

Countdown to the Bicentenary **1818 - 2018**



May 1818—Gentlemen of the newly formed Leander Club
having an outing at Lambeth.

LEANDERNEWS

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MARKING A HUNDRED YEARS OF THE LEANDER STORY

When the gentlemen from the 'Star' and 'Arrow' crews first clambered aboard 'The Leander' outside Searle's boatyard in 1818 they can scarcely have imagined what might follow.

But the Leander story reaches a significant milestone next year, when we celebrate our first 200 years. Like any club, our history has not always been straightforward, but Leander has responded to each challenge to emerge stronger, to help assume its leading position in the rowing world.

We are now looking forward to celebrating our Bicentenary in style with events in Henley and London, as well as Ireland, Australia, and the USA. By organising so many events, right across the world, we hope that our Members will be able to join in the festivities no matter where they live.

Unless otherwise stated, bookings for these events can be made using the enclosed booking pack with this newsletter, or via the Members' login section of the Leander website at

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Jeremy 'Rass' Randall
President

BICENTENARY YEAR - UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

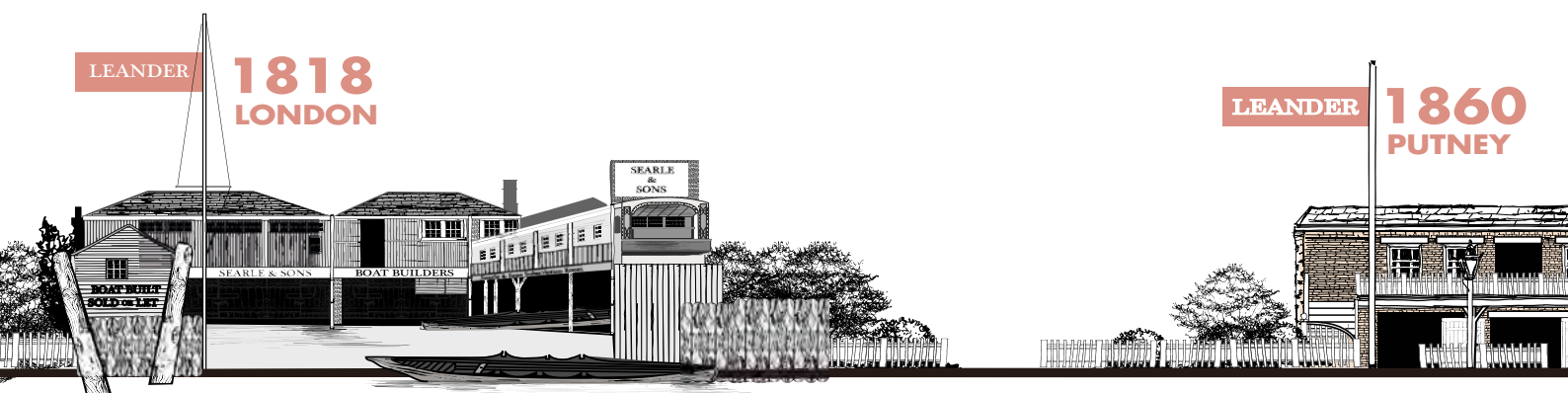


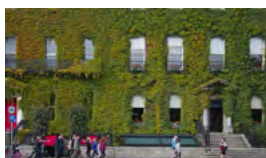
The First 200 Years - Book Launch. Downing Street, Wednesday 11th January 2018 6 pm to 7.30 pm.

Our book launch will take place in the State Room on the first floor of No. 11 Downing Street, by kind permission of the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Tickets for the reception are restricted to Members only and cost £50 per head, to include hot and cold canapes and glasses of Leander pink.

We anticipate a high demand, so application forms received by post or email before 20 November will be placed into a ballot. Subject to security clearance the successful applicants will be notified by email by 8 December, when formal invitations will be issued, together with the relevant security instructions.

The Club's new book 'The First 200 Years' the story of the Club from 1818-2018 will be published in January 2018, and should reach all of the subscribers by the end of that month. Thereafter it will be available for sale to Members for £30 and for £40 to non-members.





Dublin Celebratory Dinner - Saturday 24th February 2018 - Kildare Street and University Club.

Our Dublin visit offers the rare chance to see the three Cork Regatta trophies reunited and to celebrate Leander's long association with Ireland. Arrangements centre on the black/pink tie dinner, but a reception for Members and invited guests, including a talk by the Club's historian and Olympic commentator,

Robert Treharne Jones, on the history of the Cork Cups, will take place earlier in the day at a city centre location. The dinner itself is restricted to just 60 Members, who will enjoy a sumptuous, traditional menu, with wines and fine Irish hospitality, at £98 a head including the Cork Regatta talk.



Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron - Sunday 25th March 2018

Following the King's Cup Race at the Interstate Championships earlier in the day, an evening dinner is planned for all our Members in the Antipodes in the prestigious surroundings of the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron. Australia won the King's Cup at the Henley Peace Regatta of 1919, an event formulated at Leander, and the trophy has since been contested by men's eights at the Championships at Penrith Lakes,

venue for the Sydney 2000 Olympic Regatta, where a suitable reception is planned during the day. More details will be circulated in due course but initial interest can be registered by emailing Sydney2018@leander.co.uk



Evensong at St Paul's Cathedral, City of London Wednesday 2nd May 2018 5pm

Leander Club will commemorate its bicentenary at choral evensong, an open service at St Paul's at 5pm. This is the one cathedral service which is led almost entirely by music, with the choir singing preces and responses, the psalm, the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, and an anthem. The service itself is free-of-charge, but Members and their guests are invited to book tickets for a fork supper with wines, after the service,

in the St Paul's Crypt at £66 head.



New York Dinner Tuesday 22nd May 2018

Leander is fortunate to be able to host a celebratory dinner, open to all Members, at The Brook, a private club in Manhattan. The dinner will be hosted by President Rass Randall and his predecessor Sir George Cox and is open to all members and their spouses/partners. More details will be circulated in due course but initial interest can be registered by emailing NewYork2018@leander.co.uk.



Tea on the Terrace. House of Commons. Thursday 7th June 2018

Thanks to the kind permission of Lord Colin Moynihan, Leander Club members and their guests may enjoy afternoon tea on the terrace of the House of Commons on Thursday 7th June 2018 from 4 pm until 6 pm. From this vantage point you will be able to look over the river to the site of Searle's Boatyard where Leander was founded in 1818. The cost of afternoon tea and a glass of fizz is £50 ahead.

The booking form can be found in the booklet sent out with the Newsletter or in the Members' section of the website.



The Bicentenary Dinner, London Guildhall, Wednesday 10th October 2018

We welcomed back our Leander Rio Olympians at London Guildhall in 2016 and this fabulous venue and their excellent caterers provided us with a superb evening. Having negotiated some financial support, we are able to return to Guildhall next autumn with a much reduced Member's ticket price of £98 a head. Speak to anyone who went to the last Guildhall dinner and they will tell you this is a night not to be missed.

Members may invite guests who will be made very welcome.

There are a number of other events already planned or under development. Some are detailed in the Bicentenary Booking Pack and others will be notified through the May Newsletter, the website and our monthly Hippo Happenings.

200 YEARS

2018
HENLEY-ON-THAMES **LEANDER**



NEW ENTRANCE GATEWAY TO THE CLUB

I know that all Members are incredibly proud of our Club and that the entrance to the Club is an important feature by which to signify this pride in the Club - not least as it provides the vital first impression to our guests and other visitors.

However, the present gateway to the Club is in need of refurbishment and the opportunity presented by our Bicentenary is being used to create a new design which affords both easier and safer boat access and provides

a more imposing entrance, allowing smoother flow during the Regatta. The memorial stone to George Rowe (President 1919-1934) in the current gateway will be retained in the new design. Members of winning Leander Thames Cup crews and other crews coached successfully by Derek Drury (see Spring 2017, Newsletter: Derek Drury 1926-2016), as well as his family and friends, have generously funded the provision of new gates to commemorate his life and service to rowing.

To fund the building of the gateway and the landscaping of the entrance way to the Club, we are launching a specific and special appeal by inviting 200 Members to donate a sum of £250. I am pleased to report that my fellow committee members have all agreed to subscribe to get the group started. As well as helping the Club provide a lasting reminder of the Bicentenary, donors will be acknowledged by receiving an exclusive Bicentenary lapel

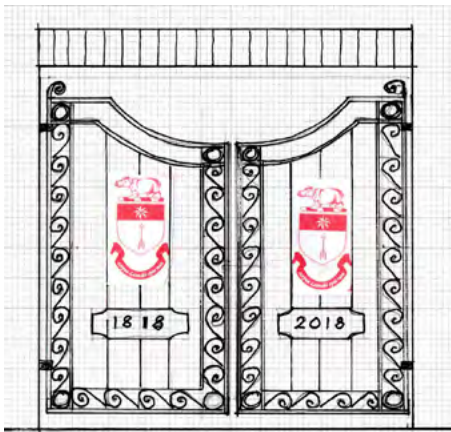
badge and an invitation to the opening ceremony which will take place in May or June 2018. Plans are in hand for this to be a most prestigious occasion, and details will be circulated to those who have contributed to the gateway. The names of these contributors will be added to a commemorative roll which will be displayed in the Clubhouse.

Only the first 200 Members to complete and return the application form enclosed at the front of the accompanying Bicentenary event pack (and shown on the website) can be accepted.

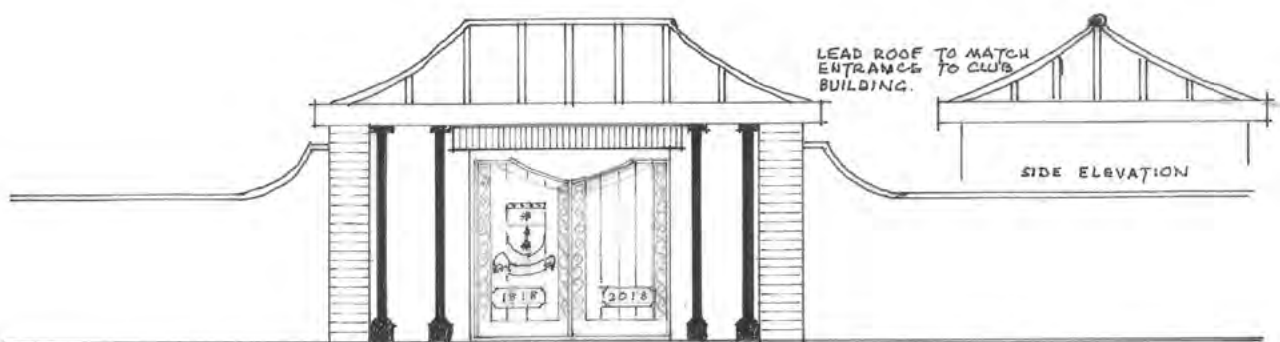
I much appreciate your support and, should you have any questions about the project, please do not hesitate to contact me chairman@leander.co.uk

Hugh Richardson

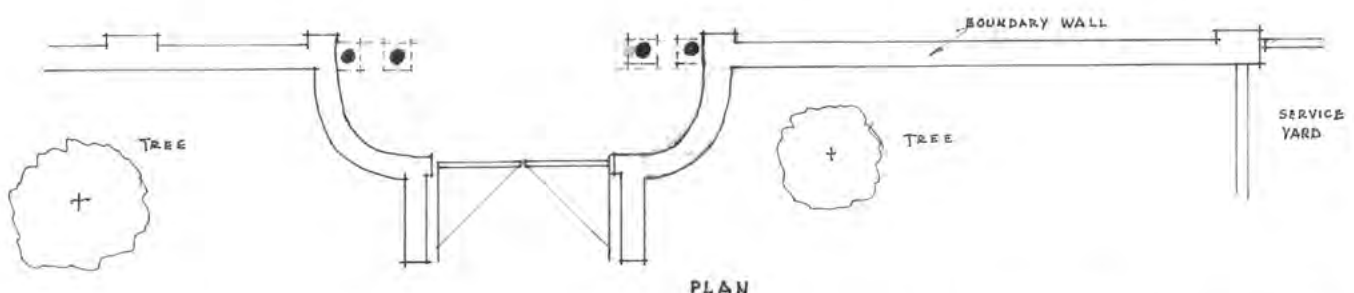
Hugh Richardson
Chairman



Artist's impression



Artist's impression



SUCCESS AT HENLEY ROYAL REGATTA

George Rossiter reports

Henley Royal Regatta was again a huge success for the Club with four wins and multiple finalists. During the year, fourteen of the best Club athletes were selected to join the GB programme at Caversham which impacted on the club crews we could field at Henley.

The Visitors' Challenge Cup crew for coxless fours (George Rossiter, Sam Twine, Finn Stevenson and Barney Stentiford) coached by Matt Beechey moved confidently through the first two days of racing, beating the strongly tipped California RC crew in the semi-final. Their opponent for the final was Cambridge University, a crew of four Blues from the 2017 Boat Race. Leander led from the start and were a length up at the barrier, a margin they held to the finish despite repeated Cambridge pushes.

The Prince of Wales Challenge Cup for quads saw two Leander crews perform strongly setting up a remarkable all-Leander final between Leander A (Andy Joel, Harry Glenister, Rowan Law and Harry Leask), coached by Ross Hunter and Leander B (Charles Waite-Roberts, Ollie Stephens, Braeden Camp and Jonathan Jackson), coached by Karl Reid. Both crews moved strongly during the early rounds and the B crew set up the all-Leander final beating Edinburgh University in what was a fantastic semi-final. In the final, Leander A took an early lead winning by 1 ¼ lengths breaking the course record by 1 second. Harry Glenister is the first athlete who by the age of 22 has won all the quad



sculling events: Fawley, Prince of Wales, and the Queen Mother Cups, a feat equalled two hours later by fellow club athlete Jack Beaumont, aged 23, when he won the Queen Mother Cup later that afternoon.

All three of our junior crews qualified for the Fawley, an outstanding achievement in itself with the top quad (Robbie Cowther, Matt Peters, Cameron Forsyth, Tom Ballinger) coached by James Loveday just losing in their semi-final by the surge at the finish line to the eventual winners.

Leander's development crew in the Thames Cup (six athletes under 20 yrs. old) had a strong run to the semi-final. The crew (Sam Royston, Bertie Woodward- Fisher, Chris Ray, James Fox, Harry Higginbottom, Callum Johnson, Jono Cameron, Paddy George, Tom Wiblin) coached by Ted Bainbridge put up a great fight against the eventual winners Thames RC.

Our international athletes gave us two wins in the Men's Open events. The all-Leander quad of Pete Lambert, John Collins, Jonny Walton and Jack Beaumont are European Champions and beat Waiariki RC, NZL, by ¾ length to win the Queen Mother Challenge Cup, setting a new course record. The Leander and Molesey four in the Stewards' Challenge Cup including Matt Rossiter and Olympic Champion Will Satch beat the 2017 European Champions in the final by ¾ length. The Leander and Newcastle crew in the Grand Challenge Cup (Henry Fieldman, Adam Neil, Jacob Dawson, Callum McBrierty, Cameron Buchan and Tom George) lost in the final to the 2017 European Champions.

2017 European Champion Vicky Thornley had a great run to the final in the Princess Royal Challenge Cup, unfortunately this was not to be her race. In the final of the Remenham Challenge Cup the Leander and University of London crew performed strongly getting to the final; Erin Wysocki-Jones, Katherine Douglas, Jo Wratten, Anastasia Chitty and crew were defeated in the final by Waiariki RC, NZL.

At HRR, Leander won two out of the three 'intermediate' events and came very close to winning the junior sculling event, which overall, is an excellent Club performance for everyone to be proud of.



Leander B and Leander A in the final of the Prince of Wales Challenge Cup.

SEB DEVEREUX WINS GOLD AT U23 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Jonny Jackson reports on this year's event

The U23 world rowing championships were held from July 19th-23rd, in Plovdiv, Bulgaria. Great Britain's team comprised 56 athletes, across 14 boat classes, with 9 athletes coming from Leander.

Leander had representation in the M4X, M4, LM4X and M2X. The men's quadruple scull of Andy Joel, Harry Glennister, Rowan Law and Harry Leask, who had successfully regained the Prince of Wales Challenge cup this year at Henley, were the returning U23 GB quad from 2016. The quartet got off to a good start with a second place finish in both their heat and semi-final to set them up with an A final place.

With six very classy crews in the final it was expected to be a close race with the Leander quad finishing fourth (equalling the highest placing for a GB U23 quad), Italy in third, Russia second and New Zealand taking the honours.

Only one Leander member featured in the lightweight GB men's quad. The unit of



Sam Meijer and Seb Devereux

Hugo Coussens (Durham), Oliver Varley (Newcastle), James Temple (Edinburgh) and Jonny Jackson (Leander) also finished in a close fought fourth place to Ireland, Austria and Switzerland.

In the men's four event, three Leander Members who study at Yale University, were looking to top the podium after an impressive result in the Stewards' Challenge Cup where they were knocked

out in the semi-final by Italy, the reigning European champions.

However, with some sickness in the crew, the four of Sholto Carnegie (Leander), Charlie Elwes (Leander), Tom Digby (Griffen BC) and Rob Hurn (Leander) managed to come away with a brilliant silver medal only being bettered by a highly talented Australian crew.

The final crew with Leander representation was the men's double scull of Sam Meijer (Elizabethan BC) and Seb Devereux (Leander). With both athletes studying in the United States the crew formed late, and with little opportunity to scull throughout the year due to the US collegiate system. However both have a large amount of sculling pedigree and they managed to come away from the event as World Champions, after performing a fantastic sprint finish in the final 500m to overhaul the French double and move away from Lithuania in third.

ROSS HUNTER—NEW WOMEN'S COACH

Mark Banks sets out the strategy for the Women's programme.

With the departure of Jane Hall to the Great Britain Women's Squad, the highly experienced Ross Hunter comes across to fill her shoes.

Ross has led the men's sculling and lightweight squad for the past two seasons and has been very successful coaching winning crews in both the Prince of Wales and Queen Mother Challenge Cups at Henley Royal Regatta as well as the selected Great Britain quad scull at the U23 world championships in 2016 and 2017 where the crew finished 5th and 4th respectively.

He takes on an exciting group of new athletes from different backgrounds. Some come to the Club having graduated from university, whilst others have come straight from school.

The group includes the very talented Zoe Adamson who won a fantastic gold medal in junior 2x at the Junior World Rowing Championships in August and Emily Ford,

a world medallist at U23 level, and sister of Tom Ford, who is competing at the World Championships in the coxed pair with fellow Leander athlete Tim Clarke.

Whilst there is the change of coach leading the group, everything else will remain very much the same as during Jane Hall's term. The strength of the women's programme lies in the fact that they do all their training with the men's squad and the programme is 90% the same.

The programme is written by Chief Coach, Mark Banks, and this is what defines the consistency of the success we enjoy at Leander Club. This makes the training environment very competitive which brings out the very best in their performance levels.

The selection criteria for the women is exactly the same as the men, and with the size of the squad that has started training this season, competition for seats in the race boats will be fierce.



The main aim for all the women is the same as it always has been; that is to gain selection in the U23 Team or to move into the Senior Rowing Squad to go to the Senior World Rowing Championships along with being competitive in the new women's events at Henley Royal Regatta.

Therefore, as Jane moves on and Ross takes over, nothing else will change as we aim to continue the successful conveyor belt of athletes making the Great Britain Rowing Squad.

WORLDS' REPORT

Nick Middleton reviews this years results from Florida.

Leander had 33 athletes competing in 15 different events. The week of racing was a fine start to the new Olympiad and I'm delighted to say brought 7 medals back to Leander. Firstly, may I congratulate all Leander athletes competing so fearlessly and representing our nation and our Club so admirably.



Tom Barras

Kicking off, the finals saw the Para-rowing mixed coxed four win a fantastic Gold Medal and set a new World best time, as their event moves to mirror the able-bodied athletes and race over 2000m. This GB boat remains unbeaten since 2011. Paralympic Champion and member of the LTA 4+ James Fox has been training at Leander for the past season and raced at Henley Royal Regatta in the Thames Cup crew.

Tom Barras won an outstanding bronze medal in the men's single scull event. Over the course of the Championships, Tom's confidence and racing nature saw him take out a number of big names in the sport including Robbie Manson, holder of the World's best time and Damir Martin.

Sat on the start line of Sunday's final Tom was in the best lane, having won his semi-final two days before. He raced with maturity and the focus of a seasoned 'A' finalist and after 1k was in the mix for a medal. Tom held his nerve and crossed the line in third place, ahead of Damir Martin the 2016 Olympic silver medallist. This really was a fairy-tale finish for Tom and as Matt Pinsent said "an unknown name on the international field" will now be etched onto the honours board at Leander. Tom has a true talent in this sport and I for one look forward to seeing him progress in the future.

After Vicky Thornley's success in the double at the Rio Olympics, she set her sights on racing the single scull. Vicky has had a remarkable season becoming a European Champion and winning a number of World Cup medals.

With these results under her belt, the final at Sarasota was a time for Vicky to claim what she had worked so hard to achieve. Tough racing saw Vicky win her semi-final and cross

the line in second place bringing home an amazing silver medal. Relatively new to racing her single, she is certainly one to watch in the lead-up to Tokyo.

The men's quadruple sculls have for the last number of years been plagued with drama and this year at the World Championships was no exception. After a strong start to this championship regatta, with convincing wins in both the heat and semi-final, the men's GB squad, all Leander athletes, were the event favourites.

During the final few strokes of the warm-up on finals day, stroke man, Pete Lambert suffered a back injury and made the devastatingly difficult decision to withdraw from the race. Graeme Thomas, a member of the men's double, was drafted in minutes before the start time, replacing Pete.

Despite the last minute change of personnel, this tough and resilient quad including Leander Members Jack Beaumont, John Collins and Jonny Walton went on to win a silver medal. This outstanding result shows the quality and pedigree of sculling in the GB team.

As fantastic as the result was, my heart goes out to Pete, who has done a sterling job in the stroke seat this year. I wish him a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing him back next year, stronger than ever.

It was great to see the women's quad back on the podium again after the heartbreak of not qualifying for the Olympic Games last year. This young crew, all new into the GB team this year including Leander's Beth Bryan, Holly Nixon and Jess Leyden have really had an incredible season. The crew sculled beautifully in the final, particularly the second kilometre, taking the bronze medal at the Championships in front of very strong German and USA crews.



Vicky Thornley

There was further drama in the men's coxless four. Will Satch had to be pulled out of the semi-final for medical reasons and the boat had to qualify for the final with Leander's Ollie Wynne-Griffiths in Will's place. Will made a

full recovery and was able to race the final where they fought bravely to a bronze medal. I know that the guys will be disappointed with the result but I think it is great considering the circumstances. It is worth a special mention about Leander's Matt Rossiter who raced in the bow seat. Matt last raced at a World Championships in 2010. Soon after, Matt struggled badly with a back injury and eventually had to take a long period of time away from rowing in order to recover. However, the desire to get back into the team and compete for Great Britain never left him.

After years of painful physio sessions and very slow progress, Matt was back into a boat. He came to Leander and gradually became stronger getting better results. Matt finally got invited back into the GB team this season and has finally been able to show his full potential again. Matt is a fine example of an athlete that has never stopped believing and worked his socks off to get back.

The lightweight men's quad took a nail-biting second place to France who beat them to gold by 0.17 seconds. Leander's Ed Fisher, who you may know from serving the Members drinks and food from the bar, was a key member of the crew.

There were many other noteworthy results that deserve a mention. The women's eight had a blanket finish, narrowly missing out on the medal tables. It was so great to see that the strength and depth of women's rowing are so strong and I hope it continues to grow. Tom Jeffery and Tom George came 5th in the men's pair—a fantastic achievement for both of these men who are both new to the team; Tim Clarke and Tom Ford, also new into the team, came a close 4th in the coxed pair.

As you can see from the brief summary of the results, Leander athletes did extremely well. It's fantastic to see so many of the new generation of athletes, many training at the Club at the start of the season and making a transition into the team now competing at the very top level. These results are definitely not the finished article and there is room for improvement. I can't wait to see how things turn out over the next three years and hopefully I'll be part of the success in years to come. It's worth mentioning that Leander has had a huge role in making our athlete's dreams come true.

I'd like to thank all of our Members for your continued support, it really does make a huge difference.

FROM CLUB TO COUNTRY 2

Matt Rossiter continues his journey from a development athlete at the Club to racing in the Great Britain coxless four at the World Championships.

In my previous article I mentioned that I was about to race at the final selection trial of the year. The trials are fiercely contested as a lot is on the line with the majority of selection for the summer racing season being based on this trial.

I was paired with fellow Leander athlete Jacob Dawson and we came away with a 2nd place that we were both over the moon with. We'd trained well together all year but we hadn't dreamt of coming in the top 3.

Off the back of trials Jürgen Gröbler decided to keep Jacob and me in the pair for the first few races of the season. We were delighted to come away with the win at the first World Cup but struggled at European Championships. We were off the pace and only came away with 5th.

After Europeans Jürgen decided to shuffle his pack for the next World Cup and put me in the 4. It's every junior rower's dream to race in the Great Britain coxless four so I was pretty excited when I heard the news. That said, I wanted to make the crew work and I didn't want to blow my opportunity. Crewmates Will Satch, Moe Sbihi and Matt Tarrant couldn't have been more accommodating and made me feel right at home.

We had a good three weeks' preparation before the second World Cup and ended up coming in 2nd behind a fast starting Aussie crew. This obviously wasn't the result we wanted but there were still some positives to take away from the weekend. Henley Regatta has to be the highlight of the season for almost every rower in the UK and it certainly is for me. After some great racing with strong crews from South



Africa and Italy we came away with the win in the Stewards' Challenge Cup.

Rowing down to the start in Britain's flagship boat was an experience I will never forget, a real hair on the back of the neck raiser. Also to row through the Stewards' Enclosure a length up in the final was a really special moment, something I'll never forget.

There was no time to sit back and celebrate as the final World Cup of the season was the very next weekend. Lucerne is a really tough place to race as most countries run out the crews they intend to race at the World Championships later in the year. So the standard is pushed up really high. We raced well all weekend and managed to hold through some of the speed we'd shown at Henley and came away with the win.

The Henley / Lucerne fortnight was some of the most enjoyable times I've ever had in a rowing boat. We'd done a load of racing and managed to come away with two wins. Spirits were high and the boat was singing.

After Henley and the World Cup series it was back to the grind. We had two months of training to pack in before the World Championships, which are being held in Florida this year.

We went on two back-to-back training camps to prepare for Florida and the first was Jürgen's notorious altitude camp in the Austrian Alps. A beautiful lake, surrounded by enormous mountains and a couple of glaciers is turned into our very own rowing lake for two weeks of the year. It's probably the most stunning place I've ever rowed. Training was tough and the air was thin but it was really enjoyable in a sick, sadistic kind of way.

From Austria we had a few days back at home before heading off to Portugal for the final tune up. The venue, just outside Lisbon, is again a fantastic place for a training camp with it's agreeable temperatures, warm water, long unbroken stretches and a long buoyed straight to do some firmer stuff.

The team is currently back in Henley for a few days before we fly out to Florida. It was great to see that Florida generally came through Hurricane Irma better than many had predicted. There were worries that the damage would have been massive and might have affected the smooth running of the World Championships. Luckily the course seems to be in OK shape and the competition is all set to go ahead.

I'm really quite excited about the upcoming racing and I can't wait to get out there and see what we can do. We have faced some quick crews this year who will be tough to beat but we know that if we get it right we can go really fast.



Matt Rossiter, Moe Sbihi, Matt Tarrant and Will Satch with the Stewards' Challenge Cup.

TOKYO MOTIVATION

Two of the Club's athletes are asked by Tim Clarke why they decided to carry on towards the Tokyo Games



Stewart Innes raced with fellow Leander athlete Alan Sinclair in the 2- in Rio finishing fourth.

Kat Copeland won the gold medal in the women's lightweight double sculls in the 2012 Olympic Games and was also in the double scull in Rio but finished 14th.

Stewart Innes rowed in the Great Britain coxless pair with fellow Leander oarsman Alan Sinclair, coming fourth.

How much time did you have off training after The Olympics?

Copeland: I had about two months off. The Olympics is the end of a four year cycle and so I really needed a good break to rest and be away from rowing so that I could come back refreshed. I spent a lot of time back in the North-East with my family and went to California with my boyfriend for a few weeks for a bit of sun!



Kat Copeland won the gold medal in the 2012 Olympic Games in the lightweight double scull with Sophie Hosking.

Innes: Six weeks, I came back on the 'GB VictoRIOUs' plane and headed straight up to Scotland for a week. I just wanted to get away from rowing and training. I then travelled to China for just over a month; it was so far removed from what we do day to day and a great experience.

What motivated you towards Rio?

Copeland: Despite winning in London, I knew that I could be a better athlete physiologically, psychologically and technically, I felt like I had the potential to be a better rower- I was only 21 in 2012. Unfortunately, for a few reasons we didn't get the result we wanted in Rio, but felt like I learned a lot about myself that can help me in the future.

Innes: Hard question. I've always been motivated to be the best version of myself and see how far I could get. I always had the dream of rowing at the Olympics from when I started at age 13, however it wasn't until I broke into the GB Junior team in 2008 that I realised I could make it. I joined Leander after the 2012 Olympics, a public acknowledgement of my Olympic dream; it's a movement of intent. Although, in Olympic year, it came down to seeing how fast we could go, enjoying training day to day and soaking up the atmosphere of racing.

What are your reasons for continuing to Tokyo?

Copeland: The same reasons I continued after London! Rio also made me realise



that I do love the day to day of training, and I still absolutely love the sport. While my body holds out and I'm still having fun and feel like I'm improving, I'll carry on.

Innes: I only joined the GB team midway through the 2015 season, almost racing in from nowhere; so I haven't done a full Olympic cycle and I'm still improving. My motivation is the same, I want to be the best version of myself and see how fast I can go. I've never come away from a championships completely satisfied, even when I win, I want to have won by more. In short, I wouldn't want to do anything else, I love it.

How has the team changed this year?

Copeland: The women's squad has changed a lot - only four of us came back after Rio, so the team now is a lot younger and fresher. I absolutely love it and am really excited and hopeful for what the squad can be in a few years' time. This year we've really examined what we want our team culture to be like, and I think that will carry us a long way.

Innes: Quite a lot. I've gone from being one of the youngest in the team to Jürgen calling me 'Senior' at times, which is amusing as that's what he called Andy Hodge and he is 10 years older than me. There is a good bunch of new guys and a lot of rowers pushing from outside the team who will probably come in over the next four years. It's a competitive environment, that hasn't changed, but it's nice to have young blood and a fresh atmosphere. By 'young blood' I actually mean all the guys I've grown up rowing with.

A YEAR AT KENT SCHOOL

Tom Mortimer, who joined the Leander junior programme as part of the Club's outreach programme to local state schools, and went to Henley College, spends a year at Kent School in the USA

I learnt to row at Leander on the junior programme while studying at Henley College, and represented the Club in 2014, 2015 and 2016 in the Fawley Challenge Cup.

My ambition was to go to university in America, but I wanted to take a year out after finishing my 'A' levels to improve my rowing and my academic studies.

Kent School in Connecticut has strong ties with the Club, there is a room in the Club named after the school and the connection between them dates back to 1927 when Kent became the first school crew to race at Henley Royal Regatta.

The opportunity arose to spend a year at Kent which would enable me to develop my sweep rowing and further my academic studies. Despite a great time at Leander, this was an unbelievable opening that I could not miss and so last September I started a year at Kent.

My new coach, Eric Houston, and his wife Barb were extremely welcoming and took me under their wing. The guys already rowing in the KSBC programme also helped me to settle in and thus began the training for this year's season. During the year we managed to break a 45 year-old boathouse course record and ended up going undefeated at the New England Championships earning us a trip to Henley for the regatta.

I was accustomed to balancing a rigorous training programme alongside my studies, having trained at Leander while attending Henley College, but the Kent environment provided a wonderful balance between the two and undoubtedly helped me get a place at Columbia University where I start this August.

I am forever grateful for the experience and to the people who helped me during the year: Headmaster Schell for his advice and guidance, Barret and Kim Naylor for their support during the school breaks and of course Eric and Barb Houston who made me feel so at home.



2017 Kent School Prince Albert four at Henley with Tom rowing at 3

1992 PRINCE PHILIP WINNERS' REUNION

Neil Chugani reports

On the Friday of Henley Royal Regatta this year, the Leander crew which won the Prince Philip Challenge Cup for Open Coxed Fours in 1992 gathered for dinner at the Club to celebrate the 25th

anniversary of their victory. The crew was stroked by Pat Rudaz, with Pete Bridge at 3, Dave Luke at 2, Harvey Worden at bow and the cox was Neil Chugani, now a Steward of the Regatta. Four of the crew had won the Ladies' Challenge Plate the previous year with Leander and all were

multiple Henley medal winners with the Club during the late 1980s and 1990s. They set the record to Fawley and at the Finish in beating Tideway Scullers' School by three lengths in the Final.

This had followed a grudge match against Molesey in the semi-final, described by the race recorder as a "dour struggle" in which Molesey had trailed Leander throughout the race. Entering the enclosures two lengths down, Molesey stopped rowing opposite the grandstand so that the verdict was "not rowed out."

A surprise appearance was made at the crew's reunion by the Chairman of Henley Royal Regatta, Sir Steve Redgrave, also a past winner of the Prince Philip. The most notable of his victories in the event was in 1984 as stroke of the Great Britain crew that went on to win the gold medal at the Los Angeles Olympic Games. He generously arranged for the now retired trophy to be brought out of safe-keeping, and personally delivered it to the crew's reunion to help mark the occasion.



Pete Bridge, Dave Luke, Neil Chugani, Sir Steve Redgrave, Harvey Worden, Pat Rudaz (L to R)

INVESCO PERPETUAL

The longstanding partnership of a world-class rowing club and an investment manager might not be the most obvious of relationships, but it's certainly one that has proved to be unique and successful. Invesco's Joe Hrano explains.

2017 marks the 15th year of Leander's "Partnership in Performance" with Invesco Perpetual, one of the UK's largest investment companies, also headquartered in Henley-on-Thames. Brought together by our shared home, it's a relationship that has taken many forms over the years – from branded boats and calendars to nationwide rowathons. But what is the glue that binds us, and why does our relationship work?

Naturally, there is a lot to be said of Henley itself and its role in the success of both organisations. For Leander, Henley offers a geographical opportunity in its natural river straight ideal for racing; for the investment professionals of Invesco Perpetual, it gives the chance to escape the noise and hyperbole of London's financial heart – something we call the 'Henley investment philosophy'.

But when we became Leander's lead sponsor in 2002, it was clear that it was not only our location that joined us. Although our realms of operation are different, the way that we work day-to-day and the principles that drive us are actually very similar. Leander's high performance rowing programme has been achieved with an approach hinged on determination, meticulous preparation and the

collective efforts of a team of talented individuals. At Invesco Perpetual, we govern ourselves on the same values, and believe that a pure focus on investing and a collaborative culture drives our passion to succeed.

Over the years, we have achieved a great deal from our partnership with Leander. Keen-eyed spectators and rowing fans will likely have seen the Invesco Perpetual logo adorn the shirts and boats of Leander athletes, Olympic heroes and legends. Even this visual association with the world's most successful rowing club is a great endorsement of our business, and embodies a level of continued achievement that we find inspiring and motivating.

We have also used our partnership to raise the public profile of rowing and to give an idea of the physical and mental challenge it presents. Together, in 2016, we took an innovative rowing challenge to the people of Edinburgh, Leeds, Bristol and London. 'City Regatta' saw male and female crews of four compete head to head in a series of regatta-style knock-out races on indoor rowing machines. A unique test of fitness and teamwork, the series of events saw

rowing novices and seasoned pros row shoulder to shoulder, with the finalists invited to a special Leander Club gala dinner to celebrate the rowing achievements of the athletes returning from Rio.

At this year's regatta, we co-hosted a 'Partners in Performance' marquee along the towpath, welcoming members of the public to a series of exhibits showcasing the history of Leander and Invesco Perpetual. Live interviews were given with Pete Reed, Debbie Flood and Phelan Hill, and we even had a pop-up 'pink hippo' shop!

Founded on shared values of trust, conviction and teamwork, our partnership has given rise to brilliant, memorable moments over the years. We thank and congratulate all at Leander that continue to work so hard to make Henley, Invesco Perpetual and Great Britain proud, and look forward to continuing our close relationship in years to come.



THANKS TO LANCASTER READING FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

Lancaster Reading have very generously provided the Club with the loan of a new Land Rover Discovery that gives us the ability to take two trailers to regattas or attend two separate events on the same day.

'Lancaster's support makes a real difference in enabling us to be more flexible in which races we go to as well as enabling us to have the ability to run separate training for some of our groups and I'm very grateful for their continued support' commented Mark Banks the Club's director of rowing. Picture: Gareth Jones from Lancaster Reading handing the keys to the new Land Rover Discovery to Mark Banks.



LEST WE FORGET

This month we feature two Leander men who first rowed at Eton College before losing their lives in the Great War. Both had connections with the 1912 Olympics, but while one was a gold medallist in the Leander eight, the other was a member of the Pitman family, whose cousin was a member of the losing New College crew in Stockholm.

Alister Graham Kirby was born in London, the second son of Arthur Raymond Kirby, a barrister of Lincoln's Inn, and his wife Gertrude Fleming. The family home was on the Cromwell Road, Kensington, from which Alister went up to Eton before going on to Magdalen College, Oxford.

Although he was selected for the Blue Boat in four successive years (1906-09) it was only in his final year, when he was President, that his crew proved victorious. Thereafter he joined Leander, and among his many accomplishments he was captain of the Leander eight which won the gold medal at the 1912 Olympics, beating New College, Oxford, in the final.

The regatta was remarkable in that this was the only occasion when two GB eights competed side-by-side for the Olympic gold medal, at a time when each participating nation was allowed to enter more than one crew per event.

On the outbreak of World War I, Kirby was commissioned into the Rifle Brigade and served as a captain, but died from a tumour on his knee, believed to be war-related, in 1917 and was buried at Mazargues War Cemetery, Marseilles, France.

Unlike the 1908 gold medal crew, which lost so many of its members in the Great War, Kirby was the only member of the 1912 eight to die as a direct result of the conflict.



Alister Kirby (centre) with the victorious 1912 Leander eight

One hundred years later, Leander helped find 124 descendants of the Stockholm eight, who got together on the first day of the London 2012 regatta to celebrate the achievements of their ancestors.

Born in 1896 Arthur Frederick Edward Pitman was the son of John S. Pitman, solicitor of Edinburgh. Like his father and grandfather before him, John Pitman was a Writer to the Signet, a private society of Scottish solicitors, dating back to 1594 and part of the College of Justice.

Arthur was sent up to Eton, where a contemporary described him as "a most cheery sunny boy with a competent brain and gifted with a directness and frankness of speech which was pleasing if occasionally embarrassing."

After learning to row he went on to represent Eton in the Ladies' Challenge Plate in 1914, sitting in the 2 seat behind Ian Fairbairn

(son of the legendary 'Steve') at 3, and Richard Dilberoglue, brother of Augustus (Leander News, Autumn 2016).

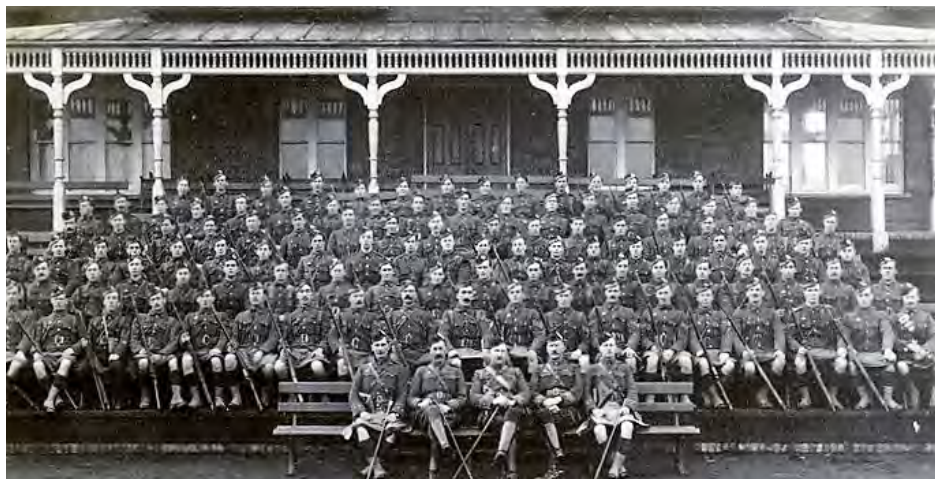
Two months later he was commissioned into the 5th (Sutherland and Caithness) Battalion of the Seaforth Highlanders, who landed in France in May 1915 for service on the Western Front.

He later served as captain in the Royal Flying Corps but was missing, believed killed in action, in January 1918, and his name appears, with almost 1,000 other airmen on the Arras Flying Services Memorial in the Faubourg d'Amiens Cemetery, Arras, France.

Pitman's distant cousin, Frederick, also attended Eton before rowing for Oxford in the 1912 Boat Race, and gaining selection for the New College eight which won the silver medal at Stockholm. Frederick Pitman joined the 3rd Battalion of the Royal Scots, but survived the war, and died in London at the age of 71.



Arthur Pitman's memorial in St John's, Edinburgh



5th Seaforths pictured before leaving for the front in 1915

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2018

At the recent Annual General Meeting of Leander Club subscriptions for 2018 were approved as follows:

Club Members and Full Members - £320

Overseas Members - £160

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

The British Rowing Annual Levy will be £7.20 and will be added to the subscription for all classes of membership. Subscriptions will be collected by Direct Debit on 1st January 2018 unless you have opted for twice-yearly payment. Only in the case of Overseas Members without a UK bank account will credit-card payments be accepted.

Members who have set up a split Direct Debit arrangement will make two payments of £160. The first payment of £160 (plus the British Rowing levy) will have been taken on 2nd October 2017 and the second payment will be taken on 2nd April 2018.

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

The Committee is always pleased to receive applications for both Full and Club Membership and Members are encouraged to propose suitable candidates. Guidance on eligibility can be found on the Club's website or you can contact us in confidence on confidential@leander.co.uk.

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.

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.

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2018

The Annual General Meeting of Leander Club Limited for the year 2018 will be held in the marquee at the Clubhouse, Henley on Thames on Sunday 1st July 2018 at 11am.

In accordance with the Articles of Association all the Committee Members (Directors) will retire and are eligible for re-election. Nominations for Committee must be lodged with the Hon. Secretary at the Clubhouse by 5pm on Thursday 15th March 2018.

At the AGM, Members may vote by proxy. A proxy form is available to download from the website, and a signed authority must be lodged with the Hon. Secretary at the Clubhouse by 5pm on Friday 22nd June 2018.

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS

The Club holds personal data on each Member, which is used:

- to manage membership accounts,
- to circulate information about the Club and its events, by mail or electronic means, and
- for athletes in training, to record and monitor training performance.

The Club has a legal obligation to supply information at the request of HMRC, the police and the courts.

The Club employs a professional IT company to safeguard your data. Members may view their own data via the on-line log in, or by request to the Club office. Members have the right to ask that all their data be deleted, but should be aware that the Club makes no other provision for services to Members.

Chris Dalley

Honorary Secretary

1928 OLYMPIC BRONZE MEDALLIST DID RACE FOR LEANDER

Robert Treharne Jones tells Theodore Collet's story.

Leander's Olympic medal tally took an unexpected lift during preparation for the club's Bicentenary book when it was discovered that Theodore Collet represented Leander at Amsterdam in 1928, a fact that had not appeared in the club records.

Of course it had been well-documented that Collet had won the bronze medal in single sculls but Collet's true colours only came to light after publisher Ed Davis turned up some interesting facts during his own research. This was confirmed when editor Andy Trotman contacted the British Olympic Association, whose archives revealed Collet's allegiance to the Pink Palace during the period in question.

Other record books in the Leander library reflected an illustrious career, including three appearances for Cambridge in the Boat Race, three successive victories in the Wingfield Sculls, and no less than ten



appearances at Henley.

Most members of rowing royalty stay with the sport throughout their lives, but not so for Collet, who moved to the USA some years after his athletic career was complete, and lost touch with the sport in which he had achieved such success.

I managed to track down four of Collet's children on the west coast of America. Together they were able to provide a fascinating insight into the qualified engineer who started a chicken ranch, before moving into real estate, and eventually building an office block which he named Pembroke Court, after his Cambridge college.

Collet kept active throughout his life, enjoying twice weekly workouts and massages at the local YMCA, where he used to train alongside Jesse Owens, as well as hiking in the mountains around Phoenix.

Collet died in 1984, still disappointed that he hadn't done better in 1928, when he felt that the crosswind across the Sloten canal had disadvantaged him more than his opponent.

You can read more about Collet's remarkable life in the Leander Bicentenary book, which will be available early in the New Year.

REMEMBERING OUR MEMBERS



DAME DI ELLIS

1938 – 2017 ELECTED 1997

Dame Di Ellis had a special gift; no matter who you were, how old you were, or how long you had been involved in rowing, Dame Di made everyone feel like they were part of something special. It was this gift that made her such a beloved figure within rowing for more than 60 years.

Dame Di had a rather unorthodox start in rowing, having first been introduced to the sport by 'messing about in whalers and cutters' as a Sea Ranger. Keen to follow in her sister's footsteps, who was rowing with Harrods at the time, she joined St George's Ladies RC rowing out of the Civil Service boathouse in 1960. From this point onwards, Dame Di flourished in rowing and started on a path that was to change the course of British rowing.

Competitively, Dame Di rowed for Great Britain, coxed for England, won national championships gold and won the Women's Eights Head of the River Race seven times both as a rower and a cox. She was a club member of St George's RC, a qualified umpire, secretary of events and Chairman of a number of committees and commissions. Dame Di was Chairman of British Rowing (formerly the Amateur Rowing Association) for 24 years and was a FISA (World Rowing) delegate, representing Great Britain's position on the international stage. She was the first woman Steward of Henley Royal

Regatta and a founder member of Henley Women's Regatta. During her time within sports administration, she won numerous awards from the International Olympic Committee and FISA, amongst others, and was recognised for her services to rowing by the Queen, being made a Dame of the Order of the British Empire in 2013.

One of Dame Di's greatest legacies within rowing was her tireless work to grow and develop women's rowing. When she first took part in rowing, St George's Ladies RC became one of the first clubs to be affiliated to the Women's Amateur Rowing Association. From this moment onwards, Dame Di's passion, enthusiasm and commitment in support of women's rowing never wavered. So many women who have taken up rowing, or have been involved in the sport in some way, were inspired and championed by Dame Di. It would not be an understatement to say that without Dame Di's involvement, women's rowing in the UK, and arguably globally, would not be where it is today.

REMEMBERING OUR MEMBERS

DR CHARLES EUGSTER 1919-2017 ELECTED 2001

After St Paul's School and Thames RC, Charles rediscovered rowing in his mid-60s and accumulated some 40 Gold medals at the World Masters' regattas. At the age of 87 he took up bodybuilding and in his mid-90s he competed as a sprinter. "You can completely rebuild your body at any age and you can start a new life at any age."

PETER HANBURY 1918-2017 ELECTED 1939

Rowed for Eton at HRR in 1936, then stroked 3rd Trinity in the Visitors' in 1939. He was one of our few remaining Members who had been elected before the War.

ROBERT HOWLAND 1935 – 2017 ELECTED 1959

In 1959 Robert, rowing for LMBC at Henley won the Ladies' and reached the final of the Visitors'. He then steered the Leander four in the Stewards in 1960



IAN LANG 1926-2016 ELECTED 1947

As a freshman from Monkton Combe Ian rowed at six in the 1947 Cambridge crew, winning by 10 lengths aged just 18¾ ("which meant I had a blue Ration Book and was entitled to a banana ration, if they became available"). The influx of older men demobbed from war service denied him a seat in the 1948 Boat Race, but the CUBC squad stayed together for that summer, competing as Leander Club. Ian raced in the HRR Grand crew then was spare man for the Olympic eight which

won silver. In May he had been elected President of CUBC for the 1949 campaign, but was called up for National Service in January 1949.



JIM RAILTON 1935-2017 ELECTED 1971

Jim's own sporting prowess was as a sprinter; he held the British Junior record for 100 yards. He became a PE teacher and then a trainer for the ARA. Finding that body uninterested in his coaching ambitions, he volunteered to coach at Thames Tradesmen RC. There he found four talented young men who were ready to respond to his unconventional coaching methods. Jim built on his crew's sense of being different, encouraging their trademark long hair and wearing of cycling kit and deploying his own very sharp sense of humour. Following success for Jim's crew at HRR and a Silver at the World Championships, it would fall to Bob Janousek to meld the TTRC athletes with the Leander cadets to form the GB eight which won Olympic Silver in 1976. Meantime Jim became Director of the Iffley Road Sports Centre in Oxford, a post he held for twenty years. From 1970 he was rowing correspondent of The Times producing more than 1,500 reports, and also commented for TV on the Boat Race.

PETER REYNOLDS 1937 – 2017 ELECTED 1959

Peter was coxswain of the first St Edmund Hall crew to go Head of the River at Oxford, and steered Oxford's mighty 1960 crews. After victory in the 1960 Boat Race the crew reformed to contest the final of the Grand and to be selected as the GB men's eight at the Rome Olympics. Later he coxed Leander's crews in the Grand in 1962 and 1964.

DES BROWNE 1934-2014 ELECTED 1979

PAUL COOPER 1939-2017 ELECTED 1983

MALDWIN DRUMMOND 1932-2017 ELECTED 1963

STEPHEN GAWITH 1932-2017 ELECTED 1953

PETER HUNTER 1933-2017 ELECTED 1990

GRAEME MCCALL 1937-2017 ELECTED 2006

CHRISTOPHER J PARKER 1942-2017 ELECTED 2001

MARTIN SLOCOCK 1935-2017 ELECTED 1958

HUGH STEWART 1928-2017 ELECTED 1977

MARTIN WHITWORTH 1925-2017 ELECTED 1944

PETER WRIGHT 1940-2017 ELECTED 1990

GRAEME (AGB) YOUNG 1935-2017 ELECTED 1984

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 the draw takes place every six months to determine the lucky winners.

The winners of our Autumn Draw 2017:

1st Prize	£300	M R Blandford-Baker
2nd Prize	£200	S A L Tross Youle
3rd Prize	£100	W A D Windham

An application form to join the Club can be found on the website at <https://www.leander.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/PinkHippoClubSTO.pdf>

PINK HIPPO SHOP

Website: shop.leander.co.uk

Next year's Bicentenary is giving us the chance to prepare a whole host of special merchandise. Please see a selection below. We will also have a new design of limited edition cufflinks in silver or silver gilt, which will be a copy of the original 1859 Leander Waterman's jacket buttons (see photo). Available from mid October at a price of £160.



Limited Edition, hand crafted and engraved Dartington lead crystal decanter. £120



Limited Edition Magnum Leander Pink £80



Cufflinks based on coat buttons £160



Leander Pink Leather passport holder, embossed with the Club logo £38



Silver Oar Trophy £225



Bicentenary Cap - £16



Bicentenary Cognac - £225 (see leaflet)



Leather Wash Bag £48, Cufflink Holder £32 and embroidered Hand Towel £15



Pearl Bracelets £20 and Necklaces from £25

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