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NEWSLETTER OF KIRKLEES MODEL BOAT CLUB

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April 27th
KMBC Steam Day
And Mountfleet Models
Open Day
At Wilton Park
8.00 a.m. start.

Already three months into the year with paid up membership at 172, with every possibility of more to join, our club is going from strength to strength. A Welcome to the new members who have joined us this year and please remember that any information you require please speak up don't be afraid to ask!!!!

Saturday April the 12th will see the old club storage container replaced by a new one, we are hoping for good weather on the day.

Well done to John Goodyear, Winner of the March Hare yacht race on the 16th March. I'm told it was rather a gusty wind on the day, so congratulations to all eleven members who took part, and thanks to Margaret Wyatt for officiating, I'm sure the lap score were accurate.

Congratulations must go to Chris Behan for winning a Silver Medal in the prestigious "David Owen" competition at the Ellesmere Port Model Boat show earlier this year. He won this with his model of a Russian Hovercraft, which is scratch built to an exceptional standard.

The Island Endurance race took place on the 6th of April with 7 members taking part. This is an endurance race of 1 hour duration for models powered by conventional D.C. motors with either Gell cell, Nicad or Nickel metal Hy-dride batteries. The winner is the member who can complete as many laps over the course, which is from one end of the lake to the other, over the 1 hour period. This years winner was again Fred Senior with his Air Sea Rescue Launch with 27 laps completed. Cathy Wilson was in the lead for a good part of the race with her Club 500 dying after 24 laps. Terry Scarth exceeded his last years count of 9 laps with his Clyde Puffer to come in with 14 laps completed. Even Stan Reffin and his Lobster Boat kept going for 13 laps. So a big well done to all 7 members who took part, and let's see more entries next year. All you need is a good charge to your battery.

Our next Major event is on the 27th April which is our Annual Steam Day combined with Mountfleet Model Open Day at Wilton Park, so volunteers will be needed early on the day to erect tents ETC. the tea tent will be manned by our ladies and members are asked to donate sandwiches and cakes wrapped in Clingfilm or in plastic bags and labelled as to the contents. Richard Simpson will be in attendance for boiler testing so book early for your certification. Remember that these major event help to keep the club bank balance up and that we have a major expense this year of nearly £3000 for the new "Shed".

Phill Bowker. Chairman KMBC



**Fred Senior Winner of The Island Endurance Race
Receiving Trophy from Pat Reffin 6th April 2014**

For full Results of Island Endurance Race
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**John Goodyear Winner of the March Hare Sail Race
Receiving Trophy from Stan Reffin 16th March 2014**

Results of March Hare Sail Race.

With the weather bright and sunny but a very gusty wind 13 members decided to run the race. Fred Senior got off to good start until a squall hit him and Cathy Wilson took the lead which she held until halfway through the final lap when she was stopped dead by a heavy gust allowing John to take the first place.

S Class Points

- 1st. John Goodyear
- 2nd. Cathy Wilson
- 3rd. Dougie Potter
- 4th. Fred Senior.
- 5th. Stuart Smith. 1st. 5 points
- 6th. Jack Stanley.
- 7th. Roy Clarkson.
- 8th. Harry Sharp. 2nd 4 points
- 9th. Willie Crowther.
- 10th. Andrew O'Connor.
- 11th. Harold Robinson. 3rd 3 points

John Whitehead retired and Ian Stuart got stuck on the island, but this time used the safety boat to retrieve it.

After the race, 3 other yachts ended up on the island. It really was a gear breaking day with the weather.

Officer of the Day.

Margaret Wyatt.

Don't forget that the ladies in the Tea tent on Sunday 27th April, "Steam Day/ Mountfleet Models Open Day" require your help with a supply of Sandwiches and Cakes, but they must be wrapped in Clingfilm or in plastic bags. Please make sure they are labelled with the correct description of contents. All proceeds go to club funds.

Results the Island Endurance Race 6th April 2014.

The day set off bright but the rain arrived about half way through the proceedings. Fred Senior got off to a good start with his Air Sea Rescue Launch going at a fair pace, however he had to de-feather his propeller after lap 6 so Cathy Wilson over took and by lap 19 was 1 lap ahead but her Club 500 was slowing and eventually came to a halt after lap 24 allowing Fred to retake the lead and complete 27 laps in the hour. Peter Dredge and grandson alternated control of their M.T.B. doing 2 or 3 laps each before handing over. Stan Reffin somehow kept his Lobster Boat going for 13 laps despite some erratic steering, whilst Terry Scarth exceeded his previous years score by over 4 laps, with his Clyde Puffer playing the tortoise to the other entries. A well done to the 7 members taking part. Below are the final scores.

1st	Fred Senior	A.S.R. Launch	27 laps
2nd	Cathy Wilson	Club 500	23 laps
3rd	Peter Dredge	M.T.B.	20 laps
4th	Baden Buckle	Motor Coble	18 laps
5th	Jack Stanley	Dogruff Boat	14 laps
6th	Stan Reffin	Lobster Boat	13 laps
7th	Terry Scarth	Clyde Puffer	12 laps

Phill Bowker. Officer of a very wet Day

Modelling Goodies

Stuart Smith recently took a trip to Brighthouse and found a branch of the "Boyes" store. He writes.....

For sale in their DIY section (along with a range of other tapes) a selection of "precision masking tapes suitable for use in intricate model making and craft work, which come in various widths from 6 to 18mm. Price for 2 packs of 6mm was £2.25, with singles at £1.25, considerably cheaper than Tamiya, but no fancy plastic dispenser. But none the worse for that. Boyes also have a range of fishing gear that yield swivels, spring hooks, beads, trace wire (for Rigging etc) all very cheap and a fair range of small tools/ miniature drills etc. unfortunately at the time no stock of reels of 20lb braided line which is very useful for rigging and running lines, that I had bought in the past. Boyes also have a shop in Scarborough so if you are on holiday there it might be worth a visit.

Safety First.

When using 27 or 40 MHZ transmitters at the lakeside could members please be aware when the aerial is extended the tip needs something attached to protect members of the public and club from the danger in particular to the eye. The aerial is more effective when held vertically. Plastic practice golf balls are an ideal solution.

Stan's Ramblings

Hi there shipmates -it is hard to believe that the first quarter of the year has gone and I hope your winter projects are nearly finished ready for the summer! News from Wilton Park, the planned renewal of the container is going full steam ahead after liaison with the Council and the container company. I would like to thank all those who attended the site visit on the 17th February with Sally White of Kirklees Council. For those who have not been down to the Park recently I can inform you that the low level tree branches that would have caused problems with the delivery of the container have been removed with no cost to the Club. The planned delivery date is 12th April and thanks to those who have volunteered to assist with this.

Other things that have happened, I have compiled a Method Statement and Risk Assessment on behalf of KMBC. I have also worked in close liaison with John Goodyear and Stuart Smith regarding the MYA Risk/Method Statement they require. I am pleased to say that the KMBC documents have been approved and I understand that the MYA ones have also been approved.

The old toilet block is still being used. I have the key for the disabled toilet on a Sunday morning if anyone needs it. The new toilet block is still under construction. More information to follow regarding the date of completion.

First event at Wilton Park was the March Hare which was won by John Goodyear. The skippers did well because it was very windy. Officer of the day's report will on the website or in this newsletter. I would like to say thank you to Mick Burtop for his efforts in recovering part of Brian Senior's model.

Club night at Batley Sports Centre on the 13th March was indoor flying and we had 12 members taking part and several other members spectating. A successful evening's entertainment. Why not come along next time and join in?

The next club night is Wednesday 9th April when I will be giving a talk and demo on plastic modelling/ painting.

The next major event at the Park is **Sunday 27th April** Steam Day/Mountfleet Day. Early start and volunteers required for putting up the tents etc. and then putting everything away at the end of the day.

Finally **Club 500** racing **17th May**. More information to follow but get your Club 500 boats ready.

In February quite a few members attended the IPMS show at Huddersfield.

The first event away from the Park was 1st/2nd March at Ellesmere Port. I am pleased to say we got a better location this year, nice and warm. Lots of people came to talk to us. Varied models on display. A good display of tug towing in the canal, reasonable trade support. Thanks to Margaret and Alan Wyatt and Gary Dyson for their efforts in putting up the stand on the Friday. This is a good show to get your modelling essentials after winter. Well done Chris Behan for gaining a silver medal for his Russian Hovercraft.

Next major event away from the Park will be Harrogate Model Engineering Exhibition on the **8th to 11th May**. This event is now closed for exhibitors.

17th May Mobile Marine's Open Day at their workshop in Lincolnshire. I will be attending on behalf of the Club. If you like model tugs this is the place to go.

Check your event list for other smaller events that are up and coming in April and May.

Events that have notified to me after our away events list was compiled.

17th May (Saturday) – Ribble MBC Open Day

4th June – BMES open night 7.30 a.m. start see Stan for more information.

13th to 15th June – Liverpool MBC with Liverpool Council – International Mersey River Festival

15th June – Bury MBC Tug Towing day

28th June – Leeds Bradford MBC display at Yeadon Carnival

6th July – Etherow MBC Navy Day

12th October – Bury MBC Open Day and Club 500 final

18th October (Saturday) Kingsmill MBC Laser Yachts TT event

Huddersfield MES have the following planned open days – 13th April, 25th May, 29th June, 27th July, 24th August 28th September and 19th October.

These dates are accurate at the time of this newsletter being compiled.

I am pleased to report that the membership is strong again this year. I would like to thank everyone for their continued support in 2014 and I would like to welcome all new members, hope you enjoy your Sunday mornings/Wednesday afternoons at Wilton Park.

Stan.

The Dreaded Black Wire Syndrome.

An article provided by Stuart Smith

Those of you who know me will know that my main modelling interest for some years has been the building and sailing of radio controlled sail boats. By far the best all round performing sailing yacht we have found on our lake at Wilton Park is the Kyosho Northwind 28. I eventually decided (on the basis that if you can't beat em join em) to buy a Northwind "plastic" yacht. However, these kits have not been made for a number of years now. They are no longer available, and whilst several members imported them directly from America as a last resort, even this supply has dried up. To cut a long story short, with the help of a contact in the Vintage Model Yacht group I bought an old Northwind from the Hamble river area on the south coast. Much as expected the hull, fin, ballast, and rudder, were sound (they are very strong mouldings) – far better quality than the modern plastic stuff I've seen, and will be re-used, but most of the rest that wasn't broken was beyond resurrection to the standard I wanted. Consequently all the internals, mast, plastic booms and rigging are being replaced, and so began my first foray into working in plastic. The servo tray was a wreck – but I managed to mould a new one from styrene, using a home-made jig and a heat gun. This was duly installed.

To come to the point - the electrics. New sail and rudder servo's were fitted. The wiring loom and switch seemed sound, once cleaned, so I used them. However, the set up was unreliable, with many unpredictable "glitches". Closer inspection revealed that the pins on the plugs were a dull grey colour, and peeling back the insulation showed the wire to be sooty black?? Fortunately, I had read about this "black wire disease", and perhaps most of you know about it, but for those who don't it's a chemical reaction (corrosion) carried by water/damp, travelling up the wire threads inside the insulation, so that it's unseen. Once discovered it looks like a black fungus, and nothing can be done about it but to completely replace the wiring. Just chopping a length off the wire is no good as it will already be present in the remaining wire. It is prevented by being meticulous about ensuring the inside of the boat is kept dry, always mopping out any moisture as much as possible after a sail, and leaving hatches off until it is completely dry. I have often heard people at the lakeside complaining about unexplained "Glitches" in control. Perhaps it may be worth considering the dreaded "black wire" disease ?