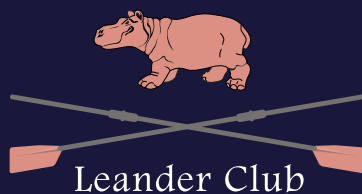


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TO THE NEXT 200 YEARS

Two hundred years ago when Members of the newly formed Leander Club boated their first crews they were of a generation whose focus was racing for wagers and they used whatever means were available to them to win.

The early Leander crews soon establish a reputation and were known not to be averse to making adjustments to their equipment to secure an advantage or to secure the employment of a professional steersman who was adept at devious steering and fouling manoeuvres that would ensure their opponent was forced into moored barges or onto the river bank. Some would no doubt say little has changed!

In 1837, the Morning Post wrote 'Leander the brilliant which has stood above the foremost for years against every club on the river'. Leander had clearly established a reputation of excellence which two hundred years later is still recognised throughout the rowing world and beyond but now racing for medals rather than money. Again, little has changed!

The last thirty years have been perhaps one of the most successful eras in our history. As well as huge success on the water we have also seen the transformation of the clubhouse into a first class facility for both the athletes and the Members as a result of several million pounds of investment. Over the last twenty years, the financial strength of the club has also significantly improved through prudent management by our Committee that has allowed us to support our rowing programme so fully.

We are probably now in the strongest position both on and off the water that we have enjoyed in our two hundred year history.

This has been as a result of the efforts of a small number of Members who have made significant commitment to getting the Club into its current strong position.

One of the biggest challenges facing us is to ensure we find the 'next generation' to carry this success on.

Whether off the water in ensuring the Membership at large continue to enjoy their use of the Club or on the water where we can identify and develop the athletes for our future success.

Rowing is going through a period of change with the reduction in lightweight events at the Olympics resulting in the Club no longer offering a lightweight programme and the move for parity for women resulting in an expansion of our women's programme. Ever higher standards at the top of rowing inevitably means that the potential talent pool is smaller. Our 'open door' approach to potential talent means anyone can apply to join our rowing programme. They should be encouraged to do so and share our dream of continuing our current success.

We need to find the 'next generation' both for the management of the club and success on the water. It is down to all of us to contribute to this where we can by using the Club, giving time, financial support or by encouraging athletes to come to the club.



BICENTENARY BOOK LAUNCH

11 DOWNING STREET

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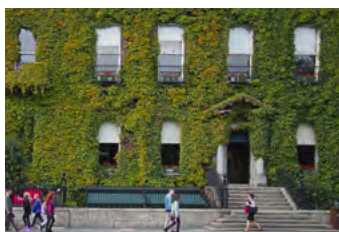
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Lynne Johnston, Sir George Cox, Irene Randall



Club President Jeremy Randall and Irene Randall



DUBLIN CELEBRATORY DINNER

CORK CUPS AND "THE LEANDER" UNITED IN IRELAND FOR THE FIRST TIME



Pictured at the Leander Club Bicentenary Dinner in Kildare Street with the Three Cork cups are: Mr Eamonn Colclough (President of Rowing Ireland); Mr. Hugh Richardson (Chairman of Leander Club - pink tie & glasses); Dr. Patrick Prendergast (Provost of Trinity College, Dublin); Judge Donagh; Sir Anthony Hart; Mr. John Aiken; Mr. Charlie Flanagan TD (Minister for Justice & equality); Mr. Michael Gleeson (KSUC); Mr. Nigel Kerr; His Excellency Robin Barnett CMG; Mr. Jeremy Randall (President of Leander Club); Mr. Brian Crean (Chairman of Cork City Regatta Committee). Photo: Leander Club/Rowing Ireland.

'Given our historical support in Dublin, notably from University College Dublin and Trinity College, I should not have been surprised at the magnificent welcome that awaited us at the first of our dinners around the glock celebrating Leander's bicentenary. The sight of the three magnificent Cork Trophies re-united in the presence of so many members and guests is one that I shall never forget - Jeremy Randall.



David Sanfey and Jane Williams



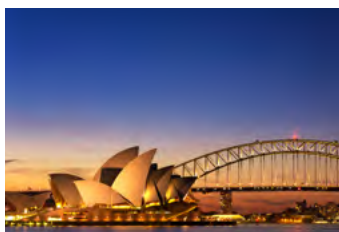
Charlie Flanagan TD with John Aiken



'There was work for the glass, for the knife and the fork'.



The 1904 Leander, the 1902 Cork Cup and the 1903 Cork Cup



SYDNEY CELEBRATORY DINNER



Admiral Commander of the Australian Fleet with The Kings School and St Joseph's College boys

Brigadier Andrew Harrison, The British Defence Attache to Australia and Chris Hartley



Leander Club members with Jeremy Randall and His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd), Governor of New South Wales and Australian Rowing Club Captains and Presidents



Steve Luker, Kate Norbury, Christopher Day, Paramir Chattel, Graham Jones, Richard Quinn, David Rose and Mia Langguth - the winning dastardly quiz team

New South Wales Police Band. The NSW Police VIII represented Australia in the 1936 Olympics in Berlin.



Clockwise from Jeremy Randall, Irene Randall, Rear Admiral Jonathan Mead, AM, RAN, Commander of the Australian Fleet representing the Chief of Defence Force, and Mrs Mead, World Champion Ms Katherine Werry, Her Excellency Consul General for the United States, Valerie Fowler and Captain Charles W. Fowler, U.S. Navy (Ret'd), Dr Chris Hartley, His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd), Governor of New South Wales and Mrs Hurley.



Leander and Sydney Rowing Club member Andrew Ambrose, Leanne Ambrose, Melbourne University Boat Club and Rowing Victoria Director and friends.



Irene Randall, Sir James Gobbo, Jeremy Randall and Lady Gobbo

JEREMY RANDALL

the first Member ever to hold all the Offices at the Club and after 45 years of commitment to the Club 'Rass' will step down as President in the Autumn. We ask him about his time at the Club and what he will do next.

WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO LEANDER CLUB IN THE FIRST PLACE?

I arrived in the autumn of 1973. I had absolutely loved rowing at Reading University and my coach persuaded me to turn up for a trial for the Cadet Scheme. In truth I was not keen, I did not have a particularly sporting background. Perhaps best illustrated by my fellow cadets christening me 'Natural Athlete'!

WHAT KEPT YOU THERE?

It was hard work but fun, we were a close-knit group of little more than ten or twelve people. The captain was Hugh Twiss and he arranged very good coaching with people like Chris Blackwall, Dicky Clarke and Miles Preston. Donald Legget was never far away. We were dragged up in standard by being around people like Tim Crooks, we all wanted to row like Tim.

WHEN AND WHY DID YOU STOP ROWING?

I have never stopped rowing, and I want to carry on until I can't get in or out of a boat, but I stopped serious rowing in 1975 after we won the Britannia Challenge Cup. My career was also taking off and I knew if I wanted to make a success of that rowing would have to take second place.

WHAT DID YOU DO AFTER THAT?

I have always been practical and so I used to tow trailers and drive the coaching launch and things like that. I was asked to join a committee that was supposed to be re-writing the Rules of the Club which put me in contact with the Committee. They were truly wonderful establishment people, but the officers were not in touch with what was a changing world, and, in my view, they had a terrifying lack of vision. As long as the Club decanters were full of Port, there was no problem. It is probably an unfair observation,



2018 Bicentenary dinner preparations in Sydney

but that is how it seemed to me. The whole of our first meeting spent two hours discussing whether it was 'The' Leander Club or just Leander Club. I was so badly scarred by that, I still get cross if people put the definite article in front.

WHAT ROLE DID YOU HAVE IN THE NOTORIOUS PINK PALACE REVOLUTION?

I think that subject has had all the coverage it needs in our bicentenary book. I was very involved in the planning with Peter Coni and Tom Boswell, but it was never my wish to end up as an officer. Unforeseen shenanigans at the Special General Meeting left a gap and I was asked to fill it.

Maybe it would have been better to have negotiated more of a compromise, but the old committee were pretty entrenched and so they had little choice but to resign en bloc. Whatever regrets I might have, that meeting put Leander on a new course and I don't think anyone can argue with where that has taken us.

WHAT WERE THE MOST SIGNIFICANT MILESTONES ALONG THE WAY?

Like everything in life, it is the attention to detail that gets results and sometimes what seems like a small thing turns out to be very significant in the future. You have to get most of the decisions right, I would like to say all, but that would not be honest. The milestones that I will always remember are all people. So many talented people have done their bit for the Club. Asking Ivor Lloyd to take over the rowing was a great move. After that came Mike Spracklen, then Steve Redgrave followed with Matthew Pinsent not far behind. Then along came Jurgen whose input into Leander is legendary, it was also quite right that he should go to the National Team, just look what he has achieved.

There are many unseen people at the Club too, working with Chris Rodrigues on the rebuild was exciting, we had to find £3.7M, I was Treasurer at the time and I cannot think of anyone else who could have chaired the Committee the way he did. For the last forty years Leander has run well on a blend of outstanding professionals and dedicated amateurs, it is a great model.

YOUR PERSONAL HIGH AND LOW POINTS?

Winning at HRR with Robet Lee, Phil Gregory, David Tatton and the late Nigel Hardingham is



Winning the Britannia Challenge Cup in 1975

a wonderful memory to have. I suppose if I am to be truthful I was very proud to be awarded Honorary Life Membership thirty years ago in recognition of services to the Club.

There are only two low points come to mind. The first is losing Tom Boswell, quite simply the best friend I could ever have had, I still miss him twenty eight years on. The second does not reflect well on me, I arranged some outrageous entertainment at an Annual Dinner. When I finally sobered up I wrote offering my resignation, not my finest hour.

NO ONE SEEMS QUITE SURE JUST WHAT YOUR RECORD OF SERVICE COMPRISES OF, DO YOU KNOW?

Only if I stand on the stairs and read the boards, but I think it is nine years Honorary Secretary, seven years as Honorary Treasurer, four years as Chairman and I am just finishing my five year term as President, I have honestly lost track of the years I have served a committee member, it must be over 30 years in all, so it is time to retire.

WHAT OF THE FUTURE?

I think Leander is in a very good place. It is only twenty years since we opened the Club to women. We have come along way and we need to continue to work hard to achieve similar success as we have richly enjoyed with the men. I am sure this will be a very important part of our future. I must now distance myself from the organisation, people need space to manage and I am determined not to interfere.

Irene is terrified that I will not be able to fill the gap that it will leave. I should at this stage record my heartfelt thanks to her for allowing me to indulge my love of Leander, it has not always been easy for her, she has never complained. One idea I have is to see if The Leander Trust could use my services to raise funds, I confidently predict that funding for all rowing Clubs is going to be a very difficult issue in the future.

MEN'S EIGHTS HEAD BRINGS A SURPRISE DRAW, THE FIRST SINCE 1927

Tom Jeffery explains

What was disappointing about the Lions tour to New Zealand last summer? There was no winner! Some may view it as there being two winners but as athletes we view it rather more pessimistically: no winner.

With just under a week to get race ready the important part to our preparation would be getting us all singing off the same hymn sheet; our rhythm, our timing, rate, strategy being key components to a successful HERR. Right from the off, the energy and positivity in the boat helped allow the crew to come together, with each session being better than the one before.

We headed off to the Tideway on the Thursday to allow us a chance to get used to

the fast flowing and challenging conditions.

Having just got back from a tough training camp in Portugal, our coach Mark Banks was acutely aware that any extra kilometres or sessions might have the opposite desired effect. The strategy was to have shorter sessions focusing on drills and bursts of varying rates allowing us the chance to get some life back into our legs and come together as a crew.

The plan of attack for the race had been spoken about at length, allowing everyone complete clarity. And it was that clarity that helped us all execute what we all felt was a good race, considering the time constraints leading up to the race. Once we finished,



Credit: Robert Treharne Jones

all we could do was wait to hear the result. We lost, we won, we drew!

Credit indeed has to go to Oxford Brookes for making it a very exciting HERR 2018. Much like my feelings after The Lions Tour to New Zealand a draw isn't the result that anyone wants but a fair one nonetheless. We are already looking forward to putting things right next year!

The Club's second eight, comprising mainly of athletes from our Ladies Plate development group, started 31st and finished 4th overall having had a challenging number of 'overtakes' to make on the way.

The third eight, comprising of our younger development athletes started 7th due to crew changes in other boats and finished a very creditable 16th.



Credit: Robert Treharne Jones

WOMEN'S EIGHTS HEAD

Vicky Thornley reports

The Thames served up decent conditions for the Women's Head of the River. The club were able to boat two very competitive eights. Leander A were looking to defend their title and contained six Caversham based and two club based athletes.

They led the charge from Chiswick to Putney starting bow number 1. The Cambridge blue boat started only half a length off their stern with the intention to pile on the pressure from the start.



Credit: Robert Treharne Jones



Credit: Robert Treharne Jones

The experienced athletes in the boat coxed by Morgan Baynam-Williams did not let this faze them. They stuck to their processes and raced their race. They stretched out the distance between themselves and Cambridge all the way down the course and took the Head win by a very healthy 16 seconds.

The Leander B crew full of club based athletes put on a fine display, showing their tough racing mindset and great potential finishing a credible 9th overall. For a lot of these athletes it was their first time representing the club and they did themselves and the club proud.

KAREN BENNETT AND JAMES JOHNSTON

EXPLAIN HOW THE CLUB HAS HELPED THEM ACHIEVE ROWING SUCCESS

Recruiting athletes of the correct standard is key to any successful rowing programme and Leander Club is no exception as it's fundamental to us continuing our reputation as the world's premier rowing club.

The past decade has seen a huge shift in where British athletes are choosing to study post school. With such a significant rise in British students studying in America we have had to re-think our methods on how we attract top oarsmen and women after graduation.

Last September Ali Brown was appointed to take the lead on all our rowing recruitment. He aims to strengthen our relationships with UK and US schools and universities through engaging with coaches and rowers and communicating to them first hand about what Leander Club can offer them if they are at the correct standard.

We asked two current Leander athletes about their journey and how they were attracted to the club.

KAREN BENNETT'S STORY:

"I joined Leander club in September 2014. I started rowing in Scotland and moved to Molesey boat Club to row whilst studying at University which worked really well. I could fit my sessions around studying and it was a nice break from my head being in the books.

When I graduated I decided to focus on rowing full time to see what potential I



had and how far I could take it. This is when I decided to move to Leander Club. I knew there was a strong group of girls training there. I had my sights set on the GB rowing team and Leander is renowned as the stepping stone to the senior squad. The Club has a great network of support with the coaching team, physiotherapists, kitchen and office staff. It made my task of rowing so much easier as I knew that all I had to worry about was rowing well and all the stuff behind the scenes would be taken care of.

Eight months later I had made it into the GB rowing team and a further fifteen months later I had an Olympic silver medal around my neck. Leander is a great club to be part of and I would recommend it to any keen rower with dreams of making it into the GB rowing team one day".

JAMES JOHNSTON'S STORY:

"I joined Leander Club in January 2013 after finishing school at Bishops Diocesan College in Cape Town, South Africa. As a dual - citizen of both South Africa and the UK, I had the opportunity to move abroad and pursue my rowing at Leander Club.

Moving to the UK as an 18 year - old was a challenging prospect, yet the Club helped make this transition significantly easier for me. In addition to accommodating me initially, they accepted me into their programme and provided me with excellent coaching, training and medical support.

I progressed rapidly in my first 6 months, dropping 7s on my 2km ergo score and greatly improving the quality of my rowing. I was fortunate enough to be a part of the Prince of Wales Challenge Cup Crew (4x) with Jack Beaumont, Stewart Innes and Kieren Emery in my first year at Leander. We won Henley Royal Regatta and broke all three course records in the process. This was, and still remains, one of the fondest memories of my rowing career.

In September 2013 I began my tertiary education at Harvard University in the USA. My gap '6 months' at Leander prepared me extremely well for US Collegiate Rowing and I was able to adapt to the



tough academic and training routine within a short time.

At Harvard I achieved a degree in Economics and a secondary in Global Health and Healthy Policy. I was fortunate enough to represent the 1st Varsity Boat all four of years of my degree.

Whilst at Harvard, I competed for the Great Britain U23 Rowing Team in 2014, 2015 and 2016, winning a silver medal in the Men's 4 at the U23 World Champs in both 2015 and 2016. As my UK club, Leander supported me for each of these campaigns and served as my training base for these summers.

Following my graduation from Harvard in May 2017, I returned to the UK to pursue my greatest ambition of representing Great Britain at the Olympic Games.

As before, the Club helped me with my transition back to the UK and served as my training base upon return. Through the excellent coaching, equipment and resources, the Club has, and will, continue to accelerate my progress and put me in the best possible position in which to perform.

I highly encourage all ambitious individuals looking to develop their rowing to strongly consider joining Leander. Whether it be as a gap year or as a full - time project, the Club can provide you with the best possible resources in which to help you realise your dreams".

LEANDER ROWING ACADEMY

15 YEARS ON – “A SUCCESS STORY”

By Brian Armstrong:- Chairman Rowing Management Group

Leander has had a strong and successful tradition of developing rowers to GB World and Olympic teams. In 1998, the Club recognised that if it was to continue to move forward with its rowing programme it would be necessary to bring its rowing facilities up to date as it moved into the 21st century. With the introduction of lottery funding the sport became more professional and the GB open weight men's squad, that had been based at Leander, was due to move to a new training centre at Caversham.

The development of the Club's rowing facility was also a recognition of the vision to move into the 21st century and to remain a major source for developing talented rowers for GBR Teams. A strong, forward looking rowing development plan and support structure was considered essential for nurturing and developing young rowers capable of competing at the highest level.

To address this need and attract young rowers who wanted to take their rowing forward the Club put in place a structured, athlete centred, rowing programme based on the Academy concept. The structure of the Academy had to incorporate a range of requirements that would support a young rower in their quest to develop their technical skills, physiology etc. The model had to provide top level coaching as first priority in order to progress skill development, physiological development, strength and conditioning, medical support, nutrition and if possible, some life-style education. The programme looked to attract young people leaving school and students graduating from university. In addition, the Club set about



Visitors Challenge Cup winners 2017 George Rossiter, Sam Twine, Finn Stevenson and Barney Stentiford

identifying raw talent in local schools in the Henley area that did not have a rowing programme. The target age range of the programme was 16-23 years.

The forerunner of the Academy in the period 2002 to 2006 was the establishment of a partnership with Henley College. This allowed the Club to test students who expressed an interest in rowing and provided an opportunity to trial the proposed World Class Start testing protocol developed by the author for GBRT. The outcome from this was two young people from the College were identified and joined the Leander programme. Both moved through the programme to represent GBRT at Junior, U23 and Senior WRC's and each winning several HRR medals on the way.

The partnership with Henley College took a further step forward through the adoption of the Skills Active initiative "Advanced Leadership Apprenticeship In Sporting Excellence" (AASE) programme. The scheme selects students in the U16-19 age group from local schools. Candidates must

have a strong desire to train and progress to Elite level in their sport. They must also have the required GCSE grades to study at the College.

The Club looked to attract young rowers leaving school and university. These institutions are the principal sources of the talent joining the Leander Academy. In the initial years, the number of women in the programme was small but a change in the Club's Rowing plan for 2016 – 2024 increased the numbers in the women's group recognising the success of women moving through to GBRT and the changes being introduced by the IOC and FISA.

To summarise the number of rowers who have progressed through the Leander Academy and represent GBRT:- Senior Men 61, Senior Women 21, U23 Men 45, U23 Women 5, Junior Men 7. At Henley Royal Regatta, Academy Crews have won 25 times in intermediate and club events over this period.

The success of the Academy programme is due to the excellent leadership by the Club's Chief Coach Mark Banks and the vital role played by all of his coaching team. The coaches take delight when they see an athlete reach his or her potential. All say "it was rewarding to be part of that".

This would not have been possible without the vision of the Club committee and the annual financial contribution it makes to the rowing programme. The payback on this investment can clearly be seen. Recognition must also be given to the schools, universities and clubs who have encouraged rowers to join the Leander Academy programme.



Academy athletes: Jonny Jackson, Rowan Law, Harry Leask and Andy Joel on their way to winning the 2017 Fours Head

JUNIORS START THEIR SEASON WITH IMPRESSIVE RESULTS

James Loveday reports

The Leander Juniors ended the head season with two days of racing at the Schools Head of the River, London, and The National Junior Sculling Head, Dorney Lake. Day 1 saw the Championship quad of Joe Willis, Tim Eilers, Matthew Peters and Joe Murphy win a Bronze medal over the same course their senior counterparts raced over the weekend. Ben Smeeton came in for Joe Murphy at Dorney Lake and the crew picked up their second bronze medal of the week in J18 quads.

The second crew of Miles Devereux, Alex Pikelis, Harry Briggs and Paul Hoeselbarth had an excellent run at the Schools Head

of the River, ranking 6th in Championship quads and winning the Second Quads Pennant. Joe Murphy came in for Alex Pikelis and the crew stepped up for their second day of racing, where they won gold in J17 quads. An excellent two days of racing from our J17 and J18 group.

Within these two crews Joe Willis, Ben Smeeton and Harry Briggs are all products of Leander's state school initiative in the local area. For a large cohort of boys in our J15 and J16 group, the two days in London and Dorney were their first experience racing on the national stage.

Over the last few years the junior coaches at Leander have visited a number of schools



Credit: Robert Treharne Jones

including; Waingels College, Maiden Erlegh, Forest School and Piggott School. Every student who wants to is taught to use a rowing machine during their PE lessons and the end result is 10 students being taught to row on the water by Leander coaches over a half term, free of charge.

The J16 quad that ranked 3rd place at the Schools Head of the River and our J15 quad that ranked 13th at the Junior Sculling Head, had a total of six athletes that graduated through this process in 2017.

The opportunity to work with a larger group of youngsters at Leander creates the foundations of high performance and with the growing numbers I am looking forward to what our junior squad can do in the future.



Credit: Robert Treharne Jones

STRONG PERFORMANCES AT BOSTON TRIALS IN FEBRUARY

Leander athletes were on top form at February's GB Trials in Boston, where everyone was keen to impress the selectors despite the worst weather conditions of the season.

A strong headwind against the stream generated rough conditions down the River Witham, and with a wind chill of -4 degrees conditions in Boston were not for the faint-hearted.



Credit: Robert Treharne Jones

The club's single scullers dominated their events, with newly-elected club captain Vicky Thornley taking top honours in the women's event, and Leander athletes occupying the top eight slots in the men's division. But pride of place went to Angus Groom, who dominated the men's event with a massive 24 second margin over his nearest rival, John Collins also from Leander.

Among the pairs events Leander's Holly Norton won the women's event partnering Holly Hill of Cambridge University, while Leander's Adam Neill and Tom Jeffery took first place in the men's event. George Rossiter and Harry Glenister managed third place in the men's pairs behind Olympians Al Sinclair and Moe Sbihi, while fifth place in the women's event was a significant step-up for Emily Ford and Emily Ashford.

Bragging rights for the club men's sculling



Credit: Lewis Todd

group went to Harry Leask with a very impressive 7th place overall, while in the women's club sculling group Georgie Brayshaw also placed 7th and junior world gold medallist Zoe Adamson coming home in an impressive 8th position overall and 2nd overall in the U23 category. Robby Crowther also had a strong trial coming home as the fastest overall lightweight u23 athlete.

"As expected, the international athletes performed excellently, but what was really promising were the results from the club-based athletes" commented Leander chief coach Mark Banks.

MEET THE NEW **CLUB CAPTAIN** VICKY THORNLEY, OLYMPIC AND WORLD SILVER MEDALLIST

Champion sculler Vicky Thornley has been elected captain of Leander, to become only the second woman to hold the position in the 200-year history of the club.

Vicky was a natural choice for the appointment and, since moving to Leander exactly eight years ago, she has amassed an enviable medal haul on the world stage.

After winning an Olympic silver medal in the double scull with Katherine Grainger at the Rio Games in 2016 she climbed into the single scull, the boat in which she has now won GB senior trials on four successive occasions.

During the 2017 season she added two more World Cup silver medals to her tally, as well as the European title, before the climax of the year - another silver at the World Championships in Florida.

Vicky came to rowing as a student after being recruited into the national Sporting Giants programme, which sought to identify young men and women with the right physical attributes for rowing, and within eighteen months had won her first title as a member of the GB women's eight that took gold at the U23 World Championships.



At 6' 4" Vicky stood out from the crowd, but her height had not always proved an advantage during her previous careers as an equestrian rider and a brief dalliance with modelling.

"I want help promote the number of women at Leander and make it the go-to club for all women who are looking to

succeed at the highest level" she said.

"It's high performance, everyone wants to be the best, yet it's very comfortable to be there – it's got a good balance of relaxed enjoyment and there is a special atmosphere that pervades the world's most successful rowing club" she added.

LOOKING AFTER OUR ATHLETES - LEADING THE WAY IN SCREENING FOR POTENTIAL HEART PROBLEMS

With the help of consultant cardiologist Dr Will Orr, the programme is now in its second year, and has provided reassurance to athletes and coaches as they embark on Leander's rigorous training programme.

Cardiac screening seeks to identify those athletes who may have a (so far undetected) cardiac abnormality which might otherwise pose a serious risk if they were to push their bodies in the way our programme requires.

Former GP Dr Robert Treharne Jones provides the interface between Leander and the medical authorities at Spire Dunedin.

"A programme has been in place for many years at the GB training lake in Caversham, overseen by GB rowing team medical officer Dr Ann Redgrave. But Leander is the

first rowing club in the country to institute a comprehensive programme as part of the duty of care we owe our athletes" he explained.

Athletes first complete a standard questionnaire, including details of any previous symptoms as well as any family history of cardiac problems. Dr Will Orr then undertakes a physical examination including an ECG at Leander. A few may then proceed to the third step, an echocardiogram, which is performed at the Spire Dunedin Hospital in Reading.

"The entire process is confidential between the athlete and Dr Orr, but of course a letter explaining any adverse findings will, with the athlete's agreement, be sent to their GP" explained Dr Treharne Jones.

"The problems we are looking to identify are mercifully rare, and no worrying findings have so far been identified in any of our athletes. Of course no screening process can be 100% effective, but our programme is the very best that can be achieved and we are enormously grateful to Spire Dunedin for their help" he added.



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Reading

BANYOLES IN SPAIN PROVIDES A BREAK FROM JANUARY WEATHER AND THE CHANCE TO RACK UP THE MILES

Rachel Heap reports

Following hard training and many miles covered on the ergo over the Christmas break, a two week water camp in the middle of January in the Spanish town of Banyoles was a welcome change of scene and climate for all of us.

The lake of Banyoles provides an amazing training facility and was the rowing venue for the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona.

It offers a 2km racing course which allows competitively paddling of three or four crews side by side.



Credit: Andy Joel



Credit: Andy Joel

The launches were also able to follow the crew closely on the lake, thus giving the coaches a good perspective on how well the boats are performing, both in preparation for GB trails and testing out different crew combinations for later in the season.

The two-week camp was designed to be beneficial yet challenging; with increased mileage for each session and increased intensity in the weight training sessions. This intensity was possible due to the time the athletes were able to spend recovering and recuperating in between sessions at the Casa Fonde Sprint Hostel where we stayed; which provided great accommodation and food for us all.

The recovery time is something that is not always possible when we are training in Henley as most of the athletes have studies or work to manage alongside the training programme. The camp prepared the athletes well for the February GB trials that took place soon after and was a very enjoyable experience. Escaping the cold dark UK winter weather, to enjoy the sunshine, culture and amazing sights the Spanish town of Banyoles has to offer was a fair compensation for the three sessions each day of hard work on and off the water.

WELCOME TO **ALI BROWN.** THE CLUB'S NEW HIGH PERFORMANCE COACH AND RECRUITMENT COACH

Ali Brown moved to Henley to join Leander Club as a junior rower at the age of 16. He became the club's first ever Junior World Medallist, before switching to lightweight rowing where he sculled and rowed internationally at U23s and senior level.

In 2005 Ali stopped rowing internationally and began his coaching career as Director of Rowing at Sir William Borlase's Grammar School in Marlow. After two years, he took on the same role at Bedford Modern School, and subsequently became Senior Coach at Abingdon School, where he was responsible for the first eight for three seasons. In September 2017, we welcomed him back to Leander as one of our High Performance Coaches.

Ali's enthusiasm for Leander is clear for all

to see coupled with his desire to succeed is infectious. We are very lucky to have him at this stage of his career with his knowledge especially at Schoolboy level. He is currently coaching the sculling squad and running our recruitment program. Ali has also taken the lead on rowing related social media; our Instagram page in particular has seen unprecedented content and engagement in recent months, with daily posts of photos and videos showcasing the club, from the day to day to event success. At the time of print we have 14,200 followers, and counting!

"I love working at Leander. Mark Banks coached me throughout my Leander rowing career, and I rowed with Matt Beechey and Ross Hunter, so as a coaching team we

understand each other and what the club is working towards. I enjoy coming to work every day and am passionate that Leander's dominance continues for many years to come".



LIFE AFTER ROWING - RECOGNISING THE NEED TO PREPARE FOR LIFE AFTER ROWING. MARK PILKINGTON EXPLAINS WHAT WE ARE DOING TO HELP

Our athletes often find themselves competing for jobs against other applicants with several years' experience and proven track records in their field of work.

The Club's athletes may have little or no work experience to put on their CV's or even any idea of what they want to do, as they have been chasing their dreams of rowing at the highest levels.

We have embarked on a programme to improve their chances of success by helping them to achieve a position of greater "market readiness". The response from Members so far to support this aim has been exceptional.

We know that Leander Members understand the values and attitudes that athletes can bring to the workplace when their rowing days come to an end.

Members are already engaged in many ways; including telling the athletes about their field of work, acting as mentors during the job search process, advising on CV preparation, interview skills techniques and how the athletes should position themselves on social media.



Members are also making network introductions between the athletes and their own contacts who are able to help the athletes achieve their career planning goals. They are providing work experience and considering athletes for job opportunities within their own organisations.

To drive this initiative forward a core team, including representatives from athletes and Members, has launched a programme for 2018. The programme consists of a number of group events to be delivered by Members on topics such as CV preparation, interview techniques and social media.

One-to-one sessions are being arranged for athletes to discuss any career-related topics. We will also include talks by previous Leander athletes about their own transition from rowing to the workplace, and lessons learned, as well as what has worked for them.

Thank you to those Members who have already offered and provided invaluable help to the athletes. The number of responses and speed of response to our initial outreach e-mail was tremendous.

If you have offered to help but haven't been contacted yet by an athlete, this simply means we haven't yet had an athlete who has an interest in your field of work; but please rest assured your offer of support has been registered and you may well be contacted in the future.

If any other Members feel you can help in any way, please contact talent@leander.co.uk with details of your field of work and how you are prepared to help the athletes. We will add this information to our database.

CREW REUNION ON 9TH JUNE FOR ALL LEANDER ATHLETES AND COACHES WHO HAVE REPRESENTED THE CLUB AT HENLEY ROYAL REGATTA

On Saturday 9th June the Club will be holding a reunion for all past and present Leander athletes and coaches who have represented the Club at Henley Royal Regatta along with their partners.

We hope that this event will be a great way to assemble as many Leander rowers as possible - from as many generations - to meet, to mingle and to celebrate past victories.

Since the 1960s nearly 400 men and women have rowed for Leander at Henley Royal Regatta. We hope to welcome as many of you as possible.

Even if some of your crewmates are no longer Leander Members they are definitely most welcome at this event and we hope you will encourage them to come along.

Unfortunately, we don't have the ability to contact them so if you are in touch with

someone from your crew who is no longer a Member please do let them know about this event and make them feel welcome.

The event will run from 12 noon to 3pm. For those who have not seen the Club's current rowing facilities which have changed massively over the past few years or who have not been to the club recently there will be an opportunity to tour the Clubhouse which is very much changed and improved over the generations.

Prompted by the article in the March Hippo Happenings we have received very early commitments from Tim Crooks, Chris Baillieu, Dickie Clarke, Phil Gregory, Mark Buckingham, Guy Pooley, Tony Garbett, Jono Clegg as well as the winning Thames Cup crews from the 1968-70 and the winning Ladies Plate crew from 1985 so far.

We have been asked if there is a possibility of getting out on the river for a row and while we will make every effort to make this possible it will be dependant upon availability of a boat.

There will be a charge of £15 per head to cover the food - drinks can be purchased separately. There will be a group photograph to mark the occasion. Children are welcome and for those under 10 there is no charge as dress is casual.

We would ask that you book your places for the Barbecue so we can cater for the food and any special dietary requirements. please contact Laura Andrew by email at events@leander.co.uk

LEANDER PINK - A DIFFERENT SHADE OF OPINION

Chris Dalley explains

The Oxford English Dictionary lists three meanings associated with the colour "pink" which were in common use in the early 1800s: a) "a light or pale red colour with a slight purple tinge"; also "a pale rose colour"; b) "Scarlet, as worn by fox-hunters"; c) "a yellowish or greenish-yellow pigment or 'lake' made by mixing..."

We may ignore meaning c) while noting that "salmon-pink" and "rose-pink" are identified as separate colours.

An early attestation of the colour in a rowing context is found in reports of the first Varsity Boat Race (1829). According to the conventions of the day the crews wore the colours of their respective Captains (strokes) and so Oxford were decked out in Staniforth's Christ Church blue. The sporting press recorded that Cambridge wore "pink" ribbons, but as Snow was a Lady Margaret man this colour must have been the bright red that, worn as a jacket, defined the word "blazer". To a sporting readership it was not necessary to qualify which shade of "pink" was meant. We would call it red.

In 1838 Leander's colours were described as "white...slightly trimmed with scarlet" and in the report of Henley Regatta of 1840 as "light crimson" – such variations being not uncommon given the dyeing

processes of the time. In the Rowing Almanac of 1865 the Club's colour is given as "red". Each of these could be understood as "pink" within the second definition above. It must have been some time in the 1870s (the Minute Books are silent on the change) that Leander chose to define their colour as "cerise", which the OED gives as "a light, bright clear red, resembling that of some cherries" (from which the word derives). Evidently something more precise had been needed for in 1880 the Committee discussed "the wearing of Leander colours by members of Pembroke College (Oxford)" and the Secretary was instructed to write a letter of complaint to Pembroke College Boat Club because "no alteration had been made in the colour of their caps.....". The earliest mention of Leander's colour as cerise is in a Henley Regatta programme of 1889.

One key record in the Club is the minute book from 1898 in which the Committee judged four samples of ribbon, the favoured specimen being mounted on a card, on which is written "Pattern of the Club Colours from New & Lingwood, Approved by Committee, 1898". This now hangs in a frame outside the Regatta Room, where unfortunately it is exposed to more light than in its previous location: it has faded within the memory of this writer who first saw it

in 1968. Nevertheless it is definitely, in modern terms, a shade of red or a very dark pink, and not the pink of much of our modern regalia.

Old decorated oars do not offer a particularly reliable guide to colour as each boatman would mix his own paint and the original shades would then fade in different ways. However, the dark red of the 1880 blade in the Regatta Room (p62 in your Bicentenary book), compared with more faded but definitely 'pinker' tones of the 1898 (p122) and 1908 (p113) blades are all consistent with the 1898 ribbon and would definitely imply a much darker colour than our modern Pantone 1777. The 1929 Grand blade now in the Library (p 76) is the most recent one which can definitely be recognised as cerise (the blades in the Dining Room were all repainted in 2000 in a shade mixed by Jeremy Randall).

Thus "Leander Pink" like hunting pink, started life as a red colour, but in the middle of the 20th Century it has veered from the dark cherry red of 1930 to the very pale salmon-pink of the 1960s. In this century the Committee has once again sought to stabilise matters and our colour – still officially "cerise" – is pinned down by modern paint technology.

JOIN UP WITH THE **BRITISH SUPPORTERS** WHO FOLLOW OUR ATHLETES TO MAJOR INTERNATIONAL REGATTAS

At every international regatta, however far from British shores, you will always find an intrepid band of GB supporters who have found their way there in order to cheer on the team.

What some of them only discover after they have arrived is that a GB Rowing Team Supporters Group exists which might have made their trip a little easier.

Run by a committee of supporters in liaison with British Rowing's International office, the Group aims to help British rowing fans get to the various foreign venues. Sometimes it is also able to expedite the purchase of tickets, and occasionally commissions a tour operator to offer group travel packages, particularly for regattas in less accessible locations such as South Korea or Rio.

The ethos of the Group is one of mutual self help, whereby members pool their accumulated knowledge about the events

they are going to. It has a section of the British Rowing website and also uses social media to disseminate useful information about travel, accommodation and other details, as well as to help coordinate supporters' activities.

During regattas, it acts as a rallying point for the GB supporters to get together to watch the racing, share the triumphs and swell the volume of the roar to lift our crews to the finish line. It's also a great way to make new friends and be able to socialise outside racing hours.

Membership of the Group is open to anyone, whether they are the friends or relatives of individual rowers or have a wider interest in the whole team, and it costs just £10 for a year's subscription, which covers two individuals.

If you want to follow our teams, this is the easiest way to do it; more information and



membership application forms are on the British Rowing website at britishrowing.org/gb-rowing-team/supporters-club/.

LEANDER AND KANGHUA: A PERSONAL CONNECTION

Eric Sims, Director of Kanghua explains

My first involvement with Leander Club was in the mid-1970s when, at the age of 19, I was invited to train from the club at weekends as part of a high-performing group of young scullers.

Since then, I have always tried to help young Leander athletes where I can. When I set up ES Rowing Services in 2006, I made a point of employing Leander athletes such as David Jones and Jack Beaumont, allowing them to come and go as their training required.

Kanghua's partnership with the Leander Academy is a great opportunity to support developing athletes while getting valuable feedback on Kanghua boats. The owner of Kanghua boats wants to build a boat that will be better than the top manufacturers in Europe. Quite a challenge! I admire his ambition and the determination he shows in achieving it. This is why I feel the partnership between Leander and Kanghua is a perfect match.

Kanghua are manufactured from the highest grade of carbon fabrics,



Credit: Robert Treharne Jones

honeycomb and fittings that can be sourced. I work closely with the factory, making numerous visits each year to ensure that the quality is the best available. In partnership with the Leander we are refining the product further. Chief Coach Mark Banks, recently commented we are "proud to offer the very best boats for our junior athletes."

In recent years Kanghua boats have won

two Junior World Golds and a Bronze for the Danish lightweight quad. The US under-23 women's squad use Kanghua boats, and have won the Americas Cup in one of our eights. Together with four wins at Women's HRR and numerous medals at Nat Schools and Nat Champ events, the future is looking bright for Kanghua, and we wish the Leander Academy every success in our boats.

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If there had to be only one

Last year the Articles of Association were adopted for our new Limited Company. The Committee believes that these new Articles are working well but, as a result of a recent Governance review, we now perceive a need to fine-tune the role of the President. The key proposal is to change the Article describing the President's election to a single appointment not exceeding five years. The necessary changes to the Articles are laid out in the notice below:

NOTICE OF A GENERAL MEETING

A General Meeting of Leander Club Limited will be held in the Marquee at the Clubhouse, Henley-on-Thames, on Sunday 1st July 2018 at 11.00 am

- 1) To read the Notice convening the Meeting; and to confirm a quorum
- 2) To consider the Resolution

"that the term of office of the President should be changed to be a single term of not more than five years, by amendment of Articles 18, 19 and 21 as listed in the attachment: and that if so resolved, the change to the Articles should have immediate effect."

Proposed by: Chris Dalley Hon. Secretary
- 3) Any other business will be referred to the AGM which follows this meeting

CURRENT ARTICLE	SUGGESTED WORDING
18.3. The first directors, who shall hold office until such time as they are due to retire in accordance with these Articles, shall be:	Delete
18.4. The first directors set out in Article 18.3 shall retire at the next annual general meeting but may be re-elected in accordance with these Articles;	Delete Articles 18.5 and 18.6 will be re-numbered
<p>19. Election of Directors</p> <p>At the annual general meeting each year, the Directors shall retire and shall be eligible for re-election in accordance with these Articles. The elections for those offices shall be conducted in accordance with Articles 21 to 25, as appropriate. Except as provided in Article 18.4, a Director so elected shall hold office for a period of one year from the 1 September immediately following that annual general meeting, when he shall retire but may be re-elected for a further one-year term, subject to not exceeding nine consecutive years. For all persons the maximum period for which they may hold any specific office (other than the office of President) is six consecutive years, and the maximum period for which they may serve on the Board (in any office) is nine consecutive years.</p>	<p>19. Election of Directors</p> <p>At the annual general meeting each year, the Directors other than the President shall retire and shall be eligible for re-election in accordance with these Articles. The elections for those offices shall be conducted in accordance with Articles 21 to 25, as appropriate. A Director so elected shall hold office for a period of one year from the 1 September immediately following that annual general meeting, when he shall retire but may be re-elected for a further one-year term, subject to not exceeding nine consecutive years. For all persons the maximum period for which they may hold any specific office (other than the office of President) is six consecutive years, and the maximum period for which they may serve on the Board (in any office) is nine consecutive years.</p>
<p>21. President</p> <p>On 31 August 2017 the first President's term of office shall end. The election of the President shall be at the annual general meeting in the relevant year and be conducted in accordance with Article 25. A member so appointed shall hold office for a one-year term and may be re-elected, subject to not exceeding five consecutive years in total. The President shall be a director by virtue of his office and shall assist and advise the Board in the formation of Club policy, and shall represent the period for which they may serve on the Board (in any office) is nine consecutive years.</p>	<p>21. President</p> <p>The election of the President shall be at the annual general meeting in the relevant year and be conducted in accordance with Article 25. A member so appointed shall hold office for a single term not exceeding five years. The President shall be a director by virtue of his office and shall assist and advise the Board in the formation of Club policy and shall represent the Club at official functions. He shall take the chair at general meetings.</p>

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Leander Club Limited will be held in the Marquee at the Clubhouse, Henley-on-Thames, on Sunday 1st July 2018 immediately following the General Meeting at 11.00 am

AGENDA

- 1) To read the Notice convening the Meeting; and to confirm a quorum
- 2) To approve the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 25 June 2017
- 3) To consider any matters arising from these Minutes
- 4) To receive the Chairman's Report (incorporating finance report)
- 5) To approve the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2017
- 6) To appoint Auditors for the year 2018
- 7) To receive the Captain's Report
- 8) To agree the Annual Subscription rates for the year 2018, as proposed by the Committee at £330 for UK members, £165 for Overseas Members and £100 for Full Members under the age of 30
- 9) Elections to Office and Committee:
note: the maximum number of elected members of Committee is nine
 - a) For President: Mike Sweeney CBE proposed by Jeremy Randall, seconded by Sir George Cox
For Chairman: Hugh Richardson proposed by Sir George Cox, seconded by Rod Murray
For Honorary Treasurer: Peter Greenslade proposed by Nick Middleton, seconded by Kevin O'Sullivan
For Honorary Secretary: Mrs Fiona Dennis proposed by Ms Barbara Wilson, seconded by Chris Dalley
 - b) The following offer themselves for re-election to the Committee
Mrs Anne Buckingham proposed by Nick Middleton, seconded by Francis Highton
Chris Dalley proposed by Henry Head, seconded by Christopher Rodrigues CBE
Andy Fiennes-Trotman proposed by Ms Vicky Thornley, seconded by Paul Mains BEM
Paul Mains BEM proposed Chris Dodd, seconded by Andrew Higgs
Ms Jennifer O'Reilly proposed by Ms Jane Ferry, seconded by Dr Claire Coburn
John Verrill proposed by Will Verrill, seconded by Jeremy Randall
Craig Walton proposed by Dr Robert Treharne Jones, seconded by Karl Reid
 - c) The following offer themselves for election to the Committee
Marcus Bateman proposed by Peter Gostling, seconded by Alex Gregory MBE
Rob Clegg proposed by Rory Morrison, seconded by Pete Bridge
10. Announcement of those persons invited to attend meetings of the Committee
11. Any other business

VOTING BY PROXY

The Articles of Association of Leander Club Limited allow for proxy votes to be cast at the AGM. You may appoint someone attending the meeting either to cast your vote at their discretion, or to record your vote according to your instructions. A proxy form can be downloaded from the website at www.leander.co.uk/AGM or a copy can be obtained from the Office. A hard copy of the form must be lodged at the Clubhouse by close of business on Friday 29th June.

LEST WE FORGET

One hundred years ago the Great War still had six months to run, and the tally of Leander men lost in the conflict continued to rise. This month we feature two Leander members who were both born in the north-west and went on to read medicine at Cambridge University before playing their own important part in 'the war to end all wars'.



Ian Peile Dickinson was born in Liverpool in 1891, the only son of George Dickinson, a solicitor, and his wife Mary. At the age of 14 his father sent him to Rugby School and he then went up to Pembroke College, Cambridge, to read medicine, although he would never practice as a doctor.

A keen oarsman at Cambridge, where he was College Captain, he made three appearances for his college at Henley, helping them to win the Visitors' at his third attempt in 1913, which earned him election to Leander.

War broke out soon after he left Cambridge, and he immediately signed up as a private in the Liverpool Scottish before being given his commission towards the end of 1914. Basil Rathbone, the actor later famous for his portrayal of Sherlock Holmes, also served with the same regiment.

Promoted Captain the following year Dickinson's company was selected in 1917 to launch a successful raid on the German trenches near Bois Grenier – the raid was thereafter called 'Dickie's Dash' in his honour.

The following year, just five months before the end of the war, he was wounded by a shell near Festubert, while visiting a very advanced outpost, and died the same day, 1 June 1918.

Just two days later the award of his Military Cross 'for consistent good work' was

included in the King's Birthday Honours.

"This Officer has always maintained a very high standard of efficiency in the Company under his command, and by his devotion to duty and personal bravery he has set a fine example to his men at all times" read the citation.

His Colonel, himself a VC, wrote "His death is a great loss to his Regiment. He was such a keen, capable Officer, and such a charming fellow to serve with."

His father George was by now High Sheriff of Cumberland, and Alan's name is remembered on the memorial in the village of Lamplugh, where his father was born.

Keyser Atkin (named after his mother's maiden name) was born the son of Peter and Nelley Atkin of Kersal, Manchester, on 9 June 1892.

In 1907 he was sent to school at Mill Hill where was described as 'probably the finest miniature shot the School OTC has ever had', and his shooting skills earned him a place in the winning Middlesex team in Queen Alexandra's Cup.

In 1911 he went up to read medicine at Jesus College, Cambridge, where he learned to row, competing in the Jesus crew that lost the final of the Ladies' in 1912.

Already elected to Leander membership he became captain of boats and went head of the river, just as his father had done before him. In 1913 he rowed in the Jesus crew that lost the final of the Grand to a Leander crew that had several Stockholm gold medallists on board.

On the outbreak of war, Keyser applied for a commission in the Royal Army Medical Corps but was told to continue his medical studies and become qualified, later completing house jobs at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, and the Manchester Royal Infirmary.

Having obtained his commission he became attached as medical officer to a battalion of the South Staffordshire Regiment. In September 1917, when hurrying to the relief of men buried by a shell, he was taken prisoner of war, and held at Holzminden and Freiburg.



Repatriated in February 1918 he took a special course in dentistry during a short stay at home to improve his skill set on his return to France. Having now become medical officer to one of the battalions of the London Regiment, he was wounded at his dressing stations at Nanteuil-La-Fosse and died the same day.

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 the Spring Draw 2018:

- 1st Prize Mr I Wilson - £300
- 2nd Prize Mr RJC Privett - £200
- 3rd Prize Mr V Emerson - £100

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

REMEMBERING OUR MEMBERS

CHRISTOPHER GOMM

1940-2018 ELECTED 1960

Rowed for Oxford in the 1961 Boat Race – a crew containing five Olympians but notorious for their choice of 13ft oars which proved too much in the headwind. That summer they took on board a couple more from the Rome crew and, racing as Leander, lost in the final of the Grand to the Soviet Navy.

TONY HANCOX

1927-2017 ELECTED 1983

Tony rowed for Thames and won a Commonwealth bronze medal for England in the men's eight in 1958. For many years he was a loyal member of Lensday, Leander's lunch-time reunion club.

HUGH QUICK

1930 – 2017 ELECTED 1951

Rowed at Merton with whom he reached the semi-finals of the Stewards'. In 1954 he raced at 3 in the Leander crew which lost the final of the Grand to the Russian

club Koylia Sovetov. (The Russians had had to unload their own boat from a strike-bound London Docks).

NIGEL SNELL

1936-2018 ELECTED 1984

Nigel was an elite fencer, winning the National Epee championship. He took up rowing at the age of 39, becoming captain and subsequently president of Auriol Kensington RC. After moving to Hambleden he worked for English Nature and became known as "the Red Kite man". As a member of Leander he served on an Archives committee chaired by Derek Mays-Smith. He was a Trustee of Temple Island.

ELAINE, LADY BARLOW

1924-2017 ELECTED 1990

RICHARD C DOUGLAS

1939-2017 ELECTED 1995

SUZANNE (SUZI) ELLIOTT

1941 - 2017 ELECTED 1999

RICHARD EVANS

1938-2018 ELECTED 2012

CHARLES FP HAWTREY

1944-2017 ELECTED 2006

MRS FIONA LANGTON

1936-2018 ELECTED 2001

BRIG PETER A LITTLE CBE

1943-2018 ELECTED 1990

CLARE I MELLOR

1923-2018 ELECTED 1947

RICHARD G SIRMAN

1942-2018 ELECTED 2004

MICHAEL W VARESE

1925-2017 ELECTED 2001

DR MONICA D WEBSTER

1928-2017 ELECTED 1999

PETER F WYLES

1934-2018 ELECTED 1957

THE PERFECT VENUE FOR THAT CELEBRATION

Leander is not only the world's greatest rowing club – it is also the perfect place to hold special events to suit every occasion.

Whether it's a club reunion, a formal dinner, an anniversary or special family occasion, our Members benefit from the use of our private dining rooms, with river views and an excellent choice of menus, at our very own Club prices.

Our Event Manager will personally take charge of your arrangements to provide the quality Leander touches at no extra cost. These include canapés served at your drinks reception, fresh flowers on every table, personalised menu cards and place cards, and our bespoke chocolates to accompany coffee after dessert. Our Executive Chef can offer a choice of mouth-watering catering options, and we can accommodate most special dietary requirements.

Our Club Dining Room and Balcony can accommodate a small party of 10 up to a maximum of 110 guests, but other options include our Regatta Room or Eton Room for a more intimate dining experience.

Leander's eleven bespoke bedrooms, each with ensuite facilities, can be booked to



accommodate your guests overnight. All are decorated individually to reflect the image of many of the world's leading rowing clubs, schools and universities, and many have sweeping views of the world's most famous regatta course.

"We cannot thank you and your team enough for making yesterday such a huge success. The room was set up brilliantly and everyone enjoyed the delicious

catering. The view across the river in the sunshine was lovely – there is no nicer room in Henley!" – February 2018

For more information or to come and discuss the possibility of an event, please call Laura Andrew on

01491 575782

or email events@leander.co.uk

THE **LEANDER** BICENTENARY BANQUET

London Guildhall Wednesday 10 October 2018



The finale of our bicentenary year will be staged at one of the most prestigious dining venues in London, where we will enjoy a Leander Pink reception in The Old Library, followed by a three-course meal and fine wines in the Great Hall.

Invited as our guests on this very special occasion are all 55 living Olympic and Paralympic medallists who have competed under the Leander flag as members of the GB Rowing Team. No other club in the world could amass such a team. Surely the group photograph of these sporting superstars will be the lasting image of our Bicentenary? We have engaged the same caterers who provided the stunning meal at our post-Olympic celebrations in 2016 and, thanks to significant underwriting of costs by our principal sponsor, Invesco Perpetual, we have been able to contain ticket prices at £99 a head.

Our menu will include: Tempura of sea bass, pumpkin risotto, lemongrass drizzle and a selection of warm breads; Canon of salt marsh lamb, rosemary & thyme crust, redcurrant jus with Dauphinoise potatoes and bay carrots; followed by classic lemon & caramel tart, lime sorbet, with a honey and ginger reduction.

Bookings at <https://tinyurl.com/leanderbanquet> or email events@leander.co.uk

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