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## NEWSLETTER OF KIRKLEES MODEL BOAT CLUB – JUNE 2017

**Chairman's Report** - It is with the utmost sorrow that I have to report the passing of our Club Treasurer, Margaret Wyatt. She will be sorely missed by all the committee and club members. Our thoughts go out to Alan at this sad time. Margaret has been our Treasurer for over 8 years, during which time her bookkeeping has been impeccable, each yearly audit was accurate to the penny. Any request for money to be spent was questioned by "How Much". At the last count, club membership is very nearly back to last year's 200 plus with numbers down at the lakeside on Sunday mornings exceeding the normal. Club 500 races are living up to the name "Demolition Derby". Steam Day was an outstanding success with 19 live steam craft on the water. Thanks must go to Richard Simpson for his boiler testing with 13 certificates issued on the day. Also thanks to the ladies in the tea tent for keeping us supplied all day. Phill Bowker Chairman KMBC



*Margaret Wyatt Open Day receiving trophy for steam boat "Lady Margaret"*

Margaret was an excellent committee member/treasurer and an ambassador at away events for the club. Along with Alan they provided valuable knowledge to club members and non-club members alike. Margaret's passion was always sail power both full size and miniature sailing vessels. The club will now be looking for a **NEW TREASURER**. Anyone interested in doing this job should contact any committee member. I must point out that **without a Treasurer the club cannot continue**

### **Blue Riband Yacht Race – 9<sup>th</sup> March 2017 Report by Cathy Wilson**

The Weather was fine, sunny and dry. Not a lot of wind, 3-4 knots. After discussions with the Skippers we decided to shorten the race to two laps. Some felt there was not enough wind to sail but after more discussions we had a vote which was decided on the toss of a coin that we would attempt to race. Conditions were very variable but we managed to complete the course. Thanks to Terry Scarth and Mick Burtop for scoring.

Eight boats entered, one Jif65, two Jif785's, Two Northwind's, two One design's and one DF65.

With such light winds the race was challenging but all boats were clear at the start and at the end of the first lap John Goodyear was in the lead with Stuart Smith and Cathy Wilson close behind. The debris in the pond did not help but at the end of the race Stuart Smith was the winner beating boats with much larger sails! The first 3 to finish were as follows.

Results.

1<sup>st</sup> Stuart Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> Doug Potter and 3<sup>rd</sup> John Goodyear

**Report on Island Endurance 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017 by Stan Reffin** was a dry overcast morning with very little wind blowing down the lake which made for ideal conditions. Phill Bowker, Mick Burtop and Roger Shepherd acted as Officers of the day. 11 club members took part in the endurance event. Models taking part ranged from large scale models to club 500 size models. The event started at 10 am using the club electronic starter. Everything started well but duck feathers proved to be a problem throughout the event. 6 members managed to last the hour with various pit stops due to duck feathers round the props. The first three placings were as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> Cathy Wilson 26 laps. 2<sup>nd</sup> Fred Senior 22 laps, joint 3<sup>rd</sup> with 15 laps Stan Reffin, Baden Buckle and Jerry Speirs. Two new members took part for the first time, so thank you to Andy Waters and Jerry Speirs and also Sandy Rennie for taking part with his 1/200<sup>th</sup> scale Bismark a real challenge for this model. Updated rules will be issued for this event for 2018.

**Report on Club night 12<sup>th</sup> April – indoor flying by Pat Reffin** - After finally managing to get into the room upstairs, thanks to employees of the Sports Centre, we were able to hold our meeting before descending to the Sports Hall where 13 members and 1 member's grandson displayed their skills at flying, some more than others! There were aeroplanes, helicopters of various sizes, drones once again of varying sizes from quite small to quite large. Some were able to take photographs/videos. Phill Bowker tried to headbutt Mick Richardson's aeroplane, but the plane managed to survive! Several members watched from the balcony at a safe distance and as usual some of the Sport Centre staff came to watch. The hour seemed to go very quickly and we will have chance for a rematch in October.

**Report on Steam Day 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2017 by Stan Reffin** - As per usual club members turned out in force for a very early start to help unloading the container and moving the equipment required to get the day off to a good start. Thanks to everyone who turned up to help. Obviously the first tent to be erected had to be the cup-of-tea tent! Well done to Roger Shepherd and Chris Behan for getting the boiler up and running. Also a big thank you must go to Gary Dyson for making sure the boiler was sterilized before use. As usual the ladies, Kath, Kathleen, Sue and Brenda looked after us all day with refreshments. By 10 am. we had visitors from the following: York MBC, Potteries MBC, Crewe MBC, Teesside Steam Model Engineers, Balne Moor MBC, St Helens MBC, Runcorn MBC and Sheffield Ship Society and of course not forgetting Kirklees' members. 19 steam models were on display and Richard Simpson tested 13 steam plants throughout the day. As usual John Dowd from Runcorn Club came along to display his J class yacht. Mick Hebden from our club also arranged for a selection of 1 mtr yachts to be displayed along with John's J class. We also had a large selection of non-steam powered models of all types on display. Obviously the theme was steam which attracted a lot of attention so did the scale and yachts on display. There was concern that running the Club 500 on the same day as this event may cause problems but in the end it all worked out well. All the steam models on display are worthy winners of the "Steam Queen" trophy but Tony Middleton of York MBC won with his steam tug Sloyne. What made this model stand out was the fact when the steam plant was running it had a unique sound and it seemed to run forever. The engineering was of a high quality. Finally we were blessed with sunny fine weather with a slight breeze.

**Club 500 race 23.04.17**

Member	Boat No	Race 1	Race 2	Total of both
Mick Hebden	71	11	9	20 laps
Willie Crowther	70	4	9	13 laps
Ian Hayward	22	10	11	21 laps
Stuart Raistrick	417	10	-	10 laps
John Hinde	17	11	11	22 laps
Cathy Wilson	150	11	10	21 laps
Allan Dyson	66	8	10	18 laps
David Tuckwood	97	10	10	20 laps
Richard Simpson	9	9	11	20 laps
Jerry Speirs	-	-	-	-

**Accumulated totals after 3 events**

Member's name	Total of laps over 3 events
Richard Simpson Boat No 5	7 laps
Richard Simpson Boat No 9	47 laps
Allan Dyson	23 laps
Willie Crowther	41 laps
Mick Hebden	48 laps
Dave Cowley	37 laps
Fred Senior	24 laps
Cathy Wilson	50 laps
Stuart Raistrick	25 laps
Brian Byrne	10 laps
John Hinde	50 laps
Dave Tuckwood	20 laps
Ian Hayward	21 laps
Jerry Speirs	0 laps

**Club 500 Race 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2017 report by Pat Reffin**

This event took place on Steam Day on the side of the lake we use on a Sunday morning, whilst Steam Day was on the other side of the lake. It was a lovely sunny day with a slight breeze. Ten club members lined up to take part and the electronic starter was used to great effect once again. Unfortunately Jerry Speirs had a few technical problems which hindered his progress. Stuart Raistrick's boat was unceremoniously overturned in the second race as he was approaching the first buoy. Ian Hayward and David Tuckward, who were entering for the first time, equipped themselves very well. As usual it was very entertaining to watch. Thank you to Roger Shepherd, Mick Burtop and Stuart Smith for acting Officers of the Day.

**Club 500 race 7<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

Member	Boat No	Race 1	Race 2	Total of both
Nigel Firth	4	1 lap	2 laps	3 laps

Stuart Raistrick	417	10 laps	5 laps	15 laps
Dave Cowley	96	9 laps	11 laps	20 laps
Willie Crowther	70	11 laps	1 laps	12 laps
Brian Byrne	712	7 laps	6 laps	13 laps
Allan Dyson	66	8 laps	9 laps	17 laps
John Hinde	17	6 laps	9 laps	15 laps
Richard Simpson	9	11 laps	9 laps	20 laps
Jerry Speirs	11	6 laps	7 laps	13 laps
Fred Senior	101	10 laps	10 laps	20 laps

Accumulated totals after 4 events

Member's name	Total number of laps over 4 events
Richard Simpson Boat No 5	7 laps
Richard Simpson Boat No 9	67 laps
Allan Dyson	40 laps
Willie Crowther	53 laps
Mick Hebden	48 laps
Dave Cowley	57 laps
Fred Senior	44 laps
Cathy Wilson	50 laps
Stuart Raistrick	40 laps
Brian Byrne	23 laps
John Hinde	65 laps
Dave Tuckwood	20 laps
Ian Hayward	21 laps
Jerry Speirs	13 laps
Nigel Firth	6 laps

**Report on Club 500 race 7<sup>th</sup> May 2017 by Stan Reffin** - It was a cloudy but dry day with a slight breeze ideal for the two events. Myself, Mick Burtop, Terry Scarth and Stuart Smith acted as officers of the day. Not a lot of demolition in this event, some problems with props etc. and some problems with boats being overturned. It was remarked at the lakeside would it not be a good idea to put your number underneath as well should you get overturned! After the 4 events Richard Simpson is just slightly ahead with John Hinde being not too far behind.

**Report on Show at South Pennine Boat Club, Mirfield on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2017 by Stan Reffin**

The club was invited to attend their two yearly open day at the canal basin and we were offered the use of the dry dock for sailing out models. 16 club members attended displaying all types of models for the visiting public to see. Sailing in the dry proved difficult for our sail members but not so for scale models. Lots of other activities were taking place during the day for the visiting public, there was a beer tent and tea tent on site and some very large scones, hot dogs and burgers for sale beside sandwiches and other cakes. The RNLI were also on site raising funds. The car parking was well managed making unloading and leaving the site easy. It was nice to see some of our sail colleagues attending. The weather could have been warmer but at least it kept dry. Hopefully we will be asked back in 2 years time. The organizers were very pleased with our static and sailing demonstrations.

A big thank you to Mick Burtop for providing the club with a new peg board. We know this is not used a lot nowadays thanks to 2.4 radio systems but some of our members still use this facility.



### **Report on Model Engineering Exhibition at Doncaster Race Course 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> May by Stan Reffin**

Set up day on Thursday went very efficiently. Thank you to all members who attended to set up. Friday was very busy with lots of visitors to the club stand asking lots of questions. Our members made use of the temporary pool on all three days. Richard Simpson and Cathy Wilson had their steamers working. The club stand displayed all types of models that we operate at Wilton Park, including sail I am pleased to say. Sadly the number of model boat clubs attending has diminished over the years, I don't know why this is the case as it is a good exhibition. Outside you could pay and have some helicopter flying lessons. I don't think my nerves could stand it. Trade support was good something for everyone. I would like to thank everyone who took home parts of the club stand on the Sunday as I was unable to take it. Many thanks to Sue Barker for once again volunteering to take the display material home to wash it.

**Northwind Sail Race – 21<sup>st</sup> May 2017 Report by Cathy Wilson** - Weather was fine and the race started on time with 12 boats competing in a fluky wind which resulted in some interesting racing. No problems at the start and after the first mark a group of four boats opened up a good lead and managed to maintain it for the rest of the race. The conditions were a great leveller with conditions favouring different rigs at different times, sometimes favouring Dragon Force and sometimes those with large rigs. Doug Potter had a problem just before the race started which effectively put him out of contention. Dave Tuckwood was leading at the final Mark but John Goodyear found better wind and lead at the line by half a boat length. All boats finished, we must be getting better.

Thanks to Terry Scarth and Mike Burtop for scoring, again giving Cathy Wilson a chance to race.

Race Results all with One Design

- 1<sup>st</sup> John Goodyear
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dave Tuckwood
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Stuart Smith

### **Report on St Helen's MBC 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open Day 21<sup>st</sup> May 2017 by Stan Reffin**

Chris and Karen Behan and Pat and myself attended at this event and were made very welcome. The weather was excellent and there was a big selection of models on display. Unfortunately the model yachts could not be launched due to a bird nesting on the jetty. There was also club 500 racing, the RNLi had a stand and there was a small fairground. It is one worth going to next year.

**Change of date for Goole MBC open day** this will now be **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July** not June as given in January.

**OUR ANNIVERSARY LUNCH 25TH JUNE 2017** – if you wish to attend this event I need your menu and money asap. I also need raffle prizes so we can raise money to give a tip to the staff. Be there for **12 noon** to sit down for your meal at **12.30 pm**.

**KMBC Open Day – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July. 7.30 am start** with volunteers required for setting up. I also need supplies for the catering tent, everything labelled and wrapped. I will be selling raffle tickets, so anyone who is on holiday on that day and would like some please see me down at the lakeside on a Sunday morning. If you have anything you want to donate for Stan's raffle can you please let him have it by the end of June, boating and non-boating items are welcome.

Many thanks to Stuart Smith for replacing and refurbishing the buoys. You have done a cracking job!



*Text Cathy Wilson receiving Island Endurance Trophy*



*Best steam model Steam Tug Sloyne*



*Cathy Wilson's steam launch seen at Steam Day*



*Tony Middleton of York MBC receiving Steam Queen with Richard Simpson*

Mick Hebden arranged on Steam Day to display a selection of 1 mtr yachts along with John Dowd's J class yacht. These proved very popular and hopefully they will be on display again on the 9<sup>th</sup> July at our Open Day.

Club night in June will be on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June** when Graham Hirst will be giving a further talk on painting, airbrushing and spraying. If you are coming to future club nights there will be no bar facilities, but there is nothing to stop you bringing your own refreshments.

A further selection of pictures from our South Pennine Boat Club Open day



*Picture of the Marina at South Pennine*



*Dry dock in flood*



*Our club stand at South Pennine*



*John Goodyear receiving Northwind Trophy*



*Northwinds in action*



*I didn't know I had to share!*

