



# MARINER

**JUNE 2016**

**OPEN DAY 10TH JULY**

## Chairman's Report May 2016

Welcome to the second newsletter of 2016. The season so far has been a success both home and away. The Steam Day went very well with a "Few Pounds " added to club coffers, Club 500 is attracting a lot of interest both from the number of competitors and the general public and Club Yacht races are very popular events judging by the number of entries. The last club nights have been well attended with building projects having a number of interesting items and Stan and Graham's talks on Speed controllers and air brush work being an eye opener to me in particular. Club membership is nearly back to the same number as last year, so welcome to the new members, always remember that there is a wealth of modelling knowledge in our club so do not be afraid to ask. Finally may I ask that sailors of larger, faster scale boats to be more observant of the smaller, slower boats and remember that the higher speed area is across at the roadside part of the lake. Accidents will happen but can be avoided if members show common courtesy to others.

Phill Bowker Chairman KMBC

**Stan's ramblings** – It is hard to think we are now nearly half way through the year and the events at the Park and away seem to be coming up thick and fast. Events at the Park have all gone smoothly. A big thank you to Richard Simpson for his efforts in boiler testing on the Steam Day/Mountfleet Day. Thanks to Adam from Mountfleet also. Sadly there weren't many Mountfleet models on display so the trophy will be kept back until either Open or Navy Day. I would like to say thank you to all members who came along early to help with the set up. It was a very chilly morning early on but warmed up as the day progressed. Thanks to Chris Behan for getting the boiler up and running quickly and to the ladies serving the tea and coffee and food. A big thank you to everyone who brought food and drinks for the ladies to sell on the day. Thanks to Kath Ingle for organising the catering tent and to Sue Barker, Brenda Redfern and Karen Behan for ably assisting on the day. Six clubs and 1 independent took part along with club members. Peter Redfern was awarded the steam trophy for his model Christian Brunnings.



*Peter Redfern receiving trophy for best steam model*



*Brenda Redfern - Where does this piece go?*

## Away events

**8<sup>th</sup> May Southport MBC Open Day** – It was attended by Stan and Pat Reffin and Chris and Karen Behan. It was a wonderfully sunny day and the tent we had taken came in very useful for shelter (not from the rain for once). We enjoyed our sailing with Southport Club.

**14<sup>th</sup> May Mobile Marine's Open Day** – I exhibited on behalf of the Club and I am pleased to say I was awarded a trophy for best model at the event with Minesweeper M1062. Other club members attended during the day. Trade support was good and other clubs from beyond Lincoln also attended and the bacon sandwich van did a brisk trade.

## Events at the Park

### 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Island Endurance

It was a dull start to the morning with light winds when 12 members entered this event. The range of models included, lifeboats, fishing boats, working vessels, a Norfolk Broads cruiser and Club 500. The aim of the event is to complete as many laps as possible within the hour. It was decided on the day to not use the handicap system for different types of boats. Boats that take part must use a standard brush motor and standard batteries. The event started around 10.15 am and for the first half hour there was no sign of any problems. No models caught fire, we had one slight collision but in the last half hour models started to drop out of the competition. Thanks to the officers of the day. The results of the first three. (A full report is on the club website)

1 <sup>st</sup>	Cathy Wilson with a Club 500 -	35 laps
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Fred Senior with an RAF launch -	24 laps
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jack Stanley with a Lifeboat -	21 laps



*Start of the Island Endurance race*



*Cathy Wilson receiving trophy for Island Endurance*

### 10<sup>th</sup> April – Blue Ribband sail race – report by Cathy Wilson Officer of the Day

The weather was clear and sunny with light and variable winds. 13 boats entered including several Jif65's, two Jif79's, two Northwinds's a one Deisgn and a DF65. The variable wind and mixture of boats meant the fleet was fairly spread out. John Goodyear held his lead followed closely by Chris Thompson, Doug Potter, Mick Hebden and Stuart Smith. The DF65 of Brian Byrne was at a distinct disadvantage with the light winds. But he persevered and completed all three laps. Roy Clarkson had problems with his boat and did not finish. John Goodyear kept the lead all the way through the race. A full list of entrants and their finish positions can be found on the club's website. The first three to finish were as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> – John Goodyear with a Northwind, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dave Baker with a One Design and 3<sup>rd</sup> Stuart Smith with a Jif 65.

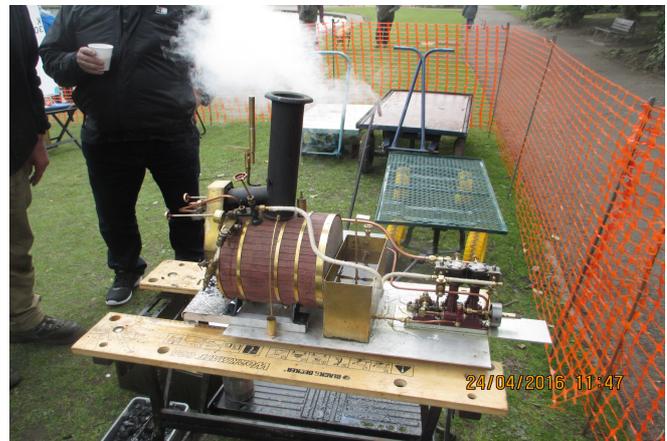
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*John Goodyear receiving Blue Ribband trophy*



*Coal fired boiler seen at Steam Day*



*Coal fired boiler built in 1954*



*Richard Simpson boiler testing & his apprentice*



*Cathy Wilson's steam launch*

### **Steam Day/Mountfleet Models 24<sup>th</sup> April 2016 report by Stan Reffin**

A very early start at 8 a.m. for club members who turned up to empty the container and get all the required equipment out for the day. During the week the weather forecast was for snow showers but as the week progressed the forecast got better. It was very cold first thing and club woolly hats and warm coats were

the order of the day. The tents went up in no time and the boiler was up and running in record time. As the day progressed the weather did improve temperature wise. The cold weather and wind did make for good sailing conditions for scale and sail. Representatives from the following club attended: Bury, Runcorn, Crewe?, Claro, York, St Helens, Mountfleet Trader and one independent. Our boiler tester Richard Simpson was kept busy with 9 steam plants to be tested. We think the cold weather did keep some people away but we did have a reasonable display of steam models. Sadly the number of Mountfleet Models was not what we expected. Adam Slater from Mountfleet brought a nice selection of his models along. As usual we had a nice selection of steam powered models but one boiler stood out from the rest, built in 1954 and was coal fired. This attracted a lot of attention. Other types of models were in attendance ranging from fishing boats, tugs, hovercrafts, submarines and yachts. There was a competition for best steam model which was awarded to a fairly new member Peter Redfearn with his model of Christian Brunnings. All the steam models on display were of high quality.

These are the first three results of the Northwind race: 1<sup>st</sup> John Goodyear, 2<sup>nd</sup> Douglas Potter, 3<sup>rd</sup> Fred Senior. A full list of positions can be found on the club's website.



*John Goodyear receiving Northwind trophy*



*Stuart Smith air/sea rescue!*

### **Club 500 races March/April/May**

The following are the accumulated totals from the 3 races with 2 heats in each race. Next race **26<sup>th</sup> June**

Patrick Clancy	18 laps	(7 <sup>th</sup> )
Willie Crowther	68 laps	(1 <sup>st</sup> )
Dave Cowley	50 laps	(4 <sup>th</sup> )
Fred Senior	64 laps	(2 <sup>nd</sup> )
Cathy Wilson	49.5 laps	(5 <sup>th</sup> )
Stuart Raistrick	21 laps	(6 <sup>th</sup> )
Dave Baker	50.5 laps	(3 <sup>rd</sup> )

In all three races the lake conditions have been calm and have remained dry. Thanks to the Officers of the day, Stuart Smith, Mick Hebden, Roger Shepherd, John Goodyear and Stan Reffin. Would anybody else like to volunteer to take their turn running these races? Also Officers of the Day for Island Endurance and our yacht events. Thanks to Debbie and Nick Roberts for their camera work at all our events.

### **CLUB NIGHTS APRIL AND MAY**

A big thanks to Graham Hirst for his talk on painting using an airbrush and various paints. He has offered to come back next year and do a follow up and to Stan Reffin for giving a talk on speed controllers from the very early models to the latest products on offer. John Goodyear gave a talk on the models yachts that can be seen sailing at Wilton Park and the pros and cons of different types of yachts. He also explained the different materials used for sails. Stuart Smith brought an S class yacht which was so different from the modern designs seen at Wilton Park.



*Is this the demolition derby?*



*Catch me if you can!*

### **OPEN DAY 10TH JULY FROM 7.30 A.M.**

As usual it will be an early start. Can we please have as many volunteers as possible to help with the erection of the tents, particularly the catering tent so we can get the boiler up and running as early as possible. As in previous years all food sold in the catering tent is what has been donated by members and their families. Can I please ask for donations to be wrapped in cling film or to be in sandwich bags and labelled accordingly. This is our main fundraising day for ourselves and for the RNLI. If anyone has any items that are suitable for the raffle can they please bring them down to the lakeside on a Sunday and give them to Stan before the event so that they can be listed. Also we will need as many willing hands as possible at the end of the event to help with the dismantling of tents and storage in the container. This Open Day event is for **ALL** club members so if you have not been involved before **come along and enjoy the day**.

### **Forthcoming main event**

**Navy/Warship Day 11<sup>h</sup> September.** This will be an 8 a.m. start and once again we will need volunteers for erecting tents etc. and also we will need supplies for us to sell in the catering tent. I have always been very grateful for all the support given to the ladies who run the catering tent.

There are 3 remaining yacht races between July and October and 5 remaining club 500s between June and October.

There is no club night now until the **12<sup>th</sup> October** when we hope to hire the Sports Hall for indoor flying provided the support is there.

### **Models seen at Wilton Park**





View Southport MBC's lake



*That's all folks until September!*



Southport Open Day

