

# MARINER

**Newsletter of Kirklees Model Boat Club January 2020** – Subs are now due for 2020 in the sum of £10 for adults and £5 for children and have to be paid by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 at the latest. These can be paid at the lakeside or by post to the Treasurer Frank Kimbley 13 Monkwood Road, Outwood, Wakefield, WF1 2JX or the Secretary Mrs P Reffin, 79 Carr Bridge Drive, Cookridge, Leeds LS16 7LB. Along with a Boat Club colleague we were asked if we could help to sort out Malcolm Stead's collection of model boat items. Malcolm's main passion was model railways and military vehicles and of course electronics. I would like to thank Lynne Stead for giving permission for any money raised to be donated to club funds. We raised £120 which has now gone into club funds. I am sure some of his models will be seen at Wilton Park in the future. A further donation from a past member raised £130 for club funds. **Report on Autumn Open Day Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2019 by Stan Reffin** - This was the last open day of the year and once again we had dry sunny weather. There was green algae on the lake but this didn't prove to be a problem. We had visitors from St Helens, Southport, King Lear, Potteries and Rawdon. Trade support was by Mountfleet Models and of course the RNLI. I am pleased to say they raised £160 on the day. The day was busy and the four ladies in the tea tent did a wonderful job as usual. Thanks to all members who donated food to sell in the tea tent. There were some excellent scale model warships and Barry Hill was awarded the Les Kirkby Shield for the best KMBC warship. Also on display some very nice large model yachts. There was a steady flow of visitors during the day. Once again our military vehicle members provided an excellent display which also attracted a lot of attention. A new trophy this year was for the best military vehicle. This was awarded to Chris Behan for his Tiger 1 tank. Unknown to me we had a freelance photographer there taking pictures for the Batley Express newspaper. Pat and Karen worked hard as usual selling raffle tickets, not an easy task. Thanks to everyone who helped at this Open Day and at the other two earlier in the year. Without your help the day would not be a success.



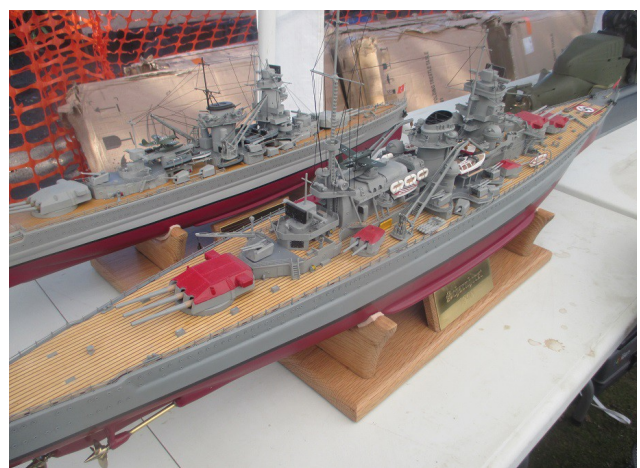
*Barry Hill receiving trophy*



*Colin Archer sail boat*



*Mike Cole's warships*



*Barry Hill's Tirpitz*



*Trevor Briaas' card model*



*Richard Simpson's warships*



*Chris Behan with trophy for Tiger 1 tank*



*A selection of tanks*





*More yachts on the water*



*Static display of yachts*



**Report on Night Sail Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September by Stan Reffin** – 11 club members attended on a very fine evening. The lake was like a mill pond and the algae seems to have mostly dispersed thanks to the recent rain. People passing through the park stopped to watch and a camera club were there taking photographs. As suggested a couple of members employed the use of “fairy lights” which were most effective as the night drew in. Keith Thomlinson's disco lights looked most effective, especially when reflected in the water. Graham Inman could do with eating some carrots to help him see at night when sailing a warship with very little light! No pictures unfortunately as hard to take when it is dark.

**Report on George Trophy Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September by Bill Kelsall** – Sailing conditions were light to blustery winds. Bill Kelsall and Stuart Smith acted as officials. This Jif trophy race had only five entrants but apart from a few calm spots everyone kept going. Brian Byrne had a broken shroud close to the start but managed an emergency repair and got away in time. A good clear race with John Goodyear getting a comfortable lead to win. 1<sup>st</sup> John Goodyear, 2<sup>nd</sup> Roy Clarkson and 3<sup>rd</sup> Roger Parry.

6<sup>th</sup> October S Class race – this was not held due to lack of support and problems with the lake.

**9<sup>th</sup> October – Club night indoor flying.** Poor turn out but the members who were flying did attend enjoy it as did the members who were spectating from the balcony.





*John Goodyear receiving trophy*



*Club stand at Blackpool Show*



*Lionel Broadbent's Stern Wheeler*

**Report on Blackpool Model Boat Show 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> October by Stan Reffin** – 11 club members attended this well organized show displaying model boats of all types and also military vehicles. Trade support was excellent and some fantastic model boats were on display along with some fairground models. In the ballroom could be found some very good military vehicles trucks and construction equipment. The tank display area was very good and the buildings provided by KMBC members made all the difference. The for sale section was very popular with all sorts of items for sale. A small pool was provided for model boat sailing which was well used throughout the weekend. This show seems to get better every year and it is one to put on your calendar for next year. 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> October 2020 is a provisional date but may be subject to change.



*A nice model by Don Shaw*



*Peter Dyson's new project*

Update to the smoke damage on the container 2<sup>nd</sup> November – some may not be aware that the contents of the container have suffered severe smoke damage due to an external fire near the container, resulting in

multiple items having to be disposed of. New items will be purchased in the New Year, We would like to thank everybody who has helped on the Sunday disposing of items into the skip, Willie Crowther for helping me on Tuesday when sandblasting was carried out and of course on Wednesday when the container had to be emptied to allow the inside of the container to be cleaned as much as possible. Members from across all sections helped with the disposing and cleaning and emptying of the container but there is still a lot of do and we will need more members from across the club to get involved with the restoration, It doesn't matter how small a job you do, it all helps. **You cannot leave it to the same members all the time.** E-mails to follow when help is needed.

Update on the algae in the pond 2<sup>nd</sup> November – the club has managed to get the overflow running efficiently now. This will help turn over the water in the lake but until we get the all clear if you wish to sail have antibacterial wipes for your models and hand wash for yourself.

**A timely/gentle reminder by Stuart Smith** - Originating formally in the 1970's Kirklees Model Boat Club has, in one form or another, operated on and around the lake at Wilton Park, Batley, for closer on 50 years now, and we still have members who remember sailing their boats on the pond as children. There have been many occasions over the years when we have needed to seek help and co-operation from Kirklees Council to deal with problems that arise, to consult and gain advice and permissions for the events we hold, to maintain the quality of the water, to allow access for heavy equipment needed to site and maintain the shipping container in which our equipment is stored, etc, and again recently, to repair the costly damage to our store when someone set fire to a stolen motor scooter they had leaned against it, etc. In return we have always striven to do whatever we can to show respect for, and help maintain the parks facilities, and its wildlife, to enhance and uphold its status as an important leisure facility for the area. The Council and its staff can be proud of what it has achieved and maintains at the park, of the accolades the park has won and retains, especially through most difficult financial circumstances of recent years, and of the pleasure the park gives to a never ending stream of many thousands of visitors throughout the year.

As a club, and as individuals, we have always striven to ensure that our activities were and are a significant asset that brings interest and added pleasure to all members of the general public who come to enjoy the parks facilities, and we believe that this continues to be the case. However, we wish to issue a general reminder to members that, despite our long association, we have no "right" to use the park facilities as a club, and are (and always have been) totally dependent on the continuing good will of the park authorities who kindly grant us permission to operate. I believe from my own research that there is no other suitable facility available within thirty miles that could enable us to enjoy the hobby that brings so much pleasure, interest and companionship to our two hundred plus members. Without it the club could not exist. **So let us never forget these facts, and let us seek to ensure that we individually, and as a group, continue to show every courtesy, co-operation, and good will to park staff, Council representatives, and members of the public, etc,** and maintain the clubs position as a welcome asset to Wilton Park.



*Sand blasting the shed*

**Report on AGM 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019** - 28 members plus 11 committee members (and 1 apology for non-attendance) attended. If you want to see a copy of the Minutes Pat will have one with her on a Sunday morning. Main items for discussion were Sunday League for the sailing members, alternate free sailing day on a Thursday afternoon, scrutinizing of Club 500 boats before the season starts and Brass Band for



Open Day, Renewing the subscription for the website, the Tea Box on a Sunday morning and Stan's future as PR Officer with the club. The Sunday League sail race will take place once a month to fit around the club's normal activities. David Sykes will be overseeing this? The running of this will be reviewed at the next AGM. It was decided we would have an additional sailing day on a Thursday afternoon for all types of models to free sail. The Council have been informed. It has been decided that the week before the first race in February Club 500 boats will need to be presented for scrutinizing to make sure they confirm to the Club 500 specifications. **Please note this is subject to weather conditions.** Further information will be sent out to Club 500 members in the New Year. Cathy was given permission to renew the subscription for the website for the next 12 months. **Stan's future within KMBC** – there will be no changes in 2020. The first change will be the giving up of the Tea Box on a Sunday morning. I hope that we can get a rota for this as it provides a valuable service for members and it also helps keep the cost down in terms of the subscriptions. Also in 2021 I will be reducing my workload on away events, only listing the major shows and other club events. I hope to reduce the amount of equipment carried to away shows and only provide a very basic display stand. At the 2021 AGM I will be giving up my PR Officer's role after 31 years service. I wish just to become a committee member with commitment to continuing the Newsletter and the club's home events. This will commence in January 2022. I cannot guarantee that I will give any commitment to away shows and also the Club will now need to find a member to become the Council contact. It is with great sadness that I have made these decisions but hopefully this will free up more of my time to allow me to pursue my hobby of building boats and visiting other clubs.

We are going to need next year at the AGM a replacement for the following: A new Chairman. At this present time two low key committee members. We are hoping to co-opt 2 club members to fill up the basis committee role as per the Club's Constitution. This is a very serious situation which will have to be addressed at the AGM. We will send more information regarding this in the September 2020 newsletter.

## Home events

8 January

**NO CLUB NIGHT**

9 February

Club 500s to be brought to Wilton Park for checking (weather permitting club members will be contacted nearer the time)

12 February

**NO CLUB NIGHT**

16 February

1st Club 500 - 2 races 10.15 am start

11 March

Club night - Flying night 8 pm start - £1 for members  
£2 for non-members

15 March

Club 500 - 10.15 am start

22 March

Mother's Day

29 March

March Hare sail race 10.30 start club members on

5 April

Island Endurance - 10.15 start club members only

8 April

Club night - Building Projects (what have you built last winter?)

12 April

Easter Sunday

19 April

Blue Ribband sail race 10.30 start club members only

**26 April**

**STEAM DAY** 8 am start, volunteers needed

26 April

Club 500 - 10.15 start run on Steam Day

3 May

Club 500 - 10.15 start

6 May

**NO CLUB NIGHT (Model Engineering Show)**

17 May

Margaret Wyatt sail race - 10.30 start club members

10 June

Club night – to be announced in March newsletter

14 June

Club 500 10.15 start

21 June

Fathers' Day

5 July

President's cup sail race 10.30 club members only

**12 July**

**SUMMER OPEN DAY - 7.30 set up HELP REQUIRED**

26 July

Club 500 10.15 start

16 August

Club 500 10.15 start

6 September  
9 September  
**13 September**  
13 September  
20 September

Club 500 10.15 start - **LAST RACE OF THE SEASON**  
Club Night - Night sail at Wilton Park from 7 pm  
**AUTUMN OPEN DAY - 8 am start HELP REQUIRED**  
Classic Car Rally in Wilton Park??  
George Trophy sail race - 10.30 club members only

4 October ??  
14 October

S Class sail race - 10.30 club members only??  
Club night - indoor flying member £1 non-members £2  
8 o'clock Batley Sports Centre

**11 November**

**AGM 8 pm prompt Batley Sports Centre**

13 December  
20 December

Christmas lunch at The Manor Golf Club  
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. 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

**February**

16<sup>th</sup> IPMS Halifax Leisure Centre HX3 6TE 10.00 to 4.00 pm

**March**

15<sup>th</sup> Balne Moor working weekend for members  
22<sup>nd</sup> York MBC Y042 4PS Open Day Latham Lake

**April**

5<sup>th</sup> April Mutual MBC OL10 4HL Bring and Buy sale  
5<sup>th</sup> April Balne Moor Open Towing  
25<sup>th</sup> ? Mobile Marine Open Day  
?? Ribble MBC Open Day at Brockholes Preston Off M6

**May**

8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> **Model Engineering Show Doncaster set up day Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>**  
10<sup>th</sup> Balne Moor scale sailing challenge  
10<sup>th</sup> St Helens Open Fun Day Taylor Park 10 am to 4 pm  
16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> ? Hooton Park Show at Ellesmere Port  
17<sup>th</sup> Southport MBC Open Day  
17<sup>th</sup> York MBC Open Day at Laytham Park  
23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Mayhem Weekend at Wickstead Park, Kettering  
31<sup>st</sup> Balne Moor Tug towing and informal scale day

**June**

6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> **Northern Model Boat Show at Deaf Trust Doncaster. Set up day Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June**  
14<sup>th</sup> Balne Moor scale sailing event  
13<sup>th</sup> Rawdon MBC Open Day (Saturday)  
14<sup>th</sup> Kinglear MBC Lifeboat Day  
14<sup>th</sup> Derby MBC Fun Day  
21<sup>st</sup> Potteries MBC Navy Day  
26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> Windemere Model Boat Show  
28<sup>th</sup> Goole MBC Open Day – this may now be 19<sup>th</sup> July  
28<sup>th</sup> Balne Moor – tug towing

## July

4 <sup>th</sup>	Leeds & Bradford MBC displaying at Yeadon Carnival (Saturday) ?
12 <sup>th</sup>	Southport MBC Open Day
19 <sup>th</sup>	Balne Moor Scale Day
19 <sup>th</sup>	Etherow MBC Open Day
19 <sup>th</sup>	Alverston Pirates Open Day
19 <sup>th</sup>	Goole Open Day
26 <sup>th</sup>	York MBC Open Day at Latham Park
26 <sup>th</sup>	Kinglear MBC Open Day

## August

1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bridlington MBC Open Days – also have a truck and track area for Tanks
16 <sup>th</sup>	Balne Moor – Tug towing team challenge
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Rawdon MB Open Day (Saturday)

## September

6 <sup>th</sup>	Balne Moor MBC – North Sea Winches Shield scale event
11 <sup>th</sup> to 13 <sup>th</sup> ?	Deans Marine Open Days
13 <sup>th</sup>	Southport MBC Open Day
20 <sup>th</sup>	York MBC – Open Day
27 <sup>th</sup>	Balne Moor MBC - Svitzer Challenge Tug Towing event
27 <sup>th</sup>	Mutual MBC – Bring and Buy sale ??
??	Ribble MBC – Open Day at Brockholes Preston Off
27 <sup>th</sup>	MPBA Fun Day at Bridlington MBC (to include Club 500)

## October

11 <sup>th</sup>	Balne Moor end of season working party
17 <sup>th</sup> and 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Blackpool MBC set up day Friday 16<sup>th</sup></b>
31 <sup>st</sup>	Bridlington MBC Halloween/Bonfire Night event

## November

7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup>	Warwick Model Boat Show
7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup>	IPMS Show at Telford
28 <sup>th</sup>	Mobile Marine Xmas Cracker - Saturday

Sailing events away from Wilton Park – See John Goodyear for details. Askern lake may not be in use in 2020. Check out their website or Facebook. 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 and BMES. Hope to have some more information in the March newsletter.

**Report on Mobile Marine's Christmas Cracker 30<sup>th</sup> November by Stan Reffin** - A very early start on a very cold and frosty morning picking up a fellow club member on route. We arrived at Mobile Marine around 8.45 am to beautiful blue skies which was melting the ice on the tents. No burger van this year but the organizers had invested in some catering equipment. The food provided proved very popular, bacon sandwiches had run out by mid morning! From 10 am trade was very brisk for the traders. The usual traders attended but sadly no SHG this year. Both me and Barry Hill provided a display of completed models and models under construction which proved very popular. Quite a few club members attended as visitors. This is not a huge show but well worth a visit next year. I understand that a report on the show will be published in Model Boats.

**Report on Christmas lunch Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at The Manor Golf Club by Pat Reffin** – 58 adults and 7 junior members attended. As usual the food was excellent and everyone enjoyed themselves. Thanks to all members who donated raffle prizes which enabled us to give the staff a very large tip. Stan did his usual gotchas which everyone took in good part. Richard Simpson forgot the Club 500 trophy so a dinner plate was used as a standby! Mike Smith was awarded the Keith Hays trophy as a relatively new member who has made a big contribution to the Club with both his time and effort. The ladies who man the tea tent so ably, and in all weather conditions, and Karen and I who sell raffle tickets at Open Days were all given M&S vouchers by way of a thank you. The junior members were also given a small gift.

**Report on Christmas Fuddle Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at Wilton Park by Pat Reffin** - Over 30 members took part, bringing contributions of food both sweet and savoury. It was a good social event with some models being sailed throughout the morning. Santa called to see everyone and he delivered lots of



presents to children in the Park. Hope you have all had a good Christmas and we wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year.



*Richard Simpson winner of Club 500 trophy despite turning his Club 500 upside down*



*Lionel Broadbent remember to turn lights off on your model!*



*Our caterers and one of the raffle team*



*Mike Smith receiving the Keith Hays Trophy*



*Junior members with an L plate for a beginner sailor*



*Members enjoying their Christmas lunch*

**REMINDER** – CLUB 500s should be brought down to the Park on 9<sup>th</sup> February for checking as agreed at the AGM. Club 500 members will be contacted if this arrangements needs to change.





*Early morning members enjoying pre-Christmas get together*



*Thank you Santa I always wanted a Lifeboat*



*Some of the food donated by members, tasty!*



*UFO has not landed Lionel Broadbent's new model*

The committee would like to thank Roger Shepherd and Peter Redfern for all their help whilst being committee members. Roger has been on the committee for many years and has been an invaluable help at all the Open Days and at away events. Peter has been on the committee for a few years and has provided his expertise regarding insurance matters plus helping at Open Days.

Willie Crowther has agreed to be co-opted as a committee members until the next AGM in November 2020. We will then be looking for at least two new committee members.

I personally would like to thank all the members, committee for making 2019 a successful year. **I would like to thank all the members who turned up to provide assistance with the container. There is still a lot of work to do in the spring, painting inside and out and re-stocking of the container. E-mails will be sent out asking for help when the better weather starts.**

No details of away events from Sheffield MBC, BMES Bradford. If you require the sail programme for Leeds & Bradford MBC you will need to check their website and for members that sail at Blue Lagoon you will need to speak to John Goodyear for any information.