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The Newsletter of Kirklees Model Boat Club June 2015

It is with much sadness that I have to report that one of our long-standing members Cliff Johnson recently passed away. 12 members attended his funeral on the 12th May.

Chairman's Report

This is my first Chairman's report of the season. I would like to thank all who sent best wishes during my stay in hospital and subsequent recovery. I would like to thank all the members who attended the funeral of Cliff Johnson earlier this month and send my condolences to his wife Jean and family. Cliff was a prolific modeller of boats, n gauge railways, dolls' houses and fairground rides, his workmanship was second to none, and with his outstanding knowledge of timber the model boats he made were "Museum Quality". He was always willing to help anyone, I will miss him - £2.50.

The season has got off to a very good start both home and away, the yacht racing and Club 500 being completed in good and atrocious weather by all accounts. The away scene has seen Chris Behan gaining excellent results at Ellesmere Port and Harrogate with his latest Canadian Hovercraft, well done Chris keep up the good work. We still have Steam Day, Open Day and Navy Day to come.

Membership is nearly back to last year numbers, and I would like to welcome all the new members to the fold, we have always strived to be a happy crew at KMBC, if anyone has any point to raise please see any committee member who will try to pass on your comments.

Finally I would like to thank Stan and Pat for taking over the newsletter production from me, and Cathy Wilson for the NEW website which is absolutely marvellous.

Phill Bowker

Anyone who needs to have their steam plant tested please note that Richard Simpson will be available after the 7th June. You can arrange to have your plant tested by contacting Stan Reffin and he will pass on the information to Richard.

IMPORTANT

Please note that our three open day events are up and coming the first being Open Day on the 12th July. At this event and also Steam Day on 2nd August and Navy/Warship Day on 13th September items are required to be donated for sale in the catering tent. Four ladies have kindly volunteered to cover the catering tent but they need sandwiches, cakes, biscuits, crisps, drinks (e.g. fruit shoots, J20's). Also anything else that will sell well like sausage rolls, pork pies, pasties etc. All items should be in plastic sandwich bags or cling film and clearly labelled with their contents. This is one of the ways we raise money for the RNLI and also club funds. Your support is needed to make it a success.

As usual Stan is organizing a large raffle for Open Day. If anyone has any prize to donate (no alcohol is allowed) then please give it to Stan asap as we have to start compiling the raffle prize list.

We also need people to attend at the Park from **7.30 am. on Open Day** to assist with tent erection, putting up fencing and setting out the dock area. Please confirm to Stan if you will be there at that time to help.

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Home events

Report by Stan Reffin Officer of Day Stan Reffin/Phill Bowker on Island Endurance 12th April 2015

Weather conditions during the event overcast, cold with a strong wind blowing down the lake which did cause problems for some models with high superstructure. Some models had problems with plastic bags being caught round the props. Eight brave club members left the starting gate around 10 am. to complete hopefully one hour's sailing around the course. At the end of the hour only 4 managed to complete the course. The results were as follows:

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| 1 st | Cathy Wilson with a Club 500 – | 62.35 laps |
| 2 nd | Jack Stanley with an Open launch – | 34.4 laps |
| 3 rd | Willie Crowther with a Club 500 – | 25.8 laps |
| 4 th | Nigel Firth with a Tomahawk tug – | 19 laps |
| 5 th | Terry Scarth with a Clyde Puffer – | 18.15 laps |
| 6 th | Baden Buckle with a Falmouth Fishing Boat – | 14.85 laps |
| 6 th | Stan Reffin with a Lobster Boat – | 14.85 laps |
| 8 th | Andrew Egglestone with a CrashTender – | 4 laps |

Island Endurance is broken down into three classes. Class A models up to 24", Class B 24" to 36" and Class C more than "36".



Cathy Wilson receiving winner's trophy for the Island Endurance



Stan Reffin and Baden Buckle's models during Island Endurance

19th April Blue Ribband Race – 14 club members took part in this race on a windy day. Doug Potter was a well deserved winner. One or two collisions during the race. Full details and results can be seen on the club website.



Phill Bowker handing trophy to Doug Potter

Club 500 races 26th April and 31st May – In the April race 5 club members took part, the weather conditions were dry, sunny with a slight wind. Only one club 500 was upturned in race one and one upturned in race two. Officers of the day were Stuart Smith, Roger Shepherd and Stan Reffin. In the May race 7 members took part, the weather conditions were dry, cold and windy with a slight swell on the lake. The first race was delayed due to technical problems. During the race plastic bags became a problem fouling propellers.

Total laps after 3 races

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| Fred Senior | 50 laps |
| Willie Crowther | 33 laps |
| Cathy Wilson | 25 laps |
| Dave Baker | 25 laps |
| John Goodyear/Lincoln | 24 laps |
| Keith Hope | 17 laps |
| Michael Johnson | 12 laps |
| Harry Sharp | 11 laps |
| Chris Thompson | 10 laps |

Club night 8th April, we had a good turn out for the visit by Paul from M-troniks who was able to answer members' queries and also brought with him items for sale.

3rd May the Northwind sail race was cancelled due to bad weather. This will be re-scheduled on the **14th June**. A report of this event will be contained in the next newsletter.

Update on the proposed new dock sections

I am pleased to say these have now been completed and are stored in the club shed ready for Open Day. Once again a big thank you to Nick and Adam Holmes.

For those that have not been down at the Park recently the old toilet block has now been demolished and we are using the toilets in the new cafe.

Away events

7th to 10th May – Model Engineering Exhibition at Harrogate – report by Stan Reffin

This is the 21st time we have exhibited at this event. The event has grown over the years to become one of the most successful shows on the modellers' calendar. Exhibits of all types can be seen over the three days ranging from steam locomotives from very small to large and the same with the electric locomotives, displays of flying model aeroplanes and various model engineering projects to include some very nice steam traction engines both large and small. In Hall 3 you could actually see the aeroplanes flying, including helicopters and also in that hall were model trucks and construction vehicles putting on a display. Trade support for the model engineers was up to its usual high standard and model boat traders included SHG Models and Component Shop. At the top of the Flower Hall there were 8 model boat clubs displaying a vast range of models, something for everyone. A portable pool was provided for boat sailing which proved popular. Over the 3 days Bradford Model Engineering Society provided some entertainment for the visiting public by playing football on the pool using springer tugs. _

Set up day is always a long one getting everything erected and in place and getting all the models signed in and placed on our display stand. We had 30 plus models on display including lifeboats, fishing boats, tugs, warships, pleasure vessels, cargo type vessels, hovercrafts, submarines, steam, converted plastic models and junior built models. During the three days we answered lots of questions from the public and fellow modellers regarding our models on display. Sunday afternoon is always busy taking down the club stand and making sure all the models are removed safely. This was done without any problems. 22 members attended on the stand over the three days and various club members also visited the show. On the competition side I am pleased to report that Chris Behan won a 1st in the scratch built section with his hovercraft Mamilossa and also best model boat. Ian Stewart got a highly commended certificate for a 3.5" gauge 0-4-2 narrow gauge tank locomotive "Tich". One of our junior members got a 2nd in the junior section.

Next to the lifeboat models was a collection box for the RNLI which managed to raise £21.70.

If you have never been to this show it is well worth a visit.

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Chris Behan with his winner's shield and certificate



Members who attended the show including our two worthy winners

Report on visit to St Helens' Open Day 17th May, Taylor Park St Helens by Stan Reffin

The show was attended by myself and Pat and Chris and Karen Behan. There was a good selection of boats on show with clubs from Liverpool, Crewe and Runcorn. Despite it being very cold and windy it was an enjoyable day and I was fortunate enough to win best boat in show with my 25 years old lobster boat! Obviously age is no barrier.

Report by John Goodyear on Dragon Force Competitions at Weecher Reservoir 25-26 May

Paul Rudkin and I took part in the above events. Saturday presented a real challenge for us. No idea what the wind speeds were but when the rain and ice hit your face it hurt! Competitors from Llandudno, Tilbury, Lincoln, Fleetwood, Chelmsford and Clapham had to contend with winds demanding the smallest possible rigs for the races which were run back-to-back. I think they ran 32 races over the two days on a series of BIG courses. Both Skippers experience significant radio issues due mainly to slight water ingress in the morning session. Sunday was bright and fair but Paul was unable to rectify the issues so stayed at home. I spent the whole day competing in conditions varying from A to B rig weather. Others were also struggling and in some races I managed not to finish last. A very frustrating yet illuminating experience with both of us coming away having learned a lot, including the fact that Flysky Rx's do NOT like even a trace of water. I ran all day on Sunday with Planet radio with no problems. Makes you think! A huge thank you to all KMBC members who attended especially Mick Tonkinson, Mick Hebden and Stuart Smith who provided some much needed support, Your efforts are much appreciated.

CADMA Model Boat Show at Deaf Centre, Doncaster 6th & 7th June report by Stan Reffin

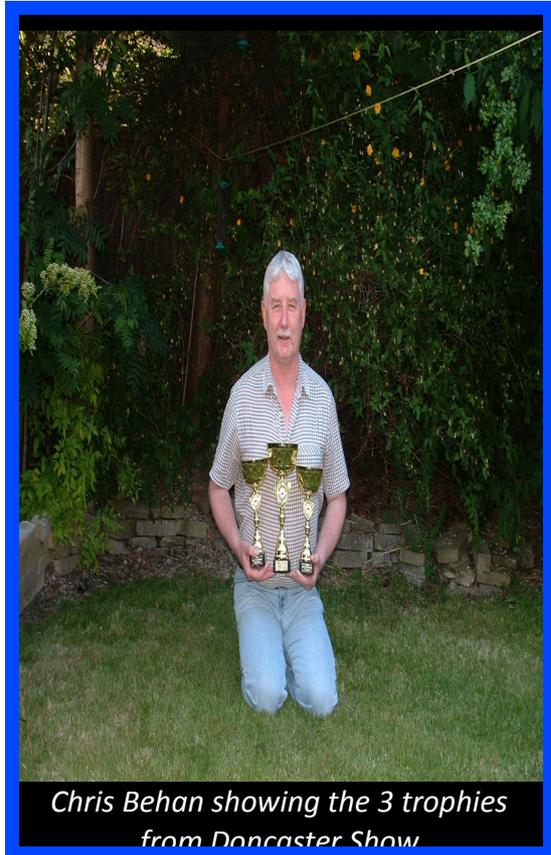
This annual show is held at The Doncaster Deaf Trust opposite the Race Course. The show attracts model boat clubs mainly from the north of England, displaying a very varied section of models. Scale, steam

, yachts, hovercraft, submarines and some other unusual models. The trade support was excellent, traders came from various parts of the UK. There was a large pool outside under cover for you to sail your model and also a section if you wished to sell or buy any models. The bacon sandwiches, in the cafe, were excellent! 14 club members attended on the stand over the two days and other club members visited

during the weekend. A big thanks to Roger Shepherd and Dave Barker for helping to move the stand on Saturday morning. This was done to give more space for the public.

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This show offers something for everyone and is well worth a visit and not too far to travel to get there. I am pleased to report that the club has managed to win more awards at this event. I got a first in the fishing boat section with my 25 year old lobster boat. The club won best stand and my good friend Chris Behan took three awards 1st place in naval vessels for the Russian Zubr hovercraft, 1st place in unclassified for hovercraft Mamilossa and best in show for his US Navy LCAC 90 hovercraft. Thank you to all members who attended.



Chris Behan showing the 3 trophies from Doncaster Show



Illustration 1: Club stand with various boats on display



Stan Reffin holding best club stand cup and best fishing vessel cup.



A good selection of tugs provided by Alan Wyatt

Proposed change of club rules to be ratified at the AGM on Wednesday 11th November 2015

It is proposed to identify areas of the lake to allow the safe operation of model boats on a Sunday morning and Wednesday afternoon. Although the new ruling will not be part of the club rules until passed at the AGM we would hope that all members will abide by this until then. Please see the attached document.

Future events

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| 12th July | Open Day |
| 2nd August | Steam Day |
| 13th September | Navy/Warship Day |
| 19 th July | President's Cup |
| 20 th September | George Trophy JIF65 |

Club 500 racing every month until October see events list contained in January 2015 newsletter for all events home and away between June and September.

29th & 30th August Haydock Park Model Boat Convention

The next newsletter will be out towards the end of September once we have the Christmas menu from The Manor Golf Club. This newsletter will also give notification of the AGM in November.



Nice shot of 2 of our members' yachts



Some of our Club 500 competitors at the start gate