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Newsletter of Kirklees Model Boat Club March 2017

STEAM DAY – 23RD APRIL 2017 8 AM TO 4 PM

This event will be run in conjunction with the Club 500 race which is scheduled for that day. Help is required on the day to erect the tents and fencing. As usual getting the boiler up and running will be the first order of the day. Volunteers needed also to run the Club 500 races. These will start at 10 am and are normally finished by 11 am. Please note **Mountfleet Open Day** will now be run in conjunction with the **Navy/Warship Day on 10th September**. Don't forget we will need items to sell in the tea tent, all labelled and wrapped in cling film or in labelled plastic bags.

Chairman's Report - It's 40 years of Kirklees Model Boat Club this year, and what a huge change since 1977. Radio has gone from 27MHz to 2.4 GHz with 40MHz Am and Fm in between. Motors and Speed Controllers have changed from DC to Brushless, with batteries changing from Gel cells through NiCad, NiMhd to Lithium so much so it's hard to keep up. March is just around the corner so get your yachts ready for the March Hare race, and get your batteries charged for the Island Endurance and Club 500 races. So it's Happy Birthday to KMBC which we are celebrating on the 25th June, and don't forget that Steam Day is not very far away so keep checking your events lists.

Phill Bowker

It is with sadness I announce that one of our members Mick Greensill passed away in January. Mick was a long-standing member who got down to the lake as and when time allowed.

Report on Club 500 race 19th February 2017 by Stan Reffin

This was the first races of the 2017 season and it was a pleasant surprise to see 10 entries for both races. For the first time we used the electronic starter which worked well. Thanks to Stuart Smith for organising that and providing the egg timer for the 5 minute countdown. Weather conditions were favourable, a light breeze blowing down the lake. Race 1 got off to a good start with very few problems which is more than can be said for race 2 with quite a few models being upturned! This provided good entertainment for club members and also people who were in the park and who stopped to watch. It lived up to its name of the "demolition derby". The first race was won by Cathy Wilson and the second was tied with Richard Simpson and Willie Crowther. Thank you to Roger Shepherd for assisting me as officer of the day.

Name	Boat No	Race 1	Race 2	Total
Nigel Firth	4	0	3	3
Richard Simpson	5	7	0	7
Richard Simpson	9	0	10	10
John Hinde	17	5	4	9
Allan Dyson	66	0	5	5
Willie Crowther	70	0	10	10

Mick Hebden	71	9	6	15
Dave Cowley	96	11	9	20
Fred Senior	101	2	2	4
Cathy Wilson	150	13	0	13
Stuart Raistrick	417	8	7	15

The overall winner in both races with 20 laps was Dave Cowley with Mick Hebden and Stuart Raistrick both getting 15. Next race is **19th March at 10.15 am.**



Lining up for start of the 1st race



Richard Simpson's flvina boat



how not to race your Club 500!

Ellesmere Port Spring Show report by Stan Reffin

This year showed a reduced number of models on the club stand but the standard as usual was very high. Chris and Karen Behan helped Pat and me to erect the club stand, having to trawl through heavy rain and come up two sets of steps. Gary Dyson then arrived and helped to complete the club stand. The trade support was the same as last year but model boat clubs seemed to be lacking. The lack of a cafe seemed to be a major problem but we were well prepared with flasks etc. Gary also provided cup cakes for everyone which went down well with a cuppa. There was a burger van on site if you wanted something warm. That was organised by Ellesmere Port MBC. Saturday started off very well, busy with lots of people attending at the stand and asking questions but then it eased off on the afternoon. Tug towing was being carried out on Saturday but not Sunday due to the heavy rain. Also there was a lot of debris in the lock area. Sunday the weather was heavy rain until late afternoon so visitor numbers and on the water activities were low. Thanks to the above named and Sue and David Barker who all helped dismantle the stand. We must not forget the members of the Ellesmere Port MBC for providing this show this year under difficult circumstances. Many thanks to them. The journey home proved to be a nightmare. We left Ellesmere Port at 3.45 pm and arrived in Leeds at 8.15 pm. Many thanks to the Highways Agency for closing the M62 down to 1 lane!



View of club stand



Peter Dyson's cargo ship built in wood



Chris Behan's S Boat

Report on club night 8th March – building projects

The first club night was well attended by 27 club members. Various models ranging from scale, yachts and hovercrafts were brought to show various stages of construction. The biggest project brought was a 1 metre yacht being built using balsa wood. To buy a commercial hull of this type is around £1,000. Willie Crowther has done a marvellous job on restoring his crash tender which was in a poor state when he took it on board. Brian Daffern has spent a lot of time on his scratch built Conniston Steamer. Graham Smith brought his scratch built Dreadnought, Trevor Briggs had a Ferry Boat in the very early stages of construction and finally Stuart Smith's yellow banana (footie yacht). There were some other models there, hovercrafts, fishing boat, cargo boat but what was surprising was how many are being built out of timber. The next club night is on the **12th April** when we are hiring the Sports Hall for **Indoor Flying**. No outdoor shoes allowed only trainers or socks. Meeting starts at 8 pm.

March Hare Sail Race – 12th March 2017 Report by Cathy Wilson

Thanks to Mick Burtop and Terry Scarth for scoring, it meant I could actually sail this year. The weather forecast earlier in the week was for rain and hardly any wind. On race day we were lucky with no rain, light winds and a pleasant spring day with the sun breaking through.

The race had fifteen entrants with the usual mix of DF65, Jif65, Jif 785, Northwind, One Design and even an S-class. The start was delayed to recover two boats from the Island as this was the first race of the year and the Skippers briefing missed out an explanation of penalty turns. The start was excellent with no boats over the line so no penalty turns required! Cathy Wilson led at the first mark with Stuart Smith and John Goodyear close behind. Cathy led the first lap with Stuart second and John third. John and Stuart fought a close battle all the way through the race, Cathy was pushed the wrong side of a buoy on the second lap and out of contention. A good first race of the year with the usual good humoured sailing.

John Goodyear took first place with Stuart Smith second and Doug Potter third.

Thanks to Debbie Roberts for taking photos. A full list of results can be seen on the website.



John Goodyear receiving March Hare trophy



Start of the March Hare race

ANNIVERSARY LUNCH SUNDAY 25TH JUNE 2017

Menu

Starters

Chefs Homemade Carrot and Coriander Soup topped with Croutons
Ocean Royal Prawn and White Devonshire Crab Cocktail
Duck & Orange Pate served with Pineapple and Cracked Black Pepper Chutney, Baby Leaf Salad & hot buttered Toast

Mains

Traditional Roast Topside of Beef served with Yorkshire pudding and Gravy
Oven Baked Chicken Supreme served with a Creamy Wild Mushroom Sauce
Salmon Fillet served with a White Wine and Asparagus Sauce

Sweets

**Homemade Apple and Blackberry Crumble served with Custard
Homemade Baileys Cheesecake served with Vanilla Ice Cream
Homemade Profiteroles served with Chocolate Sauce**

Tea, Coffee and Mints
£20 per person with a pre-order – children under 12 - £10

Please note that if anyone is unable to attend they will need to contact Manor Golf Club direct and liaise with them regarding any reimbursement.

If anyone has any special dietary requirements such as **gluten free** or **diabetic** please indicate this on your booking form and they will accommodate your requirements.

Seating is limited to 80 persons so Booking Forms will be accepted on a first come first served basis.

This year we are using the format of **one payment** to be made at the time of booking. The cost of the meal is £20.00 per adult and £10.00 per child under 12 years old. Please indicate on the booking form which is a child's meal. The final bookings will be taken on **Sunday 11th June 2017**. On the payment slip it would be appreciated if you could indicate which starter, main course and dessert per person, this will speed up service on the day.

Booking forms should be sent with cheques made payable to Kirklees Model Boat Club to: Mrs P Reffin 79 Carr Bridge Drive, Cookridge, Leeds LS16 7LB or handed to Pat at the lakeside or at a club night.

Please detach

Final order and payment before Sunday 11th June 2017

Name

Payment £ in respect of person(s)

Hello Members

As regular visitors to the lake side will know it's been a bit quiet from me on the Hovercraft front but I am sure Chris Behan is making up for it. This is due to me spending more and more time in Nottingham so much so I have left my current job and taken employment in Nottingham (installing flat pack furniture). As such I will be moving down but will however look back on my times at KMBC with happy memories, shivering during the winter in order to get some hovering on the ice done and that wonderful time in the summer chatting away in the sun. I would like to thank all of the members for putting up with my noisy hovercraft but I would like to thank Chris Behan in particular as it was with his help that made my first Hovercraft work. Also need to thank Stan too for all his advice on various projects. I will still stay a member so I can read all about the goings on.

Regards Tim

Tim Stevenson has been a long and valued member and committee member for many years (despite his relatively young age). Tim made all the boxes for the tents to go in and also the duckboards for the catering tent. Tim is an inspiration to all hovercraft model builders and his commitment to hovercraft events is first class. The club and the committee would like to wish him and Rebecca all the best for their future together. Chris and I would like to thank Tim for his comments and I personally would like to thank Tim for his efforts during open days and away events which the club has attended. I hope to see him at the open days and may be the Christmas lunch. Stan



A younger Tim in the dinghy being towed

Club 500 Race 19th March 2017 report by Stan Reffin

This was the 2nd in the series and despite the weather being showery, very windy and a large swell on the lake 8 club members braved the elements to take part. Race 1 saw no fatalities just one upturned boat and Willie Crowther being slightly off-track. After a 20 minute break the second race was held by which time we had gusty winds blowing down the lake which resulted in 2 upturns, but all were rescued safely with no damage. Unfortunately one member lost his prop which is now on the bottom of the lake! A good effort by all concerned in less than perfect weather conditions. Thanks to Stuart Smith, Roger Shepherd, Mick Burtop and Terry Scarth for acting as officers of the day.

Boat No	Member's name	Race 1	Race 2	Total of laps
150	Cathy Wilson	9 laps	7 laps	16 laps
96	Dave Cowley	8 laps	9 laps	17 laps

17	John Hinde	10 laps	9 laps	19 laps
70	Willie Crowther	8 laps	10 laps	18 laps
712	Brian Byrne	1 laps	9 laps	10 laps
101	Fred Senior	10 laps	10 laps	20 laps
9	Richard Simpson	8 laps	9 laps	17 laps
71	Mick Hebden	7 laps	6 laps	13 laps

Member's name	Total of laps over 2 events
Nigel Firth	3
Richard Simpson Boat No 5	7
Richard Simpson Boat No 9	27
John Hinde	28
Allan Dyson	5
Willie Cowther	28
Mick Hebden	28
Dave Cowley	37
Fred Senior	24
Cathy Wilson	29
Stuart Raistrick	15
Brian Byrne	10

Update on away events 2017

6th May and 25th November

28th May

18th June

18th June

30th July

20th August

27th August

Mobile Marine Open Days

Grimsby & Cleethorpe MBC Open Day, Sydney Park, Cleethorpes

Kinglear MBC – Model Lifeboat Open Day

Bury MBC – Model Yacht Open Day & Bring & Buy sale

Kinglear MBC – Open sailing day

Bury MBC - Open Day

Kinglear MBC – Naval Day

Update on club nights

12th April

14th June

Flying night in the sports hall. Meet upstairs at 8 pm.

Part 2 of airbrushing with Graham Hirst club member

Stan's ramblings

Not a lot to report on at this time of year. Events at the park seem to be running smoothly. The Club 500 seems to have taken off again, literally in the case of some club members. A big thank you to Debbie Roberts for her continued photographic genius. Also thank you to club members who have helped to do officer of the day for both sail and scale events. For new members receiving a newsletter for the first time I hope you are enjoying your time at Wilton Park with lots of events throughout the year. Club 500 in April will be run in conjunction with Steam Day. We hope to have the Club 500 finished by 11 a.m. so can you please be on site not later than 9.45 a.m if you wish to take part. This race will be on the same side of the lake as on a normal Sunday morning, with the tents etc for Steam Day being on the other side. The next big away event is Club Display at South Pennine Canal Trust on the 6th May at Mirfield. See me for more information if interested. **12th to 14th May Model Engineering & Model Show at Doncaster Rac Course.**

Models seen at Wilton Park



12/03/2017 11:10
Stuart Smith's "banana" (footy)



26/03/2017 09:56
Don Shaw's Dutch Buoy Tender



26/03/2017 09:56
Mike Cole's Trent Class Lifeboat



19/03/2017 09:20
Spot Peter Redfern's Chariot



19/03/2017 09:33
Richard Simpson's Gun Boat



Yachts on a Sunday morning