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Newsletter of Kirklees Model Boat Club March 2021

We start this Newsletter with some sad news that club member Joan Honey passed away since the last newsletter. Joan was a big help to Pat when we prepared the inventory for the club shed. Although Robert and Joan could not always get down to the Park they always attended on Open Days, some club nights and AGMs.

We also have to report that Jackie White of Model Slipway passed away in February. Both Jackie and Lawrie were members of KMBC in the past. Jackie and Lawrie were well respected in the model boat world and by modellers around the world. Lawrie has indicated that model kits, fittings and other items will be offered for sale in the future. No date as yet. Please do not contact Model Slipway, if you are interested please contact Stan and he will compile a list. This is subject to Covid restrictions and I understand it will be for just one day.

Update on resuming at Wilton Park (as at 1st March) – we are still in national lock-down and until the Government say otherwise things won't change. If the lock-down is lifted, then Stan will have to liaise with the Council to ascertain their requirements. It is our assumption that we may go back to how we operated last summer with limited numbers and complying with socially distanced requirements. If this is the case we will be on the other side of the lake and it may well be free sailing only. This is pure speculation as no-one knows. We all want to get back to enjoy our hobby but obviously we have to do it legally and safely. The club insurance is suspended at the time of typing this newsletter with the exception of the shed which Stan, Frank and Peter Redfern have been checking to make sure it is secure on a weekly basis. Thank you to all members who have paid their subs promptly and we hope to get back as soon as possible. This makes life so much easier for me and Frank.

The Club's Insurance for 2021/22 – We now understand that the name of ROFWAC is being wound up due to the fact that quite a few of the sail members have found (as I have been told) better sailing locations and are leaving. With this in mind the name ROFWAC has been removed from our insurance documents. This means that any sailing has to be done under the name of KMBC and no other name. This action has been agreed by the committee. At the present time only the container is insured. After the 17th May, if all goes well, the Club insurance will be reinstated but again there is no guarantee and depends on what "Boris" has to say.

Update on AGM. Obviously we cannot hold one in March as we had hoped so we will have to wait to see how things progress. One thing that Stan has found out, because of the lack of an AGM some minor changes to the Club Constitution will need to be made. This is to clarify the situation regarding committee meetings and AGMs during a pandemic or other national emergencies.

What have our members been up to in the 3rd lockdown?



Richard Hirst's latest project



Richard Hirst's Type 22 Missile Boat water jet powered

Amazing paint job Richard! Should look good on the water.



Stan's Grand Banks 46' heritage class



Close up short of Richard Simpson's diorama



This is my Hornby Collector's Club competition entry. The crane is a Dapol kit, the same mould as the old Airfix one and the propeller is the one removed from my Graupner Corvette.



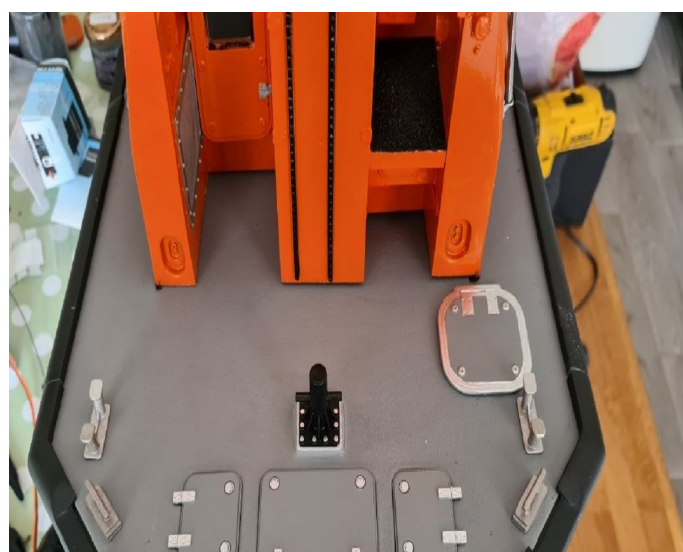
Stan "I can recommend this glue. I have used it on wood, plastic and metal and other things".



Danny Richardson's Shannon class lifeboat



Close up of Danny's Shannon class



Above picture taken at Haydock Park a long time ago. Sadly two members no longer with us.



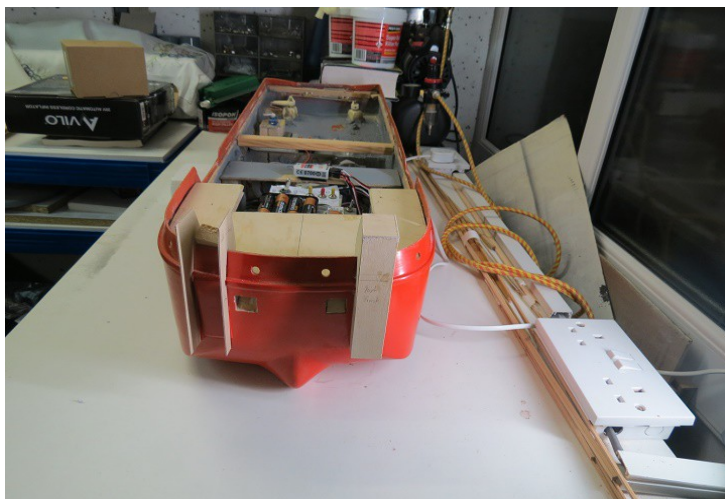
Gary Dyson's gun truck project. The aim is to mate a 3D printed M113APC hull to the back of a WPL B16 truck. 2 chassis side by side, on fully uprated with metal axles and suspension the other standard WPF chassis. Painting of the model satin black is awaiting better weather. There will be 4 coats in total, 1 grey primer, aluminium silver, army green & satin black topcoat.



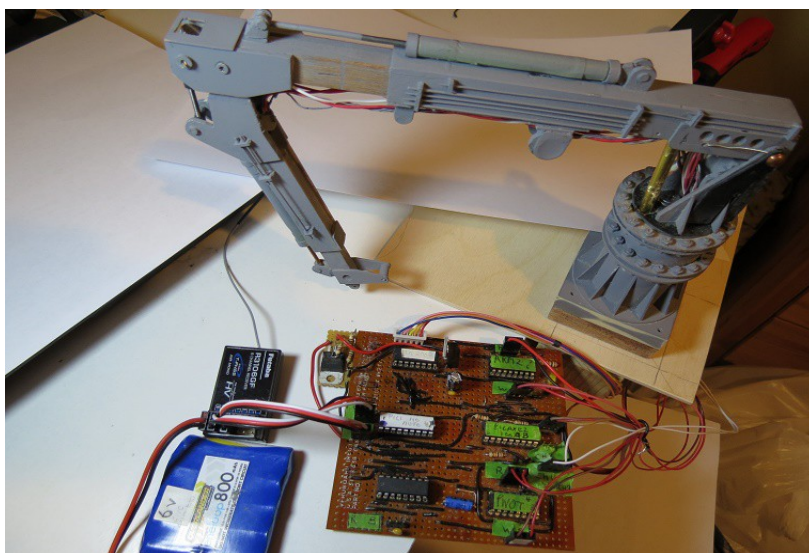
Graham Inman's corvette

Graham's corvette is undergoing repair ready for when we can recommence sailing at Wilton Park.

Trophies If you have a trophy that you won in 2019 for any event, can you please make arrangements to return these, especially if you are planning on not re-joining for 2021. Back to the pictures now.



Mike Smith's model under construction

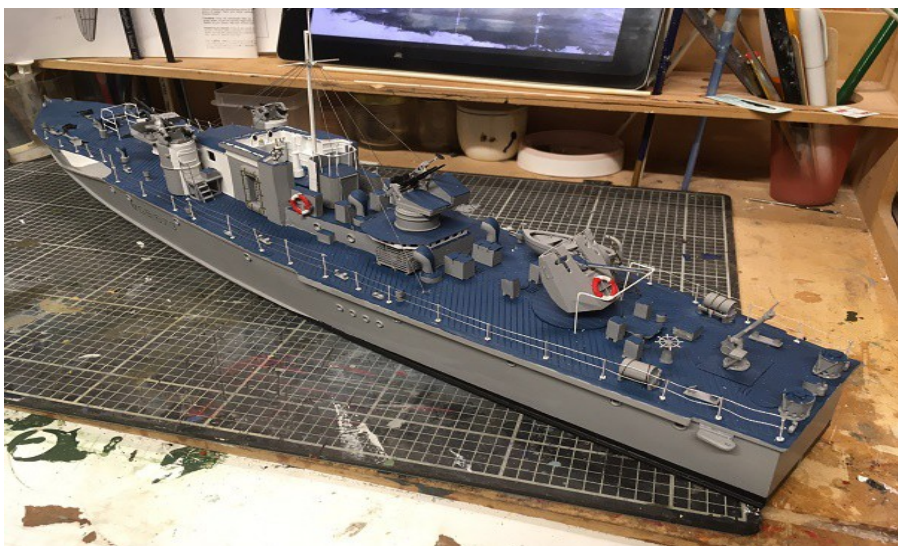


Mike Smith's working crane for his new tug model



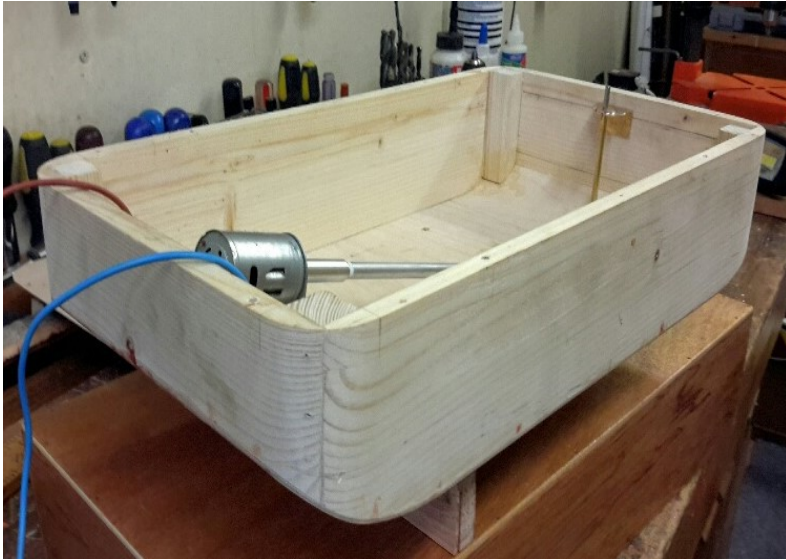
Roger Garrett's Wavemaster 34 an L J Rowell design boat kit of about 1950's. Originally had a 2.5cc engine which was a pig to start so the boat was little used. I have made an effort to finish the re-build.

Underneath is Chris Mead's Coastal Craft model of the Fairmile D MGB273. I bought the kit from the IPMS show in Telford and it stayed in its box for at least 5 years before I started working on it. I also have a couple of Fairmile H hulls which will eventually become models of the Commando landing craft used on D Day.

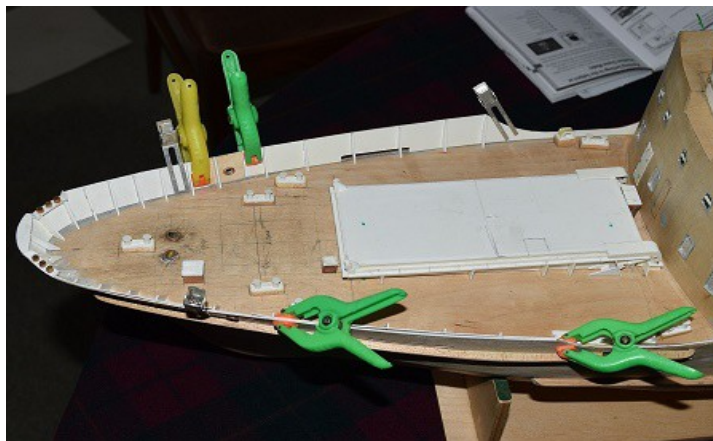


Chris Mead's WW2 aircraft

On the next page Stuart Smith's rescue vessel under construction.



Trevor Briggs' Scallion 3.1/64 scale



Trevor's scratch built Scallion

Former owner of Action Electronics - More sad news for the model boat world. Once again we have to report the passing of Dave Millburn the former owner of Action Electronics. Dave was a very straight talking man who was always willing to help with any electronics problems but didn't suffer fools gladly! He was an excellent model builder both of aeroplanes and boats. One of his last projects was working with SLEC to produce the Fairy Huntsman kit. Will be missed by many.



Charles Vidal's waterline model ships



Charles Vidal's Spitfire 1A made from a plan, not a kit. The warships above are HMS Hood, Nassau and Vidal these were constructed from plans in Janes WW1 to 1954 publications.

It is quite surprising what the lock-down has produced from our members. There are a large amount of skills being employed in the making of these models. You don't have to spend a shed load of money to produce a decent model.

Government's roadmap out of lock-down If all goes well after the **29th March** and if everything goes to plan, only **6** people will be allowed to meet up observing social distancing rules. After the **17th May** meetings of **30** people will be allowed outdoors but social distancing will still apply.



Charles Vidal's - the Hurricanes are built in paper & card



Graham Smith's tug Banckert and his WW2 Corvette HMS Harlech Castle being sailed by his sons at Wilton Park September 2020.

When the next Newsletter is due out in June, lets hope we have some more uplifting news. Keep sending me some pictures and I will put what I can in the newsletter.

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Alan Oldfield's model - The model is based on the Dumas kit for the American tug Lackawanna. The tug operated out of New York and on the evening of August 15th 1915 was towing three barges from New York to Maine. While proceeding up Nantucket Sound toward Pollack Rip channel she met the tug Triton with the barge Nanticoke in tow. The tugs cleared one another but for some reason Nanticoke swung out and collided with the East bound vessel. The barge tore open Lackawanna's side. Lackawanna sank within minutes.

This looks like a really good model. Should look good on the water.

Covid update (as at 14th March) - if all goes well after the **29th March** 6 people will be able to meet outside. The club will not be trying to organise a rota for this due to the large number of members. If you wish to sail this will be done at your own risk. There will be no insurance cover as this is only active for the container. If you do sail social distancing has to be in place and you need your own PPE. It is easier to socially distance on the side where we hold our Open Day events. **17th May** onwards if things go to plan we should be able to re-open with a group of no more than 30 people. If this turns out to be the case, the club's insurance will then be reinstated. But once again to meet social distancing requirements we will need to operate on the Open Day side of the lake. We do not intend to have any planned events, club 500, scale events, yacht racing only free sailing on Thursdays and Sundays. This format was agreed with the Council last year when we sailed from July to September. The 2 metre rule will still apply. Same as before

PPE is your own responsibility. **21st June** it is proposed that all restrictions are lifted. If this is the case there are lots of things that will need sorting out.

AGM/Extraordinary General Meeting - Unfortunately Covid19 didn't allow us to have an AGM in 2020 and the start of 2021 has been challenging. We will try and have an AGM in August/September but this is subject to the Sports Hall letting us have a room and of course contacting members regarding an Agenda and any proposals and also subject to Government guidelines at the time.

Thanks to all the Committee members who have carried on with their duties through the Covid pandemic and thanks to members who have sent pictures for the Newsletter. Without those we wouldn't have been able to produce one. We usually have a Newsletter in June so as before anyone who has got photos of their current or future project please send them to us as an attachment to your email.

Council contact – Kirklees Council require a club contact. Stan has taken on this role for many year and now is the time for someone else to take this on. The role basically involves talking to the Council and producing any documents they may require such as Risk Assessments etc. This may also include talking to external agencies on behalf of the Council.

New Committee post - Stan would like to become the Club's events coordinator dealing with events at the park and beyond and of course working with the Secretary to produce the Newsletter.