



Patrons: **Sir Steven Redgrave CBE and Dr Lady Ann Redgrave**  
Chairman: **Naomi Ashcroft**

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### **Henley Women's Regatta mourns Ann Southey**

Henley Women's Regatta (HWR) was deeply sorry to hear of the death of Ann Southey, a co-founder and loyal supporter of the regatta, on Wednesday 19 June, after a short illness.

Ann helped found HWR in 1988 alongside her former crewmate Di Ellis, and continued volunteering for the regatta for many years. In particular, she put together the regatta programme until 2002.

Ann's rowing career began at St George's Ladies Boat Club, which later merged with Twickenham Rowing Club, before she moved on to join the Civil Service Ladies Rowing Club, which is now Barnes Bridge Ladies Rowing Club. Both Barnes Bridge and Twickenham are competing this weekend at HWR.

In addition to HWR Ann volunteered in a great number of roles across the sport, including as a coach and umpire, and in 2008 received the Amateur Rowing Association Medal of Honour in recognition of her contribution to rowing.

HWR chairman Naomi Ashcroft said: "HWR would not be the success it is today without the dedication of Ann and our co-founders. Ann continued to support HWR to the very end with her ideas and enthusiasm to see the regatta go from strength to strength."

Ann will be deeply missed by the HWR community.

For more details on events, entry criteria and the regatta, visit [www.hwr.org.uk](http://www.hwr.org.uk).

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