

## 2018 Bicentenary **1818 - 2018**

### **Message from our Patron**

"Please convey my warm thanks to the Members of Leander Club for their loyal greetings, sent on the occasion of their Two Hundredth Anniversary which is being celebrated with a banquet today at the Guildhall.

As your Patron, I much appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing as you did and, in return, send my best wishes to all those who are present for a memorable and successful event."

**Elizabeth R.**



# LEANDERNEWS

The official newsletter of Leander Club is published twice yearly, in late spring and autumn.

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Our Olympians and Club Officers at the Guildhall Banquet. Olympians at the Banquet: Chris Baillieu, Chris Bartley, Paul Bircher, Malcolm Carmichael, Ed Coode, Tim Crooks, Debbie Flood, Tim Foster, Matt Gotrel, Jürgen Grobler, Mike Hart, Garry Herbert, Phelan Hill, Ben Hunt-Davis, Mark Hunter, Oli James, Dick Lester, Hugh Matheson, Malcolm McGowan, Rob Morgan, Alison Mowbray\*, Pete Reed, Rebecca Romero\*, Steve Rowbotham, Will Satch, Fred Scarlett, Colin Smith\*, Tom Stallard, Vicky Thornley, Anna Watkins\*, Matt Wells, Charlie Wiggin and Steve Williams. (\* at the Banquet but not in the picture)

## Leander Club membership is prized throughout the rowing world

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

For further information see our website - <https://www.leander.co.uk/membership/>

# EDITORIAL

2018 has seen Members celebrate the Club's Bicentenary across the world, from Sydney in Australia to New York in the United States to Dublin in Ireland, Cape Town in South Africa and of course in Henley and London.

These events have brought Members together and shown Members from all age groups sharing their enthusiasm for the Club and our sport while catching up with old friends.

In this Newsletter we have tried to capture many of these events with photographs showing the enjoyment these events provided.

The Leander family is a broad church ranging from Olympians through Henley medallists including those who helped them along the way to those who make our sport possible as a fellow athlete or in administration and coaching on and off the water.

This is well illustrated in our 'Remembering Members' page in this edition where we remember a silver medallist Olympian, a Henley winning cox and an outstanding administrator of our sport.

This Newsletter tries to bring news of what is happening at the Club and also across the Membership.

The support our Bicentenary events has received across the world shows just how much Leander Membership is prized throughout the rowing world.

As Members we are each individually well placed to encourage our friends in the rowing world to join the Club and share these experiences.

If you have a friend that you feel would enjoy being a Member please encourage them and support their application.

If you are unsure about the process or whether your candidate meets the Membership criteria, which can seem a little mysterious, please ask Fiona Dennis our new Honorary Secretary who will give you guidance and any needed support.

New Members are welcome, and help support the Club in maintaining its pre-eminent position in the rowing world.

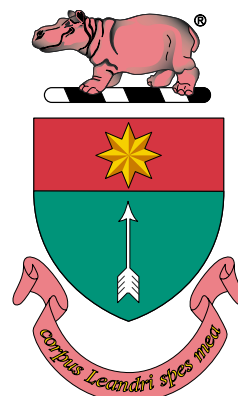
The Newsletter is sent out twice a year and we want to make it a publication

you look forward to receiving because the content is interesting and relevant.

We recognise that it will not always cover the Club or rowing items that you are most interested in so we challenge you to join in!

To help improve the Newsletter your ideas of items you would like to see in future editions are welcome. We also welcome new contributors so if you have an article that you think other Members will find of interest please submit it.

Please send your ideas, whatever they may be, to [editor@leander.co.uk](mailto:editor@leander.co.uk).





# GUILDHALL DINNER

## Message from the Prime Minister:

"Congratulations to Leander Club as you celebrate your Bicentenary. I am sorry not to be with you for this special event, but I am delighted to send my best wishes, along with my thanks for everything that you have done to support rowing in our country. You can be proud of your remarkable achievements over the past two centuries – not least in winning more Olympic medals than any other single-sport club in the world. But you can also take equal pride in knowing that in training and nurturing medal winners, you have helped to inspire thousands of ordinary people across the country to watch and participate in rowing and other water sports as well. As your local Member of Parliament, and as a Member of the Club myself, I am pleased once again to offer my congratulations on this wonderful milestone."

**Theresa May MP**



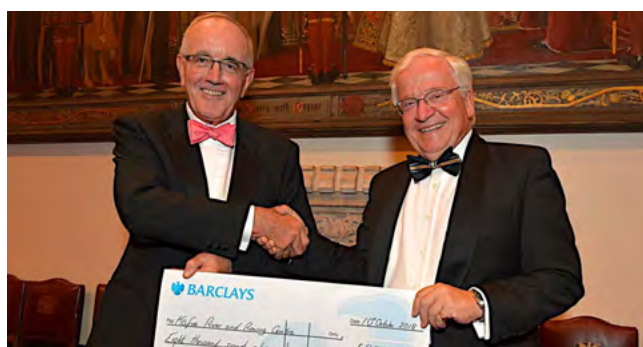
*The magnificent Guildhall setting*



*The Club's colours creatively displayed!*



*Jeremy Randall proposing the 'Olympians'*



*President Mike Sweeney hands over the Hippo cheque for the Kafue River and Rowing Centre to FISA Treasurer Mike Williams*



*Irene Randall and Jürgen Grobler*



*Andy Trotman and Pat Delafield*



*Peter Reed proposing 'The Club'*



*Ricky Bourke, Ted Bainbridge, Jacob Dawson, Sholto Carnegie and James Robson*



*Trevor Clough with Vicky Thornley signing a bottle of Digby Leander Pink*



*John Pilgrim Morris and Will Satch*





# CREW REUNION BBQ

For athletes who have represented the Club at Henley.

Over 60 Members who have rowed or coached crews representing the Club at Henley Royal Regatta from the 1960's to the present time, met up for a BBQ and to catch up with old crew mates and enjoy an afternoon at the Club.

Photography by Ali Brown



*Jack Beaumont, Matt Beechey, Mark Banks, Brian Armstrong, John Pilgrim Morris and Ross Hunter*



*John Layton, Dick Crane, Tim Crooks, Dickie Clarke, and Ian Morton*



*Emily Carmichael, Chloe Laverack and Harry Leask*



*Vas Vasilev, Head Chef*



*Paul and Micki Bramfitt with Paul and Cathy Taylor*



*Vas Ragoussis, Tim Clarke, Callum McBrierty, Tom Ford and Adam Neil*



*Neil Chugani, Pat Rudaz and Harvey Worden*



*Steve Williams and Terry Hunter*



# NEW YORK DINNER AT THE BROOK



*Peter Mallory, Stewart Jackson, Dick Schell, Pam Elliot, Fred Elliot, Tom Weil, Dave Vogel, Charles Wiggin, John Ashby and Rosemary Ashby*



*Michael Bloomberg, Jeremy Randall, Sir George Cox and Harry Graves*



*Irene Randall, Lady Lorna Cox, Caroline Hoare and Kristae Zandbergen*



*Avery Bourke, Gill Perry Millsom and Ricky Bourke*



*Tom Weil, Joe Guppy, Peter Mallory, Jack Carlson*



*Mike Meehan, Avery Bourke and Dick Schell*

# **HARRY LEASK** CAME TO LEANDER WHEN HE WAS 16 AND CAME 4TH AT THE **WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS** THIS YEAR IN HIS SINGLE. HE LOOKS BACK AT HIS TIME AT THE CLUB.

It was both a difficult and an easy decision to move to Henley from Edinburgh at the age of sixteen. Easy for me but you can imagine not for my parents! Leander became my second home. This was all in the name of hopefully fulfilling my dream of becoming an Olympic rower.

The first season didn't start well, I had a previous back issue and was told I was fit, but disappointingly after a few weeks I was off rowing and in rehab. I could say I submerged myself in rehab, education and college work but I'm sure Martin Unsworth at Henley College will tell you something different as all I wanted to do was repair and drive tractors. Luckily I picked up a job with Henley Contracting which allowed me to do this, many know this is my next passion to rowing.

A season which started off badly saw me finishing fit and in the junior quad for the Fawley Cup. The hunger for a HRR medal began with high hopes but these were dashed when we broke a scull on the start. The 2012/13 season could only be better! Another year working towards the Fawley cup at HRR, unfortunately we didn't deliver but I did deliver a gold at the British Championships.

I arrived back to training very excited as usual for a 2014/15 season. I was now U23 and training with the 'big boys', it was a step up but one I would reap the benefit of, a big group of experienced athletes. At this time I thought I'd give sweep a try, but had some fun in the process and was paired with Andy Joel. Andy and I had a few wins at Essen regatta in the pair and have stayed together through U23 trials.

However it was decided that Andy and I would scull in a quad with Jack Beaumont and Nick Middleton for the Prince of Wales Challenge Cup for HRR. Now tell me, who wouldn't have jumped back to sculling to race with those guys! The pressure was intense, but the support and experience was even greater. Training camp went well and before I knew it the Regatta was upon us. I can't put into words the feeling of being clapped out of your club and home, feeling like a king and paddling to the start. People in boats and on the banks shouting 'come on Leander', I was so proud to be wearing that Hippo. Well if I thought the start was good, you can imagine crossing that line and coming 'home' to be greeted by Jeremy Randall clutching a bottle of Digby - truly amazing.



*2018 European bronze with Jack Beaumont*

That summer saw the start of my GB experiences at Plovdiv, as I'd managed to secure a seat in the eight for U23's. This was my first Worlds as it had eluded me as a junior due to my injury. The run up to racing, kit day, racing was truly amazing. We finished in 5th place but all this helps to develop, strengthen and makes you hungry for future races.

Well, with the brief moment of relapse behind me, I realised sculling was my true love, I started the season 2015/16 in the sculling squad under Ross Hunter. It started well with a win in the U23 quad at the British Rowing Championships, chasing the senior Leander quad, finishing 2nd overall. Andy and I were joined by Harry Glenister and Rowan Law, this crew held together for the next two years.

As all rowers know injury can be round the next corner and just before trials I had a stress fracture to my rib, again back on rehab. Thankfully recovering in time for the summer camp in Banyoles. As 2016 was an Olympic year there was no GB quad so we were entered into The Queen Mother Challenge Cup. It fell on us to pick up the challenge and try to win it for the club. We were all nervous, anxious and very excited, it gave us the opportunity to prove ourselves as U23's.

Going into the regatta we had confidence but knew it would be no easy feat, but it was our stretch of water and no one knew it better than us! Well, we did it and came back to the club to that very special reception. We were selected to continue onto the U23 World Championships where we finished 5th. With a good result in the quad the previous year the goal for the season 2016/17 was to medal at the U23 World Championships which was not going to be an easy feat. For three of us in the boat this was our last year as U23's. With the start of the season going well we were given the chance to go to the 1st World Cup in Belgrade to get some more

experience at an international level.

This no doubt helped us develop.

We managed to hold our heads up with a 4th place, and it was back to preparing for HRR.

We had another fantastic regatta with a win in the Prince of Wales followed by the U23 World Championships; luckily, we all got selected in our quad so off we went for my second experience in Plovdiv.

Well if I thought U23's was a big step, this autumn's one was mammoth, 'the seniors'. I continued getting PB's, pre trials camp at Dorney went well and then onto final trials. I knew I had to make a mark this year and I fortunately finished second behind Tom Barras. GB then invited me to attend training at Caversham, where things continued to go well. I was in the single at the Belgrade World Cup where I finished 2nd in the C final, at the 2nd World Cup I was 1st in the B final so was definitely going in the right direction!

I didn't get a chance to race for Leander at HRR but supported the rest of the club in their racing, while at the same time wishing I was heading to the start line and being able to fight it out for a win. Meanwhile, I was integrating into the program with GB and sights set on being able to do a good job as we went into preparation for the European Championships and hopefully the World Championships.

In the lead up to the Europeans I was entered to race the single. The Thursday before the regatta news came that Angus Groom was unable to race so I was given the fantastic opportunity to row again with Jack Beaumont; the first time being back in 2015. If you had said at the start of the season I'd be in the Senior Squad and would have a European bronze medal I'd have said you were dreaming.

Onto the World Championships and back into my single after a grueling altitude camp and speed camp it was back to Plovdiv, I knew the course and venue well by now. Sitting on the start for the final was an amazing feeling, I fought hard throughout the race and finished in 4th, beating some big names!

Words cannot express my gratitude to Leander for its ethos, the coaching and the belief and I would also like to thank GB for the opportunity to fulfil my dream. Hopefully next time it delivers a medal.



# WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Mark Banks reflects on this year's Championships



*James Johnston, Adam Neil, Jacob Dawson and Tom Ford*

We would like to congratulate all of the Leander athletes on their performances at the World Championships in Plovdiv, Bulgaria.

The Club had an impressive thirty one athletes selected in the GBR team with nineteen coming through our

high-performance programme which is testament to the club's process of nurturing and developing talent coming to us post university.

The standard of the rest of the world is so very high currently, so with qualification for the Olympics approaching it was pleasing to see so many boats in a qualifying position two years out.

Special mention should go to Erin Wysocki-Jones for coxing the PR3 Mixed 4+ to a gold medal in her first year in the senior team.

The Men's eight and four saw some dramatic races resulting in Tom Ford, Adam Neil, Jacob Dawson, James

Johnston, Tom George and Ollie Wynne-Griffith winning their first senior medal at the World Championships. The table below shows the results for other crews.



*Front row: James Rudkin, Ollie Wynne-Griffith, Tom George, Moe Sbihi, Back row: Henry Fieldman, Will Satch, Matthew Tarrant, Alan Sinclair, and Tom Ransley.*

## WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS—TABLE OF RESULTS

Boat Type	Leander athletes	GBR Position	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Entries	Boat Type	Leander athletes	GBR Position	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Entries
M 1x	H Leask	4th	NOR	CZE	LTU	30	W 1x		15th	IRE	SUI	AUT	22
M 2x	A Groom J Beaumont	4th	FRA	SUI	NZL	23	W 2x		4th	LTU	NZL	USA	18
M 4x	J Collins J Walton T Barras	7th	ITA	AUS	UKR	12	W 4x	J Leyden	5th	POL	GER	NED	15
M 2-	M Rossiter	8th	CRO	ROU	FRA	23	W 2-	R McKeller H Taylor	7th	CAN	NZL	ESP	15
M 4-	T Ford A Neil J Johnston J Dawson	3rd	AUS	ITA	GBR	19	W 4-	E Ashford J Wratten	7th	USA	AUS	RUS	12
M 8+	T George T Ransley A Sinclair O Wynne-Griffith W Satch H Fieldman	3rd	GER	AUS	GBR	9	W 8+	A Chitty F Gammond K Douglas H Norton K Bennett	6th	USA	CAN	AUS	8
LM 1x	S Mottram	8th	GER	SUI	USA	19	LW 1x		3rd	FRA	ITA	GBR	20
LM 2x		9th	IRE	ITA	BEL	26	LW 2x		5th	ROU	USA	NED	19
LM 4x			GER	ITA	TUR	11	LW 4x		5th	CHN	DEN	GER	6
LM 2-			ITA	GRE	USE	3	LW 2-			ITA	USA		2
PR M1x		6th	AUS	UKR	RUS	19	PR1 W1x			NOR	ISR	USA	6
PR2 M1x		4th	NED	CAN	ITA	11	PR2 W1x			FRA	NED	POL	6
PR2 Mix 2x			NED	POL	UKR	6	PR3 W2-			USA			1
PR3 M2-			CAN	AUS	FRA	5							
PR3 Mix 2x			BRA	AUT	RUS	5							
PR3 Mix 4+	E Wysocki-Jones	1st	GBR	USA	FRA	12							

# OLYMPIANS HENLEY ROW PAST

To celebrate the Bicentenary two crews all who are Olympic medallists rowed over the course. Photography by Hamish Roots.



(L—R) Vicky Thornley, (2016 Silver, W2x); Peter Reed, (2008 & 2012 Gold M4-, 2016 Gold M8+); Debbie Flood, (2004 & 2008 Silver W4x); Dick Lester, (1976 Silver M8+); Katie Greves, (2016 Silver W8+); Steve Redgrave, (1984 Gold M4- (Marlow RC), 1988 Gold M2-, Bronze M2+, 1992 Gold M2-, 1996 Gold M2-, 2000 Gold M4-); Zoe De Toledo, (2016 Silver W8+); Tim Crooks, (1976 Silver M8+); Garry Herbert, (1992 Gold M2+); Alex Partridge (2008 Silver, 2012 Bronze M8+); Mike Hart, (1976 Silver M2x); Hugh Matheson, (1976 Silver M8+); James Cracknell, (2000 & 2008 Gold M4-); Ben Hunt-Davis, (2000 Gold M8+); Mark Hunter (2008 Gold 2012 Silver Lwt M2x) and Charlie Wiggin (1980 Bronze M2-). Also rowing but not in this picture Matt Langridge (2008 Silver 2012 Bronze, 2016 Gold M8+).







The two eights of Olympic medallists rowing side by side over the course. While a race was not planned it did become competitive in the last few hundred metres ... a 'win' for Steve Redgrave's crew by two feet... Photography by HRR photo

## NATASHA HARRIS-WHITE LOOKS BACK ON HER WIN AT HENLEY WOMEN'S REGATTA

I was over the moon to win Henley Women's Regatta in the Leander Women's pair as I have lived in Henley my whole life and it's my home stretch of water. For me, the experience was even more momentous because my friends and family were able to watch. Henley Women's Regatta marked the end of a fantastic first year at Leander for many of us with all of the crews either reaching the semi-finals or the finals in their respective events. The Championship quad with a last-minute crew change made the



Laura Meridew and Natasha Harris-White

semi-final and so did the four which had their best race of the season against Molesey who narrowly beat them by half

a length. The two girls in the double had recently returned from the US where they had been sweep rowing but still managed to make their final.

As well as this our small squad of twelve athletes also managed to achieve two athletes for the senior Worlds, three for the World Under 23 Championships all making the A final, one for FISU returning with two Gold medals and one for the Under 23 European Championships, also making the final.

## THE 1968 WINNING THAMES CUP CREW ROWS OVER THE COURSE TO CELEBRATE ITS WIN OF FIFTY YEARS AGO



Celebrating fifty years on from the first of three consecutive years of Leander winning the Thames Challenge Cup. 1968 was a year with a strong stream that produced a winning time of 8 minutes 8 seconds when they beat the crew from Cornell University by four lengths.

Charles Parry (B) Ian Morton (2)  
Dickie Clarke (3) Graham Davidson (4)  
Tim Redfern (5) Tim Crooks (6)  
Nicola Tee (7) Dick Crane (S)  
Cox: Rodney Burges

Photography by HRR photo



# JAMES STANHOPE REFLECTS ON HIS WIN IN THE VISITORS'

and the Club's 200th win in the Stewards' at Henley as well as the Club's other successes at this year's regatta.



*Visitors' Challenge Cup winners: Barney Stentiford, Tim Clarke, James Stanhope, Ross Jarvis with their coach Matt Beechey*

I was exceptionally nervous lining up on the start line of my first Henley final for the Club in the Visitors' Challenge Cup. Thankfully a reassuring tap on the back from Tim Clarke before we were called forward concentrated my thoughts on the task at hand and I was ready to go.

Nine months prior, I had graduated from Oxford Brookes University having mainly rowed eights and wanting to take my rowing to the next level.

I had fallen out of love with the sport in my last training environment but this was soon resolved, with a new improved training program tailored to the individual and with Matt Beechey's patience, my rowing improved. I was welcomed into a group, of which I had previously competed against, with open arms and although the members changed, with athletes moving in and out of the senior team squad, the work ethic and determination remained.

Having seen the Prince of Wales quad and the Thames cup eight go out in hard fought races the day before, we felt we

had a duty to compete to win for the guys we had trained with earlier in the year.

I felt, as the youngest member in the four and as the only athlete with no international experience, a great deal of pressure to reach the high standards the other three members had set throughout the year.

Our opposition was the University of London, whom we had raced a few times before and come out victorious. However, this was a Henley final and previous results usually hold little meaning.

Thankfully we had a great start and were up by the end of the island and we continued to extend this lead to Fawley. I had been struggling with compartment syndrome in my forearms all year and could feel the symptoms come on at this point. A call from Barney in the bow seat at Upper Thames reassured me that the three athletes behind, who I felt lucky to row with, could drag me over the line, where I lost my blade behind my head in celebration. At least it made for a good picture.



*Stewards' Challenge Cup winners: James Johnston, Adam Neil, Jacob Dawson and Tom Ford The 200th win for the Club at Henley Royal Regatta. The Club first won the Stewards' in 1849.*

The Club also brought up its 200th win at Henley Regatta in the Stewards' Challenge Cup (first won by the Club in 1849) in its 200th anniversary.

The crew showed their class in the final by dismantling the top GB U23 boat with ease and went on to win a bronze medal at the World Championships.

In the Queen Mother Challenge Cup the GB men's quad also proved victorious, beating the Danish quad in a straight final setting new records to the Barrier and Fawley, in an impressive display.

In the smaller boat classes, the Leander pair of Rossiter and Glenister had a successful run losing to the Sinkovic brothers, the eventual winners and world champions, on the Saturday.

In the Double Sculls Challenge Cup, Leander Club athletes Jack Beaumont and Angus Groom beat the Irish double of the O'Donovan brothers. This was Jack's seventh Henley win, and he said he was "delighted to win and to break the finish record was the icing on the cake".



*Queen Mother Challenge Cup Winners: John Collins, Jonny Walton, Graeme Thomas (Agecroft Rowing Club), and Tom Barras*



*Double Sculls Challenge Cup Winners: Jack Beaumont and Angus Groom*



# MEET THE NEW CLUB PRESIDENT

Mike Sweeney, who became President on 1st September 2018

## WHEN DID YOU FIRST BECOME A MEMBER?

In the sixties Leander was very much an Oxbridge club. I ticked the eligibility box by winning the Cambridge Light Fours event in 1964 and I was a Leander Member by the time that the Cambridge Blue Boat spent a week training at the Club before the 1965 Boat Race.

## WAS THERE A DEFINING MOMENT IN YOUR LONG CAREER IN THE WORLD OF ROWING?

It would have to be my crew's non-selection for the Mexico Olympics in 1968. I acknowledge that I am biased but the selection 'process' in 1968 was a scandal. However, within a year of my final race at the World Championships in 1970 I was persuaded to join the Selection Board. Chairmanship of the Board swiftly followed - then GB Team Manager - Henley Steward - FISA Umpire - Chairman of the FISA Events Commission - Chairman of Henley Royal Regatta - a roller coaster!

## WHAT HAS MOTIVATED YOU TO STAY INVOLVED FOR SO LONG AND IN SO MANY DIFFERENT ROLES?

Three key words - the first word would be 'fairness' - not surprising after the events of 1968. The next word would be 'performance' - in the fifties and sixties the average position of GB crews in World Championships and Olympic Games was 9th. Working with a small number of dedicated people through the seventies I believe that we turned GB rowing round and started it on the road to the future success that we are all now able to enjoy.

The third word would be 'standards' - over the past 25 years there have been dramatic improvements in the standards of all the FISA events and Olympic Regattas together with the ever improving standards of Henley Royal Regatta. I like to think that I played my part in these changes.

## HOW DO YOU SEE YOUR ROLE AS THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE CLUB?

To help the Committee to continue to operate the most successful of clubs - both on the land and on the water. Times continue to change and new challenges are already facing us - maintaining our current membership levels, adapting to the pressures of a changing rowing



environment, maximising the use of our wonderful clubhouse and ensuring a sound financial basis for all our activities.

I see the President as the senior ambassador of the Club - a role that I am very much looking forward to fill.

# ROWAN LAW WINS GOLD AT U23 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Club was represented by nine athletes in eight boats at this year's Under 23 World Championships that were held in Poznan in Poland at the end of July.

Rowan Law won the gold medal in the quad scull with Sam Meijer (Elizabethan BC) Josh Armstrong (Edinburgh University BC) and Matt Haywood (Nottingham RC).

Lenny Jenkins and Harvey Kay rowed in the men's eight winning the silver medal behind the USA crew. A silver medal was also won by Hanna Scott and her pairs partner Heidi Long (Marlow RC) in the women's pair.

Zoe Adamson won a bronze medal in women's quad scull to bring the medal haul for the club's athletes to one gold,



three silver and one bronze. Outside the medals, Charlie Elwes came 5th in the Men's coxless four and Ruth Siddorn coached by Ross Hunter also achieved 5th place in the women's single scull.

Flo Donald, rowing in the women's coxless four came in 6th in the A final and Seb Matthews sculling in the lightweight men's quad finish third in the B final for a 9th overall place.

Sam Meijer,  
Josh Armstrong,  
Matt Haywood  
and Rowan Law

# FIONA DENNIS TOOK OVER AS THE CLUB'S NEW HONORARY SECRETARY ON 1ST SEPTEMBER

We asked her about her new role.

## WHEN DID YOU FIRST BECOME A MEMBER?

I joined Leander in 1998 and was delighted to be one of the first women to be elected for services to rowing.

## WHEN DID YOU FIRST GET INVOLVED IN THE COMMITTEE?

I was elected in 2016. Whilst a relatively new addition to the committee, I've gained administrative experience having served on British Rowing Executive, Council and Chairman, National Competition Committee. I've also been involved in event organisation for example, the Olympics and Paralympics in 2012, Ex Chair of British Rowing Championships, Chief umpire of

Henley Women's regatta, HRR Steward and a FISA umpire.

## WHAT EXCITES YOU ABOUT BECOMING HON SEC?

What's exciting for me is the opportunity to 'make a difference'. Using the experience gained across the sport to make a valuable contribution to the future development of the club.

## WHAT CHALLENGES DO YOU THINK THE CLUB FACES IN THE FUTURE?

Continued rowing success is dependent on a financially successful club. We need to provide a club which is valued by the members and their guests. In addition,

attracting commercial business which provides welcome revenue for the club. Achieving this balance is a challenge in a world of constant change, however it is essential if we are to retain a highly talented squad of athletes.

Key to our success is being able to adapt to the changing needs of our members. I'd like to see the current average age of 62 reduce with more current and ex athletes choosing to retain their membership. As Hon Sec I'm keen to hear from members; what do you want from the club, how can we encourage potential younger members to join the club? All views and ideas welcome!

## PLAQUE AT LAMBETH

When Tea at the House of Commons was first mooted as a significant event in our Bicentenary calendar it seemed the ideal opportunity to link the celebration with the Club's foundation on the South Bank of the Thames, as Robert Treharne Jones takes up the story.

There was a buzz in the air when the Leander bicentenary group first discussed the events that might mark our 200th anniversary. The Houses of Parliament have a special place in our history, being directly opposite the point at which six gentlemen first clambered aboard a six-oared cutter, boating from Searle's boathouse in Lambeth, marking the foundation of Leander Club.

It was only when we compared the current geography with nineteenth century maps that a solution appeared. For the site of Searle's boathouse, under the shadow of Westminster Bridge, was now occupied by the Fountain Garden, an oasis of green enjoyed by hospital patients and visitors alike. And so the idea of a memorial slab was born.

The necessary permission from the hospital authorities was rapidly gained after a phone call to a member of the board with whom I shared a boat at Barts, this was quickly followed by Tommy's agreeing that our ideas amounted to A Good Thing.

Because the bicentenary budget had long been allocated, the total project costs of £3500 had to be met in other ways. After that it was simply a matter of emailing



*The newly-prepared memorial slab installed on the site of Searle's Boathouse*

a circle of friends to contribute the agreed sum of £100 a head and within two weeks the costs had been covered.

The St Thomas's Hospital authorities went on to provide active support to our project, putting us in touch with their preferred suppliers, as well as their catering team, who would assist practicalities during the official unveiling.

The design having been agreed, the stonemasons set to work at their base in Chichester, and with barely a week to go until the official unveiling the contractors

arrived on site to lay the slab. It was a simple procedure, but hugely significant for Leander, with many hospital staff and passers-by taking a keen interest in the activity.

The day of the official unveiling dawned bright and clear and almost two hundred Leander members and guests made their way over Westminster Bridge to see the Leander president, 'Rass' Randall, pull aside the club flag to reveal the newly-installed slab, to the delight of the assembled company.

Special thanks are due to the following Leander Members who made the whole idea possible: John Aiken, Peter Ashby, Cath Bishop, Mark Blandford-Baker, Paul Budd, Ian Codrington, George Cox, Patrick Delafield, Jeff Easton, Patrick Fennessy, Barton Guthrie, Mike Haggerty, Ted Jackson, Dick Lester, Paul Lion, John Luker, Peter Mallory, Gary Painter, John Pilgrim-Morris, David Searle, John Skuse, Noel Snell, Matt Stallard, Mike Sweeney, David Thomas, Robert Treharne Jones, Andy Trotman, Giles Vardey, John Verrill, Tom Weil, Charlie Wiggin and Jock Wishart.



# LIFE AFTER ROWING

Olympic Gold medallist Alex Gregory retired from rowing after the Rio Olympics and has recently published his first book 'Dadventures'. Alex explains how the book came about.

What is it that we remember most about our childhood?

"I remember disappearing off across the fields all day, kids don't do that now".

It's a sentence I hear all the time, of course it's not strictly true, some do, but certainly not as many as when we were kids or when our parents were young.

*Dadventures* is a guide for parents, grandparents or carers of young children, born from the realisation that it's now not so common to know about out-door pursuits that were once widely enjoyed.

It's a book for people who have slipped into the routine of busy, working lives, who have fallen into the trap of finding screens the answer to the hectic home life. I'm not advocating total removal of screens! Our children need to be able to navigate this connected world, it's a skill and an understanding that is becoming ever more important, but I think they also need to continue to be in touch with the natural world as that is something we're losing.

The motivation to write *Dadventures* came from a number of different areas. I have written about the things I loved to do as a child and things we love to do as a family now.

As the parents of three young children, time is not always our friend. It's impossible to



*Alex with his daughter and dog.*

devote all our time to all of them, so it's the quality of time that I believe really counts.

Having sadly missed two of my three children's births during my rowing career, time together has become something truly important to us.

Finally, while floating somewhere in the Arctic ocean in the middle of a storm, many days away from anywhere in any direction, certain death if we were to capsize our tiny ocean rowing boat I was curled up, wet through in the three foot by three foot cabin. I wrote a final message to my family on my phone just in case we didn't make it.

I realised then that my kids didn't care if I was being a brave Arctic explorer doing something that no one had ever

done before, they didn't care about records or personal discovery, all they cared about was time at home with me, having a bike ride, camping in the garden or cooking marshmallows over the fire.

The most precious thing we have is time, and with young children that beautiful time is finite. Thankfully I made it back home safely with my fellow crew mates.

We had a risky but wonderful expedition across the Arctic ocean with some stories to tell and records to note, but any time I have now, I know I must spend on smaller adventures that will create happy lasting memories with my children - *Dadventures*!

I've divided the book into 8 chapters, each based on a different amount of time. From after school activities to overnight expeditions, hopefully there's something for everyone there.

The point about the book is not that every activity has to be done perfectly, or even to completion, but it's about giving people the helping hand they may need to get outside with a purpose.

That initial purpose can change, be adapted, altered or forgotten, but by that point they have spent time together in hopefully memorable ways!

*Dadventures* is published by HarperCollins and is available in bookshops and online.

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## NEW GATEWAY OPENED TO MARK THE BICENTENARY OF THE CLUB

The Club has a new and much improved entrance thanks to the generosity of Members who contributed to our '200 Club' appeal, launched last November, to mark the Bicentenary of the Club.

Their contributions funded the new gateway which was officially opened by Sir Steve Redgrave on 30th September.

The new gates were given in memory of Derek Drury and opened earlier in 2018. Both events have been recorded in plaques either side of the gates.





# NEW GATEWAY OPENED BY SIR STEVE REDGRAVE

Photography by Caroline Mulcahy and Robert Treharne Jones



*Sir Steve prepares to start the demolition of the old gateway.*



*Several Hours later....*



*With the old entrance and wall cleared from site ready.*



*The roof that follows the design of the roof over the main entrance takes shape..*



*The wider gateway starts to take shape...*



*With the building work complete, awaiting for the gates... the new gateway is wider giving better access to the Club during the regatta and making getting boats in and out of the garden much easier.*



*The new gates which were given in memory of Derek Drury—an inspirational coach whose winning 1968 Thames Cup crew rowed over the course during the regatta to celebrate its win 50 years ago.*



*Sir Steve Redgrave unveils the stone that marks the official opening.*



# MEET THE CLUB'S NEW HEAD CHEF — VASIL VASILEV

The Committee is delighted to introduce the new Head Chef, Vasil 'Vas' Vasilev who has been promoted from Sous Chef after four years at the Club.

Vasil, who is originally from Bulgaria, moved to the UK in 2011 with his wife. He discovered his passion for cooking while working as a kitchen porter at the Hilton in Sophia to earn money while he

was studying at university. He soon discovered that the kitchen was the place to be and persuaded the Head Chef to take him on as a commis chef.

He's been able to hone his skills most recently at Stoke Place in Slough and Cannizaro House in Wimbledon, both three rosette restaurants before joining Leander as our Sous Chef in 2014.

Those experiences drew him to Leander as he says 'we cook with love from raw ingredients, not packets and we have stock pots on the stove. We make all our sauces, desserts and ice creams'.

With fifteen years experience, like all chefs, Vas believes locally and responsibly sourced ingredients in keeping with the season are the key to a successful dish.

"My favourite dish on the menu right now is the red wine braised lamb shank with honey and parsnip as it's perfect for this autumnal weather."

"I particularly enjoy Fine Dining Evenings as they're an opportunity for me and the team to show a little bit more culinary art



and experiment with new seasonal dishes and local produce.

As the numbers are limited to forty places we can really refine each dish and treat the members to something special each month. Vas has also introduced a new crew menu, which Members, as has become customary, can also enjoy at the bar. "I hope that the athletes in particular are enjoying the new crew menu and we aim to offer portions suitable to meet their daily 5000 calorie intake requirements while being nutritionally well balanced".

Like the athletes, Vas starts his day with a bowl of hearty porridge.

Now a father of two, Ema and Ana, Vasil prefers nothing more than enjoying the outdoors and hiking with his family when not at the Club.



*New Head Chef, Vasil 'Vas' Vasilev*

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# PAPIER MACHE HIPPOS RAISE OVER £8000 FOR THE KAFUE RIVER AND ROWING CENTRE IN ZAMBIA

Caroline Mulcahy explains:

In February we invited local schools, artists, athletes and celebrities to take part in our hippo project, seeking to engage the community in Leander's bicentenary year. The goal was to raise money for the Kafue River and Rowing Centre in Zambia, Africa by auctioning off the hippos.

We were thrilled to be able to do this as the local community has supported the Club by housing athletes or providing them with paid employment or work experience. We have much to thank them for in the success of the Club. They always come out in force to celebrate the Olympic Homecomings or other rowing related events such as the Olympic torch relay.



*'Silas' by Alex Richardson, Henley Pet Shop*

The project was based around a papier mache hippo cast which was given to individuals or shared by groups who teamed up to design their own.



*'Horatio' by Bill Munday*

Local Primary School, Badgemore, launched a school-wide competition whilst the local Brownies teamed up to design four. Some artists such as Bexy Butcher and Sarah Pye used the local landscape as inspiration with Sarah even using a piece of driftwood to complete her design.



*'The Hippopoa-Toad' by The River and Rowing Museum*

Valley Road School Students used local celebrities as their inspiration and Debbie McGee and the late Paul Daniels, who resided in nearby Wargrave, were both re-imagined in hippo format much to Debbie's delight. We were invited onto her breakfast show on BBC Radio Berkshire to discuss the project with two students!



*'Pete' - In naval uniform by Peter Reed*

Never could the saying 'don't work with children and animals' be any more apt than then as the microphone was pulled to pieces live on air!

All manner of materials were used, with a couple of artists spending considerable time prepping their cast before starting on the design. Julia Welburn and Emma Benz both applied Polyfiler and spent hours sanding down to get a perfect finish before starting their considered designs.



*'Shiplake Boy' by Harry Saker, Shiplake College*

A trip back to Shiplake College Art School aided Will Satch to complete his hippo 'Piggysmall's', whilst both former Captain Debbie Bruwer (née Flood) and current Captain Vicky Thornley painted theirs in pink with the former giving a nod to her former club Tideway Scullers and the latter dedicating hers to Queen Elizabeth II, the Club's Patron. Pete Reed painted his in Navy regalia complete with three Olympic medals.

Photography by Nick Middleton

The finished painted hippos were then returned to the Club for their all-important photo shoot with another former Club Captain, Nick Middleton. "It was one of the most interesting photoshoots I've ever done; they were all so different and really impressive".

The hippos were unveiled at the opening of 'The First 200 Years' exhibition at the River and Rowing Museum to much local acclaim. A second public exhibition followed the week later during half term to enable as many people that decorated them to see their finished hippos!

The hippos went 'on tour' for Henley Royal Regatta week all over Henley and we'd personally like to thank all of the shops and businesses that took part, including Henley Library and the Town Hall. An online map on Leander's website depicted where all of the hippos were located so everyone was able to follow the trail around Henley with some establishments keeping them all summer.



*'Kerry' - A unique bronze hippo by Mark Stoddart*

The auction ran from the launch in May through to the 16th September at 7pm. A huge surge of last minute bids saw the website 'crash' with 30 minutes before anyone was able to log in and see the results! We were incredibly grateful for everyone's support and to date we have managed to raise in excess of £8,000.

The funds raised are going to the Kafue River and Rowing Centre in Zambia, Africa. The project is a strategic alliance of World Rowing and is also backed by the WWF.

We would like to thank all those who took part in this project and generously bid in the auction.



# LEST WE FORGET

The Great War started in 1914 following the assassination of Archduke Ferdinand, and the years that followed saw an unprecedented loss of life as one nation after another launched into the conflict, thanks to a series of complex alliances. The last Leander man to be killed in action had his life cut short at a cruelly young age, like so many of his contemporaries, as Robert Treharne Jones reports.

The first Leander member to fall in the Great War had been Trooper Frederick Buller, of the East African Mounted Rifles, who had died in a skirmish across the border between the countries that are now Kenya and Tanzania, which then represented British and German territories.

As Nicky Bird and Mike Willoughby recorded in our bicentenary book: "It is no surprise that the number of Leander dead in this most gruesome of wars is almost identical to the total number hailing from Henley that were killed in action. As Wordsworth said, "the good die first" and these men were without doubt exceptional – fine athletes from public schools and Oxbridge, naive perhaps and unquestioning but willing to lead men into battle and die for their country."

Four years later the last of 136 Leander men to be killed in action was William Herbert Gladstone, scion of the dynasty that included an Olympic gold medallist, a prime minister, and several MPs.

Gladstone was born in 1898, the youngest of the four sons of the Reverend Stephen Edward and Annie Crosthwaite Gladstone, at Hawarden, Flintshire, the ancestral home of the Gladstone family.

Stephen served as rector of Hawarden for 32 years and was himself the second son of the former Prime Minister William Ewart Gladstone, who died just three months before the birth of his youngest grandson.

Young William Herbert followed his three elder brothers to Eton, where he learned to row and served in the OTC. From the novice pulling competition in June 1913 he progressed to bow in the novice eight which lost the 1914 inter-house final. The following year he stroked the Eton second eight at Henley, where the war years were marked by an informal schools competition. In 1916 he was Captain of his House, and stroked the First Boat at Henley in his last term at school.

His housemaster would later write: "In early days he was inclined to be dreamy and seemed a little lonely at times ; it was only when he rowed that his attention never wandered, and his vigour and courage never failed."

After leaving Eton he joined the 1st Battalion Coldstream Guards, gazetted as a 2nd Lieutenant in January 1917, and six months later was elected to Leander. There is no specific information in the records as regards his election, but the normal criteria, such as participation in the Boat Race or a Henley final, did not exist during the war years and it is tempting to conclude that the committee were keen to use their own judgment in boosting the membership, which was already much depleted after years of conflict.

He was awarded the Military Cross on 22 April 1918 for 'conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty'. The citation read: "When in command of an attacking party during a raid, he led his party with splendid dash and, on the barrage lifting, gauged the right moment to rush the enemy front line. By his prompt action he forestalled the enemy taking the offensive, and rendered



*Captain William Herbert Gladstone MC*

possible the unmolested approach of the whole raiding party to the hostile lines."

Five months later, on 27 September, he was killed in action at Havrincourt, to the southwest of Cambrai, and was buried at Sanders Keep military cemetery. He was just 20 years old.

William Herbert was not the only member of his family to serve at the Front. His brother Charles, served in the Intelligence Department, but survived the notoriously short life expectancy of the Royal Flying Corps, to which he was attached. After being taken prisoner of war in Germany he was released at the end of hostilities and returned to his teaching job at Eton where he would spend the next 28 years.

Their older brother, Albert, had a more illustrious rowing career, unhindered by the war, and rowed four times for Oxford in the Boat Race, as well as rowing at bow in the Leander eight that won the gold medal for GB in the Olympic regatta in 1908. Albert later served in Mesopotamia and Gallipoli, and was mentioned in despatches, but survived the war and went on to a successful business career.

Their cousin, William Glynne Charles Gladstone, was less fortunate, killed in action just three weeks after arriving in France in 1915. He was shot by a sniper



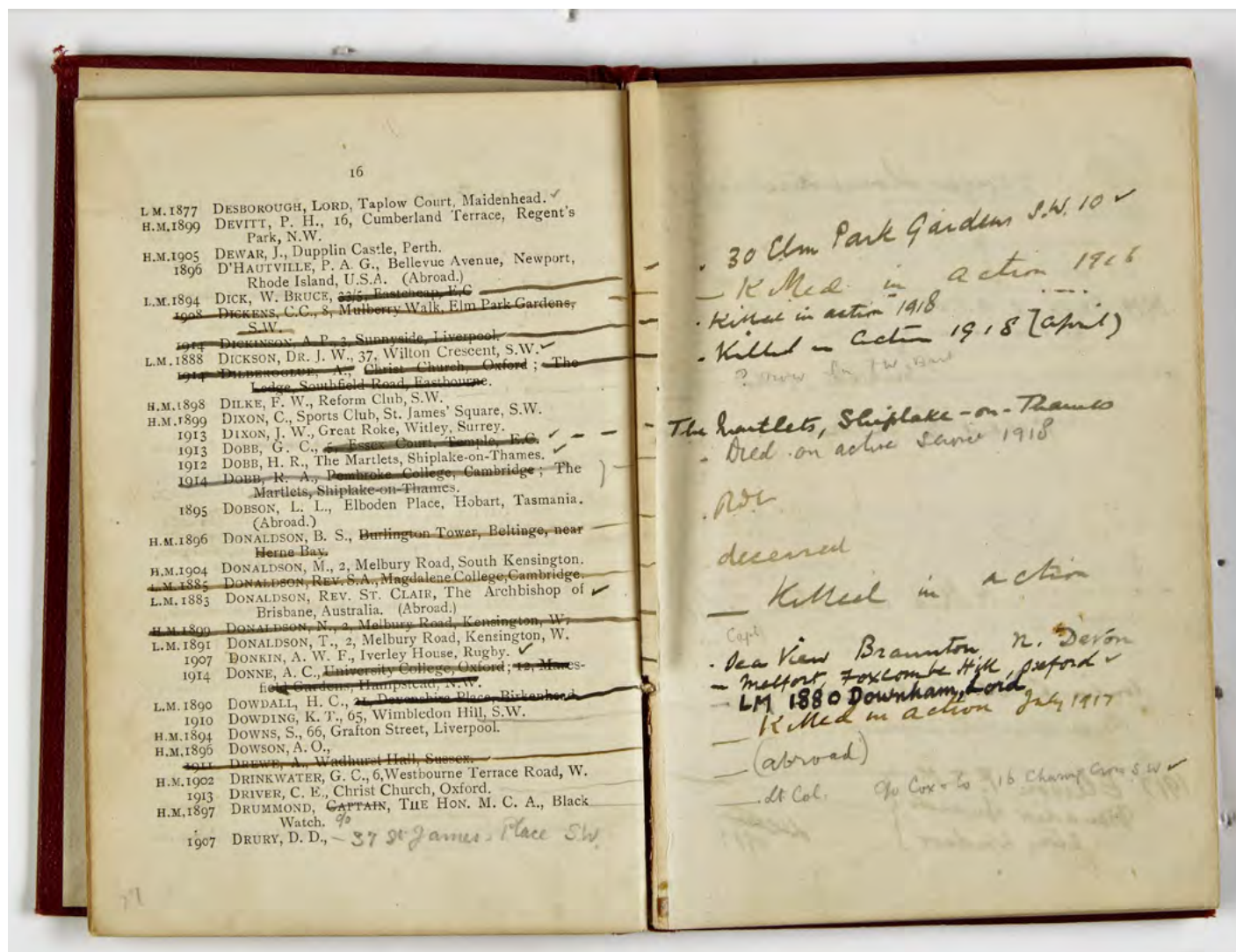
*Gladstone's grave at Sanders Keep military cemetery, near Cambrai, France.*

and, having initially been buried in France, special permission was granted by King George V for his body to be brought back to the UK, to be reburied at the church near Hawarden.

Leander's last casualty of the war was

William Alfred Littledale 'Flea' Fletcher, who succumbed to the Spanish flu epidemic of 1919. An enormously successful oarsman in his time, Fletcher had just been elected Chairman of the Committee of Management at Henley, and was the prime instigator

behind the Peace Regatta of 1919, an event he would never live to see. Just six weeks after his election he succumbed to the infection and his lungs, weakened by mustard gas in the trenches, had no defence.



The Leander Honorary Secretary's register records the casualties of the Great War in graphic detail

## NEW MEMBERSHIP CARDS

### CLOSURE OF MEMBERS' ACCOUNTS

A 'next generation' membership card will be sent out to Members within the next few months which will enable access to the car park and allow you to continue to receive a Member's discount on the listed bar and restaurant prices without the need to prepay into your account. This 'next generation' card will mean that we can cease the awkward practice of Members pre-loading money onto their Member's account in order to benefit from the discount. All member bar and restaurant cash transactions will receive a discount except at the Regatta, where transactions are through a third party.

When this new system is up and running, there will therefore no longer be a need for Member's pre-paid accounts. Those Member's with money already on their accounts will be able to use their existing funds up until **31st December 2019** when making cash payments at the Bar or Restaurant by presenting their new cards, except at the Regatta. Thereafter, any remaining unused balances on a Member's account will be treated as a donation towards the Club's "Boat Fund", and the account closed.

If you wish to check the current balance on your account, you may do so by logging into the Member's area of the website. You will need the email address you have registered with the Club and your membership number, which is on your existing membership card. Full details of how the new cards will operate will be sent out to Members with the new cards in due course.



# REMEMBERING OUR MEMBERS

## ROBERT LEE

1956–2108 ELECTED 1973

Robert Lee was born on 16th June 1954 and started his coxing career at St George's College, Weybridge.

In 1971 he was selected to go to the world youth championships in Lake Bled to cox a composite four from Hampton Grammar School, Walton RC and St George's College.



In 1973 he came to Leander and coxed the club to its first ever victory in the

Head of the River Race, in typical Robert fashion, he found time to cox the Quintin Eight to win the National Championships before going on to cox the GB men's coxed pair in the European Championships in Moscow. In 1974 he coxed the Leander eight to medals in Ghent, Copenhagen and the National Championships.

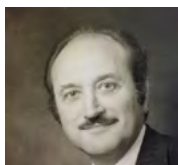
In 1975 he coxed Leander's Britannia Challenge Cup crew to victory. In 1976 he coxed Leander in both the Prince Philip and the Grand Challenge Cup, coxing the Grand crew again in 1977.

Following Henley, he was selected to cox the men's eight at the Amsterdam World Championships in 1977 finishing 5th and in 1978 Robert once again coxed the men's eight at the Karapiro (NZ) World Championships in 1978 finishing 7th.

After a start in catering, Robert forged a successful career in the wine trade and worked for Ellis of Richmond for twenty eight years. In addition to his rowing he was a talented rugby player and was a very keen sporting shot. In 1996 he married his soul-mate Angela.

## MARTIN BRANDON-BRAVO

1932 – 2018 ELECTED 1977



Martin Brandon-Bravo, who has died aged 86, rose to national and international prominence in rowing as an oarsman, umpire, administrator, and as the man who spearheaded the development of the UK's first 2000m rowing course.

His involvement in the sport led not only to membership of Leander Club, where he was elected in 1977, but also to his election as President of the Amateur Rowing Association (now British Rowing) from 1993-2001.

Born in London, Martin moved to Nottingham after completing his National Service and began a lifelong association with Nottingham and Union Rowing Club in 1952, being elected captain five years later. The club went on to win the Wyfold Challenge Cup at Henley in 1963 (and again in 2010); from 1983 until his death he was its active president.

An international rowing umpire for 28 years Martin was the driving force behind the development of the National Water Sports Centre at Holme Pierrepont. He found himself up against the hierarchy of the Amateur Rowing Association, who did not want the first 2000m course in the country to be anywhere other than the Thames Valley.

Other vested interests were concerned that the new course would effectively be in conflict with Henley Royal Regatta, but Martin was adamant that Holme Pierrepont would not conflict with Henley in any way, and he was right. Some thirty years later his skills proved invaluable when he was able to act as a consultant in the development of the GB Rowing Lake at Caversham.

For many years he was a Conservative councillor for the City of Nottingham and was elected MP for Nottingham South from 1983 to 1992.

Martin always loved Henley and attended the majority of regattas in his lifetime. For many years he and his wife Sally kept a second home in the town, where he spent increasing amounts of time in later years.

Following his cremation, Martin's ashes will be scattered at Holme Pierrepont, the rowing course which will be his lasting legacy to the sport.

## THE REV. MICHAEL LAPAGE

1923 – 2018 ELECTED 1948



Born in 1924, Michael learned to row at Monkton Combe School and was in the school eight from 1940-42.

After the war, he returned to rowing at Cambridge, competing at seven in the 1948 Blue Boat. Their winning time, under 18 minutes was a record held until 1974. Michael won a silver medal at the 1948 Olympic Games in the GB eight as a Leander member. He then went on to win bronze at the 1950 Empire Games in New Zealand.

He also became a successful coach at Winchester College winning the Schools' Head and the Princess Elizabeth Challenge Cup at Henley in 1949.

Following his retirement from rowing he dedicated himself to missionary and parish work. He became a missionary in Kenya, where he met his wife, Margaret, and had two daughters and a son.

He attended Henley Regatta as a parent, coach and supporter of his grandchildren. His last visit being in 2015 at the age of 91. A key highlight for him was to row Gloriana down the Henley course - in the stroke seat. He was also rowing as she made passage to Tower Bridge.

In 2012 he carried the Olympic torch and was proud to be part of the guard of honour as the torch came to Leander, carried by Sir Steve Redgrave.

## JOHN ALLEN

1932 – 2018 ELECTED 1966

## PETER BARLOW

1931 – 2018 ELECTED 1976

## JULIAN CRAWLEY

1951 – 2018 ELECTED 1971

## RAINER EMPACHER

1960 – 2018 ELECTED 2006

## MRS MAGGIE EVANS

(WIDOW MEMBER).

1932 - 2018 ELECTED 1999

## SIR FRANCIS FERRIS QC

1932 – 2018 ELECTED 1971

## ANNABELLE HAYTER

(WIDOW OF GEORGE HAYTER).

1946 – 2018 ELECTED 2015

## MICHAEL LONG

1935 – 2018 ELECTED 1979

## ROB VAN MESDAG

1930 – 2018 ELECTED 1959

## THOMAS MOON

1927 – 2018 ELECTED 1950

## ROGER RAIKES

1927 - 2018 ELECTED 1946

## MALCOLM REIDFORD

1942-2018 ELECTED 2007

## ANTHONY ROSS

1957 – 2018 ELECTED 1998

## GEOFF ROWE

1949 – 2018 ELECTED 2008

## CHRISTOPHER STANLEY

1918 – 2018 ELECTED 1946

## MS DIANE M DE STEFANO

1936 - 2018 ELECTED 2017

## BARBARA TAYLOR

1944- 2018 ELECTED 2013

# ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2019

At the recent Annual General Meeting of Leander Club subscriptions for 2019 were approved as follows:

**Club Members and Full Members - £330**

**Overseas Members - £165**

**Full Members less than 30 years old - £100**

The British Rowing Annual Levy will be £7.50 and will be added to the subscription for all classes of membership. Subscriptions will be collected by Direct Debit on 1st January 2019 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 £165. The first payment of £165 (plus the BR levy of £7.50) will have been taken on 2nd October 2018 and the second payment will be taken on 2nd April 2019.

**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](mailto: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 2019

The Annual General Meeting of Leander Club Limited for the year 2019 will be held in the marquee at the Clubhouse, Henley on Thames on Sunday 30th June 2019 at 11am.

In accordance with the Articles of Association all the Committee Members (Directors) except the President 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 14th March 2019.

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 21st June 2019.

Fiona Dennis

**Honorary Secretary**

## PINK HIPPO CLUB WINNERS

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

If you would like to join the Pink Hippo Club please email [Philippa@leander.co.uk](mailto:Philippa@leander.co.uk).

**The winners of the Autumn Draw 2018:**

1st J M W Goldie - **£300**

2nd Prize M J G Linington - **£200**

3rd Prize C W Crowther - **£100**

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