

# PORTRAIT OF HENLEY-ON-THAMES

British Country Landscapes, Traditions, and Community Life

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Henley-on-Thames is famous as the centre of the international rowing world for one week in July every year. It is also an extremely attractive town, home to the famous who own impressive houses in the area. Whilst rightly celebrating the elements for which Henley is justly renowned, *Portrait of Henley-on-Thames* looks beyond the stereotypes, to capture the "real" Henley, a town of strong traditions and a vibrant community.

Award-winning photographer Jim Donahue's images portray local business, competitive sport, music and the arts and unique events such as the Mayor Making ceremony and the annual ploughing match. We are introduced to Henley's engaging people, from local brewers and shopkeepers, to celebrities and musicians. The surrounding countryside is also featured strongly: Henley nestles between one of the nicest stretches of the Thames and the rolling Chiltern Hills. These stunning landscapes are shown through the course of the four seasons.

Jim Donahue's glorious photographs in this superb book make it abundantly clear why Henley-on-Thames has been consistently rated as one of the best places to live in Britain.



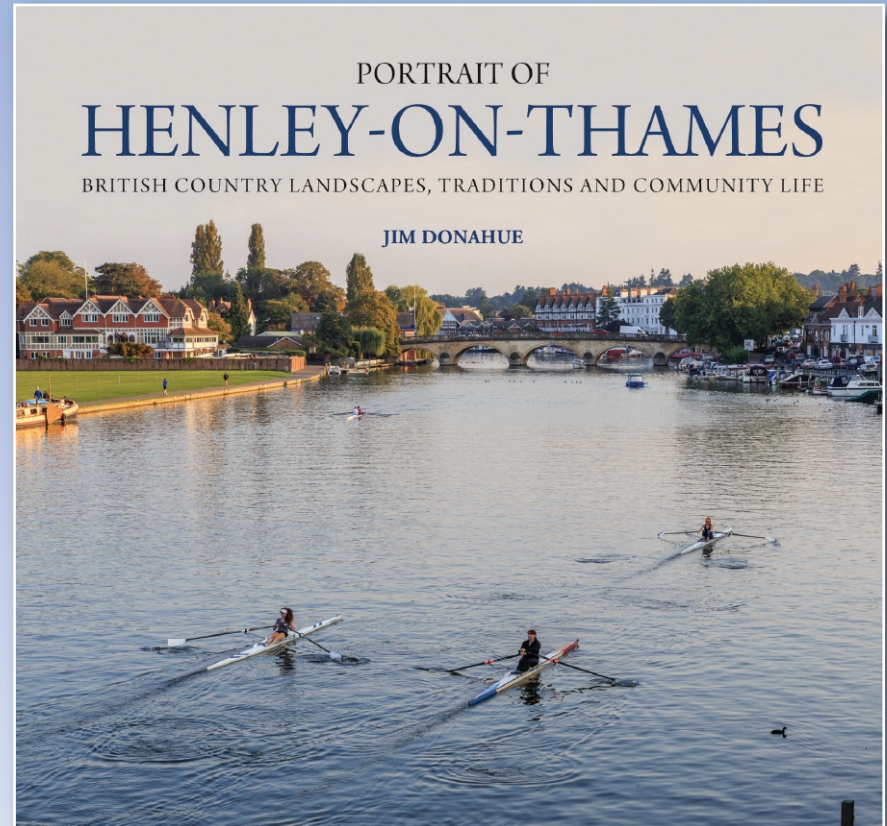
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Originally from the US, Jim Donahue has lived in the Henley area for over ten years. He is active in his community as a local councillor and leads a local sustainability group. He developed his unique formula for capturing the beauty of British countryside combined with community life in similar books on Pangbourne and Whitchurch on Thames, and now uses it to convey the beauty of Henley with fresh eyes. Jim Donahue was the winner of the Rural Category of the prestigious 2015 British Life Photo Awards.

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Above: The Henley Rowing Club has a large and well-medalled junior women's rowing team.

Right: The Henley Show is a traditional agricultural show held on the second Saturday of September. It is held at Greenland Farm in Hambleden and in recent years has attracted over 17,000 visitors.



Below: Example of a double-page spread.



Right: The Regatta isn't only about the rowing, of course. Many spectators choose to watch up close from private pleasure craft.

Below right: Fawley Court as seen across the Thames from Remenham Hill. It sits along the Regatta course, and is an approximate mid-way landmark for the rowers.

