



## Your festive update from the Club

Dear Members,

Huge congratulations to our athletes who took home wins in every Championship event at The Fours Head and smashed a few records too. You'll find the race report below.

We have a packed schedule of festive events to keep you entertained and sustained this December. The [Christmas menu](#) runs throughout the month. We have a special [Christmas menu for children](#) too. Book with us on [01491 575782](tel:01491575782).

GLOW après-ski festival runs 1st-3rd December with nightly games and performances from bands taking us through to the small hours.

Christmas celebrations take over then, with the Living Advent Calendar giving a mystery performance on 21st December, the Turkey Sculls on 22nd December, a very special Christmas Eve luncheon on 24th December and a seven-course New Year's Eve Dickensian Banquet on 31st December!

We're delighted to have extended our reciprocal clubs to now include City of London Club. Please download the form from your [Member log in area](#) before visiting.

Watch out for news about our gym in the new year. We now have two Hydrow rowing machines and hope to be able to invite members to use them. We'll be ready for you when you want to get fit for 2023!

*- Al Heathcote, General Manager*

p.s. Please note our [festive opening hours](#).

We are closed in the evening of 22nd December; and from 6pm on 24th December to 6pm on 31st December. After our New Year's Eve celebration we will be closed from 1st-3rd January. Normal service resumes 4th January.



## Are you ready for the Skid Games?

**Henley's winter music festival, GLOW, is lighting up Leander Club from 1st - 3rd December.**

Graham Bell will be hosting a number of ski related games with prizes in their 'Skid Games' - find out more by [watching here](#)! You can expect a range of fun, immersive activities, battling to top the scoreboards while supporting [Riverside Counselling Service](#) and [Ben vs Duchenne](#).

The Skid Games will take place on December 1st, 2nd and 3rd as part of the GLOW schedule and all you have to do participate is show up!

It's not too late to buy your tickets from [Glow Henley](#) - but call us first as we have a few free tickets for Members left for each day.

**The Club will be open to Members all week for undisturbed lunch service.**

## Coming up

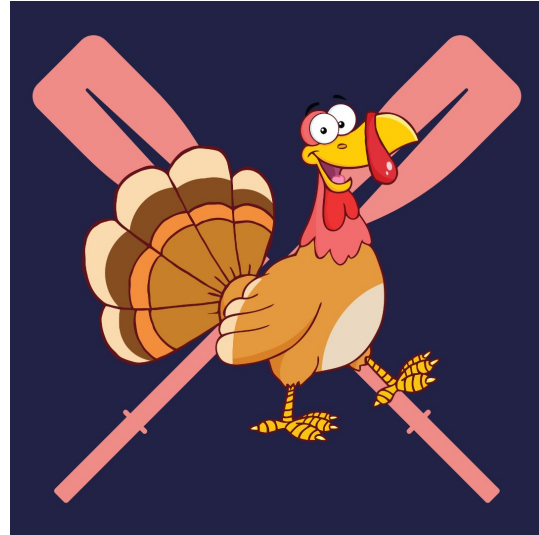


December 21

### Living Advent

Henley's Living Advent Calendar is coming to Leander Club. The public is welcome to attend this fun event. A door or window will be opened at 6.30pm and a mystery performance given!

The bar will be open for mulled wine, bacon rolls and drinks - all are welcome to visit.



December 22nd

### Turkey Sculls

All Members are invited to watch the famous Turkey Sculls! This fast and furious scratch race of crews of mixed abilities and ages starts at the HRR finish line and ends at the Clubhouse. Winners receive a turkey for Christmas; spectators get complimentary mulled wine, soup and bacon rolls. Races start 10:30am.



December 24th

### **Christmas Eve Lunch**

Chef has been preparing a special menu for Christmas Eve lunch. This will be a three course set menu, with three choices per course. Service is extended from 12pm to 3.30pm with booking essential. The only thing that will be missing is turkey!



December 31st

### **Dickensian Banquet**

We're seeing in 2023 with something a little different this year - a sumptuous seven-course Dickensian Banquet! Parties of all sizes are welcome. If you would like to be seated with other small groups or singles, please do let us know when you book.

[Book tickets and tables here](#)



# ANNUAL CLUB DINNER

*for all Members and guests*

**FRIDAY 20TH JANUARY**

## Annual Club Dinner

Following the stunning success of our inaugural event a year ago, Leander stalwarts Rass Randall, Andy Trotman and Robert Treharne Jones are hosting another black-tie Members' Dinner on **20 January 2023**.

Open to all Members and their guests, the evening will feature appearances by two of our leading Olympic heroes, Debbie Flood and Angus Groom. It will finish with an auction in aid of the Leander Trust, the charity which is largely funded by Members, through donations and legacies, and which supports rowing for young people at Leander Club and elsewhere, including schools and colleges.

Dress: Black Tie

Time: 6.30pm for drinks, 7.15pm for dinner

Cost: £45 to include welcome drink and dinner

Booking: Call us on [01491 575782](tel:01491575782), or email [events@leander.co.uk](mailto:events@leander.co.uk)

[Read more](#)



# Noticeboard



## Ergo champs

Students from Wokingham secondary schools are being invited to compete at a Leander Club ergo championships on 8th December as part of the club's outreach programme.

[Read more](#)



## City of London Club

We're delighted to now share reciprocity with City of London Club. The City of London Club is the oldest club in the towering steel spires of the city. To see our full list of reciprocal clubs around the world, [click here](#).

Club News



# Race reports



**The Fours Head of the River took place on 19th November and with wins across the board, Leander Club proved their dominance again.**

This event is a special one for Leander Club and its athletes as it is a rare opportunity for us to mix our GB senior rowers who mostly train at Caversham Lake with our current club based athletes. [Read on for full story.](#)

**Wallingford Head took place on Sunday 27th November on the beautiful Wallingford stretch of the River Thames.**

Leander had two men's crews racing in the morning division with the women's squad and a men's gap year crew in the afternoon.

Both the Leander crews raced well in difficult stream conditions against good quality Oxford Brookes crews on their home stretch of water. Our crews finished 2nd and 4th overall.

Unfortunately while the crews were getting ready to boat for the second division, the stream levels had increased and the decision had to be made to cancel the event. [Read on for full story.](#)



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## Christmas wish list

Present perfection at the [Pink Hippo Shop](#) Our gifts are available online or by popping in to the shop in the office. How about this [776BC base layer](#), £45, or this [cuddly hippo](#), £14.

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Dates for  
your diary

Leander Members are welcome to attend these events with their guests

[1st December - 3rd December - GLOW Music Festival](#)

[Thursday 22nd December - Turkey Sculls](#)

[Saturday 24th December - Christmas Eve luncheon](#)

[Saturday 31st December - Dickensian Banquet](#)

[Friday 20th January - Annual Club Dinner: all Members](#)



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