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## The Newsletter of Kirklees Model Boat Club April 2016

Chairman's report - It has been a quiet period since my last report. The weather conditions have not been the best for sailing, wet, windy, snow, cold but what you would expect in winter. I am now looking forward to better weather in the spring and I am also looking forward to our open day events and our annual events including the demolition derby Club 500 which has had its first run. The first away event was Ellesmere Port Spring Show and I would like to thank all members who made the effort to attend bearing the snow that occurred on the Friday which was set up day. I would like to say well done to Chris Behan for gaining a silver medal in the David Owen Trophy. Let's hope we can do well in all the competitions throughout the summer months. Hope to see you all in the coming months.

Phill Bowker, Chairman

### Keith Hays

We are sorry to report that Keith Hays sadly passed away in January. Keith was long-standing club and committee member who did much behind the scenes and was a stalwart on Open Days installing the boiler in the tea tent. Keith's modelling skills were superb and he was always there willing to give members transport to away shows. Behind the scene work included the club container, gas bottle and trolley maintenance and general repairs of items as and when required. Val would like to thank all members who have helped to clear Keith's modelling equipment and models.

Update on membership. Thank you to all member who paid their subs promptly which makes keeping the membership list up to date a lot easier. At the present time we have 187 who have paid up for this year. Membership cards for anyone who has not got one for 2016 can be collected from Margaret down at the lakeside on a Sunday morning. Any new members receiving their first newsletter can I say welcome to the club.

**Stop press** Planet 5 or 7 radio systems. Having checked with a national supplier the following items are no longer available. Planet 5 and 7 complete sets are finished. Planet 5 channel receivers still in stock but will not available once the present stock is gone. Planet 7 channel receivers still available but not sure of the future. I am sure complete systems and spare receivers and other parts will be available but you will have to search for these at your local model shop or on the internet.

**PAT testing of electrical equipment** - Stan would like to thank Malcolm Stead for testing all the club's electrical equipment used at away shows. This saves the club quite a considerable sum every year. Stan is now looking to replace our lighting units with LED lights instead of the halogen bulbs. These get very warm and make some of the fittings brittle. By using LED it will be a cost saving exercise in the long run.



*17 January first snow of the year*



*Chris Behan playing in the snow 17.01.16*

### **Winter wonderland at Wilton Park**

**Sad news** whilst doing this newsletter just heard that Ken Davies has passed away on 21<sup>st</sup> March. Ken came to us from CADMA along with Brian and Audrey Senior in 2011. Ken was a long serving member of CADMA and along with Brian put a lot of work into the early Northern Model Boat shows at Doncaster. During Ken's time at Kirklees Ken attended many away events, Christmas lunches and was seen at Wilton Park. A sad loss to both clubs concerned.

Stan would like to say a big thank you to Terry Scarth for manning the tea box in his absence.

**Ellesmere Port Spring Model Boat Show 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> March.** Set up day on Friday was in doubt due to 8"



of snow on Friday morning but thankfully by mid-morning we were able to set off for the M62. 3 hours travelling to get there from Leeds! A big thank you to Chris Behan for helping put up the club stand along with Pat and Stan. Saturday was very busy on the club stand with interest shown in all models on display. Sunday was a quieter day, this may have been due to the fact it was Mothers' Day. Quite a number of members attended as visitors. I am pleased to say that Chris Behan was flying the flag for us again and gained a silver medal in the David Owen competition with the Canadian Coastguard Hovercraft Mamilossa. Trade support was good, very windy and cold on Saturday for tug towing. No evening sail on the Saturday.

Thanks to all club members who attended on the stand over the two days and to those who helped with dismantling the stand at the end.



*Chris Behan receiving his silver medal*



*Emily Dyson & Dave Barker enjoying Ellesmere Show*

**Dates not included in the Away Events listing in the January newsletter.**

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| Kinglear MBC – Lifeboat Day LE7 1PE | 19 <sup>th</sup> June 10 a.m. start                                    |
| Kinglear MBC – Vintage Fireboats    | 11 <sup>th</sup> September   |
| Potteries MBC – Open Day            | 5 <sup>th</sup> June   |
| Potteries MBC – Navy Day            | 7 <sup>th</sup> August   |
| Rawdon MBC – Open Days              | 21 <sup>st</sup> May and 13 <sup>th</sup> August                       |
| York MBC – Open Days                | 8 <sup>th</sup> May, 24 <sup>th</sup> July, 25 <sup>th</sup> September |

**Club night 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

18 members attended bringing along their building projects for the coming year. Stan started off the evening and explained the problems of building at 1/96<sup>th</sup> scale. His current model is only 23" long. He showed off the brass etched parts he was using. Cathy Wilson and Alan Wyatt are jointly building a very sophisticated drive system for a tug. Brian Daffern displayed his Conniston Steam Launch and explained the problems of getting plans and the correct weight to allow further building. Trevor Briggs showed us a plan of his future build and explained all the research needed. Mike Cole showed us how to build a very effective and cheap smoke unit about half the price of a commercial one. If you need any info about this see Mike down at the lakeside. Gary Dyson discussed his future plastic conversion and the problems he will have converting it to RC.

**Club 500 Race 13<sup>th</sup> March**

The first race of the Club 500 season got underway in ideal weather, little wind and some sunshine for a change. 5 members contested things in some close and exciting racing. Driving skills appear to have improved though some buoys were taken very wide. Despite having two lap counters and a volunteer calling out boat numbers as they rounded the turns, in one race there was a 1 lap discrepancy between the scores logged for 2 boats. The only fair way to reflect this was to average the laps recorded by both scorers, hence the half points noted. Thanks to everyone who helped out on the day enabling the event to be a success.

Competitor	Race 1	Race 2	Total
Bill Crowther	12	13	25
Dave Cowley	12	13	25
Cath Wilson	12.5	14	26.5
Fred Senior	12	12	24
Dave Baker	12.5	13	25.5

**March Hare sail race 20<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

15 members entered the race on a cloudy day with light winds. A very mixed fleet of Jif65, DF65, Jif79, Northwind Nimbus, Victoria and a One Design Boat. Enough wind to run the 3 laps with John Goodyear being first away but soon caught up by Chris Thompson and Stuart Smith. Doug Potter fell foul of a plastic

bag which slowed him down. The lead swapped several times but the final lap saw John Goodyear consolidated his lead and cross the line well ahead. Stuart Smith came in 2<sup>nd</sup> with Doug Potter in 3<sup>rd</sup>. A very good tempered race with only the odd clash of boats. Brian Byrne had battery problems but still managed to compete.

Member	Type of Boat
John Goodyear	Northwind
Stuart Smith	Jif65
Doug Potter	Jif79
Chris Thompson	Victoria
Dave Tuckwood	Nimbus
Dave Baker	One Design
Roy Clarkson	Northwind
Fred Senior	Northwind
Mick Tonkinson	Jif65
Jack Stanley	Jif65
Andy Nall	Jif65
Roger Parry	Jif65
Raymond Binns	Jif65
Harry Sharp	Jif65
Brian Byrne	DF65



*Phill Bowker presenting John with the trophy*



*Yachts ready for the start of the March Hare*

**First major home event of the year  
STEAM DAY 24TH APRIL 2016**

Could we please have members at the park for 8 a.m. for erecting of the tents and other equipment. Could I also ask for contributions of sandwiches, cakes, buns. Biscuits, savouries etc. that can be sold in the tea tent on the day. Can I thank in advance the ladies who are going to help in the tea tent.

**Stan's ramblings** – It is hard to believe the first quarter of the year has gone already. During this period we experienced weather of all types which impacted on our sailing times. The first Club 500 race of the

season was a success along with the March Hare sail race. Thanks to all members who officiated at these events. Away from the park our first show of the year was Ellesmere Port. A cold and windy weekend. Future events at Wilton Park **3<sup>rd</sup> April Island Endurance** for scale models. **10<sup>th</sup> April Blue Ribband sail race** and **17<sup>th</sup> April the 2<sup>nd</sup> Club 500**. **1<sup>st</sup> May Club 500**, **8<sup>th</sup> May North Wind** sail race. **11<sup>th</sup> May Club night** this is yacht construction hosted by one of the yacht section. Various away events at other clubs through April and May please check away events list for details. **19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> May Model Engineering Show at Doncaster Racecourse**. This is the first time at this location.

### Picture Gallery of models seen at Wilton Park or Shows



*Graham Smith's Castle Class Corvette*



*Something big and black lurking above & below the waves*



*That will be £5 Roger*



*Some of our sail section's models looking good*

### PLEASE NOTE

Club night 13<sup>th</sup> April will be a joint session on speed controllers and figure painting by Stan and Graham Hirst who is an expert on figure painting.



*Cliff Blessington's pet*



*HMS Belfast looking from the Shard, London*



*Towing at Ellesmere Port Show*



*Some of the away team at Ellesmere Port*



*Small dinghy at Greenwich*



*Looking down into interior*

