

Annual Tourers' Dinner

Saturday 2nd March 2019

7.15 for 8.00 p.m.

At Leander Club, Henley



Menu

Canapés in the bar

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Salmon and Sole Roulade

Roasted Mediterranean vegetables

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Coq au Vin

Feta, Capsicum, Aubergine and Spinach Ragout

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Spiced apple, pear and blueberry crumble

Cheese and biscuits

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Coffee and petits fours

Tickets: £40

Dress: blazer and club tie or lounge suit for gentlemen,

Cocktail dress for ladies

Reservations and further details from:

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Online booking via [booking form](#)

The History of the British Rowing Tours

The British Rowing Tour owes much to the vision of Dame Di Ellis, long standing Chair of the ARA (now British Rowing) who saw potential in touring rowing in the UK based on FISA international touring activities. In 1992 she sent Greg Jones (Weybridge RC), then an ARA Executive Board member, to the FISA Tour Rowing Committee meeting in Amsterdam to learn more about the concept, and in 1993 Greg, along with Pat Sherwin (Southsea RC) attended a FISA Conference in Spain to gather further information.

The first tour was organised by Greg in 1994 with assistance from Alan Meegan from the ARA Office. Greg continued to be involved in the organisation of the early tours in conjunction with Pat Sherwin & Pip Lewendon (Southsea RC), who subsequently took on responsibility for the tour organisation.

The early tours alternated between the Thames and the Severn/Avon. In 2004 the Tour ventured further afield to the Norfolk Broads and then on to open up new touring routes on other waterways, with planning coordinated through the BR Recreational Rowing Committee. There have also been two European tours, to Amsterdam in 2015 and Hamburg in 2017.

As more and more clubs have acquired suitable boats, aided by the Explore programme, the tour has grown from its beginnings with around a dozen participants to typically some 80 rowers from clubs all around the country taking part.

In 2019 the 26th Tour will be in the Lake District.

1994	<i>River Thames</i> <i>Wallingford to Weybridge</i>	2007	<i>River Thames</i> <i>Bablock Hythe to Henley</i>
1995	<i>River Severn and River Avon</i> <i>Worcester to Evesham</i>	2008	<i>River Severn</i> <i>Stourport to Gloucester</i>
1996	<i>River Thames</i> <i>Lechlade to Wallingford</i>	2009	<i>Lake District</i> <i>Coniston and Windermere</i>
1997	<i>River Avon</i> <i>Stratford to Tewkesbury</i>	2010	<i>River Trent and Fossdyke Navigation</i> <i>Nottingham to Lincoln</i>
1998	<i>River Thames</i> <i>Henley to Hammersmith</i>	2011	<i>Lancaster Canal</i> <i>Preston to Tewitfield</i>
1999	<i>River Severn</i> <i>Stourport to Gloucester</i>	2012	<i>River Thames</i> <i>Henley to Teddington</i>
2000	<i>River Thames</i> <i>Bablock Hythe to Pangbourne</i>	2013	<i>Scottish Lowlands</i> <i>Loch Lomond and Forth & Clyde Canal</i>
2001	<i>River Thames</i> <i>Reading to Walton-on-Thames</i>	2014	<i>River Severn</i> <i>Stourport to Gloucester</i>
2002	<i>River Avon</i> <i>Stratford to Tewkesbury</i>	2015	<i>River Great Ouse</i> <i>St Neots to Denver</i>
2003	<i>River Thames</i> <i>Lechlade to Radley</i>	2016	<i>South Yorkshire Navigations</i> <i>Leeds to Mexborough</i>
2004	<i>Norfolk Broads</i> <i>Beccles to Norwich</i>	2017	<i>Lancaster Canal</i> <i>Preston to Tewitfield</i>
2005	<i>Yorkshire Navigations</i> <i>Ripon to Cawood</i>	2018	<i>River Thames</i> <i>Bablock Hythe to Mapledurham</i>
2006	<i>River Great Ouse</i> <i>Bedford to Ely</i>		

