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## Newsletter of Kirklees Model Boat Club September 2020

Hopefully when you receive this Newsletter COVID-19 will be a thing of the past. This is the second Newsletter this year as we didn't do one in June because everything had stopped due to the Covonavirus. On a happier note we would like to wish Tim and Rebecca all the best for a happy and healthy life together. Tim and Rebecca tied the knot last October. Tim is still a member but now lives in Nottingham and still keeps in contact with the Club and he still has a passion for model hovercrafts.



*The happy couple*



*This is not a Rolls Royce!*

Update on the container – The committee have now decided to insure the contents for the coming year. Once again with the help of Peter Redfern and Frank Kimbley we have had to shop around for insurance. The highest quote was in excess of £1,000. I am pleased to say that the current insurance bill has come in at £590 for the contents and public liability. I would like to thank all members who have helped in any way with work on the container, but I wouldn't employ Mike Smith as a Painter and Decorator. Puts more on the floor than on the walls. Only joking. The container is there for every member's use but I have to say it was only a few that could be bothered to help. I appreciate that not all members are well enough to help out, which we accept. In the words of Winston Churchill “**never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few**”. A sobering thought for the future.

A thought for the AGM in November. At the AGM of 2019 Stan announced that he would be looking to reduce his duties in 2022, but after all the work required on the container and the algae problem in the lake I have now decided the following which will be confirmed at the AGM. From the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 my role as the Club's PR Officer will cease. This means I will not be the club's liaison with Kirklees Council and none Council third parties. This does not include Model Boat Clubs. We need to get the tea box on a rota system which I am willing to be part of. I hope to retain my committee position as events coordinator and I will still liaise with Pat regarding Newsletters. I will still be organising Open Days and events down at the Park and I will produce an away programme within a 70 mile radius of our Club. With regard to away events hopefully we can have a smaller display stand which would make life a lot easier for me. My decision may come as shock to some but I feel after 30 years it is time to step back and reduce the impact of my job. The club has to be aware they will need someone to liaise with the Council. This person must be computer literate and produce documents if the Council so ask (Risk Assessments as an example).

On a sad note Geoff Cross, who I believe was our oldest member aged 94, passed away in March. In February I visited Geoff at home, as he wanted to renew his membership. Geoff made me very welcome and we had a good chat about old times at the Boat Club and shows. In the early days of away shows

Geoff was always willing to attend these and took great pride in displaying his model of the QE2. This model was unique as it was all made from aluminium. Both he and Frank Gelder, who is also no longer with us, were both statesmen like and gave a good impression of the Club. Due to the COVID-19 virus his funeral was a very low key event. I did attend but stayed in the car park.

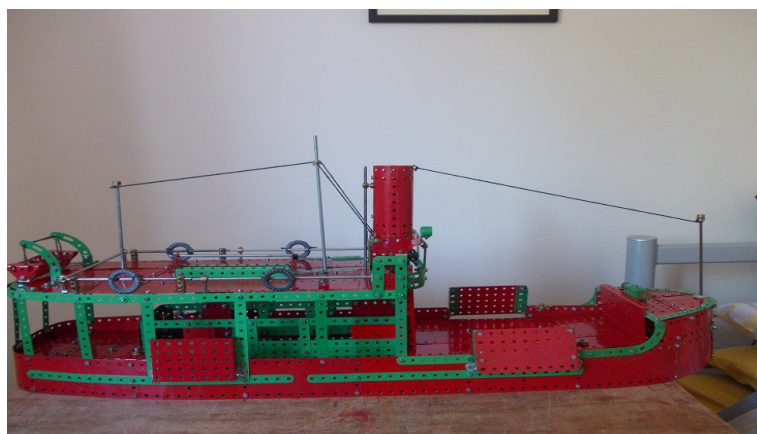
What members have kept themselves occupied with during the lock down:



*Graham Inman's Whaleback build*



*Stan Reffin's Grand Banks 46' luxury yacht*



*Jack Stanley's Mecanno*





*Lionel Broadbent's non-working submarine*



*Willie Crowher's experimental boat (plus bottom!)*



*Charles Vidal's Spitfire*



*Mike Norton's lighthouse*

We resumed sailing at Wilton Park on the 12<sup>th</sup> July in the new format to meet current guidelines for socially distancing. Up to the present time it has proved very successful with free sailing of scale, sail and steam. Thursday afternoon is also proving to be very popular with free sailing. We feel quite safe operating in Wilton Park so feel free to come down and sail your boats. I cannot speak for Wednesday as we have had no feedback so we have to assume that nobody is sailing on a Wednesday afternoon.



*Richard Simpson's railway layout*





*Early 1st day back at the Park*



*Members enjoying first day back*

Wanted part built Robbe Rembertiturmm, if you have one, let Stan know and he will pass the details on to me. You know who you are so please if you are not going to finish it then consider selling it.

For sale hand scratch built Shamrock 27 inches 1:24 scale. Graupner 600 motor, Mtroniks marine 15 esc, rudder servo included. No tx or rx The detail is amazing. Looking for around £350. Interested contact tel 07983 696417. [danny.richardson91@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:danny.richardson91@yahoo.co.uk) . Picture later in newsletter.

The last time I saw KMBC members was on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March, at the meeting which included Building Projects. I was one of several members who had taken their projects, mostly model boat related. The meeting was very enjoyable, and I particularly appreciated the interest and favourable comments paid about my unfinished steam-powered model of the WW1 battleship HMS Dreadnought.

Graham Smith - Since the Covid-19 lockdown has prevented us meeting and sailing at Batley Park, I have been working on my model boat projects. As well as the Dreadnought, I have finally made progress in getting my model tug Banckert operational. I acquired this boat a couple of years ago in a collection of model boats belonging to an ex-KMBC member, Peter Throp, who

passed away in around 2004. Banckert looked the easiest model to get going, being complete with its radio control, but its very old 27MHz 2ch Sanwa Saber Dash radio was hit and miss whether it worked or not. I was keen to get as much of the original equipment working. I suspected the transmitter was at fault. I asked members if, by any chance, they had a spare 27MHz transmitter which I could try out, to see if it solved the problem. Stuart Smith has very kindly given me a spare 27MHz Hitec Ranger transmitter in 'as new' condition, which I have tested with the original Sanwa receiver and servos and found it works satisfactorily. Thank you, Stuart, for your generosity. When I was struggling with the original 27MHz set, I was grateful to Phill Bowker for letting me have, at minimal cost, a 40MHz Hitec Ranger transmitter and receiver in very good condition, which I have tried out successfully in Banckert. I sailed this once earlier this year before the lockdown started. My intention is to revert to 27MHz in Banckert using Stuart's transmitter, which will allow me to use Phill's set in my Dreadnought. I have included photos of the Banckert tug.



*Graham's Banckert under way*



*Stuart Smith's fine yacht on Thursday afternoon*







**We are limited to 30.** Let Pat have your name & number of people if you want to go.



*Danny Richardson's Shamrock for sale – see text above*



*Finger in the prop, not recommended  
Willie*



*Andy Nall's car & trailer made of wood*