



MARINER

Newsletter of Kirklees Model Boat Club September 2016

Notification of AGM on Wednesday 9th November 2016 at 8 pm at Batley Sports Centre, Windmill Lane, Batley. Any items for the Agenda must be notified to the Secretary by e-mail or letter by the 19th October 2016 at the latest.

Chairman's report

Welcome to the September issue of the Mariner, especially the new members who have joined us this year, it does not seem twelve months since the last issue containing the menu for the Christmas Lunch but thanks must go to Pat and Stan for putting it together for the 4th December. Space will be limited so get your requests in early and come and join us for a nice meal and Stan's "Gotyas". The year so far has been very successful with descent weather for Steam Day and Open Day, where over £400 was raised for the RNLI. Exhibition events have gained a number of awards to club members, so well done to them. It makes me so proud to be Chairman of such a friendly group of people who are so enthusiastic about model boating and yachting. Club 500 has been a joy to watch exploding ones excepted.

Phill Bowker

Stan's ramblings – It is now hard to believe that we are coming towards the end of summer and we will be thinking of our projects for the winter period. 2016 has seen an overall increase in membership with members covering all aspects of ship modelling. Steam modelling seems to have taken off with Richard Simpson testing more boilers than last year. Our sail members seem to be now building the JIF65. This appears to be the standard model. Numbers seem to be down on club 500 races but I know holidays impact on these. The last one for this year will be run in October. I am pleased to report that all events at Wilton Park have run very smoothly and been generally well supported. I would like to thank all members who have helped to make these events such a success. I feel it is only right that the ladies in the tea tent who have looked after us on our main events and Karen and Pat for their hard work with raffles on open days and Richard Simpson for his ongoing work with boiler testing should be mentioned. Sorry I cannot list everyone individually but your support is really appreciated.

Home events - Report on Open Day 10th July by Stan Reffin

After 12 months of planning liaising with various organizations the Open Day was upon us. Many sleepless nights the week before and constant checking of the weather forecast, praying for a dry slot when the weather was anything but dry in the preceding days. After checking numerous forecasts it looked like we were going to have a wet day but fortunately they were wrong! Saturday saw me loading my car up with tables, raffle prizes, tents, items for the catering tent, chairs, sweeping brush and various other odds and ends, leaving just enough room for Pat and me to get in. Driving through the rain on the M621 we did see some blue sky which was a good omen for the day. Arriving at the park at 7.30 am we met up with several club members who had already got the shed open and were beginning to remove equipment. Thanks to everyone who turned up early on the day to assist. Much appreciated. Chris Behan and Roger Shepherd who got the boiler up and running in good time to enable the ladies to provide refreshments. Thanks to Kath Igle, Kathleen Stones, Sue Barker and Brenda Redfern for providing tea/coffee etc all day. By 10 am most of the visiting clubs were on site and the event opened on time. A big thank you to Bob Astbury for making two safety signs for the steps. I am pleased to say the grass wasn't slippy and caused no

problems. We had representatives from 29 organizations which included the traders. The day was very well supported by KMBC members so thank you to everyone who took part. There were lots of models on display, the lake was busy all day, including the harbour sections which proved very popular. We even managed to get a small yacht into the harbour. Some very nice hovercraft on display and submarines. These get a lot of attention as they are different. The rescue boat was kept busy, thank you to Tim Stevenson and Adam Holmes for manning the boat and the new outboard works a treat, thank you Cathy Wilson. Thanks to Phill Bowker and Nick Holmes for putting together the PA system which worked well on the day and a big thanks to Nick Holmes for erecting the harbour sections which received lots of positive comments. By lunchtime the weather became quite sunny and warm making for pleasant sailing in the afternoon. At 2 pm we had the traditional sail by and 29 models of all types including sail took part. Quite a nice sight. On the way back a lifeboat tried to go under the trees which resulted in the top being knocked off but our rescue team were on the ball and retrieved it before it disappeared below the waves. A small presentation took place after the sail by and the best Kirklees Model was a steam launch Lady Margaret, the Mountfleet Trophy was awarded to a Boston Typhoon model from Grimsby & Cleethorpes Club and the best tug model went to York MBC for the tug Contest. After the presentations we had a short break before the raffle which started about 2.40 pm. We had 68 prizes of a wide ranging nature. There are still 4 raffle prizes unclaimed. A new trader this year was Tony Green Steam Models who will be joining us again next year on Steam Day and Open Day. Many thanks to Nick and Debbie Roberts who took lots of wonderful photographs on the day. We finished around 4 pm. just before a short rain shower. After Margaret Wyatt worked out the figures the RNLI were very pleased with their donation. Photo of cheque presentation on last page.



Alan Wvatt's Tua Giano



Stan's car loaded up with raffle prizes



large sail model seen at Open Day



Visitor's DUKW on the water at Open Day

President's cup 17th July – report of Cathy Wilson Race Officer

The Weather for the race was sunny with some high cloud, winds were good for racing but as usual at Wilton Park variable in both strength and direction over the course.

17 boats entered including several Jif 65's, Jif 79, Northwind's, One Design, Chameleon, Shuremont and DF 65's.

The race started with no boats over the line and the fleet all fairly close to one another. At the first mark Dave Tuckwood was in the lead with Fred Senior, Nick Roberts, Dave Baker and Roger Parry close behind. At the end of the first lap Dave Baker was in the lead and held that position for the rest of the race. Stuart Smith and John Goodyear fought over second and third throughout the race with Stuart in the lead at the end. The decent wind meant the race was one of the quickest this year so lets hope for some good winds for the next race on the 18th September (George Trophy - Jif65).

Results of the first three. A comprehensive results list can be seen on the club website.

1	Dave Baker	506	One Design
2	Stuart Smith	137	Chameleon
3	John Goodyear	135	Jif65

Club 500 Race 4th September 2016 report by Stan Reffin

Officers of the day were Stuart Smith and Mick Burtop. Weather conditions dry and cloudy with a slight swell on the lake. Four competitors took part in the two races.

Boat No	Name	Race 1	Race 2	Total of laps
33	Patrick Clancy	0	8 laps	8 laps
96	Dave Cowley	11 laps	10 laps	21 laps
70	Willie Crowther	6 laps	0	6 laps
101	Fred Senior	7 laps	0	7 laps

Boat No	Names	Accumulated total
33	Patrick Clancy	26 laps
70	Willie Crowther	125 laps
96	Dave Cowley	109 laps
101	Fred Senior	128 laps
150	Cathy Wilson	73.5 laps
417	Stuart Raistrick	58 laps
6	Dave Baker	61.5 laps
17	John Hinde	35 laps





Dave Baker receiving President's cup



Yachts at the start gate

Model Engineering Show – Doncaster - 20th-22st May 2016 Report by Cathy Wilson

The venue for the show moved to Doncaster Racecourse this year. There was some apprehension as to how the organisation would work. Before the event we were told that any exhibitors would need to park across the road then register before moving cars on to the site to unload. On the day (19th) this was not the case and I parked but was then told to drive round to the site and then register. This meant I was able to park very close to where the Club stand was. The Club worker ants had already been busy and when I arrived there were many hands to help unload the car, thanks in particular to Gary Dyson who helped me with all the bigger boxes.

Unfortunately Alan Wyatt was ill at the time of the event but the decision was made that I would deliver both my boats and Alan's. A good job there were no more boats as I had a full load including Two Steam Launches, Mary Ridgeway and Lady Margaret, two Tugs, Guyano and Alkhubar, and three Yachts, DF65, DF95 and J-class.

Setup was very easy and I had time to wander around the hall before setting off home.

The full title of this event is the "Model Engineering and Modelling Exhibition" and it certainly lives up to that title. There was something for everyone here. Lots of engineering stands and traders, model boats, planes, helicopters, cars, trucks, diggers and bulldozers were all there. There was a small indoor pool close to the KMBC stand which was made good use of and adjacent to that an area for the R/C Trucks, Diggers and Bulldozers to move piles of earth around. Elsewhere in the Hall were many Trains, large and small, static and in motion. Upstairs were more exhibitors and the food hall. Outside there were lots of Model Traction Engines and a Helicopter display area.

At the end of Sunday there were many hands to help take the stand down and again lots of help to load boats into cars. The only problem on the day was the number of cars trying to get in to load at the same time.



I thoroughly enjoyed this exhibition and the new venue felt spacious and well organised. If I was able to take my dog I may even consider taking my Caravan next year.



**Report by Stan Reffin on CADMA Show at Doncaster
on 4th and 5th June 2016**



Chris Behan's HMS Upholder



Model tug seen at CADMA show

After visiting the Model Engineering Show on the 20th to 22nd May at Doncaster Racecourse our club members only had one weekend free before we attended the above show. I would like to thank everybody for all their efforts in attending the CADMA show with such a short break between shows. Parking at this venue is very easy with a large field at the rear allowing for easy access of club equipment. The following club members who helped me set up the club stand on Friday afternoon – Roger Shepherd, Dave and Sue Barker, Malcolm Bills and Brian and Audrey Senior. The models were all on the stand by mid-afternoon and they included warships, pleasure craft and model submarines by Chris Behan who came on Saturday and Sunday. On arrival on Saturday morning all the regular traders were set up ready for the show opening, these included some of the favourites SHG, Mobile Marine, Deans Marine, Models by Design, Mountfleet Models, Mac Mouldings, Scale Flags and Ensigns, Tony Green Steam Models, Component Shop and various others. It was a very busy day with lots of questions being asked about the models on display. Other model clubs attending included Rawdon, Balne Moor, Goole, Roker Park, York, Sheffield, Castaways of Hull and not forgetting CADMA. Sorry if I have missed anybody. The traders were busy all day Saturday and if you wanted a bacon butty they were very nice and reasonably priced. Sunday started off quite busy but by mid-day it had started to go quiet. Quite a few of our club members visited on the Sunday. There was a bring and buy sale held in a large tent and a large mobile pool for sailing models during the course of the weekend. There were competitions for various classes of boats. I am pleased to say that we took the trophy for best club stand and I was fortunate to take best model in show and best naval vessel with USS Gambier Bay (aircraft carrier). This was a nice way to end the weekend for the Club and me. The organization given by CADMA was first class throughout the weekend. One for the calendar next year. Many thanks to everyone for helping to dismantle the stand this included Gary Dyson who stayed on at the end of the Show to help us and to Sue Barker for taking 2 lengths of display material for washing. Not an easy job as they are very large.

Report on Bridlington Model Boat Club Open Day Saturday 6th August 2016 report by Stan Reffin
This event was attended by myself and Pat, Chris and Karen Behan, John Inglis and Joan and Robert Honey. It was a lovely warm and sunny day and everyone made us feel welcome. There were lots of models of all types on display with lots of activity on the water and the fast electric section was very busy throughout the day. One not to be missed next year. Sadly I don't have any pictures.

There will be shows that other members may have attended but I have no reports from them.

Model Boat Convention at Haydock Park Saturday and Sunday 27th/28th August report by Stan Reffin
This must be the premier model boat show for the north of England. Numerous trades people in attendance and lots of model clubs and individual exhibitors from all over England and Scotland. Thanks to Roger Shepherd, Gary Dyson, Dave and Sue Baker, Brian and Audrey Senior, Margaret, Peter and Brenda Redfern and Alan Wyatt who assisted Pat and me in putting up the club stand. Chris and Karen Behan attended under the name of Jolly Roger. Chris had a brilliant display of model submarines which kept him busy all weekend. Our main stand had a good selection of all types of models on display with the exception of sail. Come on you sail guys for next year. We had warships, lifeboats, tugs, steam, pleasure craft, merchant ship and a submarine on display, something for everybody. I am pleased to say Peter Redfern was kept busy with his Christian Brunnings steam model. A lot of interest in this model. It was nice to see Alan Wyatt back displaying his models. Again Alan was kept busy over the weekend. If you had something to sell this was the place to be. By Friday evening they had nearly 100 items to sell. Well done to Margaret Wyatt on Friday for helping to catalogue all these. Saturday morning saw a big rush in the sales of these items which continued into Sunday. There were ongoing sailing displays all weekend with Adam Holmes doing the commentary. Friday and Saturday nights we met up with other club members and traders and enjoyed the social atmosphere. Sunday was a quieter day. I was introduced to the Lord Lieutenant of Merseyside and I had to take her down our stand and explain about some of the models on display. She was guest of honour for the prize giving at 4 pm. I can report the following: Kit class sponsored by Mountfleet Model winner Stan Reffin with M1062 minesweeper. Best on Kirklees Club Stand went to Stan Reffin with his model of ELCO 80 PT boat. Adam Holmes also received an award for his commentary during the weekend. Chris Behan received an award for the individual exhibitors. The Convention Committee also thanked Margaret, Pat and Karen for their hard work on the entry door. One definitely not to be missed next year.



Chris Behan receiving his award



Adam Holmes receiving his award



Stan receiving his kit class award



Gary Dyson's Gato submarine



Stan Reffin's 1062 winner of kit class



Rose Bowl presented by Mountfleet



Stand at Haydock

Navy/Warship Day 11th September 2016 report by Stan Reffin

An early start by everybody who turned up to help with setting up. I am pleased to say the tents and dock areas were erected very quickly. The new outboard once again proved a success. The main piece of equipment i.e. the boiler was up and running very quickly for anyone who wanted a cuppa. Some members were concerned about parking due to the Classic Car Rally being held on the same day. As it turned out parking proved not to be a problem. We are so lucky to have really sunny warm weather all day. Representatives from the following clubs attended: Runcorn; York; Crewe; Bury Metro Marine, Goole, Balne Moor, Leeds & Bradford and HMES. Although it was a Naval Day different types of models turned up on the day and also military vehicles such as tanks. A big thank you to Richard Simpson for his boiler testing skills during the day. We had a large display of warships on display. Tim Stevenson and Chris Behan put on good displays with their hovercrafts as did the BMES Fire Boat team with their high speed manoeuvres. Again Chris and Steve Perkins showed their skills with model submarines. Peter and Brenda Redfern donated a collection of books which were sold and the proceeds given to the RNLI. This raised £25.50. The RNLI were also at the event with their display stand and with the above mentioned donation they managed to raise £199.02 on the day. The day finished with the presentation of the Les Kirby Shield for best KMBC model warship. This was awarded to Graham Hirst for his S100 German E Boat. This was followed by the raffle. Many thanks to the 4 ladies in the tea tent and the 2 ladies selling the raffle tickets. What a sterling job they have all done over the three events. The following raffle tickets are outstanding if you have one of these can you please either e-mail me or see me down at the Park. Please bring your winning ticket with you.

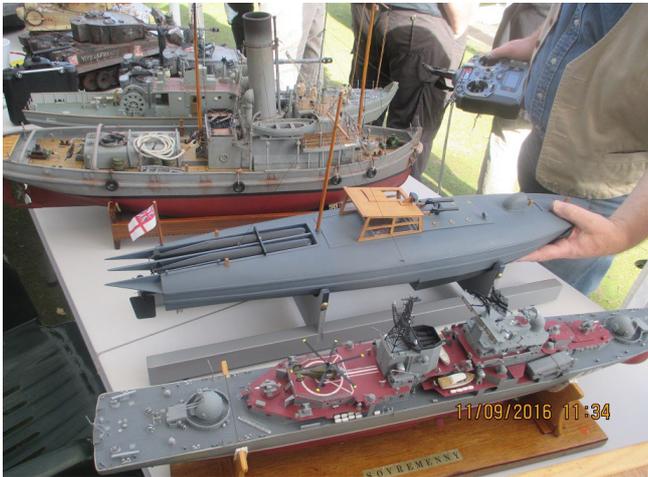
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Graham Hirst receiving Les Kirby trophy



Tim Stevenson's new hovercraft



A selection of boats on display



Another model on display



Margaret receiving the Denis Smart trophy on behalf of Alan on July Open Day



Tim where does the sail fit?

The picture on page 5 is Audrey Senior's model Mr Tom and on Page 6 Chris Behan's Deep Dive 6 and Cathy Wilson's Yachts.

Don't forget I collect used stamps for Martin House Children's hospice.



Lifeboat reps receiving cheque after Open Day



Have you seen my boat? It's behind you!

That's all now until January 2017!

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