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## NEWSLETTER OF KIRKLEES MODEL BOAT CLUB SEPTEMBER 2021

We have now booked Batley Sports Centre for our AGM on the **10<sup>th</sup> November**. Meet in the reception at **7.15 pm** for a prompt **7.30 pm** start. The Sports Centre closes at 9 pm so we 90 minutes to conclude our business. If you have any item you wish to go on the Agenda please send it to me asap bearing in mind someone needs to second this. The following items are so far on the Agenda.

- 1 Sunday members to use all of the lake to sail not just part
- 2 Thursday afternoon free sailing for all types of models (no yacht racing)
- 3 Sailing policy to be rescinded as not needed any more as this applied to Wednesdays
- 4 Amendment to constitution – Item 12 to be deleted to comply with GDPR
- 5 Item 13 to be amended to read “Persons letting their membership lapse after 31<sup>st</sup> March in any year will be required to re-apply for membership and pay any joining fee on their return to the club.
- 6 The numbering in the constitution to be amended accordingly.
- 7 Stan Reffin to be appointed to a new post of Events Co-ordinator. Seconded by Alan Dyson.
- 8 Stan Reffin to maintain his role as contact with Kirklees Council. Only when strictly necessary.
- 9 Need someone to run the website as Cathy Wilson is standing down from this job.
- 10 Future of club nights

The Committee would like to thank the members who have observed the guidelines which had to be put in place to comply with Government requirements. It has been nice to see some familiar faces down at the Park that we haven't seen for a while. Things seem to be getting back to more like normal so lets see some more of you. Next year we do hope to have a full calendar of events a possible lifeboat open day which would be open to other clubs to visit.

We are now in the process of ordering some new tables to replace those damaged in the container. Prices have shot up but we have managed to negotiate a deal as we are buying 22 or 24 tables. 3 jugs and a tea pot have also been purchased for the catering tent.

There have been very few events to report on this year but members have attended York Open Day, Balme Moor Open Day and Bridlington MBC Open Day. The only commercial show that is likely to happen this year is Blackpool on the **16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> October**. The club will be attending and having a club stand and will display model boats and military vehicles. Of course in the meantime on the 12<sup>th</sup> September we will have displayed at the Classic Car Show in the Wilton Park. Pictures later on in the Newsletter.

Some photos from other events visited earlier this year. - First pictures from York MBC



Bridlington MBC show showing Chris Behan's military vehicle, truck track and model boats.





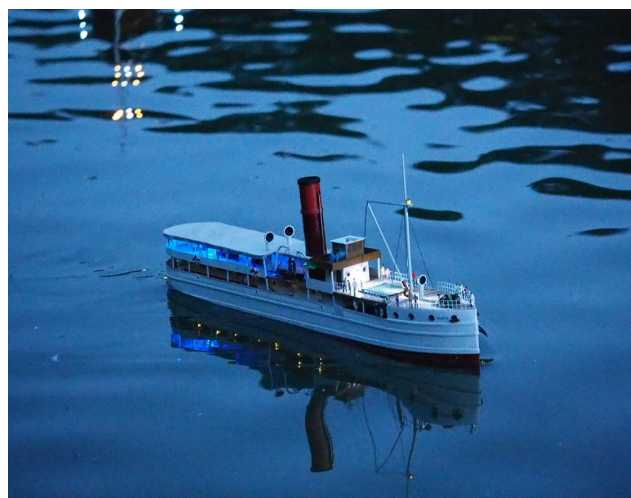
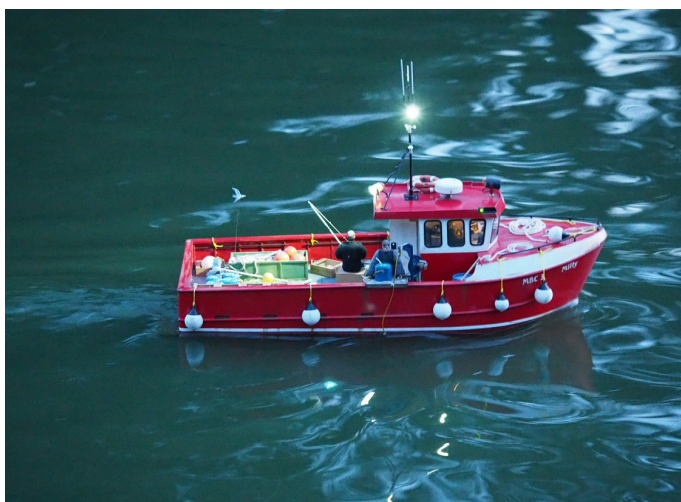


*That's a big one. Andy Waters on route to Balme Moor*



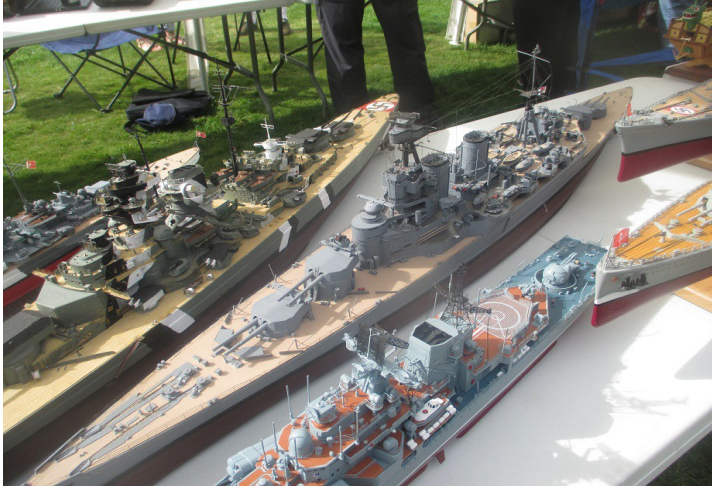
**Night sail Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September** – 20 members attended and there were 15 models all with lights sailing. It was a really good night, fine and warm with very few midges. There was a lovely atmosphere with members enjoying themselves and meeting up with some people they had not seen for a while. We even had the Wilton Park version of the Loch Ness Monster. Lots of people in the park stopped to watch. Thanks to Milly and Suzanne Moss for taking lots of lovely photos and videos. This has been the best night sails for many years.

**Classic Car Rally in Wilton Park Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September** – Normally this would have been our Autumn open day at the lakeside but due to Covid all our open days have been cancelled as normally all the invites are sent out in January. The Friends of Wilton Park asked us if we could provide some form of display to coincide with the Classic Car Rally. We were asked if we would like to set up on one of the old bowling greens for our display. The displays consisted off a large display of different types of model boats and military vehicles. Lots of interest from the public for all our models. There were lots of classic cars there and the weather stayed dry all day. Thanks to all the club members who got the equipment out of the container on Saturday and took it up to the cafe and of course everyone who exhibited on Sunday. The Friends of Wilton Park were very pleased to see us and made up very welcome. We didn't have very much table space but again the members came up trumps and brought their own. New tables for next year are now on order once they come into stock. We will have 26 tables next year.



A selection of boats at the night sail and Wilton Park's Nessie.





Some of the models seen at the Classic Car Rally in Wilton Park.





*Graham Smith's shed railway*



*Graham Smith's Dreadnought power plant*

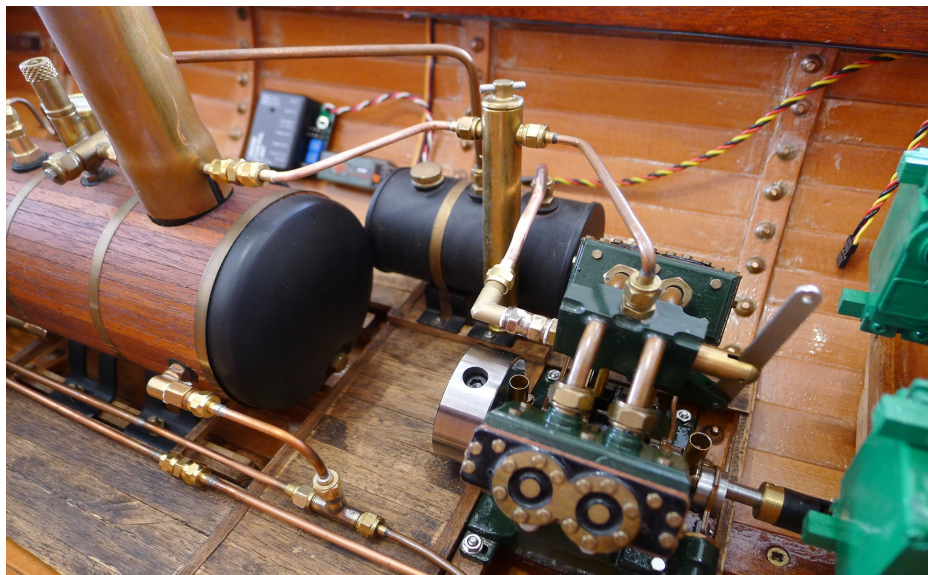


*Lionel Broadbent's latest Russian model very unusual*

It is with great sadness that we announce that **George Pickering**, who had been a member since 1997, has passed away peacefully. Stan has spoken to his wife and in due course he will go and see her and there may be some models to dispose of. George made some really nice models. **Blackpool Model Show** is the **16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> October** with set up day on the 15<sup>th</sup>. At the present time this show is still on. £7.50 to enter on the day.

Following advice from Kirklees Council we are temporarily suspending sailing operations because of blue/green algae in the lake, and it would be wise not to operate military vehicles as algae could be present on the grass. This is being monitored and hopefully if we get some rain this will ease the problem. There has been a meeting regarding remedies for next year to try and prevent this happening again. If you wish to go down on a Thursday or Sunday to socialise and have a cuppa on a Sunday that would be fine.

**Don't forget** I collect used stamps to raise money for Martin's House Children Hospice.



Richard Simpson's latest steam project. This is a very large model.

**Club clothing** – Frank has a large stock of clothing which includes, polo shirts, sweat shirts, fleeces, woolly hats. Please speak to Frank and he can give you prices etc.







