

HISTORY OF LEANDER

Founded in London in 1818, Leander Club is the most historic, successful and prestigious rowing club in the world, its athletes having won 138 Olympic and Paralympic medals since 1908.

The first Henley Regatta was organised in 1839, and achieved Royal status in 1851. Leander had quickly become the most successful club competing at Henley, a position it retains to this day, and the decision was taken in 1896 to build our new clubhouse here.

The club colour, Leander Pink, more properly called 'cerise', started as a cherry red, before evolving into the instantly recognisable colour of today. Leander is still the only organisation in the world whose tie consists of a single colour without any emblem or other marking.

Leander's emblem is the hippopotamus, known in Africa as 'King of the River' - the only animal that is equally at home on land as it is on water. Leander Members can readily identify with this characteristic and the hippo features prominently around the clubhouse.

Hero and Leander: the Greek myth relates the story of Hero, a priestess of Aphrodite who lived on the banks of the Hellespont, and Leander, a young man who resided on the opposite side of the strait. Leander was in love with Hero and swam every night across the Hellespont to be with her. Hero would light a lamp at the top of her tower to guide his way. But one stormy night, the wind blew out Hero's light, and Leander lost his way and was drowned. Overcome with grief, Hero threw herself from the tower. The story was portrayed by the English playwright and poet, Christopher Marlowe, in his poem written in 1598.

AFTERNOON TEA

Finger Sandwiches

Honey and mustard roasted gammon

Smoked salmon

Croxtan Manor Cheddar and spring onion

Egg mayonnaise and mustard cress

Sweet Bites

White chocolate and citrus choux bun

Traditional fruit loaf

Strawberry tart

Red velvet chocolate dome

Warm home-baked Scones

Strawberry jam and clotted cream

Tea & Coffee

Nemi classic teas and fruit infusions

Old Spike richly roasted Arabica coffee