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## NEWSLETTER OF KIRKLEES MODEL BOAT CLUB JUNE 2018

The Club 500 on 18<sup>th</sup> March was cancelled due to heavy snow fall and a frozen lake. This has now been re-scheduled to Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. This is the only time we can fit this in. It means that September will be a very busy month.

Shed cleaning and inventory taking on the 24<sup>th</sup> April. Thanks to everybody who turned up and did their bit and special thanks to Cathy Wilson for sorting out the inventory. We needed to clear out the shed to make sure we had room to store 3 more tables, 1 more tent and flat pack buildings for our members who are hoping to display military vehicles on our open days.

### Report by Cathy Wilson on March Hare Yacht Race 25<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Race Officer Cathy Wilson, ably assisted by Terry Scarth and Mick Burtop scoring.

The first KMBC Yacht race of the year saw a slightly cool day with light winds. The winds were picking up and so the race was started with fourteen Yachts and sailing the full course of three laps duration. The usual mix of yachts for this event, Jif785, Jif65, DF65 Northwind, Nekst, Infinity and a couple of one designs. The light winds favoured the larger sailed yachts and Doug Potter, Cathy Wilson and Dave Tuckwood's boats all built up a good lead. A special mention to Andy Witham whose Jif65 kept the three leaders honest. Unfortunately the wind gradually dropped and the race took longer than anticipated so some scale modellers were unhappy that the yachts kept them off the pond. Lessons to be learned for future races.

Dave Tuckwood managed to take the lead on the last half lap of the race with Doug Potter in 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Cathy Wilson in 3<sup>rd</sup>. A full result list is on the website.



*Dave Tuckwood receiving the March Hare Trophy from Harry Sharp*



*One lump or two?*

## Report on Flying Night on 14<sup>th</sup> March by Pat Reffin

On a pleasant evening 11 members and 1 junior visitor assembled in the Sports Hall after a short meeting in the upstairs room at the Sport Centre. Half a dozen members watched the flying displays from the comfort of the overhead balcony. Fixed wing aeroplanes, large and small helicopters, together with large and small drones were being flown. It was good fun participating and also good fun to watch. If you've not been to a flying night before why not come along in October and give it a go. The two juniors who were there seemed to have no difficulty whatsoever in flying their models.



*One of the drones seen on flying night*



*A junior's helicopter seen at flying night*

## Report on Island Endurance Race on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April by Stan Reffin

8 club members took part on this dry sunny morning. The aim of this event is to run the full hour and do as many laps as possible in the allotted time. Two members had to withdraw due to running out of battery power leaving the remaining 6 to complete the course. Fred Senior and Willie Crowther both did 25 laps in the hour so were joint winners each taking the trophy for six months. The models entered varied from scale models to club 500's. It would be nice to see more competitors next year. Andrew Egglestone came 3<sup>rd</sup> with 14 laps.



*Fred Senior & Willie Crowther joint winners of Island Endurance*



*The Likely Lads!*

**GDPR** – With the pending introduction of updated Data Protection in May 2018 we have had to have consent to store members' information. I would like to thank you all for your consent to do this. We have



also introduced a new membership form to meet with the new requirements. There are still some loose ends to tie up and I have to liaise with other club members on certain items. Be assured none of your details are given out to any third party without prior consent. This has always been the policy in the club.

New trophies for 2 yacht races. A big thank you to Cathy Wilson and Stuart Smith for all their hard work in sourcing two new trophies which do look very nice. Stuart has made the bases for them which sets off the trophies very well. Thanks to Cathy and Barry Hill for sorting out the relevant engraving. One trophy is to replace the Northwind trophy, this will become the Margaret Wyatt trophy and the other is to replace the George Trophy. (If anyone would like a black swan trophy as an ornament you are welcome to it!)



*Some members of our yachting section sailing at Askern 1 mtr class*

**Report on Club night 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018 by Stan Reffin** – 15 club members attended and after club business was concluded 4 members had brought along differing models in the process of being constructed. Trevor Briggs is in the process of building an Isles of Scilly Ferry. I have to say it is looking good. Stan Reffin brought along a 1/200<sup>th</sup> scale Yamato Japanese battle ship 1945. Gary Dyson brought along a US Army truck which he is converting to the period of the Vietnam war. Bob Astbury displayed a 1/48<sup>th</sup> scale plastic model of a Junkers JU87 Stuka. I have to say the paint job on this, considering it was done by hand, was first class. A lively debate followed regarding the markings on this aeroplane.

For people who get Model Boats magazine you may have noticed fellow club member Keith Tomlinson had an article published on his model of the New Zealand steamer Earnshaw. Well done Keith!

#### **Report on Club 500 Race 15<sup>th</sup> April by Stan Reffin**

| Boat No | Member's name   | Race 1 | Race 2 | Total | Accumulated |
|---------|-----------------|--------|--------|-------|-------------|
| 9       | Richard Simpson | 10     | 11     | 21    | 38          |
| 5       | Jerry Speirs    | 11     | 10     | 21    | 33          |
| 19      | Andy Waters     | 9      | 11     | 20    | 38          |
| 70      | Willie Crowther | 0      | 10     | 10    | 17          |
| 96      | Dave Cowley     | 9      | 10     | 19    | 37          |
| 66      | Allan Dyson     | 7      | 10     | 17    | 17          |
| 17      | John Hinde      | 10     | 10     | 20    | 37          |
| 712     | Brian Byrne     | 7      | 6      | 13    | 26          |

A rather cold and dull morning with a little breeze on the lake. Ideal conditions for this event. For the first time we made use of the start gate made by Richard Simpson which worked well after a little hiccup to start

with. Someone decided it would be nice to tow it around the lake! 8 members took part so they went in 2 groups of 4. There were one or two bumps and knocks but nothing too drastic. As you can see from the accumulated totals 5 members all have similar scores. Thanks to Offers of the day Roger Shepherd, Stuart Smith, Phill Bowker and Stan Reffin.



*Richard Simpson's new starter gate*



*They're off!*

**STEAM DAY 22ND APRIL 2018 report by Stan Reffin** - Well after a fabulous week of sunshine and record temperatures it seemed that the weekend weather was all doom and gloom wind and rain I have to say the local forecast was spot on, bright start then a spell of showers then sunshine. Pendle Steam Boilers attended showing a fine selection of copper boilers. On the day Mountfleet Models displayed their latest model the coaster Ebbrix. Along with Kirklees members clubs from the Midlands and various parts of the north of England attended the open day displaying a fine section of steam models. Although the day is for steam models, a fine selection of scale and sail models could be seen on display. New for this year at our open days was a display on R/C military vehicles by club members. Our boiler tester was busy all day testing various boilers for club members and visitors alike. The day closed with a sail by of mainly steam models and some scale models. There was a presentation for the best steam model Rose Anne. The ladies in the tea tent did a wonderful job as they always do. Thanks to Mountfleet Models and Pendle Steam Boilers for attending. The RNLI attended with their table of goodies.



*Richard Simpson checking a boiler with Albert Smith looking for inspiration*



*Steam models waiting to be tested*





*Kath, Kathleen, Sue & Brenda keeping everyone fed and watered*



*Small steam launch seen on the day*



*One of the visiting clubs*



*Mark Croucher of Teesside receiving Steam Queen trophy*

**Report on Blue Ribband sail race 29<sup>th</sup> April 2018 by Cathy Wilson** – Race Officer was Cathy Wilson assisted by Terry Scarth and Mick Burtop scoring. The second KMBC yacht race of the year again saw a slightly cool day with light winds but enough to run all three laps on a slightly shortened course. There were occasional gusts, typical Wilton Park. 12 yachts took part of six or seven types. The light wind favoured the bigger yachts. Dough Potter and Dave Tookwood swapped the lead throughout the race with Doug just taking honours on the finish line. A special mention to Roy Clarkson, first of the smaller yachts over the line. All yachts finished the race. 1<sup>st</sup> Doug Potter, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dave Tuckwood, 3<sup>rd</sup> Stuart Smith. A full copy of this report can be seen on the club website.

**Report on Club 500 race 6<sup>th</sup> May 2018 by Stan Reffin** – Race Officials Stan Reffin, Stuart Smith, Donald Shaw and Terry Scarth. It was a gloriously sunny day when 7 club 500's took part in the two races. The conditions were ideal with only a slight swell on the lake. With 7 boats taking part it did lead to some scarey moment with one competitor trying to jump over the start gate which proved very entertaining for members and the general public who were watching. I have to say Richard Simpson's start gate is working



well making sure all the models are close together for the start. In the first race one boat ended up stuck on the island and the rescue boat was needed.

| Boat No | Member's name   | Race 1 | Race 2 | Total | Accumulated |
|---------|-----------------|--------|--------|-------|-------------|
| 9       | Richard Simpson | 12     | 11     | 23    | 61          |
| 66      | Allan Dyson     | 5      | 10     | 15    | 32          |
| 5       | Jerry Speirs    | 11     | 10     | 21    | 54          |
| 17      | John Hinde      | 11     | 11     | 22    | 59          |
| 101     | Fred Senior     | 8      | 8      | 16    | 34          |
| 712     | Brian Byrne     | 8      | 10     | 18    | 44          |
| 71      | Mick Hebden     | 1      | 5      | 6     | 25          |
| 19      | Andy Waters     | -      | -      | -     | 38          |
| 70      | Willie Crowther | -      | -      | -     | 17          |
| 96      | Dave Cowley     | -      | -      | -     | 37          |



*Doug Potter receiving President's Cup trophy*



*Mine's bigger than yours!*



*Andy Waters' new tug seen at Batley Park*

### **Report on Model Engineering Show at Doncaster 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> May by Stan Reffin**

Set up day was Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> which went smoothly. Thank you to all members who attended to help. There were about 30 models on display and about a dozen military vehicles. Sadly no yachts. Come on



you sail members for next year! During Thursday lots of other club stands appeared mainly engineering but along with us we had York and Redcar. Trade support for model boats was provided by SHG Models and Component Shop. No doubt if you needed anything to do with engineering this was the place to find it. I did not attend on Friday but I understand there was a good attendance by the general public. Saturday was a lovely day giving ideal conditions for the model helicopter flying outside. The model aircraft display upstairs was excellent. Downstairs in the main hall the model truck display area was very popular and they allowed some of our members to operate their models tanks on their track. The indoor pool was kept busy with Chris Behan and David Moss having a sail. Chris was under the waves checking David's surface running model. Again Sunday got off to a fine sunny day. Lots of club members came as visitors during the weekend. There were some excellent railway layouts and some of the steam locomotives were brilliant. The sweet stall proved very popular with our members as it was next door to us and the bacon sandwiches were very nice if a bit pricey. Well done to Chris for getting a third certificate with his WW2 coastal U Boat. The show finished at 4.30. If you have not been to this show I think you would find there is something for everyone. Not one to miss. The next show is CADMA at the Deaf Trust, Doncaster, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> June where we are displaying once more. Lots of free parking there and cheap bacon sandwiches! **Next big event at Wilton Park is our Open Day on 8<sup>th</sup> July.** If anyone has any raffle prizes to donate can you let me have them on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June.** Also we will need the usual donations for the tea tent. Everything wrapped in clingfilm or in plastic bags and labelled accordingly. Without your support we cannot operate the catering tent. Thank you.



*Chris Behan receiving 3rd certificate*



*Chris Behan's new submarine model*



*Club stand at Doncaster*



*David Barker's latest model Konig*





*A fabulous model of Japanese Zero at Doncaster*



*Donald Shaw's rare Maggie M fishing boat*



*David Moss' Cobble Suzanne*



*One of Kirklees Member's tanks*

### **Report by Stan Reffin on St Helens' Open Day on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May at Taylor Park**

Pat and I and Chris and Karen Behan made the trip over the M62 on a gloriously sunny day. When we arrived at Taylor Park we were helped by the members of St Helens Club to get our equipment unloaded and our gazebo erected. Liverpool MBC and members of Runcorn MBC were also present. The lake was totally weed free making for a pleasant day's sailing. The RNLI also attended with a very nice stand selling items. Refreshments were available all day from the cafe. There were a good selection of models on display and quite a lot of people in the park. On the water displays and competitions for the St Helens' members. The day finished with a raffle and competition presentations. Kirklees did well in the raffle! They made us very welcome and gave us assistance to clear up at the end of the day. If you have never been it is well worth a trip over the boarder.

### **Margaret Wyatt Yacht Race – 20 May 2018 Report by Cathy Wilson**

Race Officer Cathy Wilson assisted by Terry Scarth, Baden Buckle and Mick Burtop scoring. The new Margaret Wyatt Yacht race took place today. This is in honour of our Treasurer Margaret Wyatt who sadly passed away just over a year ago. This race replaces the Northwind Race and Trophy and is for RG65 class yachts only. The third KMBC Yacht race of the year again saw a pleasant sunny day with temperatures in the low twenties. Winds were light so the race was run on our shortest course over three laps. Winds were enough to keep yachts moving albeit in typical Wilton Park variable conditions. The race was started with fifteen yachts taking part. This race had a mix of RG65, JIF65, DF65, Puma and One Design. The light winds favoured the JIF65 boats with David Lee the first of the DF65 boats. Stuart Smith had a good lead at the first mark and maintained the lead before being overtaken at the last two marks, very close to the finish line, by Doug Potter. We all thought Stuart was going to win but as we all know



Doug never gives up! Results 1<sup>st</sup> Doug Potter, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stuart Smith and 3<sup>rd</sup> John Goodyear. A full report and positions is on the website.



*St Helens MBC stand at Taylor Park*



*Just one of the models seen at St Helens*



*Some very nice sail models seen at St Helens*



*More models at St Helens*



*Doua Potter receivina Maraaret Wvatt trophv*



*The new Margaret Wyatt trophy*

The next newsletter will be published in September and will cover all events from June onwards. **JUST A REMINDER – OPEN DAY SUNDAY 8TH JULY FROM 7.30 AM. HELP NEEDED WITH SETTING UP AND ALSO TAKING DOWN AT THE END OF THE DAY. ITEMS FOR THE RAFFLE AND FOR THE TEA TENT NEEDED.** Thanks to all members for helping me with the new GDPR regulations. If you are not sure what this is about you can see me at the lakeside. A big thanks to Cathy Wilson for carrying out investigations for the website to meet the new regulations. It has been a very big challenge but hopefully we have met the requirements.

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