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## Newsletter of Kirklees Model Boat Club March 2020

Not a lot of sailing done at Wilton Park since January due to the extremes of weather, wind and rain. I can report though that the overflow has been working with no problems, so the paths around the lake have remained water free. The grassed areas are particularly dangerous due to the heavy rain. These could still be a problem when you receive this newsletter so please be aware. Earlier this year Stan presented a plan to the Kirklees Council's representative with a view to getting some work done should they receive a grant. The items Stan listed were both sets of steps needed attention, footpaths around the lake, the pump for the waterfall, edging kerbs where we normally have the open days, debris under the water in the lake and finally the car park near the steps to be tarmacked.

Update on the container/shed – All the old tables have been sold off with the exception of 7. The dock areas and trolleys have been saved and the tents material. New tent frames and chairs have been ordered and paid for and should be back in the container by the time you receive this newsletter. The outside will still need painting in the Spring. An email will be sent out for volunteers when we decide when we are doing it. With regards to the inside of the container we have decided to have it shot blasted and painted with a light grey enamel paint. We can then proceed to order the rest of the equipment needed and a new full inventory will need to be prepared. A request for help when the shed is shot blasted and repainted will be sent out by email.

Free sailing on a Thursday afternoon seems to be going ok with a few more members attending (weather permitting). Hopefully more will take the opportunity to sail then once we get some better weather!

Basic checks on Club 500s on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February. The weather was absolutely atrocious with heavy rain and strong winds but 10 members braved the elements to have their Club 500s checked. I would like to say a big thankyou to Richard Simpson and Peter Redfern for carrying out the checks. If you have not had your boat checked then this can be done on Club 500 days but you must come early and the check takes about 5 minutes.

Thanks to all the members who have renewed their subscriptions for 2020. For anyone who has not yet renewed time is running out. **The last day to pay will be Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2020.** Anyone not renewed by that date there will be no option but remove your details from our records so we comply with the new Data Protections Laws. **If you come after that date, you will need to complete a new membership form and pay £18.00.**

**Club Night 11<sup>th</sup> March** will not be flying night but will be Building Projects – what have you been building over the winter months.

**Club Night 8<sup>th</sup> April** will be flying night. Club night starts at 8 pm. The fee for flying will be £2 for club members and £3 for non-members. You can bring along relative and friends to fly if you so wish. These flying nights need to be supported. Just a reminder no outdoor shoes, trainers or socks in the Sports Hall.

**Report on IPMS Show Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2020 by Gary Dyson**

This is the second year the show has been held at North Bridge Leisure Centre Halifax. The hall is smaller than the ones used when it was held in Huddersfield, giving a snug feel to the show. Unfortunately due to the weather conditions there were quite a few no shows. The show was well attended by the public and there was a good mix of trade support. As is the case with this type of show you get the special interest groups which can vary from a table full of Spitfires to bomber and fighter command, armour to custom cars to sci-fi etc. While there was a distinct lack of model boats, I did spot the odd one or two. Trade stands had quite a few modern plastic model boat kits, some at knock down prices. On the whole not a bad show for £4.00 entry.



*Model seen at the IPMS show Halifax*

**Report on 1<sup>st</sup> Club 500 Race 16<sup>th</sup> February by Stan Reffin** - 8 members took part in two races. The weather was cold wet and very windy. Race Officers were Frank Kimbley, Richard Simpson, Stuart Smith and Chris Lilley. There were one or two difficulties which resulted in only two races, instead of the usual four, being run. Richard Simpson has compiled a comprehensive format for future events, making the events run a lot smoother but it all relies on members being on site well before the first race commences at 10 am. It is no good turning up at 5 to 10. The new proposals have been sent out by Stan to all Club 500 members. If you are thinking about building a Club 500 and need to know about the new proposals please contact Stan or Richard Simpson. Stan can be found at the lakeside most Sundays.

Boat No	Member	Race 1	Race 2	Total laps
9	Albert Smith	2		2 - 8 <sup>th</sup>
70	Willie Crowther	12		12 - 1 <sup>st</sup>
5	Jerry Speirs	7		7 - 7 <sup>th</sup>
19	Andy Waters	10		10 - 5 <sup>th</sup>
101	Fred Senior	10		10 - 5 <sup>th</sup>
712	Brian Byrne		11	11 - 2 <sup>nd</sup>
17	John Hinde		11	11 - 2 <sup>nd</sup>
22	Ian Hayward		11	11 - 2 <sup>nd</sup>



*Club 500 checking on a wet & windy day*

**Update on the container** – we have now taken delivery of the new tent frames and fittings and things are in motion to have the internal walls of the container shot blasted and then we can re-paint accordingly. Once this is done additional items will be ordered and I hope that the work is completed before the Steam Day on the 26<sup>th</sup> April. Volunteers will be required when the container is shot blasted and for the re-painting. Emails will be sent out at the appropriate time. I would like

to thank all members who have helped in any way since the incident occurred in October. There is still lots to do. A big thanks to Simon Murphy and Andrew Egglestone for the work they are carrying out in repairing and making new buildings for the military vehicle display and the dock sections. Of course not to forget our Treasurer Frank Kimbley who has had to be on the ball with the finances. The books have now been returned from the Accountant and they balance! Cathy Wilson has kindly offered the use of a generator when the shed is shot blasted. To the people who have kept the overflow of the lake running a big thank you. Thanks as well to the yacht members who have collected subs on a Wednesday afternoon. Special thanks to Richard Simpson and Peter Redfern who got soaked to the skin checking the Club 500 boats during Storm Dennis and of course not forgetting the members who turned up to have their boats checked! There are still a few that need checking but these can be done on any Club 500 day provided the member arrives early well before the race starts. Finally a thank you to Stuart Smith for overseeing the repairs to the starter box and to John Goodyear for replacing any buoys before the first Club 500 race.

March events – Club 500 on site no later than 9.15 am

29<sup>th</sup> March – first sail race – please note both are for club members only.

Kirklees Council are hoping to get a lottery grant for work in the Park. I have liaised with a Council official and provided a plan of the lake with some modifications that I think need doing. This will not include the draining of the lake. I have been invited along with Barry Hill to attend a meeting on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March to discuss proposals.



*Wilton Park during Storm Dennis*

Bury MBD Open Day dates - 28<sup>th</sup> June

13<sup>th</sup> September – yes it clashes with ours

Ribble Fun Day 7<sup>th</sup> June

Autumn Open Day 6<sup>th</sup> September

The next newsletter will be sent out in early June with information from mid-March. Hope to see more members down at the Park sailing and at Club night in March with your building projects.

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