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## June 2021 Newsletter of Kirklees Model Boat Club

It is with great personal sadness that we announce the passing of Sue Grainger who along with her husband Jerome were SHG. Sue sadly passed away mid May. She was a very happy, fun loving person and will be sadly missed by everyone in the modelling world.

The container has now been tidied up and an inventory taken of all the club's equipment in the container and that stored at members' homes. The new boat was also launched, and proved successful. All the buoys have been taken out of the lake for restoration purposes and will be reinstalled to coincide with the new programme for 2022. A big thanks to Peter and Gary Dyson for making the new tent boxes and a new box for the boiler. Peter undertook the lions' share of the work but on the morning Gary worked like a trojan getting the tent poles into the boxes. Box 1 is for the catering tent. Thanks to Chris Lilley for fitting ropes to the new boat and thanks to everyone who turned up on that morning to help.

**Sailing at Batley Park** At the present time we are allowed 30 members provided we socially distance. The tea box was reintroduced on the 30<sup>th</sup> May. All members, scale and sail are free sailing together. By the time this Newsletter goes out things may have changed depending on Boris' roadmap.

**Future meetings at Batley Sports Centre.** This may be difficult as they have redeveloped during lockdown and the room we used to use is now a gym. However we can use a room at the cafe in Wilton Park for committee meetings but it wouldn't be large enough for an AGM or club night. We can still hire the Sports Hall for indoor flying if we should wish to do so, once the restrictions allow this to happen. Obviously no date for an AGM but hopefully will get one before the end of the year. We haven't had the books audited this year as not much activity but will have them done at the end of 2022.

**Open Days** Obviously we have nothing planned this year but we have been approached by The Friends of Wilton Park to put on a static display in conjunction with the Classic Car Rally which hopefully will be on the **12<sup>th</sup> September**. This would be a display of model boats and military vehicles. Cannot guarantee how much space we will have as there will be other stall holders attending. More information when we get it. At this present time we only have 4 tables in the container so these will have to be used by everyone displaying.

**Operation of steam models** Due to Covid 19 if I am correct most of the Test Certificates for members' steam models will have expired due to no Steam Day in 2020 or 2021. Therefore the Committee has to advise that operating steam models without up to date paperwork will be done at the owner's risk. Any third party damage or injury will not be covered by the Club's insurers. **We can now confirm after**

**checking with our insurers any members' steam models, that are out of certification, will not be covered by the Club's insurance.** Meaning any member operating an out of certification steam plant do so at their own risk. As and when time allows we will make arrangements to get these tested.

**Club Events** – at the present time there is one event we can definitely run and that is the **Night Sail** on the **8<sup>th</sup> September** and then hopefully the we will be able to have **Christmas lunch** on the **12<sup>th</sup> December**. This is in the calendar at the Golf Club. Once again dependent on Boris' roadmap. I have checked with other clubs in the north of England and no-one is having any events which are open to other clubs.

There is not a great deal to report on, as you may expect but we have quite a few pictures that members have sent showing what they are making.



*Gary Dyson & Frank Kimbley unloading new tent boxes on a wet morning.*



*Jack Stanley's Fairy Swordsman*



Richard Simpson's diesel locomotive that has been converted from a Class 08 shunter to an older LNER J45. Quite a bit of kit bashing and a complete repaint





Richard purchased Keith Hays' gentleman's launch, built from a Model Boats Magazine plan, that he has been in the process of converting to a Dunkirk boat by the addition of some WWII British soldiers. The model is in 1/16th scale and the figures and accessories are all cast resin.



*Jack Stanley's new railway layout, still a long way to go*



Richard Hirst's wrecking barge (YSD). Based on a WWII self propelled barge.



*Peter Redfern's & Neil Stewart's Puffers - Little & Large*



Richard Hirst's Lagos sailing at Wilton Park on 10<sup>th</sup> June this year.

**Alterations to the container -** I have just had an update from Frank Kimbley. Frank has installed some new catches on the doors. This will stop them closing when they have been opened so they wont need to be wedged open. Chris Lilley has made some more modifications to the new dinghy to make it look smarter!





*Peter Redfern sailing on Easter Sunday.*



*Jack Stanley's motorized yacht on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2021*

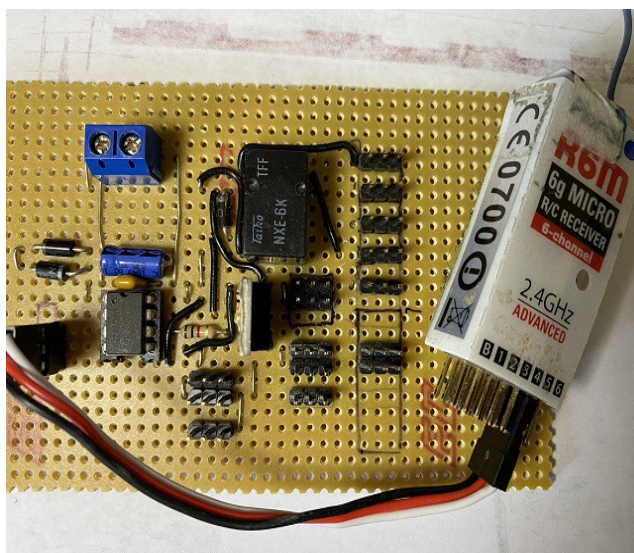


*Ian Underwood's fine tug model at Wilton Park 10.06.21*

We have included some pictures showing members back sailing at Wilton Park. It feels safe in the Park and everyone socially distances. Please come down on a Thursday afternoon or Sunday morning.



**Flying Night October 2021** – If we are permitted to hire the Sports Hall for indoor flying in October, how many members would be interested in taking part? Can you let Stan or Pat know if you are interested in this event. We need a certain number to make this event viable.



Photos 1 & 2 show two views of the Euro-girl tug boat that I'm building from Mobile Marine Model plans. (I intend to rename this as Endurance). I'm about 80% through the build and due to its heavy weight I'll have to design a trolley to lower it into the water.

Photo 3 shows a circuit I've designed and made that is connected to a channel of the receiver and detects when the tug is moving to the bow or stern. The small square black thing (a programmable controller) drives the transistor which turns the masthead, tow, stern and navigation lights on or off in accordance with boat direction. Mike Smith



David Moss' latest build. A galleon called Kathryn Elizabeth. It has 10 guns which will all fire and will be a motorized model not a static build. Hope he's got a gun licence!



We have tried to include as many photographs as we can but if we have missed any we're sorry. No military vehicle pictures.

**On a more important note** we need to reiterate that Stan will not be seeking re-election as PR Officer when we can have an AGM. He will stand as Events Co-ordinator. Therefore someone needs to volunteer to take on this role and be the contact for Kirklees Council. He has done this job for 31 years and now the time has come for him to retire!

**Tea Box** – Stan is quite willing to run this to the end of the current year but after that a member or members need to take this on if people still want to get a cuppa and a snack on a Sunday morning. If there are no volunteers coming forward then the flasks and everything to do with the tea box will be put in the shed. Once again Stan has done with for many year, with occasional help from some of the committee members, but once again it is time for him to retire.



*The only yacht photo supplied by Stuart Smith. Lovely yacht*