



OLD ASKEAN ASSOCIATION

A Day at the Henley Royal Regatta,

in the Stewards' Enclosure – Wednesday, 3rd July 2019.



We will attend the opening day of the 5 day Henley Royal Regatta, as guests of MC Black, and will be privileged to enjoy the amenities of the Stewards' Enclosure, which is open only to members of the Henley Royal Regatta and their guests.

The Stewards' Enclosure was created in 1919, initially limited to 300 members. Now there are 6500 members with a waiting list of about 1000, so it will take up to 10 years before an applicant could expect to be elected as a member. So unless you know another

member, this could be your only chance of getting in! The photo on the left shows spectators in the Stewards' Enclosure, enjoying the proceedings.

There will be plenty of races throughout the day, starting every 5 minutes or so. Races are head-to-head knock out competitions, rowed (or sculled) over a course of 1 mile, 550 yards.

MC Black will obtain guest badges at a cost of £35.00 each, which he will send to attendees by Registered Post.

Extensive details of the event are posted on the official Henley Royal Regatta website www.hrr.co.uk/.

Where and when to meet: The hours during which racing takes place each day vary with the number of entries received but in recent years there have been around 90 races on the first day between 08:30 and 19:30 (with breaks for Luncheon and Tea, naturally).

REMS members may arrive at any time during opening hours and present their badges at the entrance to the Stewards' Enclosure. Members are free to depart at any time.

MC has kindly agreed to lead a short guided walk around the enclosure: members wishing this will meet by the bandstand. We are also invited to join MC for a cup of tea in the Crew Cafe in the boat tent compound on arrival. Times to be arranged.

Entry Formalities:

- Please note the dress code is strictly enforced** (especially knee length skirts), see <http://www.hrr.co.uk/stewards-enclosure> for details.
- You are only allowed to take relatively small bags into the enclosure. Large camera bags would not be allowed, but you can take the camera and lens out of the bag and leave it in Cloakroom. Ordinary compact cameras are allowed. Spectators are not allowed to take in food or drink.

- (c) **The use of mobile phones for making or receiving calls is not permitted** within the Stewards' Enclosure. Anyone found using a mobile phone is likely to be escorted out of the enclosure and their badge will be forfeited.

Getting there: Please refer to <https://www.hrr.co.uk/travel-parking>.

Please indicate your mode of travel on the booking form.

Car: If you are going by car, you will need a parking label (stuck to windscreen), which costs £36.00. You can buy a parking label on arrival providing the weather is dry, but if the car park field is soggy, only pre-purchased labels will be accepted, so it is highly recommended that you indicate on the booking form that you would like a label, which MC Black will obtain for you.

You should download a map showing recommended routes to the Regatta Car Parks from the same page before setting out. This shows how the one-way system changes at approximately 4pm. It is not advisable to leave around this time, as traffic is held up while the signs are changed.

Train: If you are coming by train, please note the information about public transport which is at the very end of the web page. At the time of writing, nothing was available, so please check closer to the event to ensure you are looking at a valid timetable.

Lunch arrangements: at lunch time, members can eat in the luncheon tent, or walk across Henley Bridge into town, or picnic in the car park. However, the lunch tent is expensive, and restaurants and pubs in the town centre will be overflowing with visitors, so a picnic is very much recommended. MC Black has offered to provide a Picnic Lunch with some wine for everybody, at a cost of £15.00 per head, adjacent to his parking space (space **D09** in Lion Meadow – quite near the entrance to the Stewards' Enclosure). If you decide on the picnic and are driving, please bring a folding chair and table, (but MC will bring a few folding tables). We will use disposable plates and glasses for convenience.

Please indicate on the booking form if you would like to picnic and any dietary allergies/intolerances.

Numbers: Maximum: 12, limited to member of Old Askean Association plus 1 guest each.

Costs: £35.00 per person for a guest badge for the day, plus £36.00 if a parking label is required, plus £7.50 to cover the cost for MC to post the badges (and label) via registered post. (Note that the postage is expected to increase in April and the cost of a Registered Envelope is a guess!) MC will apply for tickets early in April, so you will not know if your application has been accepted until then. If not successful, any monies paid will obviously be refunded.

Additional entrance badges: If you would like to bring additional guests, or go on another day, please contact MC Black. He can send you vouchers, which you can use to apply for additional guest badges, but please note that applications may not be successful.

Contacts: MC Black's home phone number is 01920 467930.

On the day, you can try ringing MC's cell'phone on 07880 980 921 until around 08:30 but if he will not be able to answer it once he's in the Enclosure. If there's no answer or after this time, try a SMS text message. The best time to ring MC is early mornings before 09:30.

