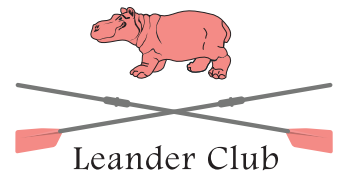


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Great Britain, with four Leander athletes on board, on track for GB's first-ever Olympic medal in women's eights

Photograph:

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WINGFIELD SCULLS

Leander vice-captain Nick Middleton took an unexpected dip during his attempt to win this year's Wingfield Sculls, the Amateur Championship of the Thames.

As the five scullers passed the Mile Post with just three seconds separating the leaders, Middleton's blade clipped those of Imperial College's Tim Richards and he promptly capsized, allowing lightweight Jamie Kirkwood to slip away unchallenged.

Kirkwood, who has now called time on his international career, has recently taken up the position as Assistant Coach at Oxford University Women's Boat Club.

The Tideway episode had no long-lasting effect on Middleton, who went on to take second place at the recent GB trials in Boston behind GB U23 sculler Tom Barras.

In the women's race for the Wingfields Leander U23 world champion Jess Leyden took top honours after a close battle with Georgia Francis of Imperial College.

Racing in near-perfect conditions on the flood tide the two scullers tussled for the lead, with Imperial's Pippa Whitaker having her own private battle for third with Amelia Carlton of Tideway Scullers. Francis' four second lead at the Mile



Credit: Robert Treharne Jones

was reversed to a five second margin for Leyden at Hammersmith and the former junior world champion then moved away to cross the line 13 seconds clear of her nearest rival.

In keeping with the tradition of the race, Leyden and Kirkwood were

presented with their trophies by former winners of the race. The women's trophy was presented by three-times winner Greg Searle, who had also acted as race umpire for the day, while Kirkwood was presented with his trophy by 1976 champion Graeme Mulcahy.

MY OLYMPIC DIARY

In her personal diary, completed during the last few weeks before the Olympics, Karen Bennett, who rowed at 7 in the GB women's eight, gives an excellent account of the tensions and excitement leading up to her silver medal in Rio.



Credit: Peter Spurrier/Intersport Image

Karen (7th from left) celebrates with her crew after winning GB's first-ever Olympic medal in women's eights

6 JUNE

68 DAYS TO THE OLYMPIC FINAL:

Seat racing – probably the most stressful thing in my rowing career. It all came down to that race to book my Olympic seat. I knew I had raced with my heart and could hold my head high. Felt so nervous when I got the phone call. I was in! I couldn't wait to tell my family – my dream was coming true.

9 JUNE

65 DAYS TO GO:

Team announcement today at the River and Rowing Museum in Henley. Very exciting – we could finally let the world know we had been selected to represent GB at the OLYMPIC GAMES! Press conference, team photos, interviews – an unforgettable day but still feels so surreal.

15 JUNE

59 DAYS TO GO:

59 days to go: Flew to Poznan for the World Cup regatta, and our last chance to make a statement before the Olympics. Long tiring day with all the travelling – had a walk and took some selfies when we arrived. I'm sharing with Dr Mel, my wonderful pairs partner. Ready to take on the weekend.

19 JUNE

55 DAYS TO GO:

Today didn't go entirely to plan. We let the 2nd 500m get away from us and couldn't bring it back at the end. Everyone was exhausted and I think the seat racing last week has taken its toll.

Leave Poznan with a disheartening silver medal and a toy goat.

25 JUNE

49 DAYS TO GO:

So we're going to Varese in Italy for our training camp, as our usual venue in Breisach is currently flooded. Everyone loves Varese anyway so that means a lot of happy athletes. Moved house today – surprisingly unstressful!

28 JUNE

46 DAYS TO GO:

My boyfriend John left for the men's training camp in Silvretta today – time for me to get packing. I'm being organised for once! He is away for a month which is a very long time.

30 JUNE

44 DAYS TO GO:

Arrived in Italy for our first pre-Olympic camp. I'm sharing with OCB [*Olivia Carnegie-Brown*] which is awesome because we get on so well. She is also Queen of Snacks, so I won't be short of a crisp or two. Rigged the eight and went for a paddle. So nice to be in Varese where the weather, and especially the coffee, are absolutely fantastic.

9 JULY

35 DAYS TO GO:

A half-day of pieces. Didn't think I was rowing very well in my pre-paddle, but made an effort to go out and turn it around. Sure enough, anything we put our minds to, we did it. Meeting later, with a debrief looking at our video. It was really good and exactly how I want to row at the Olympics. Group outing to our favourite pizza place later – four cheese and Parma ham pizza for me, with a cup of special tomato sauce and mozzarella. Incredible!

11 JULY

33 DAYS TO GO:

Today has been tough – weather very hot, workload taking its toll, the ergo is hard, I'm really tired and the work is getting to me. Went out in a coxless four which was fun and a change of scenery. Zoe, our cox, walked around the whole lake – 28km in 5hrs 48 mins! While we all suffer through these days we help each other to survive them.

13 JULY

31 DAYS TO GO:

Left Varese for Breisach, where the water level has gone down. Incredible scenery for parts of the 4 ½ hour coach trip across the Alps. Got changed and collected our bikes on arrival, then to the river – still very fast flowing but safe to go out so we rigged up and got on with our session. Only managed to go up 3km before our splits were ridiculous due to the flow, so home in 9 minutes – that's super-quick! I'm sharing a room with Jess who is always looking out for her team mates and I can count on her to have a bit of fun.

19 JULY

25 DAYS TO GO:

A busy day of travelling and organising as we arrived back in the UK. Unpacked and put on a wash as we move in to the

last of our camps tomorrow – the Crowne Plaza in Reading! Can't believe we head off to Rio soon – I'm very excited!

28 JULY

16 DAYS TO GO:

Last session at Caversham today, and with some of the eight retiring after Rio it's all pretty emotional. This is where the special unit was formed, where all the blood, sweat and tears are shed over the years. Off to Rio tomorrow and feeling really excited. I'll probably be packing all night as I always leave things to the last minute.

29 JULY

15 DAYS TO GO:

The flight was great – so much easier to sleep in business class, a whole new world for me. Looked around to see how all the gadgets worked, and watched three films. Arrived late at our lovely hotel – basic but clean, with good food. Lots of nice surprises in our rooms, we are all next to each other on the same floor. Lots of fun trying on the Team GB dressing gowns and taking crew selfies before bed.

30 JULY

14 DAYS TO GO:

Two sessions on the lake today and we were allowed to look around and enjoy the scenery on the first. Saw a favela in the distance which reminded me of *City of God*, a film I watched on the flight yesterday. Realise I'm now completely obsessed by favelas – I'm desperate to go to one even though they are so dangerous. Got to the start and saw Christ the Redeemer looking down on us – it was so cool that I completely zoned out and missed the call when Zoe told us to hold up on bowsides.

8 AUGUST

5 DAYS TO GO:

After a week of prepping, eating and sleeping, we are ready to race our Olympic heat. Very nervous up the start but the thought we have another chance if I mess up or catch a crab kept me calm. We started slowly but came through in the second half and were very quick in the last 250m to qualify direct for the final so we could rest up and take confidence from our performance. Spent some time with my parents today – so nice to chat to them about lots of different things other than rowing.

12 AUGUST

1 DAY TO GO:

Looking back on the last few days we were pleased to have won our heat. The repechage was rescheduled due to the weather so we had the best preparation, doing a longer piece two days ago, and taking it easy yesterday and today. Meeting earlier which was simple and to the point – we know what we need to do, and how we need to do it.

13 AUGUST

THE OLYMPIC FINAL

14 AUGUST

No time to write my diary yesterday as I won an Olympic silver medal! It doesn't feel real – I was so nervous yet couldn't make any mistakes. My legs felt like jelly in the warm-up but OCB felt the same, and it helped that I wasn't the only one. Sitting at the start I felt sick but as soon as the buzzer went all that disappeared and I focussed on the job in hand, one stroke at a time. Two and a half minutes in I realise that we are on our own, sitting last, but I never panicked or worried as we made our way through the nations, sitting in third with 500m to go, but were outclassed by the USA. The belief, determination and bravery of our crew got us that medal. We were doing it for each other, our families, our friends and all the sacrifice we had made. My cheeks hurt from smiling so much. Being on the podium was incredible and a feeling I will take with me forever – nothing can prepare you for how you feel afterwards. When I gave my Dad a hug and seeing my Mum after the presentation it was so emotional – words can't describe how I felt.

We all spent time with our families after the race and in the evening went to British House for a party – it was an awesome night. We move in to the village today and I'm very excited about relaxing, partying and enjoying the rest of the Olympics without any pressure or expectation.

**DREAM IT,
BELIEVE IT,
ACHIEVE IT!**

THANK YOU, ONE AND ALL!

At the end of yet another successful year in the life of Leander it is my very pleasant duty to congratulate all our athletes and coaches who were selected for Great Britain, either at the Olympics, the Paralympics, the World Seniors or the Under-23 Championships.



Leander wishes to place on record that this credit should be shared, not only with our partners in the GB Rowing Team, but also the support teams at the athletes' previous clubs, universities and schools. Our athletes would not have had this success without their substantial contribution.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL!

Mark Banks, Chief Coach (formerly of Hollingworth Lake and Nottingham & Union)

TOM BARRAS
(TIFFIN; CARDIFF UNIV.)

CHRIS BARTLEY
(KING'S SCHOOL, CHESTER)

JACK BEAUMONT
(SIR WILLIAM BORLASE'S GS;
MAIDENHEAD)

KAREN BENNETT
(HEART OF SCOTLAND;
MOLESEY)

SHOLTO CARNEGIE
(CHERWELL SCHOOL; YALE)

RICHARD CHAMBERS
(COLERAINE ACADEMICAL
INST.; OXFORD BROOKES
UNIV.)

JONO CLEGG
(SIR WILLIAM BORLASE'S GS)

JOHN COLLINS
(PUTNEY TOWN; TIDEWAY
SCULLERS)

CLIVE COOPER
(UPPER THAMES; READING
UNIV.; OUWLRC)

ZOE DE TOLEDO
(ST PAUL'S GIRLS SCHOOL;
OXFORD UNIV.)

ED FISHER
(NOTTINGHAM)

WILL FLETCHER
(TYNE; DURHAM UNIV.)

FIONA GAMMOND
(HEADINGTON SCHOOL;
UNIV. OF WASHINGTON)

TOM GEORGE
(RADLEY COLLEGE)

HARRY GLENISTER
(JOHN HAMPDEN GS;
SURREY UNIV.)

MATT GOTREL
(LOUGHBOROUGH UNIV.)

ALEX GREGORY
(EVESHAM; READING UNIV.)

KATIE GREVES
(HEADINGTON SCHOOL;
UNIV. OF LONDON)

ANGUS GROOM
(WALTON; DURHAM UNIV.)

JANE HALL
(KINGSTON GRAMMAR
SCHOOL)

PHELAN HILL
(BEDFORD SCHOOL;
LONDON)

ROSS HUNTER
(POPLAR, BLACKWALL AND
DISTRICT)

ROB HURN
(ANGLICAN CHURCH GS;
YALE)

STEWART INNES
(DURHAM UNIV.)

JONATHAN JACKSON
(UPPER THAMES)

OLLY JAMES
(BROXBORNE; WARWICK
UNIV.)

ANDY JOEL
(WINDSOR BOYS' SCHOOL)

JAMES JOHNSTON
(HARVARD)

JAMIE KIRKWOOD
(CAMBOIS; IMPERIAL
COLLEGE)

PETE LAMBERT
(JEPPE HIGH SCHOOL,
SOUTH AFRICA)

MATT LANGRIDGE
(NORTHWICH)

ROWAN LAW
(NOTTINGHAM RC)

HARRY LEASK
(GEORGE HERIOT'S
SCHOOL)

JESS LEYDEN
(HOLLINGWORTH LAKE)

CALLUM MCBRIERTY
(DURHAM UNIV.)

VICKI MEYER-LAKER
(NOTTINGHAM)

SAM MOTTRAM
(UPPER THAMES)

HOLLY NIXON
(PORTORA SCHOOL)

HOLLY NORTON
(ST STITHIANS GIRLS'
COLLEGE)

TOM RANSLEY
(YORK CITY; CAMBRIDGE
UNIV.)

PETE REED
(UNIV. OF WEST OF
ENGLAND;)

PAM RELPH
(CAVERSHAM)

WILL SATCH
(SHIPLAKE COLLEGE)

AL SINCLAIR
(INVERNESS)

POLLY SWANN
(GEORGE HERIOT'S SCHOOL;
GLASGOW UNIV.)

VICKY THORNLEY
(BATH UNIV.)

CHARLES WAITE-ROBERTS
(PANGBOURNE; UNIV. OF
WEST OF ENGLAND;)

JONNY WALTON
(LEICESTER;
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIV.)

**OLLIE WYNNE-
GRIFFITH**
(RADLEY; YALE)

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

The much anticipated summer season of 2016 was full of promise, excitement and expectation, and Leander stepped right up to the mark as our Captain, Alex Gregory, now reports.

Well, that was certainly a season we won't forget in a hurry!

Despite the absence of our GB internationals who were all overseas preparing for the World Championships and Olympics, those representing Leander at Henley Royal Regatta more than held their own.

I remember rushing off the water each day whilst training in the mountains of Austria, opening my laptop, and watching our crews race down the Henley track. With the introduction of live streaming, the regatta has been brought to our fingertips wherever we are in the world, allowing us to watch and support our clubmates. No shouts of support from abroad were needed. Leander came away with four title wins in one of the most controversial regattas I can remember.

One of the most talked-about finals of the regatta was that of the Ladies' Plate. A very well-drilled Leander crew won the trophy after Nereus were disqualified because of dubious steering, and questionable decision-making on their part. Nail-biting to watch, incredibly exciting and full credit to our athletes for dealing with the situations which arose while waiting for the final verdict - fantastic credit to our Club and the crew!

Jess Leyden and Holly Nixon were part of a successful Leander/Reading composite which won the Princess Grace Challenge Cup, and in the Double Sculls Jack Beaumont and Leander vice-captain Nick Middleton displayed the high standard these two athletes come to expect from themselves. Controlling each race the double went on to win the final and take home the trophy with a four-length lead.

Throughout the season the junior athletes have continued to make steady and consistent progress. The introduction of the junior programme has been one of the biggest changes at Leander in recent years and we are certainly taking it from strength to strength. At the National Schools Regatta in June Leander came home with some excellent results. In the J18 Championship quads Tom Placidi,



Credit: Peter Spurrier

The Captain with his gold medal four in Rio

Ben Holt, Tom Mortimer and Cameron Forsythe brought home a well-earned bronze while the second Leander crew of Piotr Golawski, Hadley Butcher, David Few and Tom Ballinger won a fantastic gold in their event. Our youngest entry to the regatta, racing as Star and Arrow, finished 9th overall after racing against many more experienced young athletes. These results have been described as 'a milestone in Leander's talent Identification programme' and are going a long way to ensure the future of the Club.

Over the last nine years Leander's junior and talent ID programme has been run by the much-loved Livinia Cowell-Sherriff who, this summer, decided to move on to new challenges. She has been integral to the development programme and has coached our junior athletes from their first time in a boat right through to becoming Henley champions. Livinia will be greatly missed, but continues her strong links with Leander and will no doubt see great success in her next venture.

The Olympic and Paralympic Games is of course the target of most athletes who pass through the doors of our club. This year in Rio de Janeiro saw fourteen Leander athletes win medals, raising the club's Olympic medal total to 123 since 1908.

With medal winners in the women's double, men's and women's eight, men's four and Paralympic LTA mixed coxed four, these results and these athletes will forever be an important part of our rowing history. Special note must go to the GB Paralympic squad who brought home three gold medals from the four events, including Leander's Pam Relph and Oli James in the mixed four, and a bronze in the men's TA single.

We had all set off to Rio unsure just how the Olympics might unfold. Not only were our crews successful, but the Olympics as a whole was a magnificent event, with the DNA of the city running right through for the duration.



Credit: Robert Treharne Jones

Livinia Cowell-Sherriff - new challenges ahead



Jess Leyden won U23 gold in Rotterdam

Not everything was perfect but, in my eyes, that's perfectly Rio! Having represented Great Britain and Leander at two Olympics, I would like to use this opportunity to say that it has been a privilege to be a part of this phenomenally strong team of athletes and coaches in an era of unprecedented success. Of course this includes those athletes who did not manage to bring a medal home this time. Most of those athletes will be back, four years from now, representing our Club with pride alongside the new generation of aspiring Olympic medallists. Rio was an

exceptional games for us, and all eyes are now on Tokyo!

The Olympics was by no means the end of the racing season and, as the rowing calendar continued to tick, the non-Olympic and Under-23 World Championships in Rotterdam saw twelve more Leander athletes bring home medals. This was an incredible result for the Club with our athletes and coaches scoring such success. Jane Hall coached Fi Gammond, Holly Nixon and Holly Norton along with Molesey's Donna Etiebet to the gold in women's fours, while Callum McBrierty became world champion alongside Oli Cook and Henry Fieldman in the coxed pairs. Another first went to Jess Leyden in the women's doubles to finish the gold rush but this was by no means the end of the medals.

Two silvers in the Under-23 Championships brought the Club's results to a close at the very highest level, and bodes well for the new Olympiad as many of these athletes now move across into the GB set-up at Caversham.

It's this continuous development of athletes to international standard and into the GB squads where Leander sets the bench mark. Of course the athletes are tested, trained and selected, working closely with the highly-skilled coaching team run by Mark Banks, but it's the support of the Club as a whole that



Jack Beaumont and Nick Middleton won the Double Sculls at Henley

bears just as much importance. Without this encouragement from Leander and its members, many of us wouldn't be where we now find ourselves. Leander is in great health and I'm excited about watching the new season unfold.

And so we close the doors on the 2016 Olympiad. Nothing stops, momentum continues, but for some their rowing careers come to an end. It's a time when big life decisions are made and, as I write this, I'm making that decision myself. In the coming months we'll see which of Leander's veterans return to the grind for another go, and who moves on to new ventures. Rest assured Leander's results will continue and we'll be celebrating more great performances in the months and years to come.



Our bronze medal championship quad at National Schools

LEANDER CLUB - THE

Members will be aware that the club will celebrate its bicentenary in 2018 and, as you might expect, we have various ideas up our sleeve to commemorate and celebrate this momentous occasion!

As the world's most well-known and successful rowing club, our aim is to engage with all 3,650 Members, right around the globe, with our 200-year-old story.

The full programme, designed to reach out to our whole membership and to enhance the Club's reputation, will be announced in the autumn next year. Many of the highlights are still at the confidential stage of development, but planning is already under way with a number of key activities.

- Our prestigious commemorative book, explained opposite, will be published in November 2017 and circulated to Members.
- In the Autumn 2017 we will launch the 'Bicentenary International Coaches' Scholarship Programme' in partnership with British Rowing and the International Rowing Federation.
- Our outreach activities will be extended, at a local level, to secondary schools in the Thames Valley region, working with the River & Rowing Museum.

Social events for our Members are obviously crucial and we have already pencilled in the following events for 2018:

- May - Evensong at St Paul's Cathedral followed by a supper in the Crypt.
- June - Reception on the Terrace at the House of Lords.
- October - Dinner at the Mansion House.

There will also be dinners in the USA (New York), Australia, and Ireland, as well as additional events and activities during Henley Royal Regatta, where our marquee and catering arrangements will be specifically remodelled to ensure that we have more flexibility to host even more events and groups than usual.

While we continue to shape our plans for 2018 we encourage your feedback



Credit: Hamish Roots



Credit: Leander Archives



Credit: Martin Cook

and the Bicentenary Sub-Committee, chaired by Paul Mainds, would welcome a discussion on any ideas which you would like to take forward and which should be addressed, in the first instance, to Paul Budd at manager@leander.co.uk.

Top: Leander has always been the most successful club at Henley Royal Regatta.

Middle: Leander played a crucial role in the GB success at the 1908 Olympics.

Bottom: Leander had plenty to celebrate after the 2016 Games in Rio.

FIRST 200 YEARS!



With the start of our bicentenary celebrations just over a year away, one of the most eagerly awaited events is the launch of the Leander Bicentenary Book. The Club is determined that this historic volume will be greeted with acclaim by the membership and will make a worthy addition to any coffee table or bookshelf.

We recently caught up with the chairman of the editorial board, Andy Trotman, who comes to this role after a successful career as a publisher, and who shares our excitement at the book's launch.

LEANDER NEWS: *Surely there have been several previous Leander histories? What's going to be different about this one?*

ANDY TROTMAN: Well, although many eminent men in the rowing world have had previous attempts, the most recent, written by Richard Burnell, was more than twenty years ago, and the Club has moved on a great deal during that time. We want to take a fresh new look at our entire story, in a new and exciting way, to see how the Club has developed as the most successful in the world, mirroring the success of the GB team, as members of the top rowing nation in the world.

LN: *A fresh look certainly sounds exciting, but how will that look in practice, and who have you recruited to put it all together?*

AT: The book will be driven by the strength of its photography and imagery, enhanced by the text in a way that will produce an attractive volume for a general readership as well as rowing enthusiasts. Readers won't have to plough their way through a lot of dry text, because each short section will be visually attractive and stand as a story in its own right. As if that weren't enough the book itself is going to be published by the recent winners of the prestigious SPORTEL Sports Book Prize.

As far as contributors go we've assembled a special group of people who have seen and taken part in the revolution at Leander, and the renaissance of both the Club and GB Rowing. It's been a remarkable achievement - sustaining world-leading performance in a highly competitive

sport that is also so clean. I'm just proud to be helping to communicate it, and I know our Members and readers will be too.

LN: *Can you give us some examples of the perspectives you hope to include?*

AT: The inside story of the Club today is certainly going to top the list, because so few of our Members, apart from our athletes and coaches, experience the nitty-gritty of the tough coaching programme, the thrills of racing at this level, and how the whole thing is coordinated with such inspired consistency by the Officers and Committee. Recent Captains will give an inside view of their involvement, while the current President will explain the seismic shift which occurred in the 1980s and which laid out the path for our recent success.

LN: *And at an international level? What about Leander's place in GB Rowing and on the world stage?*

AT: Our past President, Sir George Cox, who is also a past chairman of selectors, has written a unique piece on British Olympic rowing, with contributions from GB athletes who have competed at every Olympics since 1948. Chris Dodd, the doyen of rowing historians, will write on the Leander-inspired approach by recent GB coaches, and Debbie Flood, our first woman captain, will write about successful development of women's rowing at Leander.

LN: *What about the early history of the Club, because there have been suggestions that the traditional story of*

our origins may not be entirely accurate?

AT: That's right, I think there is always scope for a new perspective which is why our distinguished international contributors will re-examine our early history from our foundation in London in 1818. They hope to breathe new life into the experience of the athletes, boatmen and watermen on the 19th century Tideway, before our move to Henley in 1896. And of course our treasures will play a key part in that interpretation, so our silverware, blades, pictures, medals and garments come under the aegis of Tom Weil, the world authority on the subject.

LN: *Well, it certainly sounds an impressive undertaking. How will Members be able to get a copy?*

AT: We know that the vast majority of Members will be keen to have their own copy, so we are making it available on publication at a 50% discount, (£20 plus postage) which is remarkably good value - thereafter it will only be available at the standard cover price of £40. As previously announced, and agreed at the AGM, the Direct Debit will be used to enable the book and postage to be charged along with the annual subscription but, in the unlikely event of Members not wanting their own copy, they can opt out of this arrangement simply by advising Cheryl Vyvyan by email at membership@leander.co.uk.

Members' ideas for contributions for the book would be most welcome and should be addressed in the first instance to book@leander.co.uk.

MEET THE CHAIRMAN

We recently had the chance to speak with Hugh Richardson, who has succeeded Ivor Lloyd as Chairman of Leander Club.

Stepping into Ivor's well-worn shoes would be a daunting task for anyone, and Hugh is the first to admit that he has much to learn. Fortunately, he feels ably supported by an experienced Committee and management team.

Keen to play down his, by Leander standards, relatively undistinguished time as a college oarsman and subsequently at London RC, he started to get re-involved with the rowing world in 1999. He had moved to a job at an Oxford college after a business career with merchant bank SG Warburg & Co. Ltd. "in the days when it was still respectable to be a banker".

This enabled him to become the Senior Member for the college rowing clubs, and allowed time for him to become a British Rowing umpire. Moving on in due course to a finance role at Eton gave him the opportunity to live in Henley and also to become a trustee of Dorney Lake, where he was closely involved in dealing with the Olympic authorities in connection with the 2012 Games held there.

He returned to his original club, London, as treasurer and came to Leander 'on a free transfer' as the Club's treasurer



in January 2013. Here he has had his hands full working on the Club's incorporation, among other things, as well as being a regular attendee at Club social events.

"Being involved with the world's greatest rowing club is a huge privilege, and I know that every Member is determined to preserve its fine heritage and enhance its brilliant success. I very much look forward to making whatever contribution I can to that effort" he said.

Members are invited to contact Hugh at any time via email at chairman@leander.co.uk.



LEANDER CLUB REGATTA BLAZER

This year saw the first appearance of the newly-authorised Club Blazer, which is now available with three variants of the pocket badge, and tailored appropriately for both men and women.

1. The Full Shield badge (*pictured*) may be worn by Full Members who have represented Leander in competition at HRR, or represented GB, as well as other events determined by Committee.
2. The Crossed Blades badge may be worn by Full Members.
3. Club Members may wear the blazer without pocket badge.

The official club supplier is AE Clothier who offer a choice of three materials and a range of prices, details of which can be found on our website <http://tinyurl.com/blazer-pdf>.

To order your blazer please contact Gillian at A E Clothier sales@aeclothier.co.uk or (01223) 864121.

Fittings can take place in Cambridge or at various other locations, including Leander. AE Clothier have been instructed to gain authorisation through the Leander Office for every order requesting a Full Shield or Crossed Blades badge, to ensure entitlement.

BRITISH SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Olympic silver medallist Karen Bennett was back on the podium last month as part of a victorious Leander women's eight at the British Senior Championships in Nottingham.



Credit: Naomi Baker

"Obviously it was massively different from Rio in terms of scenery but it was really fun racing with the girls, they are all up-and-coming and really talented," said Bennett after her race.

Leander once again won the victor ludorum title for most successful club overall after wins in men's doubles, men's eights, and both the men's and women's quads.

Despite Oxford Brookes boating nine crews in the men's eights they had to settle for silver behind Leander A crew who set a new regatta record of 5:36.50 over the 2000m course.

"Oxford Brookes are always big rivals of ours and we push each other on during the season, so it's nice to get one over on them this time but I am sure they will be back," said the Leander 7 man, Tim Clarke.

Leander's Jess Leyden and Holly Nixon both won gold at this year's combined

Senior and U23 World Championships in Rotterdam, and on Sunday they claimed another victory in women's quads, teaming up with Lucy Burgess and Emily Carmichael to win by clear water in the final.

"I always like coming to the British Championships and representing my club, it's really fun," said Leyden.

"I love competing and it helps make this time of year a bit more interesting."

The men's quads final came down to a battle between Leander's openweight and lightweight crews, with lightweights Ed Fisher, Charles Waite-Roberts, Jonathan Jackson and Samuel Mottram coming out on top.

"That was a really enjoyable race and it went as we wanted it," said Waite-Roberts. "Tail-wind conditions are always going to be a bit scrappy but I was really pleased with how we

composed ourselves.

In men's fours Oxford University Boat Club broke a 26-year-old record as they held off a strong challenge from Leander to win gold in 6:03.17.

The men's doubles were dominated by Leander's Nick Middleton and Tom Barras, who took gold ahead of club colleagues Harry Leask and Andy Joel, the top U23 crew.

"It was great to row with Tom, he's a new guy into the GB squad but obviously one with great promise for the future" said Middleton.

Barras, who represented GB in the U23 singles this year, said: "It was brilliant to row with Nick – he's been to World Cups and won this competition before, so he knows what to do.

LEST WE FORGET

On the centenary of the Battle of the Somme, which lasted for more than four months, we feature two Leander men whose lives were lost among the 419, 654 men listed as dead, missing or wounded during that period of the Great War.



Credit: Mike Willoughby

AUGUSTUS DILBEROGLUE, born on 13 January 1894 in Cairo, where his father, Plato, had been a judge in the Native Court of Appeal.

After Ascham School, Eastbourne, he went to Summer Field's, Oxford where both he and his younger brother Richard won races in swimming. He went on to Eton in 1907 where he became Captain of his House and, in his last year, second Captain of Boats.

He rowed bow in the Eton crew which won the Ladies' Plate at Henley in 1912, but lost to First Trinity, the eventual winners, in their semifinal the following year.

He then went up to Christ Church and rowed 7 in the crew which went Head at Torpids, on the strength of which he was elected to Leander the same year. Competing in the Ladies' Plate for the third successive year his crew once again lost their semi-final to Pembroke College, Cambridge, who went on to win the trophy.

War broke out during his first year at Christ Church. Having passed Moderations, he obtained a commission in the Special Reserve Battalion of the Worcestershire Regiment. He was offered a vacancy at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst and, after passing out in July 1915, he was gazetted to the 3rd [King's Own] Hussars. After serving at Shorncliffe and in Ireland he went to France on 2 February 1916.

He was killed in action near Domart, southeast of Amiens, as the 2nd Cavalry Division took 'Rifle Wood', and is buried there.

His Commanding Officer wrote, "Your son has, on many occasions, acted as my Adjutant and I had a very high opinion of him. A gallant cavalry officer and a very fine young soldier, he is a great loss to the regiment"

A brother officer wrote "To me he was the finest character and friend in the regiment. I don't think I have ever



met a more morally fearless character than his and as a model I never have met a finer or nobler character in all my life; his squadron and troop loved him and all we officers did."

His brother, Richard was killed in France in September 1915 at the age of 20 and there are memorials in All Saints Church, Eastbourne to both of them.



The Thiepval Memorial records the names of 72,000 men lost in the Great War

WILFRED GEORGE VINT was born in Bradford, Yorkshire, on 2 August 1895, the son of Charles John Vint, a solicitor, and his wife, Eliza Hannah.

He went to school at Shrewsbury, where he started his coxing career, and created a record by steering the school crew to victory against Bedford Grammar School on five consecutive occasions (1900-1904).

Wilfred went up to Merton College, Oxford, where he coxed the winning boat in University Trial Eights in spring 1905.

He was elected to Leander membership in 1906, and the following year he coxed the Merton crew in Summer Eights where they bumped up every day. Despite his evident prowess as a cox he never competed at Henley or in the Boat Race, where he lost the 1905 seat to Leigh Pemberton Stedall.

Following graduation he qualified as a solicitor and joined his father's firm in Bradford in 1911. He enlisted in March 1916 as a private in the 8th Battalion Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment), and went to France with the British Expeditionary Force on 22 September.

In a place where the soldier's average life expectancy in the trenches was just six weeks, Wilfred Vint was killed in action after eleven weeks, near Beaucourt on the Somme.

His body could not be found, and he is commemorated, together with more than 72,000 other men, on the Thiepval memorial.

Wilfred Vint was the only non-officer casualty among the Leander men lost in the War.



Wilfred Vint is remembered at the Bradford Law Society

Annual Subscriptions for **2017**

Leander Club subscriptions for 2017 were approved at the Annual General Meeting as follows:

Club Members and Full Members - £310

Overseas Members - £155

Full Members (UK and Overseas) less than 30 years of age - £95

The British Rowing annual levy will be £7.20 and will be added to the subscription for all categories of membership. Subscriptions are collected by Direct Debit on 1st January each year unless you opt for the twice-yearly scheme. Only in the case of Overseas Members without a UK bank account will cheque or credit card payment be accepted.

Members who have set up a split Direct Debit arrangement with the Club will make two payments of £155. The first payment of £155 (plus the levy) will have been taken on 1st October 2016 and the second payment will be taken on 1st April 2017.

If your credit card has been renewed this year, please advise our membership team of the new details.

To celebrate the Club's Bicentenary we have commissioned a book to reflect the history, prestige and success of the last two hundred years, as described on page 9. The book is available to Members at a special pre-publication price of £20 plus post and packing. In order to keep costs down it was agreed at the AGM that we would collect this sum by Direct Debit along with the annual subscription. If you wish to order a copy but do not pay by Direct Debit, or if you do **NOT** wish to receive a copy of the book, please advise Cheryl Vyvyan by email at membership@leander.co.uk.

The Committee is always pleased to receive applications for both Full and Club membership and Members are encouraged to propose suitable candidates. If you would like to seek guidance on eligibility, you can contact us in confidence by email at confidential@leander.co.uk

The incentive scheme, where proposers of successful applicants are invited to dine with the new Member and their respective guests (a table of four) at the Club's expense, is still in operation.

A joining fee equal to one year's subscription for the category is applied to new Members but is waived for Full Members less than 30 years of age.

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting for the Year 2017

The Annual General Meeting of Leander Club Limited will be held in the marquee at the Clubhouse, Henley-on-Thames on Sunday 25th June 2017 at 11 am.

In accordance with the new Articles of Association, all the Committee Members (Directors) will retire and are eligible for re-election.

Chris Dalley

Honorary Secretary

HIPPOS IN DANGER!

The hippo has been the proud symbol of Leander since at least 1857, but a prolonged drought is causing severe hardship for their numbers in Africa. Karen Paolillo is the founder of the Turgwe Hippo Trust, which seeks to help these endangered mammals in Zimbabwe, and Leander Members are now invited to support this very worthwhile programme.



*KAREN AND HER ASSISTANT, SILAS,
WITH KUCHEK, THE BULL HIPPO*

*HERBERT WITH HIS HIPPO FRIENDS
AT THE FEEDING STATION*



Karen Paolillo was born in Britain but has spent the last 26 years living in the Save Valley Conservancy in Zimbabwe's southern Lowveld. The area forms part of the Greater Limpopo Transfrontier Park, which straddles the borders of Zimbabwe, Mozambique, and South Africa.

Passionate about the conservation of hippos, she has seen 54 calves born to the 13 hippos she saved from the last severe drought of 1992. She went on to form the Turgwe Trust as a non-profit organisation two years later, but with the area now suffering the worst drought in 24 years Karen is once again feeding the hippos to maintain their survival.

"I don't believe in feeding wild animals but, in the case of the hippos, without this food they would be dead. I began feeding them last November – if I had not carried out this emergency feeding many of the hippos would have died, especially the young calves, and the eldest female, Abe, who is well into her late forties" said Karen.

It's not just the hippos who benefit - Karen's programme is so popular that more than 200 other wild animals are joining the hippos to feed from the

18 feeding stations she has laid out in the bush, where she travels 48 kilometres each day to provide hay, cattle survival meal and game cubes.

"The hay takes two days to get here, and costs £1300 for 500 bales in transport alone, and the cost of the food itself comes to another £4000 a month. I have managed since last year but in the last two months of this drought, and at the hottest time of the year, I have run out of money. If they do not continue to be fed there still will be fatalities" said Karen.

"If members of Leander Club could honour their Pink Hippo by stepping up to help these live wild hippos they will be actively saving the lives of hippos and other wildlife" she added.

Members can contribute and get more information at **www.savethehippos.info** or you may donate directly to the Trust's UK bank account at:

Account name: Friends of Turgwe Hippo Trust
Bank: Barclays Bank PLC.
Sort code: 20-35-93
Account number: 30159522



WYFOLD **70-YEAR** CELEBRATION

Reunions and rows-over are a regular feature at Henley, but surely no-one can beat the efforts of Dr Francis de Marneffe (*pictured*) who stroked the winning King's College, London crew in the Wyfold in 1946.

At the age of 92 Dr de Marneffe became the oldest Henley winner ever to undertake a commemorative row-past. The only other surviving member of the crew is no longer rowing, so the rest of the row-past was made up by past and present members of King's College Boat Club.

PINK HIPPO CLUB

Created to generate funds for our rowing programme, tickets for the Pink Hippo Club cost £12 each, payable by standing order, and a draw takes place every six months to determine the lucky winners.

The **winners** of our **Autumn Draw 2016**:

1st Prize **£300** Christopher St Clair Baird
2nd Prize **£200** JD Knox
3rd Prize **£100** MJG Linington

GENERAL MEETING AND INCORPORATION

The Club's incorporation proposal is moving ahead as planned. At a General Meeting of Leander Club on 22 May 2016 it was agreed unanimously to transfer the assets and undertaking of the Club to Leander Club Limited, a newly formed private company, limited by guarantee, with effect from 1 January 2017. In passing the resolution at the General Meeting, Members adopted the new Articles of Association and Rules of Leander Club Limited, which will be binding on all Members when they automatically become members of the incorporated entity with effect from 1 January 2017.

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OBITUARIES



John Beveridge (right), with Alan Burroughs and Humphrey Playford, the only men to have been Captains of St Paul's, and Presidents of both JCBC and CUBC.

JOHN BEVERIDGE

1936-2016

ELECTED TO MEMBERSHIP 1958

John spent his early life largely in Evesham, where his father worked for the BBC, before moving to Putney, where he started his rowing career at St Paul's School.

There he rowed in the first eight for three years, before rowing for the RAF as a national serviceman in the Thames Cup. At Cambridge he rowed for Jesus, going Head of the River in Mays, and then to the Ladies' Plate and the Thames Cup at Henley.

He then rowed for Molesey in the Grand and the Stewards', and in 1962 his crew represented Great Britain at the World Championships in Lucerne before competing at the Commonwealth Games in Perth, where John won bronze in the eight and gold in the four.

His Henley appearances resulted in eight semi-finals, four finals, and two trophies but, frustratingly for him, he lost the Boat Races of 1959 and 1960. He was elected President of CUBC for the 1961 Race, and finally won.

One of John's greatest sources of satisfaction was that Leander secured a National Lottery grant for the redevelopment of the Club, the work on which he was honoured to project manage, having served as Secretary from 1993-2000.

John also drew great pleasure from rowing with his Lensday friends. During one outing he felt unwell, but nevertheless enjoyed a couple of pints and the usual lunch. He later went to the doctors' surgery, where a probable heart attack was diagnosed, and he was rushed to hospital. Rowing and the Lensday Club always came first for John!

John would have been horrified to realise that he spent the last two weeks of his life in a nursing home called Isis House in the 'enemy' territory of Oxford, but the Cambridge Blue Boat delivered a splendid win just before he died.

Roger Weston



CHRIS BYWATER

1928-2016

ELECTED TO MEMBERSHIP 1949

Chris Bywater went up to Clare College from Oundle School in 1946 and played a key role during a very successful era of the Boat Club which had been Head of the Mays twice during the war years.

In his first year he won the University Freshman's Sculls before becoming Captain of Clare in 1947. In his first year he spotted a very talented oarsman stroking the Oundle four, which turned out to be David Jennens, who then went up in 1947.

With David at stroke and Chris at seven the Clare eight made four Bumps in the Mays in 1948 and went on to go Head of the River in 1949.

To avoid the possibility of losing to the faster Lady Margaret crew in the Ladies' Plate they decided to enter the Grand, where they lost the first round to Thames, who had the Olympian, Tom Christie, at six.

In small boats Clare, with Chris and David on board, were unbeatable in college rowing and in 1949 they won the Visitors' before trying their hand at the Stewards' the following year. Rowing as Leander in 1951 the four men lost the Stewards' final.

In 1951 Chris went on to Westminster Medical School where he met up with Tom Christie to form a very successful pair. They won the Goblets, breaking

the course record, in 1952, while David Jennens was stroking Leander to victory in the Grand. The pair missed selection for the Helsinki Olympics to the Oxford men, Callender and Davidge.

After National Service Chris went into general practice in Lingfield in Surrey where he was a familiar sight on his rounds of home visits.

He was very proud that both his sons became Captain of Boats at their respective Cambridge colleges but, sadly, neither were at Clare!

Andy Bywater



RON NEEDS

1925-2016

ELECTED TO MEMBERSHIP 1972

Ron Needs began his rowing career at school, and later at LSE, but he will long be remembered as a phenomenally successful coach with GB international crews and also CUWBC, whom he guided to victory over many years in the Women's Boat Race.

Ron first became a coach at both Quintin (his original club) and Kingston, and in 1969 he became a GB selector.

When based at London RC his involvement as GB lightweight men's coach resulted in gold and silver at the world championships.

In 1981 Ron started to coach the GB women's squad before returning to the lightweight men in 1984. Five years later, now retired from his role at Beecham pharmaceuticals, he began coaching CUWBC alongside Roger Silk and for the next eleven years Cambridge dominated the Women's Boats Race, winning ten, and feeding its successful athletes into the GB Rowing Team.

By 1997 Ron was once again involved with the GB women's squad, guiding his

charges to gold in the women's four and bronze in the eight at the world championships.

The Amateur Rowing Association recognized his lifetime of support by awarding him the ARA Medal of Honour in 1982. He was also a Steward of Henley Royal Regatta. His passion for rowing meant that, even as an executive at Beecham, he would often fly back from an overseas trip to coach a crew before flying back to work again.

In 2005 Ron was still coaching with the national team at the world championships in Japan, his coaching career having already played a vital role for GB at four Olympic Games.

In 2006, the national training centre opened at Caversham and Ron continued to be involved, making a daily trek from his home in Effingham and back, but in 2010, following the death of his wife, he moved to Henley.



BERYL CROCKFORD

(NEE MITCHELL)

1950-2016

ELECTED TO MEMBERSHIP 1997

Beryl Crockford was the first woman ever to be elected to Leander membership, and one of the first two British women to become a rowing world champion.

She and Lin Clark won the lightweight double sculls in 1985, having first rowed together at the 1976 Montreal Olympics, the first Olympic regatta to include rowing events for women.

After Montreal, Beryl ploughed her own furrow in a single scull but, after finishing sixth at Los Angeles in 1984, Beryl questioned the point of competing against giants when she stood at 5ft 7½in and weighed only 10½ stone. Having teamed up with Clark once more, and determined to forgo her passion for cake and chocolate to lose 20lb and qualify as a lightweight, the two women struck gold in the double sculls.

In 1982 she won the invitation event for women's single sculls at Henley Royal Regatta. She won the final, and the

success of the event set the scene for the introduction of women's events a few years later.

Born in London, Beryl attended Gilliat comprehensive school in Fulham and the Lycée Français in Kensington. As a schoolgirl she joined St George's Ladies Rowing Club in Chiswick before moving to Thames Tradesmen's.

She trained as a dance teacher at Eastbourne College before turning to PE, of which she was an inspiring teacher and college lecturer throughout her competitive career.

When Beryl hung up her sculls, she became a part-time national team coach, and in the 1990s transformed Lady Eleanor Holles School into the most successful junior women's rowing club in the country, a nursery for future internationals.

In 2002 Beryl and her husband Duncan, a former Leander captain, moved to Australia, where she coached many clubs and schools, and specialised in counselling and aiding the most vulnerable children.

She remained a fitness fanatic until the day she died after colliding with a parked vehicle while on her regular cycle ride in Sydney's Olympic Park in preparation for the Paris-Brest-Paris ride in 2019.

Chris Dodd



DEREK DRURY

1926-2016

ELECTED TO MEMBERSHIP 1988

Derek Drury was one of the country's most respected rowing coaches, imparting his knowledge at Emanuel School, Shiplake College, and Canford School, as well as Oxford and Cambridge universities.

Derek grew up in Croydon and was educated at Whitgift School before starting his rowing career at New College, Oxford, where Isaiah Berlin was one of his lecturers. Returning to New College after the War he began

his dual career in public schools and rowing.

As his reputation grew, demands on his time became more unusual. Drury was awarded a Blue Peter badge for teaching Tommy Steele how to row for his performance in the 1960s film 'Half a Sixpence'.

Having coached Cambridge to victory in 1968, he was asked by Oxford's president to return to his alma mater the next year. Nonetheless, Oxford were defeated.

Drury met his wife, Dagmar Habicht, when she arrived in Britain from Germany as a 19 year old to learn English and work as an au pair for his family. She predeceased him in 2011. They had two sons, both of whom studied medicine: Arnie is a consultant at Royal Bournemouth Hospital and Ralph is a GP in Sonning Common, near Henley.

Unbowed by age, he was lured out of retirement by Canford School. He transformed its results at Henley by persuading the boys to watch videos of Trooping the Colour and to copy the rhythm of the bass drum. At his 90th birthday celebrations, the eight he coached as Canford School rowed before him once again.

PETER ALLNUTT

1917-2016

ELECTED TO MEMBERSHIP 1945

Peter Allnutt, who has died at the age of 99, was the senior member of the Lensday Club and one of the last surviving Leander men to have competed at Henley before the War.

His father was an army doctor and an overseas posting took the family to Bermuda in the 1920s, when they enjoyed an idyllic lifestyle. Their home was 100 yards from the sea and, according to Peter, they really did have 'a Surrey with a fringe on top'.

Peter started his rowing career with Royal Chester and raced in the Thames Cup at Henley in 1938, but after going up to Sidney Sussex, Cambridge, he entered the Diamonds the following year. On reaching the semi-final he met the defending champion, Joe Burk, and after having taken the early lead went down by four lengths to the American, who went on to take his second successive victory in the event.

Peter later joined the Colonial Service and went to Nigeria as an Administration Officer.

"I arrived at the very end of the 'Sanders of the River' era" he would later say. "I went on tour for three weeks at a time, accompanied by twenty carriers head-loading my gear, including a comfortable camp-bed. I would rise each morning for my bath (a tin bath was carried on tour) and then catch up with the advance party in time for breakfast. We would go on until noon and then, after a rest, I would hear complaints during the afternoon and hear Native Court Cases the following day".

He later worked, and travelled extensively, in South America and was appointed OBE in 1976 as British Council representative in Mexico.

ROBIN HOUGHTON

1936-2016

Robin Houghton, known affectionately as 'Lofty', died after a long, bravely fought, illness on 27 May 2016. Robin served as the child protection officer at Leander for many years, having been recruited, not only for his professional interest as a schoolmaster, but his personal attributes as a parent of a GB athlete.

Robin's school career started at Dragon School, Oxford before moving on to King's School, Canterbury, and St. John's, Oxford. He then returned to the Dragon as a member of staff in 1959, and was form master for many years, in addition to teaching, and became Head of Science in 1962, a post he held for more than 35 years.

When his daughter Frances started her international rowing career Robin and his wife Andrea became familiar figures on the regatta circuit, where he literally stood out from the crowd, his height matching that of many of the athletes!

He leaves his wife, Andrea, and daughters Joanna and Frances.

IAIN CLAYRE

1933-2016

ELECTED TO MEMBERSHIP 1993

Born in Southampton, England, Iain Clayre was educated at Dean Close, Cheltenham, and Queens' College, Cambridge, where he read engineering,

He excelled at rowing, winning the Ladies' Plate at Henley Royal Regatta in 1955, before stroking the Blue Boat to victory in the 1957 Boat Race.

He later served as missionary in Malaya and Borneo, and learned the local languages, leading him to

complete a PhD in linguistics at Edinburgh University in 1972, before his return to engineering.

He later moved to Edmonton, Alberta, to head the commissioning of the new University Hospital in 1982, and stayed on to help upgrade the provision of health services throughout Alberta, before founding his own company, CMG Engineering Services.

Iain worked all over the world as an engineer, but never lost his fascination for languages or sailing, and his Christian faith was steadfast to the end.



James Crowden is introduced to King Edward VI at King's College after Cambridge had returned home from the USA, where they had beaten both Harvard and Yale.

JAMES CROWDEN

1927-2016

ELECTED TO MEMBERSHIP 1949

Born in 1927, James Crowden was educated at Bedford School and Pembroke College, Cambridge. As a chartered surveyor James was senior partner at Grounds & Co. between 1974-88. James was High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire in 1970, Vice Lord-Lieutenant from 1985 to 1992, Lord-Lieutenant from 1992 to 2002, and granted the Freedom of the City of Peterborough in 2008.

James first rowed at Henley in 1945 for Bedford School in the Schools' Race for the Hedsor Cup. He rowed again for Bedford School in 1946, this time his crew winning the Princess Elizabeth Challenge Cup in its first year. In 1950 James rowed in the Great Britain bronze medal eight at the European Championships in Milan, and in 1951 he won the Ladies' Challenge Plate for Pembroke College, Cambridge and the Silver Goblets & Nickalls' Challenge Cup with Brian Lloyd, competing as a Pembroke/Lady Margaret composite. In 1951 James once again represented Great Britain when he captained the GB eight at the European Championships. They won the

gold medal at Macon and the following year competed at the Olympic Games in Helsinki.

A Cambridge Blue, James rowed in the winning boat in the 1951 Boat Race and again the following year when they lost, by just a canvas. James was President of CUBC in 1952 and subsequently coached twenty Cambridge crews (1953-75) as well as the Pembroke College 1st May Boat, for forty consecutive years from 1952 to 1992. James has also served on the Council of the Amateur Rowing Association from 1955-1977 and had been a Vice President of the British Olympic Association since 1988. James was elected a Steward of Henley Royal Regatta in December 1959 and served as a Member of the Committee of Management between 1964-92.

James was an Honorary Member of the Court and Freeman of the Company of Watermen & Lightermen of the River Thames and was Master of the Company in 1991-92.

Mike Sweeney

JOHN CURRIE

1926-2016

ELECTED TO MEMBERSHIP 1947

John Currie, who has died at his home in Penzance, spent his medical career as consultant neurosurgeon at St Bartholomew's Hospital, where he was President of the Boat Club.

At Henley he appeared three times in the Ladies', the Thames and the Visitors', competing for both Queens' College, Cambridge and also Thames.

ANDREW GROWCUTT

1949-2016

ELECTED TO MEMBERSHIP 2011

JONATHAN HAW

1945-2016

ELECTED TO MEMBERSHIP 1964

MIKE HAWKES

1929-2016

ELECTED TO MEMBERSHIP 1949

JOHN MARKS

1924-2016

ELECTED TO MEMBERSHIP 1987

KIERAN WALSHE-BRENNAN

1926-2016

ELECTED TO MEMBERSHIP 1986

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