

FRIENDS NEWSLETTER



Winter 2023

<https://hwr.org.uk/support/friends-2/>

Pauline Churcher (1934-2023)

Pauline was a founding member of HWR and chief umpire for many years. Below are a couple of sentiments that were received on Pauline: "Pauline Churcher was one of the giants on whose shoulders generations of rowing women have stood. They were all outstanding pioneers both professionally and in their sporting careers, all of them women who defied the wisdom of the day that there were things "women simply didn't do". We shan't see their like again." (Pauline Peel).

"Pauline worked incredibly hard on behalf of the HWR, a cause to which she believed in totally, and as such, she was one of its founders. Pauline brought infectious enthusiasm and tireless attention to every task she undertook, and with Pauline, what you saw was what you got – honest, straightforward and immensely likeable. With her husband Bernard (who was also heavily involved in rowing too) they were the quintessentially English couple. In all, the world of rowing owes an immense debt of gratitude to Pauline Churcher for what she worked for and achieved." (Ian Berrido)



Photograph taken by Paul Rawlins Cygnet RC Member at the Flower Pot in 2018

New Chairman - Naomi Ashcroft

Henley Women's Regatta (HWR) is delighted to announce that Naomi Ashcroft has been appointed as its new Chairman and she looks forward to welcoming you to HWR 2024. Naomi Ashcroft is a longstanding supporter of HWR both as athlete and volunteer. She won 11 HWR medals during her hugely successful rowing career, with other notable achievements including World Rowing Cup and World Rowing Championship gold in 2002 in the Lightweight women's pair, several National Championship titles, and more recently a string of medals at World Masters Regattas. She is a member of Upper Thames RC in Henley, and a chartered civil engineer. Naomi Ashcroft said: "I would like to thank Naomi Riches for her stewardship over the last two years. "It is a great honour to take on the role of Chairman for Henley Women's Regatta, a regatta that I have a long and fond association with, both as an athlete and volunteer. As an athlete, HWR was always a key focus of my racing season. I look forward to supporting and leading our great team of volunteers so that HWR continues to grow as a world class regatta, offering the very best racing experience and provides the arena for female athletes, at all stages of their rowing careers, to fulfil their goals." Naomi acknowledges that her new role carries great responsibility to ensure the security and longevity of the regatta, so that it can evolve, continue to be a world class regatta and showcase women's rowing at its best. Hence one of her priorities is to develop a 3 to 5 year strategic plan to set HWR on the right path to achieve this goal.



Liz McVeigh, A fond farewell

After 10 years of looking after Friends of Henley Women's Regatta Liz McVeigh has handed over the friends co ordination baton onto Sharika Fernando. Liz has done sterling work over the years welcoming each new friend and communicating with our life friends, ensuring a warm welcome is always to be had in the Chairman's Enclosure. We shall all miss her hugely as a reliable, charming, helpful member of the team but most of all we shall miss her good humour and grace. Thanks Liz so much for your huge contribution and we look forward to welcoming you as a life friend to the Chairman Enclosure as a guest and spectator.

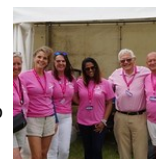


Find Henley Women's Regatta on:



Volunteers

HWR continues to be fully run by volunteers and we are always looking for new people to join our team either in the run up to the regatta or during the regatta itself, or both. We have many opportunities available to suit all. If you feel you are able to help please contact our Volunteer Co Ordinator Sue Klatt on volunteers@hwr.org.uk



The Chairman's Enclosure

Your support as a Friend of Henley Women's Regatta helps us ensure that we continue to build on the huge success the regatta has become. Giving exclusive access to the Chairman's Enclosure at the Remenham Club we do encourage you to bring friends and former crew mates and book lunch and afternoon tea. For larger groups we can offer private exclusive-use areas and would happily talk through what may suit your group. Please contact us on Chairmansenclosure@HWR.org.uk to discuss in more detail. Finally, do encourage others to support HWR and join the Friends of Henley Women's Regatta . <https://hwr.org.uk/support/friends-2/>



Sponsorship

Would you like to sponsor an event and the winners trophy for the duration of the regatta? Is your former crew celebrating an anniversary of a previous win at HWR? Would you like to entertain a group of guests or co-workers in the Chairman's Enclosure at Henley Women's Regatta? Or would you like to feature in our Regatta Magazine, take an advertising banner on our live stream and be associated with / be a sponsor of Henley Women's Regatta ?



We would like to secure new sponsorship partners and can tailor packages to meet your needs. Sponsorship is essential to ensure we can continue to put on the largest Women's Regatta in the Country hosting over 2150 competitors

If you can help or would like to know more please contact Emily on sponsorship@hwr.org.uk



Crew Reunions

When did you race at HWR? Is your former crew celebrating an anniversary of a previous win at HWR? We would love to hear from previous competitors who would like to have a crew reunion and enjoy the amazing facilities and views from the Chairman's Enclosure at the finish line. Contact Louise at Chairmansenclosure@HWR.org.uk



Lunch and Afternoon Tea



Bookings will open on **1st April** for lunch and afternoon tea in the Chairman's Enclosure. Please do book in advance as we are unable to guarantee availability on the day.

Booking link— <https://hwr.org.uk/product-category/lunch-tea/>

Parents, School and Club Supporters Groups

Would you like to enjoy parking at the Remenham Club situated at the finish line, the best loos along the river and a sheltered viewing area to see the live stream, along with lunch and afternoon tea within the exclusive Chairman's Enclosure? For groups of 10 or more we can offer reserved exclusive use areas. Please do contact us to discuss your requirements. Chairmansenclosure@HWR.org.uk



New Friends Members

If you know someone who is thinking about taking out Friends membership this summer, please contact Sharika Fernando. Friends@hwr.or.uk

Become a Friend of HWR and enjoy the racing spectacle: [Friend of HWR 2024 - Henley Women's Regatta](#)

Important Dates to Remember!

Regatta dates: 21st, 22nd, and 23rd June 2024

2024 Rules Published: 1st December 2023

Entries open: unspecified early May 2024

Entries close: 23:59 Tuesday 4th June 2024

Draw held: Saturday 8th June 2024

Draw published online: Tuesday 11th June 2024

Please refer to [HWR.org.uk](https://hwr.org.uk) for further details



HWR 2023 winners



The Fiona Dennis Trophy Aspirational Lightweight Single Sculls

Newark Rowing Club



The Godfrey Rowsports Trophy Championship Lightweight Single Sculls

Dart Totnes Amateur Rowing Club

The Haslam Trophy Championship Lightweight Double Sculls

Durham University Boat Club

The Parkside Trophy Championship Lightweight Coxless Pairs

Radcliffe Crew, Harvard University



The Redgrave Challenge Vase Championship Coxless Pairs

Imperial College Boat Club/ University of London Boat Club

The Frank V Harry Cup Development Coxed Fours

Edinburgh University Boat Club



The W Peer Cup Championship Double Sculls

Leander Club/Twickenham Rowing Club

The West End ARA Trophy Junior 16 Coxed Fours

Wallingford Rowing Club



The Nina Padwick Trophy Junior 16 Quadruple Sculls

Henley Rowing Club

The Colgan Foundation Cup Aspirational Academic Eights

Oxford Brookes University Boat Club



The Lester Trophy Aspirational Club Coxless Fours

Worcester Rowing Club

The Rayner Cup Junior Double Sculls

Sydney Rowing Club, Australia

The Di Ellis Trophy Junior Single Sculls

Shiplake College Boat Club



The Bea Langridge Trophy Junior Quadruple Sculls

Wycliffe Junior Rowing Club

The Copas Cup Aspirational Club Eights

Thames Rowing Club

The Chairman's Trophy Aspirational Quad Sculls

U.S.R. Triton, Netherlands

The Groton School Challenge Cup Junior Coxed Fours

Glasgow Academy BC



HWR 2023 winners

The Peabody Cup Junior Eights

Headington School Oxford Boat Club

The Cathy Cruickshank Trophy Aspirational Academic Coxless Fours

Imperial College Boat Club

The Bernard Churcher Trophy Aspirational Single Sculls

Imperial College Boat Club

The Borne Cup Championship Quad Sculls

Leander Club

The Avril Vellacott Cup Championship Coxless Fours

Leander Club

The George Innes Cup Championship Single Sculls

Canberra Rowing Club, Australia

The Rosie Mayglothling Trophy Aspirational Double Sculls

Greenbank Falmouth Rowing Club

The Ron Needs Challenge Cup Championship Eights

Oxford Brookes University Boat Club

