

MARINER

NEWSLETTER OF KIRKLEES MODEL BOAT CLUB JANUARY 2021

Happy New Year to you all and let's hope that we can get back to "normal" in the near future. 2020 was a very challenging year for everyone. The container refurbishment has not been finished, our events programme both home and away devastated by Covid-19 and the Club having to close along with all the others in the area and around the UK due to Government restrictions and for the health and safety of our members.

We have to report that members John Inglis and ex-members David Lee and Keith Pell sadly passed away. Keith and John had been members for many years. Both were excellent scale modellers. David hadn't been a member for very long but he enjoyed his yacht sailing.

This year we were unable to hold the AGM in November and the Christmas lunch in December had to be cancelled. We hope to have an AGM in March but this will depend on restrictions in place at the time. When we do get back sailing there will be some maintenance work to be done. All the buoys will need cleaning and re-siting and the shed will need tidying up and a new inventory of equipment needs to be made.

RENEWAL of subscriptions for 2021. All members have been contacted regarding whether by e-mail or telephone to ask for their views on this matter. 139 members replied by email saying they were quite happy to pay their £10, 13 were contacted by phone and they agreed to pay £10. We had 12 no replies to either email or phone and 4 members suggested a possible free year. Stan has once again made numerous phone calls to clubs in the area and beyond and they are also asking for payment of subs. Yes the club is financially sound but £10 only equates to 19p per week. Note for **LIFE MEMBERS** you will need to confirm whether you are renewing your membership for 2021. How to pay your subs which we would like to collect sooner rather than later so we have an accurate number of members and Pat and Frank are able to keep their membership lists up to date. In **cash** either at the lakeside (by prior arrangement via email or telephone to Pat 0113 2675790) or sent in the post. If you do post it please put the £10 between 2 sheets of paper so it's not visible. If you require your membership card please enclose a SAE. By **cheque** either at the lakeside or by post or by **bank transfer**. Posting to either Mrs P Reffin, 79 Carr Bridge Drive, Cookridge, Leeds LS16 7LB or Mr F Kimbley 13 Monkwood Road, Outwood, Wakefield WF1 2JX 01924 828258. If you want to pay by bank transfer you need to ring Frank to get the bank details. You must give your name as a reference to the bank when you make a transfer so we know who has paid.

PR Officer – Stan stood down in the summer but has made it quite clear that this role will have to be filled at the next AGM. The Council insist that there has to be a contact person in the Club. The role also includes any meetings that the Council ask for, liaising with Friends of the Park and dealing with any queries or problems that may occur regarding all aspects of the club's activities. The person concerned must have access to a computer. The email sent out to members also included a question would you be happy for Stan to take this role on until the AGM. The coming months could be quite challenging. 93 members gave a definite yes. With the members backing at the next AGM Stan would like to be the events coordinator, planning the club's events both home and away and compiling the Newsletter along with Pat.

THINGS TO DO IN 2021 – purchase 20 new tables, orange fencing, catering size teapot and all the ancillary catering equipment. Construct a second Club 500 dock. Unpack the new club boat and attach all necessary items to it. Construct further buildings for the dock areas (a big thank you to Andrew Egglestone for the work he has done so far). I understand that Simon Murphy has been busy during lockdown constructing more items for the military vehicle members. These are just a few things I am sure there will be more that needs doing. Thank you to the members who have given up time during lockdown to check the container on a weekly basis. We will also require some new committee members to fill the gaps of people who are standing down.



Guess who is in these pictures? Not at Wilton Park



Proposed Home events 2021

13 January	NO CLUB NIGHT
10 February	NO CLUB NIGHT
14 February	1st Club 500 - 2 races 10.15 am start
10 March	AGM at Batley Sports Centre 8 pm start ?
14 March	Mother's Day
21 March	Club 500 - 10.15 am start
28 March	March Hare sail race 10.30 start club members only
4 th April	Easter Sunday
11 April	Island Endurance - 10.15 start club members only
14 April	Club night - Building Projects
18 April	Blue Ribband sail race 10.30 start club members only
25 April	STEAM DAY 8 am start, volunteers needed
25 April	Club 500 - 10.15 start run on Steam Day
2 May	Club 500 - 10.15 start
12 May	NO CLUB NIGHT (Model Engineering Show)
16 May	Margaret Wyatt sail race - 10.30 start club members
6 June	Club 500 10.15 start
9 June	Club night – LED lighting talk by Stan Reffin
20 June	Fathers' Day
4 July	President's cup sail race 10.30 club members only
11 July	SUMMER OPEN DAY - 7.30 set up HELP REQUIRED
25 July	Club 500 10.15 start
15 August	Club 500 10.15 start
5 September	Club 500 10.15 start - LAST RACE OF THE SEASON
8 September	Club night -night sail at Wilton Park from 7 pm
12 September	AUTUMN OPEN DAY - 8 am start HELP REQUIRED
12 September ?	Classic Car Rally in Wilton Park ?
19 September	George Trophy sail race - 10.30 club members only
3 October	S Class sail race - 10.30 club members only
13 October	Club night - indoor flying member £1 non-members £2 8 o'clock Batley Sports Centre
10 November	AGM 8 pm prompt Batley Sports Centre
12 December	Christmas lunch at The Manor Golf Club
19 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.

PROPOSED AWAY EVENTS 2021

we have only done Balne Moor dates

March

15th

Balne Moor working weekend for members

April

11 April

Balne Moor Tug Towing

May

No date yet

9th

23rd

Model Engineering Show Doncaster set up day Thursday

Balne Moor scale sailing challenge

Balne Moor Tug towing

June

No date yet or venue

13th

27th

Northern Model Boat Show at Doncaster. Set up day Friday

Balne Moor scale sailing event

Balne Moor – tug towing

July

18th

Balne Moor Scale Day

August

15th

Balne Moor – Tug towing

September

5th

26th

Balne Moor MBC – North Sea Winches Shield scale event

Balne Moor MBC - Svitzer Challenge Tug Towing event

October

11th

No date yet

Balne Moor end of season working party

Blackpool MBC set up day Friday

November

NO DATE YET

NO DATE YET

NO DATE YET

Warwick Model Boat Show

IPMS Show at Telford

Mobile Marine Xmas Cracker - Saturday

Wherever possible the away events will be updated in the March newsletter. At this present time it is very difficult for KMBC to plan any visits to away events or exhibitions.

BUILDING PROJECTS DURING SECOND LOCKDOWN

Below are photographs of what our members have been up during the past few months when they have been unable to attend at the Park. There is a wide range of projects that have been produced and sent to us. Sadly we cannot list everything but here is a selection. If you have got anything that you have been producing during lockdown please email it to us, as an attachment not in the body of the email, and we will try and include it in the March newsletter. In the last newsletter we were sent some very interesting projects, items made from timber, Meccano and everyday items.



Jack Stanley's latest model (will it float?)



Brian Daffern's test tank in lieu of Wilton Park Lake



Richard Simpson's excellent railway diorama

H.M.S. Dreadnought steam powered model battleship - By Graham Smith

I have been building a 1:160 scale model of the 1906 battleship H.M.S. Dreadnought, it is 40" long, and a 6.25" beam. The main aim of the model was for it to be steam powered, using a boiler and steam engine I had made earlier but never used in a boat. The hardwood hull is of 'bread and butter' construction, carved and shaped to the ship's plans. The hull, deck and some of the superstructure are finished, and all the power plant and propulsion equipment is installed. The boiler has been pressure tested and certified by Richard Simpson.

I brought the model to the KMBC New Projects meeting in March 2020, where it received a lot of interest and favourable comments. Since then, I have carried on with construction, plus

performing trial runs of the steam plant. First job was to test the gas burner and boiler, followed by a full test including the steam engine. This proved to be successful, too successful in fact, because when operating with the plywood deck in place, the underside of the deck was getting scorched! The solution was to fit extra heat shields on the outside of the boiler casing, and change to a smaller gas burner nozzle. Further steaming trials are ongoing.

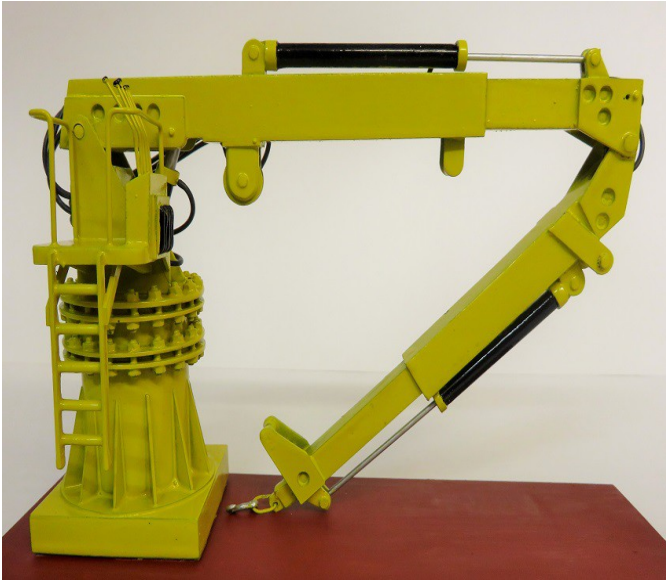
As soon as I am happy with the steam plant, I will try it out on the water. However, I have still to complete the superstructure and deck fittings, but successful operation will spur me on to completing the model.



Graham Smith's Dreadnought



Steam plant fitted in Graham's Dreadnought



Mike Smith's working crane for his new tug



Pete Redfern's 1/24th scale steam puffer

Mike Smith's crane has been adapted to allow all the jibs to move. This will be fitted on his latest model which I understand is a Mobile Marine tug. Mike has also made a lot of his own electronics. Well done Mike not an easy task to get the crane to work.

Peter Redfern's Puffer is an excellent Mountfleet model and is totally steam powered and the detail is superb. This is a very heavy model but sails well.



Graham

Inman's new pilot boat



Lionel Broadbent builds some very unusual subjects and these can be very challenging. Well done Lionel. "You know I like the unusual. Here is the Korean Turtle ship; said to be the first ironclad because of its protective shields and spiked deck. Here's some photos".

Lockdown has inspired many of our members to build some very unusual projects and to diversify into other aspects of model building.

Before the next pictures we would like to thank Chris Lilley for making some new equipment for the catering tent and also taking home and cleaning club equipment. Obviously we cannot name everyone but thanks to everyone who has helped in any way. When we finally get back to Wilton Park there will be some work needed to be done.



New dockside building made by Andrew Egglestone



Bill Kelsall's Thames Barge under construction

On the next page David Moss' lockdown projects. "The lifeboat is the £1.50 toy which I bought from the RNLI stand at the last open day. It has a 3v motor which works on 3v forward and 1.5v reverse. full steering and was a pain to fit everything in. Not tried it yet."

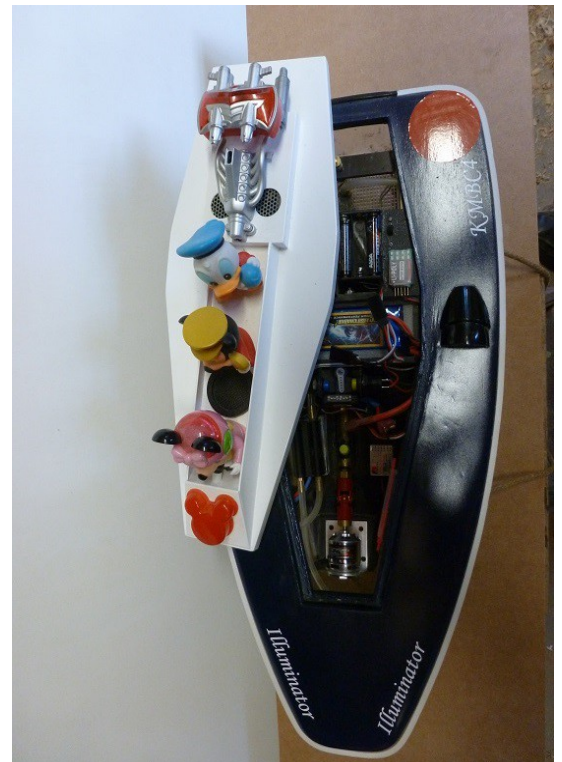
"The second one is made from a street lamp bulb cover as the hull with the Disney characters purchased from a charity shop. It has a 28/32 brushless motor, 11.2v Lipo, working lights for night sailing and a Disney sound system (you will love it). Again, this has not yet been tested."



David Moss' lifeboat



David Moss' street light model



Thank you to all members who have sent photographs during the second lockdown. A wide variety of models. Sadly no sail projects to report on. If you have got anything please let us have it for the next newsletter in a jpeg format. Hopefully in the next few months we will be able to resume some form of sailing at Wilton but obviously we will need to liaise with Kirklees Council to get the go ahead. Wishing you all the best for 2021.