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NEWSLETTER OF KIRKLEES MODEL BOAT CLUB JANUARY 2018

SUBSCRIPTIONS in the sum of **£10** are now due and should be paid from the 1st January to the 31st March as agreed at the AGM in 2016. Members who do not renew by the 31st March will become lapsed member and re-joining will incur the full cost new members have to pay which is £18. Payment can be made at the lakeside or by posting a cheque, made payable to Kirklees Model Boat Club to either Mr F Kimbley, 13 Monkwood Road, Outwood, Wakefield, WF1 2JX or Mrs P Reffin, 79 Carr Bridge Drive, Cookridge Leeds LS16 7LB. If you require your membership card for 2018 please enclose a SAE.

Chairman's report December 2017 Another year comes to a close, and what a successful year for our club with all three open events being blessed with decent weather, and away events showing what our members can do. Last month's AGM went very well with Frank Kimbley being voted to the position of club Treasurer and Peter Redfern and Barry Hill voted onto the committee, I am sure that they will all work hard as your representatives. Frank has a lot of club shirts and jackets for sale. Finally may I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year and hope that 2018 is as good as this year. Phill Bowker Chairman.

Andy Waters one our members has set up a message board for all members to use. The web address is: <http://bkirkleesmbc.runboard.com> You can enter topics or items on this message board. Stan hopes to use this in the New Year. In the meantime if you want any information on this and have any queries please see Stan or Andy at the lakeside or send Stan an e-mail with your queries via the club website. Thank you Andy for setting this up.

Update to the Navy Day report on the 10th September. Thank you to Adam and Nick Holmes for their hard work putting out the docks and cleaning them afterwards, and then helping to put stuff away. I can report that the RNLI gift stand raised £168.26 on the day.

George Trophy Yacht Race – 24th September 2017 Report by Cathy Wilson.

Thanks to scorers Terry Scarth and Mick Burtop again allowing me to take part.

The race was originally scheduled for 17th September but due to wind conditions and confusion over which Yachts were eligible to compete was rescheduled to the 24th. The George Trophy is for Jif65 yachts only. Weather for the race was Dry, light cloud with light winds. There was enough wind to run the race and after the skippers briefing we decided to run the full three lap race. Fifteen boats were entered. A clean start with no boats over the line. As usual at Wilton Park the winds were flukey and the twigs and plastic bags all had

an effect on the racing. John Goodyear was first on Lap one with Doug Potter and Stuart Smith just behind. The order did not change for these three and John maintained his lead till the end. All fifteen boats finished, well done to everybody, we must be getting better.

Results.

135 John Goodyear

136 Doug Potter

137 Stuart Smith

Report on York MBC show by Stan Reffin on 24th September 2017

5 club members attended this show. Once again we were made very welcome and we were rewarded with fine weather which made for pleasant sailing conditions. Lots of different models on display and a large raffle at the end of the day. If you have not been to this nice location it is well worth a visit next year.

S-Class Yacht Race – 8th October 2017

Report by Cathy Wilson and John Goodyear.

Thanks to John Goodyear for running the race when I needed to take Alan Wyatt home.

For those not aware Alan has just had a triple heart bypass, so it was nice to see him at the pond. I am sure he would have stayed longer if the weather had been warmer.

As the name says this race is for s-class boats only. It was nice to see six of these beautiful boats on the water.

The Weather was cool but dry. Unfortunately the wind gradually dropped and only three boats managed to complete the course at the end of the 15 minute end of race timeout.

Stuart Smith, Dave Tuckwood and Harry Sharpe all deserve a mention!

Results.

137 Stuart Smith

197 Dave Tuckwood

16 Harry Sharpe



Roy Clarkson presenting George trophy to John Goodyear



Stuart Smith receiving S Class trophy from Pat Reffin

Report on flying night 11th October 2017 by Pat Reffin

15 members and 3 visitors flew their respective planes, helicopters and drones of various sizes in the Sports Hall at Batley Sports Centre. Half a dozen or so members spectated from the balcony or in the

Sports Hall itself. No major catastrophes on the night and everyone present seemed to have an enjoyable time. Will be repeated on the club night in March 2018 i.e. Wednesday 14th March.

Report on Blackpool Show on 21st and 22nd October 2017 by Stan Reffin

The club returned to this show after a 22 year break. Our last visit to this show as an exhibitor was when it was held in Blackpool Tower - no we didn't dance around the ballroom! The Norbreck Hotel provides an excellent exhibition hall allowing you to drive your vehicles in which makes life easier for unloading the club's display stand and your models as well. Also easier when you are packing up on a Sunday. Thanks to Gary Dyson and Dave and Sue Barker for taking all of the club stand to the show and bringing it back to their homes. The weather was hurricane force winds with very heavy rain at times. By Sunday afternoon the wind had dropped and we had blue skies. Many thanks to the following members who attended Chris and Karen Behan, Pat and me, Dave and Sue Barker, Gary, Peter and Emily Dyson. Trade support was excellent, lots of nice models on display. Saturday, despite the terrible weather, lots of people in attendance and Sunday was also very busy. Representatives of each club were given the task of judging the best models in each class. I was fortunate enough to be awarded best naval vessel with my aircraft carrier Gambier Bay. I have sent the booking form in for next year already. A show to look forward to in the coming year.



Best Naval Vessel at Blackpool S Reffin's Gambia Bay



Sue Barker busy counting what?



Club Stand at Blackpool



Models of Dave Barker

Report on AGM on Wednesday 8th November 2017 at Batley Sports Centre by Pat Reffin

47 members attended for the AGM when Frank Kimbley was elected as our new Treasurer and we would like to welcome Barry Hill and Pete Redfern onto the committee. We are going to purchase two new trophies for the sail section, one to replace the existing George Trophy (which nobody likes) and one for the

old Northwind race which will now be for RG65 boat. The trophy will be called "the Margaret Wyatt Trophy". It was also decided that a trophy would be awarded to the winner of the Club 500 accumulator races. If anyone would like a copy of the Minutes please let me know and I will e-mail it to you if you on e-mail or print one off for you if you are not. A new tent and 3 new tables will be purchased. The tables will be grey in colour and for use in the catering tent only! The new tent will be for displaying and running military vehicles on our open days (subject to Council approval at the time of writing).

Report on Mobile Marine's Open Day 25th November by Stan Reffin

Once again I flew the flag for the club by displaying at this event. I displayed a selection of warships and fishing vessels which attracted a lot of interest by other modellers. The weather was fine and sunny with a bit of a cold wind but this didn't deter visitors. Business was brisk for the traders and the bring and buy did well. The event was supported by visiting Kirklees members and various clubs from the North of England. Once again the burger van was well used, bacon sandwiches and breakfasts did well. One for the calendar next year.



Stan's small display stand



A busy morning at M Marine



A trader having breakfast

Report on Christmas lunch at The Manor Golf Club, Drighlington on 10th December 2017 by Pat Reffin

Despite having a panic about the weather with heavy snow being forecast for the day on Friday, all but three members turned up as planned for their lunch. The food was excellent as it has been in past years and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. David Barker was awarded the Keith Hays Trophy for the member who has contributed a lot to the club during the past twelve months. Richard Simpson who won the accumulated for the Club 500, was awarded a new plate trophy which will be awarded to the winner every year in the future. The ladies who man the tea tent and Karen and me were given M&S vouchers to thank them for their hard work at the three open day events. Gary Dyson awarded Stan a gotcha with a giant sized battery as Stan managed to flatten the car battery by leaving the cool box plugged in! Four junior members were in attendance and they each received a small selection box along with the bag of sprouts given to them by Stan! I have booked the venue for next year and it will be on **Sunday 9th December 2018 at 12 noon**. Put this date in your diary for future reference. If you've not been to the Christmas lunch before why not give it a try in 2018, I am sure you wont be disappointed.



View from the Golf Club



Not on the menu



Brenda Redfern receiving voucher



Karen Behan receiving voucher



Kathleen Stones receiving voucher



Dave Barker receiving the Keith Hays trophy



Richard Simpson receiving Club 500 trophy



New Club 500 trophy

Home Events 2018

10 January	NO CLUB NIGHT
14 February	NO CLUB NIGHT
18 February	1st Club 500 - 2 races 10.15 am start
11 March	Mothers' day
14 March	Club night - Flying night 8 pm start - £1 for members £2 for non-members
18 March	Club 500 - 10.15 am start
25 March	March Hare sail race 10.30 start club members only
????	STEAM DAY - major event
1 April	EASTER SUNDAY
8 April	Island Endurance - 10.15 start club members only
11 April	Club night - Building Projects
15 April	Club 500 - 10.15 start
29 April	Blue Ribband sail race
6 May	Club 500 - 10.15 start
9 May	NO CLUB NIGHT (Model Engineering Show)
20 May	Margaret Wyatt sail race - 10.30 start club members
10 June	Club 500 10.15 start
13 June	Club night – to be announced in March newsletter
17 June	Fathers' Day
8 July	SUMMER OPEN DAY - 7.30 set up HELP REQUIRED
15 July	President's cup sail race 10.30 club members only
29 July	Club 500 10.15 start
19 August	Club 500 10.15 start
2 September	Club 500 10.15 start - LAST RACE OF THE SEASON
9 September	AUTUMN OPEN DAY - 8 am start HELP REQUIRED
12 September	Club Night - Night sail at Wilton Park from 7 pm
16 September	George Trophy sail race - 10.30 club members only
7 October	S Class sail race - 10.30 club members only
10 October	Club night - indoor flying member £1 non-members £2 8 o'clock Batley Sports Centre
14 November	AGM 8 pm prompt Batley Sports Centre
9 December	Christmas lunch at The Manor Golf Club
23 December	Mince pies etc down at the lakeside

STEAM DAY will be supervised by Richard Simpson but at the present time we are unable to give a date. However as soon as we know it, we will confirm the date to everyone.

Club 500s will be supervised by Officers of the Day. All club 500s must display a number.

At our 3 major events any orange fencing must not be moved other than by a KMBC member, This is erected for security purposes.

AUTUMN OPEN DAY - Open to all classes of models and the Les Kirkby trophy will be awarded for the best Kirklees Warship. Also we hope to display radio controller military vehicles on the three main open days.

During any race/event the course must not be obstructed This is common courtesy. Please feel free to use the far side of the lake or remove your models as a courtesy gesture until the race is over.

Some home events may clash with away events, this is unavoidable due to the large number of events at home and away.

Away Events

January Huddersfield Model Engineers – free sailing every month 11 am to 2 pm on a Saturday

February
11th IPMS Huddersfield Sport Centre HD1 4BP 10.30 to 4.30 pm

March
4th **No Ellesmere Port Show**
Balne Moor informal scale day -DN14 0ER
25th ? York MBC Open Day Latham Lake YO42 4PS
25th Mutual MBC Bring and Buy Sale see Stan for more information

April
8th **No Coalville or Spalding Shows this year**
Balne Moor – Tug towing and scale events DN14 0ER
28th ? Mobile Marine Open Day LN1 2YQ

May
6th Southport MBC Open Day – PR8 2DA
10th to 13th **Model Engineering Show Doncaster set up day Thursday 10th**
13th Balne Moor MPBA scale sailing challenge
20th St Helens Open Fun Day Taylor Park 10 am to 4 pm WA10 3HX
20th Ribble MBC Open Day Brockholes Preston off M6
20th or 27th York MBC Open Day at Laytham Park
26th and 27th Mayhem Weekend at Wickstead Park, Kettering NN15 6NJ
27th Balne Moor Tugs and Navy Day
24th Rawdon MBC Open Day -LS19 6EQ

June

2nd and 3rd **Northern Model Boat Show at Deaf Trust Doncaster. Set up day Friday 1st June**
10th Balne Moor Tug Towing – have a go
17th Potteries MBC Open Day
24th Alverston Pirates MBC Open Day Derbyshire DE24 8QQ
24th Goole MBC Open Day – DN14 5TB
?? Kinglear MBC Lifeboat Day -LE7 1PD

July

1st Leeds & Bradford MBC displaying at Yeadon Carnival
1st Balne Moor – scale day and tug towing
8th Southport MBC Open Day
14th **KMBC displaying at Heath Rugby Club, Elland, Halifax**
22nd Balne Moor Scale Day
22nd Etherow MBC Open Day SK6 5HN
22nd ?? York MBC Open Day at Latham Park
?? Kinglear MBC Open Day (could be August?)

August

4th and 5th Bridlington MBC Open Days – also have a truck track and area for Tanks YO15 3QY

12th Balne Moor - Roses Regatta
 18th Goole evening sail – Saturday
 24th to 26th **Model Boat Conventions at Haydock Park WA12 0HQ Set up day 24th**
 ?? Rawdon MB Open Day

September

2nd Barrow-in-Furness MBC – Submarine Day
 7th to the 9th ? Deans Marine Open Days PE7 3DH
 16th Balne Moor MBC – Tug towing & scale and evening sail
 23rd ? York MBC – Open Day
 23rd Mutual MBC – Bring and Buy sale
 30th Balne Moor MBC – North Sea Winches Trophy, Tug towing & scale
 ?? Kinglear MBC – Warship Day

October

20th and 21st **Blackpool MBC FY2 9AA set up day Thursday 19th**

November

3rd ? Bridlington MBC Bonfire Night sail
 9th to 11th Warwick Model Boat Show
 10th 11th IPMS Show at Telford
 24th ? Mobile Marine Xmas Cracker

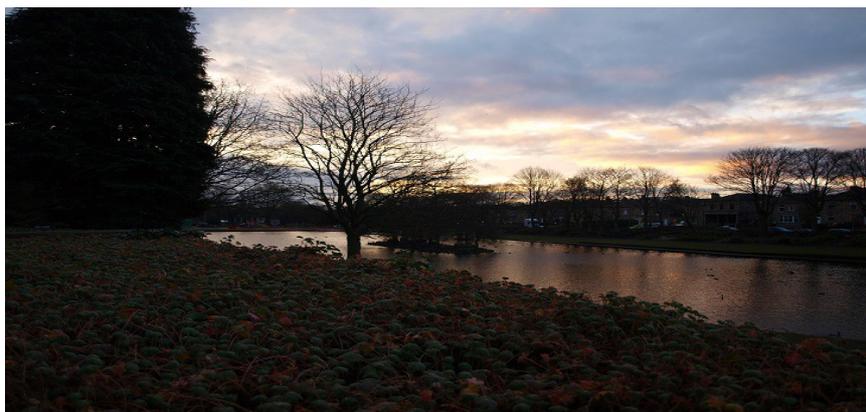
Sailing events at Askern throughout the year. For further information check out their website or see Stan for a copy of their list. This also applies to sailing events at Leeds/Bradford MBC. There are too many for us to list. I have no events dates from the following: Sheffield, Kingsmill, Derby, Bury and BMES. Hope to have some more information in the March newsletter. Thank you all for your efforts this year to help support and promote the club. If you have anything you would like putting in the newsletter please let me know.



Various members enjoying Christmas fuddle



Junior member at the Park Christmas Eve



Christmas Eve morning at Wilton Park



Tim Stevenson receiving Mountbatten Shield for work with hovercrafts

Thanks to Terry Scarth for donating 600 cups for us to use on our open day events. Many thanks to everyone who donated a raffle prize at the Christmas lunch which enabled us to give a tip of £63 to the staff. We hope to have some clearer rules for the Island Endurance event in the next newsletter.

For our members who are interested in model tanks, if you are planning to build any obstacles, building etc. before commencing please can we have some costings for materials for the committee to approve. Any moneys spent will only be reimbursed with a valid receipt.



Stan's big battery

Shed cleaning - We propose to empty the container to check what can be disposed of and re-arrange how we store materials. We need to do this because we will be acquiring a further tent and tables. We will need to update our inventory of club equipment in the shed and at members' homes. Volunteers will be required as this affects everybody. We hope to do this towards the end of March when hopefully the weather is improved and somewhat warmer. This will be done on a **Saturday**. With an early start we are normally away by lunchtime.