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NEWSLETTER OF KIRKLEES MODEL BOAT CLUB SEPTEMBER 2022

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of a long standing member Bernard Pearson who passed away in early July. Bernard was the partner of Kathleen Stones who is the wonderful lady who makes everyone cups of tea on our Open Days.

Report on Club 500 Race 12 June 2022 This event was re-arranged from the 5th June to the 12th because of the Queens Jubilee celebrations. We had sunny weather conditions but had very gusty wind blowing down the lake which made the water quite choppy, so this impacted on the performance of the models. 9 club members took part with a 10.15 am start. Again lots of interest from other club members and members of the public. Certain competitors experienced speed controller problems, broken motor mounts and of course the usual battery problems. Members taking part are certainly showing good steering skills round the buoys with only 2 misses recorded. Thanks to the following for assisting with the running of the event, Bill Kelsall, Stuart Smith, Pat and Stan Reffin.

| No | Name | 1 st Race | 2 nd Race | Total | Grand Total |
|-----|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------|-------------|
| O1 | Richard Simpson | 8 laps | 0 laps | 8 laps | 64 laps |
| 5 | Jerry Speirs | 5 laps | 10 laps | 15 laps | 40 laps |
| 3 | Steve Holt | 9 laps | 11 laps | 20 laps | 51 laps |
| 70 | Willie Crowther | 10 laps | 11 laps | 21 laps | 40 laps |
| 101 | Fred Senior | 9 laps | 1 laps | 10 laps | 66 laps |
| 712 | Brian Byrne | 8 laps | 10 laps | 18 laps | 64 laps |
| 1 | Derek Round | 8 laps | 10 laps | 18 laps | 64 laps |
| 17 | John Hinde | 11 laps | 0 laps | 11 laps | 38 laps |
| 72 | Chris Booth | 8 laps | 9 laps | 17 laps | 17 laps |
| 25 | Andrew Egglestone | | | | 14 laps |
| 74 | Andrew O'Connor | | | | 0 laps |

Report on the President's Cup sail race by Stuart Smith The Presidents cup sail race was held on July 3rd, with five members competing. The day was dry, with light and variable winds, and a course was set over three laps. The racing was close fought with the lead changing many times. Roy Clarkson was unfortunate when the clew of his jib broke free during a collision, and this put him out of the race. On rounding the last buoy all the remaining competitors were still in contention, but once again Fred Senior managed to nose ahead to take the line in first place with his Northwind. Brian Byrne came second, Jack Stanley third, and Chris Booth fourth.

Report on Open Day 10th July 2022 – We had an early start at 7.30 am on dry, a warm and sunny day, Tents went up very easily, this could not be said for the boiler which proved temperamental. It could have meant no hot drinks on the day but thanks to Stuart Deering and Gary Dyson they got it up and running. A service may be needed. A big thanks to Kathleen Stones, Sue Barker and Emily Dyson for their work in the tea tent. A double thanks to Emily who stepped in to help Karen with the raffle when Pat was taken ill. Thanks to all members who donated food for sale in the tea tent, a repeat will be required for 11th September for our Autumn Open Day. The clubs that attended were down on previous years but assume this was to do with the current economic climate. Thanks to Richard Simpson for once again carrying out steam tests. Clubs attending were Balne Moor, Goole, Bridlington, St Helens, Liverpool, Redcar, BMES and Martin who had a large display of lifeboats. Traders were Scale Flags, Mountfleet and Friends of Wilton Park. The RNLI also had their tent of goodies. We had no grand sail by at 2 o'clock due to boats being rescued that had sunk. We will definitely be having one in September. All in all a very enjoyable and successful day with models of all types on display and on the water. The winner of the best Kirklees model was Trevor Briggs with his scratch built Land Rover. Roger Allsop of Balne Moor MBC won best tug with his Cervia Thames Steam Tug.



Trevor Briggs with his Land Rover



Richard Allsop with his Cervia Thames Steam Tug



Some models seen on the day and Scale Flags' stand.



Willie Crowther awarding Fred Senior the President's Cup trophy

Club 500 - 24th July 2022

| No | Name | 1 st Race | 2 nd Race | Total | Grand Total |
|-----|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------|-------------|
| 72 | Chris Booth | 6 | 8 | 14 | 31 laps |
| 70 | Willie Crowther | 7 | 7 | 14 | 54 laps |
| 3 | Steve Holt | 6 | 8 | 14 | 65 laps |
| 25 | Andrew Egglestone | 5 | 0 | 5 | 19 laps |
| 101 | Fred Senior | 6 | 9 | 15 | 81 laps |
| O1 | Richard Simpson | 11 | 10 | 21 | 85 laps |
| 1 | Derek Round | 6 | 8 | 14 | 78 laps |
| 96 | Dave Cowley | 6 | 9 | 15 | 15 laps |
| 5 | Jerry Speirs | 6 | 7 | 13 | 53 laps |
| 712 | Brian Byrne | 7 | 8 | 15 | 79 laps |
| 17 | John Hinde | 6 | 8 | 14 | 52 laps |

A dry sunny morning with a breeze which made the lake a bit choppy. We also now have a problem with bird feathers, which is to be expected at this time of year. This obviously affects the number of laps. Thanks to Stuart Smith, Bill Kelsall and Pat Reffin for acting as stewards.

Junior Fun Run – There is now a junior fun run in the Park every Sunday morning from 9 am to 9.30 am. After much discussion we have tried to sort out the parking arrangements and we will continue to monitor this with Jason. The fun run will be cancelled on our Open Day event on 11th September. One way to avoid problems with parking is to come early or after 9.45 am.

Sadly another member has passed away. Dennis Boote hadn't been with us very long and had been unable to get down to the park very often due to ill health.

We would like to welcome the new members who joined us on our Open Day in July.

Again it is with great sadness we announce that Chris Lilley a long term member passed away quite suddenly. He was a regular on a Sunday morning

Club 500 race 7th August 2022

| No | Name | 1 st Race | 2 nd Race | Total | Grand Total |
|-----|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------|-------------|
| 72 | Chris Booth | 5 | 9 | 14 | 45 |
| O1 | Richard Simpson | 10 | 11 | 21 | 106 |
| 5 | Jerry Speirs | 10 | 10 | 20 | 73 |
| 70 | Willie Crowther | 8 | 0 | 8 | 62 |
| 101 | Fred Senior | 8 | 8 | 16 | 97 |
| 712 | Brian Byrne | 9 | 9 | 18 | 97 |
| 17 | John Hinde | 10 | 9 | 19 | 71 |
| 3 | Steve Holt | | | | 65 |
| 25 | Andrew Egglestone | | | | 19 |
| 1 | Derek Round | | | | 78 |
| 96 | Dave Cowley | | | | 15 |

Stan received the following letter from the RNLI Mirfield Fundraising Branch – Thank you very much for your cheque for £200 and inviting us to your events throughout the year. It's donations like this that keep the RNLI going.

The RNLI charity saves lives at sea. Its volunteers provide a 24-hour search and rescue service around the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland coasts. The RNLI operates over 238 lifeboat stations in the UK and Ireland and, in a normal year, more than 240 lifeguard units on beaches around the UK and Channel Islands. The RNLI is independent of Coastguard and government and depends on voluntary donations and legacies to maintain its rescue service. Since the RNLI was founded in 1824, its lifeboat crews and lifeguards have save over 142,700 lives.

In 2021 we launched our lifeboats a total of 8,868 times, aided 53,665 people and saving 408 lives by RNLI crews and lifeguards, that's on average 35 people each day. Your generous donations will help ensure our lifesaving work continues.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Club 500 21st August 2022

| No | Name | 1 st Race | 2 nd Race | Total | Grand Total |
|-----|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------|-------------|
| O1 | Richard Simpson | 10 laps | 11 laps | 21 laps | 127 laps |
| 1 | Derek Round | 11 laps | 10 laps | 21 laps | 99 laps |
| 17 | John Hinde | 11 laps | 9 laps | 20 laps | 91 laps |
| 5 | Jerry Speirs | 10 laps | 10 laps | 20 laps | 93 laps |
| 101 | Fred Senior | 7 laps | 11 laps | 18 laps | 115 laps |
| 3 | Steve Holt | 11 laps | 11 laps | 22 laps | 87 laps |
| 25 | Andrew Egglestone | 7 laps | 7 laps | 14 laps | 33 laps |
| 712 | Brian Byrne | 10 laps | 9 laps | 19 laps | 116 laps |
| 72 | Chris Booth | 9 laps | 9 laps | 18 laps | 63 laps |
| 70 | Willie Crowther | | | | 62 laps |
| 96 | Dave Cowley | | | | 15 laps |

Report on Club 500 Race 4th September – It was a cloudy morning with a slight breeze we had two false starts, two upturned boats and thanks to Stuart Smith in the rescue boat these were retrieved safely. 8 members took part and the standard of steering has improved a lot over the year as no buoys were missed. Many thanks to Stuart Smith, Bill Kelsall, Willie Crowther, Gary Dyson, Phil Bowker and Pat Reffin who have all assisted with the running of these events over the year. Hopefully we will have some more members taking part next year. Now is the time to get your boat serviced for next year.

Club 500 4th September 2022

| No | Name | 1 st Race | 2 nd Race | Total | Grand Total | Position |
|-----|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------|-------------|-----------------|
| O1 | Richard Simpson | 10 | 11 | 21 | 148 | 1 st |
| 1 | Derek Round | 11 | 11 | 22 | 121 | |
| 5 | Jerry Speirs | 9 | 10 | 19 | 112 | |
| 101 | Fred Senior | 9 | 10 | 19 | 134 | 2 nd |
| 3 | Steve Holt | 10 | 10 | 20 | 107 | |
| 72 | Chris Booth | 7 | 11 | 18 | 81 | |
| 712 | Brian Byrne | 8 | 6 | 14 | 130 | 3 rd |
| 17 | John Hinde | 10 | 7 | 17 | 108 | |
| 25 | Andrew Egglestone | | | | 33 | |
| 70 | Willie Crowther | | | | 62 | |
| 96 | Dave Cowley | | | | 15 | |
| O9 | Mike Cole | | | | 11 | |
| 9 | Albert Smith | | | | 10 | |

At the conclusion of the Club 500 events, Richard Simpson 1st, Fred Senior 2nd and Brian Byrne 3rd. Thanks to all who took part in this fun event which has taken place over the year. See you all in February/March depending on the weather!



The last 4 of the Club 500 series



Gary Dyson's diorama of Queen Mary in wartime colours

Report on display at Classic Car Rally 4th September in Wilton Park - Once again we were asked to put on a static display by Friends of the Park to coincide with the Classic Car Rally. We would like to thank the following for taking the club equipment to the top of the park and also for taking it away at the end of the day, Chris Behan, Nigel Firth, Gary Dyson, Willie Crowther and David Moss. If I have missed anybody I do apologise. David Moss' Galleon certainly was a crowd pleaser and got lots of attention. This model is full of electronics and the 10 cannons also simulate firing. I would like to thank Charlie Smith for displaying for the first time. On the military vehicle front Nigel Firth had an excellent model of the British Army Challenger and Chris Behan had an excellent scratch built German Half Track and Trailer.

Report on Nigh Sail Wednesday 7th September – 13 members attended on a night which cleared after a thunderstorm. 2 yachts looked very impressive with LED light strung down the masts. Some very nice scale models which also looked very nice lit up.

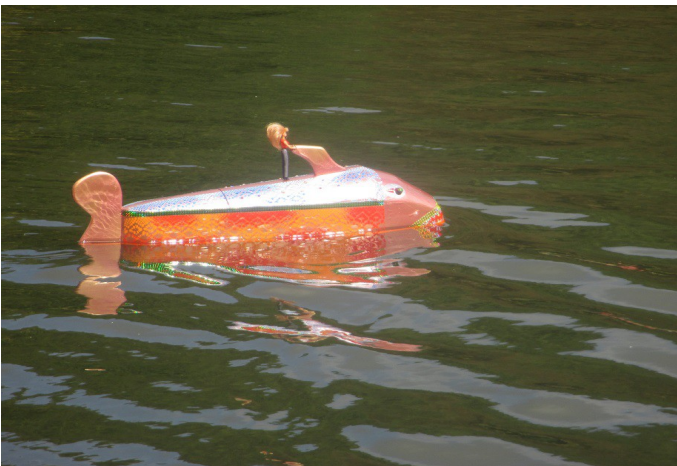


one model illuminated before going in the water



David Moss' model "Milly"

Autumn Open Day Sunday 11th September – A lovely sunny day, many thanks to Kathleen Stones, Sue and Dave Barker for the work in the tea tent and thanks to Gary for persuading the boiler to get going. Thanks also to those who turned up early to help with setup and also at the end putting everything back in the container. The boiler has caused a few problems consequently we have decided to buy a replacement. This will cost in the region of £250. Numbers were down on previous years but we still had visitors from other clubs from various parts of the north of England. The raffle only had 2 unclaimed prizes One has been claimed. Thanks to Karen Behan for helping Pat with the raffle. Chris Mead won the Les Kirkby shield for the best Kirklees Warship. Simon Murphy won the best Kirklees military vehicle.



Some strange fish in Wilton Park. Belonging to Stuart Oddy



Steve Perkins' tug Jan

Hi Stan just want to say what a great day we had yesterday, I thought we did really well considering the circumstances. As an aside the entertainment value of the mayhem we create putting up the tents must have reached new heights when four of us became human tent legs while Chris struggled with the bungees inside, will we **ever** top this? Again thanks from Anne and me. (Jack & Anne Stanley)



Richard Simpson's large steam launch



Chris Mead receiving the Les Kirkby shield from Pat Reffin



Simon Murphy receiving trophy for best military vehicle



It was this big! Mike Smith tells Lionel Broadbent.

Report on the George Trophy on Sunday 18th September by Stuart Smith - nine competitors took part. The weather was dry and cloudy bright, with a moderate blustery breeze which kept competitors on their toes as the wind gusted around the houses and trees (not forgetting the island in the lake creating the usual turbulence). Stuart Smith acted as officer of the day, ably assisted by our club chairman Gary Dyson. A triangular course was set, over three laps, with a clockwise beating leg running up to the first buoy from the start line, the course taking in approx two thirds of the length of the lake. The challenging course and conditions produced ducking, diving, swerving, and (at times) glancing blows between boats, and several boats were caught out by the calm in the lee of the island, but there were no significant issues apart from one boat having to withdraw because it sprung a leak. The race was well contested, but three leading boats eventually emerged, with Fred Senior once again taking 1st place to win the George Trophy to add to his collection. Roy Clarkson came 2nd with Brian Byrne taking 3rd place. It was a demanding race, the majority of boats being Dragon force RG65's, but interestingly enough the first and second were the much older Northwind 28's (a great all rounder boat, but no longer available now), proving that older style boats can still be competitive?



Fred Senior receiving George Trophy from Gary Dyson



Yachts in The George sail race



Chris Behan winning best truck at Bridlington MBC August 2022



Chris Behan's German half track winner at Bridlington

CHANGE OF DATE FOR AGM 16TH NOVEMBER 7.45 PM TO 9.45 PM at BATLEY SPORTS CENTRE.
This is the only date and time we could get.

This will be the last Newsletter for 2022. It would be nice to see you all at the Christmas lunch which is a really nice day with lovely food. If you are a new member and this is your first Newsletter we hope you enjoy it. We have a forthcoming event **FLYING NIGHT at Batley Sports Centre on Wednesday 12th October 7.45 pm to 9.45 pm.** Trainers need to be worn, no outdoor shoes.

Don't forget the Fuddle down at the lake on the Sunday before Christmas. Bring mince pies etc. to share.

Thanks to all members who have offered their support during the year. Looking forward to a successful 2023. Details of all events home and away will be in the January 2023 Newsletter.

