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Newsletter of Kirklees Model Boat Club January 2019

We hope you all had a very happy Christmas and best wishes for 2019. We have a full programme of events for the coming year both at Wilton Park and events around the region. **Subscriptions for 2019 are now due in the sum of £10.** These can be paid by post to Mr F Kimbley 13 Monkwood Road, Outwood, Wakefield WF1 2JX or Mrs P Reffin 79 Carr Bridge Drive Cookridge Leeds LS16 7LB. Cheques should be made payable to "Kirklees Model Boat Club". They can also be paid down at the lakeside on a Sunday or on a Wednesday. Due to new Data Protection Laws anyone who has not paid their subscriptions by the 31st March will have their details removed from the club's records and they will become a lapsed member. If they wish to then pay their subscriptions after this date, they will have to pay £18 as a new member.

Report on Autumn Open Day Sunday 8th September by Stan Reffin – After a excellent summer open day the weather forecast for the day did not look good, heavy showers forecast for most of the day. Once again we managed to get away with a dry day for most of the event. The decision was taken to do the Les Kirby shield and raffle earlier than usual due to darkening skies. Stan Reffin was awarded the Les Kirby shield for the best warship on the Kirklees stand. Adam Slater of Mountfleet Models was the judge. Once again we had a varied selection of models on display and on the water which included steam, submarines, warships, general scale models, large and small yachts and amphibious vehicles. The RNLI attended once again and raised in the region of £65 on the day. We had visiting clubs from Bournville, CADMA, Potteries, York, St Helens, Balne Moor, Runcorn. An individual also came from Scarborough. We have two outstanding raffle tickets green/white 70 and green/white 436. If you have these tickets please let Stan know. The club's model tank members once again provided a display of military vehicles which were manoeuvred around various buildings and obstacles and showed their skills driving over numerous bridges and simulated battles. This display proved very popular both with adults and children. Lots of questions were asked by the public about the model boats that were on display.



Richard Simpson presenting Stan Reffin with Les Kirby shield



Shutze 1062 winner of Les Kirby shield



Nice sail model seen on the day



Leander class warship seen at the Open Day



Steam powered tua seen at Open Dav



Club member's tank seen at Open Day

Report on Night Sail on Wednesday 12th September at Wilton Park by Pat Reffin - On a lovely mild evening 9 club members attended. 7 boats were on the water all very nicely illuminated. The new LED lights showed up very well as the evening got darker. Hardly any midges this year but the usual bats were flying over the lake. The sail finished around 8.45 pm. Why not come along this year and join in the fun.



Phill Bowker's fishing vessel at dusk



Same boat later in the evening

Report on George Trophy race on 16th September by John Goodyear - The George Trophy race for JIF yachts attracted an entry of 12 Skippers. Conditions were typical Wilton Park with gusts flattening yachts on occasions with some dead calms in the mix as well leaving everyone struggling at times. Doug Potter and John Goodyear marginally outran the fleet to the first buoy at the starting gun and then commenced the fight back up wind. Doug unfortunately picked up a plastic bag allowing John to move ahead. John extended his lead and forged ahead and finished a comfortable winner by almost half a lap. Dave Tuckwood and Mick Hebden battled it out right to the line for second and third places respectively, but it was a very close thing at the end.



John Goodyear receiving the new George Trophy from Pat Reffin



Last of the summer wine at Wilton Park

Report on final Club 500 race 23rd September by Stan Reffin – 7 club members took part in this final race on a cold dry windy day. There was a slight swell on the lake which caused a few problems. During both races numerous clashes resulting in overturned boats. A couple also collided with the start gate. Boat 9 had steering difficulties but managed to complete both races. Thanks to Stuart Smith, Terry Scarth and Baden Buckle for their help in marshalling these races. All boats were safely retrieved to fight another day! During the winter any repairs can be undertaken and we start again with a clean sheet in March 2019. The club 500 races were set up to be fun events without stringent rules and regulations and I hope this will continue to be the case in 2019.

Boat No	Member's name	Race 1	Race 2	Total	Accumulated
5	Jerry Speirs	10	10	20	145
9	Richard Simpson	8	8	16	146
101	Fred Senior	11	11	22	112
712	Brian Byrne	8	0	8	82
17	John Hinde	11	10	21	120
71	Mick Hebdon	0	0	0	41
70	Willie Crowther	1	0	1	73
66	Allan Dyson	9	8	17	66
19	Andy Waters	0	0	0	38
96	Dave Cowley	0	0	0	37
O90	Mike Cole	0	0	0	0



The Magnificent 7!

Therefore Richard Simpson was the overall winner with 146 laps, closely followed by Jerry Speirs in 2nd

place with 145 laps and John Hinde in 3rd place with 120 laps. Richard will be awarded his trophy at the Christmas lunch.

Report on York MBC's Open Day 30th September by Stan Reffin - This event was re-arranged from the 23rd September due to a bad weather forecast which in the event turned out to be wrong. Chris and Karen Behan arrived in the morning and Pat and I arrived around lunchtime. A cold wind was blowing across the lake making the waters of the lake choppy. Ideal for model yachts and Chris' large hovercraft. Some small models braved the conditions, but most of the models were in the large display tent. The club building proved to be popular with its wood burner stove keeping everyone warm. Stan and York member did the judging for four categories. The day closed with a raffle and we all dispersed around 3pm. We were made very welcome as usual.

Report on S class race on 7th October 2018 by Stuart Smith - The morning was cold, overcast and dry. The forecast was for the wind to reach 6mph by 11am, but at 10am not a leaf moved. The race was timed to start at 10.30am but eventually the race started at 10.45am. In view of the lack of wind we agreed to shorten the race to run around three buoys and cut its length from three laps to two, as we expected drifting conditions. In the event the wind wasn't too bad (but rather demanding) with intermittent light gusts and flat spots. The lead changed several times between all competitors in the first lap, as one caught a little breeze and then another, but we all had to work hard to keep moving. On the second lap Stuart Smith managed to catch a light gust, charging ahead and round the furthest buoy, and this lead carried him back to and across the finish line on the home run to win the trophy by a fair margin, with Mick Hebden coming in 2nd and Harry Sharp finishing 3rd. A full list of results can be seen on the website. The trophy was presented by our secretary Pat Reffin, and photos taken by Stan Reffin.



Stuart Smith winner of S class race



Participants of S Class race



S Class yachts during the race



Lifeboat to the rescue of sail

Report on Flying Night Wednesday 10th October at Batley Sports Centre by Stan Reffin

After a very brief meeting 10 members went to the Sports Hall to fly various aircraft. Numerous members stayed on the balcony to watch. As usual model helicopters and drones were the main aircraft flying alongside one fixed wing. Unfortunately the B17 didn't manage to get airborne. A very enjoyable evening for those taking part and also those spectating.



Junior member's helicopter



Grounded B17

Report on Blackpool Show Saturday and Sunday 20th & 21st October 2018 by Stan Reffin

This was the second year we have attended this event and I can only say it has grown in popularity since last year. It is not a model boat show, it is now called a model show. This is borne out by the vast array of different types of models on display, boats, construction equipment, military vehicles, trucks, railway, fairground. Something for everyone. There was very good trade support, a large indoor pool to sail on. If you have not been to this show it is well worth a visit next year. Many thanks to Malcolm Bills for transporting the model buildings for the tank display and Chris Behan for helping out with the assembly. Thanks to Gary Dyson and Sue and Dave Barker for their help in transporting some of the display equipment and also everyone who helped with set up and taking down of the club stand, makes it so much easier. Finally I managed to be awarded 1st prize in the warship section with a model that is 20 years old my liberty ship James Blair. Let's see if I can get a hat trick next year!



Your Blackpool display team



Club stand at Blackpool



Chris Behan's latest tank



Figures seen on Dave Barker's boat

Sadly I cannot supply pictures of any model yachts on our club stand at away events, may be next year?



Mike Norton sailing his corvet on the Isle of Skye where he now lives

Just thought that I'd send through a few shots of my latest find, a Flower Class Corvette, on the Loch opposite our house up here. I need to get a boat with lights working as we are nearing the dark season.

Safety notice re charging lipo batteries – It would appear that one of our members suffered a fire whilst re-charging a lipo battery. This resulted in him needing 3 fire engines, a change of address until the fire damage was rectified. The good news is the boats weren't damaged. Lipo batteries should be examined, any sign of swelling or bulging of the battery would indicate a problem and should not be charged. It is good practice to charge lipos batteries in a "lipo guard bag" and not to place the battery on a flammable surface and never leave any lipos unattended whilst being charged. Finally never leave any batteries overnight to be charged. This last comment applies to all battery types.

Many thanks to Terry Scarth for donating two large catering flasks for use with the tea box on a Sunday morning. This will keep the water hotter as there is no need to remove the top. Thanks very much Terry much appreciated by all members who make use of the facility. **Note we do not take foreign coins in the tea box or old pound coins!** This may have been done accidentally but please check what you put in.

Report on Annual General Meeting Wednesday 14th November at Batley Sports Centre by Stan Reffin - 37 members attended and 7 members sent their apologies for non-attendance. The Minutes were agreed from last year's AGM, Brian Daffern stood down as President. Many thanks to Brian for all his hard work. Allan Dyson has stepped into this position and will begin his first duties at the Christmas lunch. The Committee was re-elected with the exception of Cathy Wilson who wished to stand down. Thank you Cathy for all the excellent work you done over the years with the website and other matters. Various items were discussed at the meeting including the running of the Club 500 races when it was confirmed that things would remain as they are now. Approval was given for the purchase of some new lighting equipment for the club stand for away events. Funding was agreed prior to the meeting for the replacement of the buoys in the lake. Thanks to John Chew and Tony Short for sorting this.

Report on Christmas Lunch at The Manor, Drighlington on Sunday 9th December by Pat Reffin – 61 members and their families were booked for the lunch. As usual the rooms were very nicely decorated with Christmas trees and baubles. The tables looked very festive and as usual the food, whichever menu you had chosen, was excellent. A raffle was held for the items which members had donated, to enable us to give a donation to The Manor for the staff. The junior members who attended were given a small gift. Following the raffle, the trophy for the winner of the Club 500 races was awarded to Richard Simpson and the Keith Hays Trophy for the member who has contributed a lot to the club over the past twelve months was awarded to Peter Redfern. To end the day on a light hearted note, Stan did his "gotchas". Richard Simpson and Malcolm Bills were the recipients of these. Everyone said it was a thoroughly enjoyable day and I can confirmed we have booked the same venue for next year on Sunday 8th December 2019. One new member gave it a try this year and enjoyed it very much, so why not come along and join us next year. A big thank you to Ann Daffern and Julie and Emily Dyson for selling raffle tickets and to the members who donated gifts for the draw.



The room prior to lunch being served



Members enjoying the day



Waiter service by Richard Simpson



Richard Simpson receiving Club 500 trophy

It is with great personal sadness that Stan and I inform you that our really good friend Malcolm Stead passed away on 20th December. Malcolm had been a member for 30+ years, during that time he was on the Committee for several years, attended lots of away events and was always there to help at Open Days. Malcolm liked to dabble in model electronics for his model boats. Malcolm also had a passion for model railways and trams. Malcolm had a vast knowledge of military vehicles. One year Malcolm decided to liven up the party poppers at the Christmas lunch by adding pepper to them. This caused great hilarity amongst our table, especially the younger club members. Malcolm will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him. Those who knew him well will remember him as "Steady".



Malcolm & Stan in the early 90's



Malcolm far right at Southport 1995

Home events 2019

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

STEAM DAY will be supervised by Richard Simpson. 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. Military vehicles on display at the three open day events

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.

Away Events

January

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

February

10th

IPMS Halifax Leisure Centre HX3 6TE 10.30 to 4.30 pm

March

18th

Balne Moor working weekend for members

24th

York MBC Y042 4PS Open Day Latham Lake

April

7th April

Mutual MBC OL10 4HL Bring and Buy sale

13th and 14th

Leeds & Bradford static display at Eccleshill Industrial Museum

14th

Balne Moor Tug Towing & Scale event

27th

Mobile Marine Open Day

May

9th to 12th

Model Engineering Show Doncaster set up day Thursday 9th

12th

Balne Moor MPBA scale sailing challenge

12th

St Helens Open Fun Day Taylor Park 10 am to 4 pm

12th

Southport MBC Open Day

18th and 19th ?

New Ellesmere Port MBC show Hooton Park

19th

Ribble MBC Open Day Brockholes Preston off M6

19th

York MBC Open Day at Laytham Park

25th and 26th

Mayhem Weekend at Wickstead Park, Kettering

26th

Balne Moor Tug towing and informal scale day

?

Rawdon MBC Open Day

June

1st and 2nd

Northern Model Boat Show at Deaf Trust Doncaster. Set up day Friday 31st May

9th

Balne Moor scale sailing event and tug towing

16th

Kinglear MBC Lifeboat Day

23rd

Goole MBC Open Day

30th

Balne Moor – tug towing

July

6th

Leeds & Bradford MBC displaying at Yeadon Carnival (Saturday) ??

13th

KMBC displaying at Heath Rugby Club, Elland, Halifax

21st

Southport MBC Open Day

21st

Balne Moor Scale Day

21st

Alverston Pirates Open Day ??

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Etherow MBC Open Day

21st

York MBC Open Day at Latham Park

28th

Kinglear MBC Family Day

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Potteries MBC Open Day

August

3rd and 4th

Bridlington MBC Open Days – also have a truck and track area for Tanks

17th

Goole evening sail – Saturday

18th

Balne Moor – Tug towing team challenge

23rd to 25th

Model Boat Conventions at Haydock Park. Set up day 23rd

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Rawdon MB Open Day

September

1st ?

Barrow-in-Furness MBC – Submarine Day

6th to the 8th

Deans Marine Open Days

8 th	Southport MBC Open Day
15 th	Balne Moor MBC – North Sea Winches Shield scale event
22 nd	York MBC – Open Day
29 th	Balne Moor MBC - Svitzer Challenge Tug Towing event
29 th	Mutual MBC – Bring and Buy sale ??

October

5 th and 6 th	South Pennine Boat Club – static display (may be Saturday only)
6 th	Bridlington MBC – MPBA fun day open to all
18 th to 20 th	Blackpool MBC set up day Friday 18th

November

2 nd	Bridlington MBC Bonfire Night sail – Saturday
9 th to 10 th	Warwick Model Boat Show
9 th to 10 th	IPMS Show at Telford
30 th	Mobile Marine Xmas Cracker - Saturday

Sailing events at Askern. Check out their website or Facebook 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, Derby, and BMES. Hope to have some more information in the March newsletter.



Members braving the rain for the Fuddle



Santa off to deliver presents



Not much sailing too busy socializing in the car park!



The "tea ladies and "raffle ladies" with new President



Peter Redfern receiving Keith Hays trophy



Richard wearing his "I love sail power" gotcha T shirt



Malcolm Bills receiving his gotcha "oven gloves"

Report on "Christmas Fuddle" Sunday 23rd December at Wilton Park by Pat Reffin - Although it was a wet morning, 31 members turned up to celebrate the pre-Christmas get together with lots of members bringing along Christmas type food for everyone to share. The rain managed to stop for a short period during the morning. Willie Crowther came in his Santa outfit and a good time was had by everyone present, looking forward to Christmas. See pictures above. **The Island Endurance Race** due to queries on model types and battery types, new guidelines will be published in the MARCH newsletter prior to the event in April. Can we take the opportunity to wish you all a happy and healthy New Year. Look forward to seeing you all down at the lake throughout 2019. - Copyright of Kirklees Model Boat Club.