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Newsletter of Kirklees Model Boat Club March 2018

It is with the utmost sorrow that I have to announce that one of our long-standing members Paul Walton passed away in mid-February. Paul was a scale model builder who had a great interest in lifeboats and at the back end of his modelling career went on to the conversion of plastic models to radio control. When time allowed Paul would visit the Park and was always cheerful and willing to pass on information to help other members. He also liked to visit Model Shows normally with Bob Kaye, Vic Robson and John Mitchell

Chairman's Report February 2018 by Phill Bowker

It is with deep sadness that I have to report the sudden passing of Paul Walton, a friend and long standing member of KMBC, in fact I think it true to say one of the original club member who was Chairman for a number of years in the 1980's. Paul was at the lakeside nearly every Sunday morning and I personally will miss our chats and his knowledge of the club.

The Club 500 heats started well on the 18th of February with 9 members trying to remember which side of the buoys to negotiate, but please try to miss the ducks!!!. Some members still haven't paid their subs yet, come on you lot it's only £10.

Phill Bowker



Aug 94 Paul front right at Greenhead Park



Paul giving award to M Bills in Wilton Park August 1993

Not the best pictures of Paul unfortunately as scanned from old photographs.

Report of Club 500 race 18th February 2018

9 competitors took part in the first Club 500 race of 2018. Thankfully we had some sunshine and a light wind. Big thanks to Frank Kimbley for breaking up the ice with his RAF crash tender before the race started. Stuart Smith once again operated the electronic starter to start the race and used his hitec timing device (electric egg timer). There were problems with bird feathers. Thanks to Terry Scarth, Roger Shepherd and Stan Reffin for overseeing the race. Mick Hebden has a very short lead over the rest of the field.

Boat Number	Member's name	Race 1	Race 2	Total	Accumulated
96	Dave Cowley	8	10	18	18
19	Andy Waters	8	10	18	18
9	Richard Simpson	9	8	17	17
5	Gerry Speirs	6	6	12	12
70	Willie Crowther	1	6	7	7
101	Fred Senior	8	10	18	18
71	Mick Hebden	9	10	19	19
712	Brian Byrne	6	7	13	13
17	John Hinde	8	9	17	17

We have been notified by Kirklees Council that their insurers require us to increase our public liability insurance from £5 million to £10 million with immediate effect. This will mean an increase in the premium for 2018/19 of approximately £62.00.

Saturday 24th March – Container cleaning and making out new inventory – we have now purchased 3 new tables for the catering tent and also we propose to purchase a further 6 mtr x 3 mtr tent. Some members are now wishing to display some model tanks at our 3 open days and have requested from the committee to purchase timber to construct some buildings for their display, which will hopefully be flat pack. With the above in mind we now need to empty the container, dispose of any old or broken equipment, see how much spare space we have and also complete an up to date inventory. Weather permitting on site for 9 am. We hope to be finished for after lunch. Free tea and coffee will be available throughout the morning. If you are going to attend to help, please use the bottom car park near the playground. If you are coming to help can you please let either Stan or Pat know down at the lakeside, by e-mail or by telephone on 0113 2675790.

Steam Day 22nd April 2018 from 8 am VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED - As usual we will have a catering tent serving refreshments throughout the day. Can I please ask for contributions for the catering tent of sandwiches, cakes, buns, savouries, biscuits, crisps etc. which can be sold on the day. Everything must be wrapped in cling film or plastic bags and labelled accordingly. Volunteers will also be needed to help with the erection of the tents from 8 am. Richard Simpson will be carrying out boiler testing by prior arrangement. We also need members to stay to the end and help with dismantling the tents and returning everything to the club container.

Data Protection Act - A new revised Data Protection Act will be implemented in May 2018. The new Act will require the Club to demonstrate how we store members' details whether this be electronically or on paper records. We have in place a draft document but it will need fine tuning after liaising with Southern Federation. We will not be able to store any personal information on the website. The membership form for new members will have to be amended showing they have no objection to us storing their details. You can be assured that any personal details are not given out without the prior consent of the affected member. This applies to somebody asking for another member's telephone number, e-mail, or address. Underneath is the draft document but as already stated, is subject to change.

Changes to Data Protection – how we store information - DRAFT COPY ONLY

In May 2018 new legislation will come into force. This will effect businesses and even small clubs and societies. It doesn't matter whether you store information electronically or on the back of a cigarette packet you will have to show how you protect your members' information.

1 KMBC store information electronically on the Secretary's PC and is password protected and on the Treasurer's laptop which is also password protected. The information stored only includes names, addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses. No information is recorded regarding date of birth or bank details.

2 In the event of a member requiring other members' information this will not be disclosed without the consent of the person concerned. If the person concerned is happy for this information to be disclosed to a third party, then the information will be given. This transaction will be recorded electronically on a spreadsheet showing the date and relevant information.

3 New members completing a membership form will be asked to confirm their agreement to the above arrangements.

4 Photographs taken that include junior members without permission of parents/guardians these will not be printed in our newsletter or shown on the website. If permission is granted no names will be displayed to accompany the relevant photograph. If any names are required they will only be disclosed with the consent of the parents/guardians.

5 Members leaving the club any information stored on the above PC and Laptop will be removed within two months of the end of the subscription period ie 31st March.

6 Any correspondence sent from members electronically that requires printing will be dealt with and then the relevant e-mail deleted and the printed copy shredded.

7 The website – no information on members to be stored on the website such as addresses, e-mail details and telephone numbers. Principal Officers to have a KMBC e-mail address. Remaining committee members must give consent to have their names on the website. Please note no information is stored on the website other than their names.

FLYING NIGHT WEDNESDAY 14TH MARCH BATLEY SPORTS CENTRE - The March club night will start at 8.00 pm for club news and we will then move down to the Sports Hall for flying. No outdoor shoes are allowed in the sports hall, trainers or socks please. £1 for club members to fly and £2 for non-club members to fly. We usually have planes, helicopters and drones of varying sizes. A good night to participate but enjoyable if you just want to stand on the balcony and watch, so why not come along?

Report by Stan Reffin PR Officer - So far this year the weather has not been too kind to us at Wilton Park, with many Sunday mornings being cold, frosty, strong winds but with the occasional sunny spell. We have needed to break the ice on a couple of occasions. Despite the cold weather we have had a good attendance of members sailing a variety of models. The steam models look very good, especially on cold mornings. We had good weather for the first Club 500 race but they seemed to be running a lot slower than normal. Is this due to the cold water effect? Some of the sail members have braved the elements and sailed at Askern in organized events. Mick Burtop has made a new pegboard so don't forget to use it if you are not using 2.4.

After liaising with the Council permission was given for some of our members to operate R/C military vehicles on a small grassed area adjacent to the lake. Also on our Open Days in a fenced off area. The only stipulation from the Council is they must not be operated on the footpaths or in the car parks as they are considered a possible trip hazard. Chris Behan and Simon Murphy are now looking after this. Sorry this is a short report but not much happening at this time of year.

After liaising with Keith Tomlinson and the Editor of Model Boats it looks like an article will be published in Model Boats on Keith's model of the steamship Earnshaw. The full size vessel is based in New Zealand This is likely to be in the May edition. Well done Keith. I have provided some photographs of the full size ship which I have been fortunate enough to sail on.



Keith's semi-scale model of Earnshaw

Paul Walton – On Monday 5th March, 13 members and 3 former members attended Paul's funeral at Dewsbury. There was a large turn out from Police where Paul worked for 30 years. Two of Paul's lifeboat models have been donated to the Whitby Lifeboat Station and the Coxman of the Filey Lifeboat. If you ever visit the Whitby Lifeboat Station the model is a Tyne class which is on display. For those that remember the early summer open days you will recall a rescue display carried out by Bob Kaye and Paul Walton. This was preceded by a large rocket being launched by Malcolm Stead. During the rescue Paul Walton would be heard to say "Filey Lifeboat, Filey Lifeboat calling". Something we will always remember.



Full size ship Earnslaw in Queenstown, New Zealand

Parking on the roundabout at Wilton Park - Please can we draw your attention to parking on the roundabout. Please could you use the two car parks or the section of road just as you come through the park gates. This was a request that the Council asked of us some time ago. If you do park there you risk having your vehicle damaged.



Wilton Park during the cold snap

Forthcoming major events away – Mobile Marine Open Day - 28th April

Model Engineering Show at Doncaster Racecourse 11th to 13th May

Northern Model Boat Show at the Deaf Trust, Doncaster 2nd and 3rd June

Forthcoming home events - 8th April Island Endurance 15th April Club 500 22nd April Steam/Mountfleet Open Day 29th April Blue Ribband Sail Race 6th May Club 500 and 20th May Margaret Wyatt sail race. This is not a full list of events, please refer to your January 2018 newsletter for a full list of home and away events.



Willie Crowther's new rescue boat hope the plug doesn't come out!

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