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## NEWSLETTER OF KIRKLEES MODEL BOAT CLUB JANUARY 2023

Before we start on reports of clubs events running up to Christmas I have to let you know that a very long standing member Stuart Smith will be moving to Scarborough. Stuart has been a very conscientious member who was on the committee representing the sail section for many years. He has helped at many organised events and at Open Days and has overseen many club sail events and club 500 events over the years. Stuart has also manned the rescue boat on many occasions and has maintained the starter box. Will be sadly missed by many members. Stuart's wealth of knowledge on model yachts will be missed by club members but it will be welcomed at the new club Stuart intends to join. Stuart has said he will retain his KMBC membership and hopes to visit on Open Days.

**Manvers Open Day Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2022** – This is the first open day at Manvers Water Park organised by our member Steve Perkins. We were asked earlier in the year if we could display some models at this event. 6 club members attended at this impressive site, which is used for many different water sports. Model Boat sailing commenced at 10 a.m after the swimmers! Quite an impressive display of models. The weather got colder as the day progressed and the waves on the lake got bigger. Even Chris Behan's big hovercraft struggled in the wind. We will be back again next year if we are invited. An enjoyable day.



*Chris Behan's hovercraft*



*Some of the models of Manvers' members*



*Fast attack craft seen at Manvers*



*Steve Perkins' fine steam model at Manvers*

Away from the park 8<sup>th</sup> October found me at Leeds Bradford Airport for a one hour flight with my grandsons leaving Leeds Bradford we flew over Harrogate, Knaresborough and headed out towards Middlesmoor returning by Harewood House to Leeds.



*Two very happy young men after the flight*





**Flying Night Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October** – 9 took part in this event held at Batley Sports Centre. There we had planes, drones and helicopters flying. Some of the staff were watching from the balcony. A very enjoyable evening for those who took part. It is getting difficult to book the hall as there is a new manager at the Sports Centre and block bookings for that hall get priority over single bookings.

**October – Wakefield Model Railway Show** - I was asked by Chris Mead a club member if I could help on Friday evening erecting his diorama of a dock scene part of Operation Overlord from WW2. This is a fabulous layout and if you do get chance to see it you will be very impressed. I understand from Chris that he had a lot of interest shown during the show, well done.

**Blackpool Model Show 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> October** – This year we had club members displaying model boats on a 30' stand. We also had individual club member Chris Behan displaying military vehicles and David Barker displaying a range of robotic dioramas, very clever! On the main club stand Stan had a demonstration board showing various electronic installations for use in model boats. This attracted a lot of attention from other modellers. There were various model boats on display of different scales. The show was well attended on both days, lots of other club attended from as far afield as Dover. Trade support was good the bring and buy area was a bit small and new for this year a very large rock crawling area. In total we had 14 members who took part over the weekend and several others visited the stand. Sadly no awards this year. This show is definitely on again in 2023, the same weekend as this year.



*Club stand on Sunday after a busy weekend, the flags need a tidying up*



*Barry Hill's USS Arizona in the centre*





*Gary Dyson's 2 dioramas*



*Tim Stevenson's Hovervan*





David Barker's Ukraine outpost a fully working robotic model. David had other robotic items on display. A mind blowing use of electronics.

**Christmas lunch at the Manor Golf Club Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2022** - Club members and their families attended the Christmas lunch. Kathleen Stones was awarded the Keith Hays trophy for the member who has contributed a lot to the club during the last year. Richard Simpson was awarded the Club 500 Trophy for the overall winner of the 8 races but we have some members who may be in contention next year. Kathleen Stones and Emily Dyson were given a gift voucher for helping in tea tent on open days and Karen Behan and Pat were given vouchers for doing the raffle on two open days. We had a good raffle and thanks to all members who donated prizes. This enabled us to give the staff a £65 tip.



Kathleen Stones and Richard Simpson receiving their respective trophies.

## Proposed Home events 2023

### February

8 March	Indoor Flying at Batley Sports Centre £2 for members and none-members <b>depends on availability of Sports Centre</b>
12 March	<b>March Hare</b> sail race 10.30 start club members only
19 March	Mother's Day
26 March	<b>Club 500</b> - 10.15 am start
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	<b>Club 500</b> – 10.15 am start
9 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Sunday
16 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Island Endurance</b> - 10.15 start club members only
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	<b>Blue Ribband</b> sail race 10.30 start club members only
1 May	Bank holiday
8 May	King's Coronation weekend
14 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>STEAM DAY – 8 am</b> to start setting up <b>HELP REQUIRED</b>
21 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>Margaret Wyatt</b> sail race - 10.30 start club members
28 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Club 500</b> - 10.15 start
29 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank holiday
4 June	<b>Club 500</b> 10.15 start
18 June	Fathers' Day
2 July	<b>President's cup</b> sail race 10.30 club members only
<b>9 July</b>	<b>SUMMER OPEN DAY - 7.30 set up HELP REQUIRED</b>
23 July	<b>Club 500</b> 10.15 start
20 August	<b>Club 500</b> 10.15 start
3 September	<b>Club 500</b> 10.15 start
<b>10 September</b>	<b>AUTUMN OPEN DAY - 8 am start HELP REQUIRED</b>
10 September ?	Classic Car Rally in Wilton Park ?
13 September	<b>Night sail at Wilton Park from 7 pm</b>
17 September	<b>George Trophy</b> sail race - 10.30 club members only
1 <sup>st</sup> October	<b>Harry Sharp</b> sail race - 10.30 club members only
11 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Club night</b> - indoor flying members and non-members £2 8 o'clock Batley Sports Centre <b>depends on availability</b>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>AGM 8 pm prompt Batley Sports Centre</b>
10 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas lunch</b> at The Manor Golf Club
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Mince pies etc down at the lakeside <b>Christmas Fuddle</b>

**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 2023

### February

11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>  
19<sup>th</sup>

Model Railway Show at Doncaster Racecourse

**IPMS Model Show at Royal Armouries Leeds set up on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>**

### March

4<sup>th</sup>  
10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>

Wallasey Model Boat Society – night sail

**Model Engineering/Model Show at Harrogate Show Ground set up on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March**

18<sup>th</sup>

York MBC Night Sail See York's website for details of times etc.

### April

2<sup>nd</sup>  
16<sup>th</sup>

Balne Moor Open event tug towing and scale

Manvers MBC Bring & Buy Sale in the Large room at the Boathouse. 9.30am - 2pm. Seller's setup from 7.30am onwards and pay on the day. £10 per table  
Public admission £1.50. under 16s Free.

23<sup>rd</sup> ??

York MBC Open Day – may be York members only??

### May

7<sup>th</sup>  
21<sup>st</sup>  
28<sup>th</sup>  
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Balne Moor tug towing

York MBC Open Day

Balne Moor Tug towing

Mayhem Weekend Wickstead Park, Northants

### June

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>  
10<sup>th</sup>  
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11<sup>th</sup>  
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**Northern Model Boat Show at Doncaster. Set up day Friday**

Rawdon MBD Open Day

Goole MBC Open Day

Manvers MBD Open Day On the Waterfront 9 am to 4 pm

Wallasey Model Boat Society – Ferry Boat Day

Balne Moor – Tug Towing

### July

16<sup>th</sup>  
23<sup>rd</sup>

Balne Moor – Tug Towing

York MBC Open Day

### August

6<sup>th</sup>  
13<sup>th</sup>  
12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>  
12<sup>th</sup>

Wallasey Model Boat Society – Tugs & general ships

Balne Moor – Tug towing

Bridlington MBC Open Days (Saturday and Sunday) set up on Friday

Rawdon MBC Open Day (Saturday)

### September

3<sup>rd</sup>  
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24<sup>th</sup>  
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Bridlington MBC – MPBA Open Day

Balne Moor MBC – Tug Towing

Wallasey Model Boat Society – Lifeboats

Balne Moor MBC – open event

York MBC Open Day

Goole MBC Night Sail

Deans Marine Open Day

### October

14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>  
21<sup>st</sup>

**Blackpool MBC at Norbreck Hotel set up day Friday**

York MBC Night Sail

### November

NO DATE YET  
11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>

Warwick Model Boat Show

IPMS Show at Telford

Mutal MBC Bring & Buy Sale could be April, May or September.



**A look back in time 2009, 2012, 2013.**





**Members' models seen at Wilton Park throughout the year – pictures by kind permission of Lukasz Sochacki**





Our logo given the Christmas treatment by Emily Dyson

Happy New Year to all members and look forward to seeing you down at the lake. Get your Club 500s tuned up and ready. Pat Reffin