ideas, using objects they could find in the garage to build their home gym.

I was allocated a group of athletes containing women and men from our development squad. Once the athletes had established their particular targets, the coaches and athletes set about designing the training programme and we quickly got into the groove of lockdown training.

My house is crazy at the best of times but with the schools being closed I have two little boys aged 8 and 6 who need to be home schooled! This leaves me searching for a quiet room in the house to get on with some work while my wife Rebecca, takes over the teaching for the next lesson. I am good at the PE lessons and I will leave the rest in her capable hands.

Before this pandemic started I had not heard of “Zoom” but now I couldn’t live without it, spending hours of my day using it in meetings and coaching athletes during weights and ergo sessions, refreshing every 40 minutes!! The only thing I don’t enjoy about it is having to look at a picture of myself; it reminds me I am getting older and I need to do more exercise myself.

I am incredibly fortunate to work in this coaching team with some of my closest friends who I have rowed with at Leander with since I was young. Most people’s work meetings might be a bit of a chore, but ours – whilst being productive – are always fun to be a part of. I am sure the athletes see this and it all adds to the positive atmosphere that has been created.

I am hopeful life will get back to normal soon, and all of this will be a distant memory in years to come. But for me, I will always remember how close it brought our Members together whilst ironically not being able to gather in person.

Thanks to all our Members for their continued support of the Club and we hope to be back stronger than ever next season, to give you all something to smile and cheer about.

**Alistair Brown, High Performance Coach, Leander Club**



HRR Prince of Wales June 2019

Ali Brown (coach), Victor Kleshnev, James Cartwright, Seb Devereux, Sam McKeown

# REMEMBERING OUR MEMBERS



## SPRING 2020

**PAUL BIRCHER** (B, 48, 49, 50) ELECTED 1947  
1928 – 2019

Paul started rowing at Radley and continued at Christ's Cambridge where he rowed in three consecutive winning Boat Race crews from 1948 -1950. Paul was elected CUBC President in 1949 and having swapped sides to row at 5, he led the crew to a ¼ length victory.

The 1948 crew competed in the Grand as Leander, losing in the Semi-final. The crew were selected to represent GB and went onto win silver at the 1948 Olympic Games. Only the oarsmen are listed on Leander's Olympic board, as Dearlove, the cox, was registered for Thames.

After he left Cambridge, Paul continued to compete for Leander in the early 1950's. In 1950, he rowed in two Henley Royal Regatta crews, the Grand Eight, losing in the semi-final and the Stewards' Four which reached the final, losing to Hellerup Roklubb Denmark. In 1953, following a disappointing loss in the first round of the Goblets, Paul achieved success in the eight, winning the Grand Challenge. The following year the Grand Eight reached the final where they met Krylia Sovetov, USSR. Unfortunately, they were not to repeat the success of the previous year. As it transpired, 1953 was the last time Leander was to win the Grand Challenge Trophy.

**ALEYN GRELLIER** ELECTED 1950  
1927 – 2020

The death of Aleyn Grellier at the age of 93 has robbed Leander of one of the Club's most ardent followers. He was never happier than when watching or talking rowing during his frequent visits to the club, especially Lensday, or entertaining at Regatta.

Aleyn learned to row at St Edwards School, before completing his National Service with the Royal Navy, who supported his degree at Oxford, where he read PPE. Trinity College Boat Club was then at its zenith, having retained the Headship for four years, and Aleyn moved up to the 1st VIII, where he rowed at 4 with Christopher Davidge at stroke.

After a period working in insurance, Aleyn joined Morris Motors. Here he worked as a journalist on the company's magazine, before becoming a Wolseley salesman and then lecturing at the Road Transport Industry Training Board.

**LYNDSAY MICHAEL HENDERSON** ELECTED 1966  
1945 – 2019

Lyndsay rowed for Cambridge in 1966 and 1967 (President). He kept his 1967 crew together for the summer and raced as Leander in the Grand - met the East Germans in the first round!

# REMEMBERING OUR MEMBERS

## **JOHN HALL CRAGGS** ELECTED 1954

1932 – 2020

*"Proud Salopian, Sapper and Johnian"* - John was captain of LMBC in 1955-56 and was in the winning Cambridge crew in the 1956 Boat Race. In 1957 John was in the Leander crew in the Stewards' and in 1961 he rowed for Leander in the Wyfold.

In the 1960s, John was one of those instrumental in setting up the cadet scheme that eventually revived a flagging Leander. By the 1960's, the Club had been in the doldrums for some time, relying on recruiting, as it always had, mainly from Blues and Henley winners. In 1965, an initiative to restore the Club's fortunes with a squad of young oarsmen drawn from schools was conceived and implemented by Harold Rickett, John Hall-Craggs and another Salopian, George Brown, all under the captaincy of Donald Legget. John took the cadets around different schools to train in an effort to encourage school leavers to continue rowing. Derek Drury later took over and by 1968 the Leander cadets won the Thames Cup, revitalising the Club.

## **PROFESSOR CHRIS HUDSON** ELECTED 1964

1930 – 2020

Chris was a longstanding member of Leander and the Stewards' Enclosure. He studied at Queens' Cambridge where he helped Queens' to success in the early 1960s, rowing Head of the Mays and winning the Ladies Plate in 1963.

From Cambridge Chris went to Barts, where he became a distinguished obstetrician and gynaecologist gaining international recognition for his work. He retained an involvement in rowing, coaching Queens' to two further sets of blades, becoming President of Barts Boat Club and initiating the Inter-Hospitals Bumping Races.

## **PHILIP J PHILLIPS** ELECTED 1986

1937 – 2020

Lifelong member of Derby Rowing Club; rower, Coach, Captain and President. Phil won three Henley medals; Princess Elizabeth, Wyfold and Stewards'. He rowed for GB in the Four in the 1966 World Championships and in the 1967 European Championships. Phil was a Member of the British Rowing Selection Board from 1969 to 1974 during which period Standard Times and best of three Trials were introduced together with the formation of the first mandatory National Squads.

### **MR IAN ANDERSON**

1934-2019 ELECTED 1955

### **JOHN HALL CRAGGS**

1932 – 2020 ELECTED 1954

### **MR A BEESLEY**

1933 – 2020 ELECTED 1956

### **LYNDSAY MICHAEL HENDERSON**

1945 – 2019 ELECTED 1966

### **PAUL BIRCHER**

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1937 – 2020 ELECTED 1986

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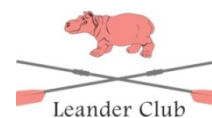
1927 – 2020 ELECTED 1950

### **MR MALCOLM WHITTAKER**

1939 – 2019 ELECTED 1994

### **MR G GRIFFIN**

1954 – 2020 ELECTED 1973 REINSTATED 2016



Leander athletes training during lockdown

## LET'S KEEP IN TOUCH

If you have an email address and would like to receive more regular updates, please let us know. We send out Hippo Happenings, our e-news for Members twice a month. To receive your copy, please contact Cheryl at [cheryl@leander.co.uk](mailto:cheryl@leander.co.uk)

## LEANDER CLUB MEMBERSHIP IS PRIZED THROUGHOUT THE ROWING WORLD

The Club is always delighted to welcome new Members and you – the existing Members – are best placed to identify and to nominate potential new candidates.