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NEWSLETTER OF KIRKLEES MODEL BOAT CLUB MARCH 2023

In the January newsletter we mentioned that Stuart Smith a long standing member and an excellent builder of yachts was moving away from the area. Sunday 8th January 2023 Stuart came down for the last time to meet up with members to say goodbye. Stuart will keep his membership and will try to see us again during this year. Any member who may be attending the Bridlington MBC open days may see Stuart there. We wish him well in his new venture. Just a couple of photos taken on the day.



Bill and Stuart regular Thursday afternoon sailors



Club members with Stuart Smith in the middle



Stuart Smith in 2012

Stuart is now settled in his new home. He hopes to join Bridlington MBC and we may see him at one of our Open Days.

We are very sad to announce that Andy Waters recently passed away quite suddenly. We didn't see Andy down at the park often. Andy's had excellent modelling skills, a perfectionist in all ways. Andy had a passion for model tugs and enjoyed tug towing at Balne Moor. Andy's new passion was to purchase very old small engines and pumps and refurbish them to a very high standard.



Very little activity at the Park due to the cold and at one stage the lake was frozen over but we did manage to salvage a wheel barrow. As the weather has improved there has been more sailing on Sunday but we need more members to start attending on Thursday afternoon. Stan is busy sending out invitations to our Open Days. He has also been busy helping 2 deceased members' families dispose of modelling items with some help from Richard Simpson. Unfortunately Flying Night couldn't take place as there was no availability at the Sports Centre. Football takes priority. A few members have been trying out test runs with their Club 500s for the forthcoming season.

Model Railway Exhibition at Doncaster Racecourse on the 11th February. This was very well attended, the car parks were heaving. Some excellent layouts of varying scales but we were impressed with the smaller scales. If you have never been to a model railway show they are well worth a visit. The star attraction for me and Pat was our member Chris Mead's Operation Overlord. It depicts the dockside scene prior to D Day, The day was rounded off with an excellent fish and chip late lunch at Whitby Fish & Chip Restaurant.



If you ever get chance to see the Overlord layout, you will see the pictures don't do it justice.

Report on Model Engineering & Railway Show, Harrogate 10th and 11th March 2023 by Stan Reffin –

After many years of being at Doncaster, this Show has gone full circle and come back to its original home under a new title. A brand new building to replace the old Flower Hall. This new hall was full of model railways, traders, traction engines. There was one massive railway layout that took two days to assemble. In the other hall model boat clubs, military vehicles, model engineers and various traders. On Thursday the setup day we had wet snow all day but this didn't deter people from arriving to set up. On Friday morning, after digging out of our driveway and clearing the street, we arrived an hour later than planned in Harrogate. Friday saw a steady stream of visitors, Saturday was an exceptionally busy all day. Lots of interest on the Club stand, members of the public showing an interest in all items on display. Sadly no competitions this year or programmes detailing what was on site. These details have been fed back to the organisers who have said they will look at this for next year. Hopefully the show will be on next year in May. Thanks to everyone who helped set up and then dismantle the club stand. Chris Behan and Gary Dyson provided an excellent display of military vehicles. Sadly we should have had more model tanks and display items there but due to the bad weather some club members could not make it.



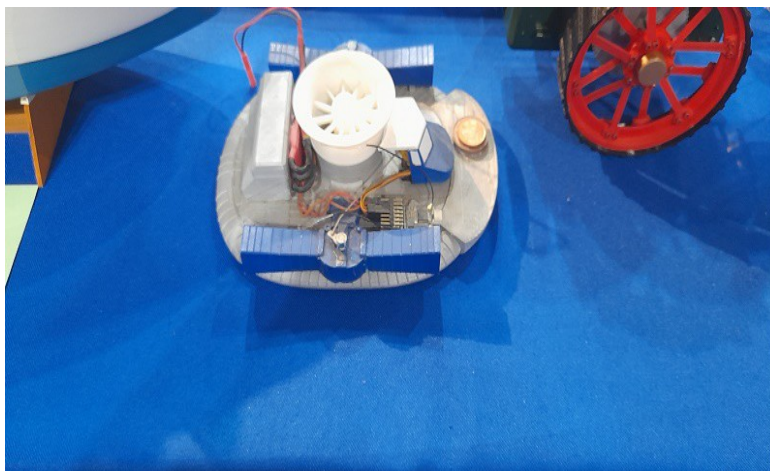
This is what greeted us on Friday morning before setting off.







Club stand which was 30' long x 5' wide 40 plus models on display



Report on the March Hare sail race by Bill Kelsall Four members took part in this event, the first sail race of the season. At the second mark competitors encountered a large log blocking the way which caused the field to take various lines. Chris Booth followed a different line to the other sailors which filled his sails and as a result caused an early lead never to be caught up. This was still a good race for the other places with Roy Clarkson second and Fred Senior third. It would be nice for more sail members to take part.



Chris Booth receiving his trophy for the March Hare sail race





| No | Name | Heat 1 | Heat 2 | Total | Grand Total |
|-----|-----------------|--------|--------|-------|-------------|
| 3 | Steve Holt | 10 | 11 | 21 | 21 |
| 5 | Jerry Speirs | 0 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| 101 | Fred Senior | 9 | 4 | 13 | 13 |
| 01 | Richard Simpson | 9 | 0 | 9 | 9 |
| 72 | Chris Booth | 3 | 9 | 12 | 12 |
| 1 | Derek Round | 11 | 11 | 22 | 22 |
| 45 | Dave King | 1 | 8 | 9 | 9 |
| 712 | Brian Byrne | 8 | 8 | 16 | 16 |
| 49 | David Moss | 7 | 8 | 15 | 15 |
| 13 | Danyal Brown | 9 | 9 | 18 | 18 |
| 17 | John Hinde | 9 | 10 | 19 | 19 |

Report on Club 500 race 23rd March 2023 by Stan Reffin – 11 members took part in the first Club 500 race of the season. The race marshals were Stan Reffin, Pat Reffin, Bill Kelsall and Mick Burtop. It started off sunny, but became cloudy and colder with a slight swell on the pond. The start gate was re-positioned further up the* lake. This worked very well resulting in no serious damage to boats. All the models had been checked prior to the event. It would appear we have some serious contenders for the club trophy at the end of the year but it's early days with 7 more races to go. The next will be on 2nd April. The next results will be in the June newsletter. Unfortunately one boat was damaged.

Small Rescue Boat/Dinghy - The Club Rules state specifically when using this boat prior to launching and recovery two club members must hold the boat at the bow and stern for people getting in and getting out. **YOU MUST** wear a buoyancy aid. Finally a cable will now be attached to this boat. The reason for this is should the person rowing the boat suffer an injury, it means we can then pull in the dinghy by hand. This will be the case in future rescues. Row out to the problem and then be pulled back in.



Lerry Sneire's Club 500



Learn how to drive at the Kirklees MBC Driving School

Steam Day - 14th May 2023 8 am start - Help will be needed to remove items from the container, erect tents and fencing. Items are needed for sale in the catering tent. Sandwiches, cakes, buns, biscuits, sausage rolls etc. etc. Everything must be wrapped and labelled. We could have a small raffle if anyone has any items to donate. Please let Stan know if you have either by email or down at the lakeside.