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NEWSLETTER OF KIRKLEES MODEL BOAT CLUB SEPTEMBER 2023

Just to let you know the Sports Centre Gymnasium has been booked for the AGM on **Wednesday 8th November 2023 AT 7.45 PM.** This is the only venue available in the Sports Centre. If you are hard of hearing, sit nearer the front and we will try and organise the seating so it is not spread out. I need notification of any item to be placed on the Agenda with a proposer and seconder. This needs to be with me by 8th October at the latest. Anything received after the date cannot be guaranteed to be included. Subscriptions for 2024 become due on the 1st January in the sum £10. These can be paid at the AGM if it is convenient for you and can also be done by bank transfer. Cash, cheques and bank transfer are all acceptable.

Report of Club 500 race 4th June 2023 by Stan Reffin - 10 members took part on a warm sunny day with a good stiff breeze blowing down the lake and no wildlife in the vicinity. No bird food required. The new position for the start gate is working well and the starter box has been modified and that is working well. In the first race we had quite a few collisions but no serious damage. We had a couple of upturned boats but these were recovered successfully and put back in the heat. The standard of steering is improving, still a few close calls going round the buoys. Thanks to Bill Kelsall, Frank Kimbley for helping with the equipment required. Stan, Mick Burtop and Pat oversaw the events. Once again quite a lot of interest from the general public.

No	Name	Heat 1	Heat 2	Total	Grand total
O1	Richard Simpson	10	11	21	72
5	Jerry Speirs	10	8	18	68
1	Derek Round	11	5	16	71
3	Steve Holt	8	10	18	77
8	Willie Crowther	9	9	18	50
17	John Hinde	9	10	19	75
45	Dave King	0	9	9	39
712	Brian Byrne	0	0	0	39
13	Danyal Brown	8	10	18	74
72	Chris Booth	9	8	17	66
101	Fred Senior				30
49	David Moss				33

Summer Open Day 9th July – Club members had to be on site very early due to the work required to get everything set up. Most important the cup of tea tent! By 9.30 am our first guests were arriving. Stan was kept busy marking out the various tent spaces for the visitors, including once again the Mirfield Branch of the RNLI. The RNLI have been staunch supporters of all our open days for many years. I can report that the combined total raised on the day was £263.50 and a cheque presentation will take place on the 6th August. Again, we had many different types of models on display and on the green water, like most clubs suffering from the effects of the warm June weather, but we had plenty of hand sanitizer stations on site. A new visitor this year was the Wakefield IPMS Branch displaying some excellent plastic models. Comments from the IPMS was that they had learnt a lot about model boat construction from our members and visitors. Representatives from 16 model boat clubs from the north east, midlands and all parts of Yorkshire and Lancashire. Trade support was provided by Mountfleet Models and Model Flags, and I understand they both had a good day. Our military vehicle section is proving to be very popular on our open days displaying a vast selection of model tanks and vehicles. We had a sail by of models of all types and 15 models of varying kinds took part. To round off the day we had the usual raffle with some terrific prizes, something for everybody. The open day finished earlier this year at around 3 pm due to the forecast predicted for thunderstorms. Thanks to all who supported this event, it make all the planning worthwhile. A special thanks to Kathleen Stones and Sue Barker for all their help in the tea tent, and Pat and Karen for selling and persuading people to buy raffle tickets. Thanks also to members who helped out during the day and especially those who stayed behind at the end to put everything away.

Report on President's Cup sail race 16th July – 4 club members took part in this race on a very dull and overcast day with strong gusty winds, making sailing challenging. Fred Senior had sail problems resulting on his being on the other side of the lake. Roy Clarkson took an early lead and finished in first position, followed by Brian Byrne and Jack Stanley.

No	Name	Heat 1	Heat 2	Total	Grand Total
O1	Richard Simpson	12	11	23	95
1	Derek Round	12	12	24	95
5	Jerry Speirs	12	11	23	91
17	John Hinde	12	10	22	97
8	Willie Crowther	11	11	22	72
712	Brian Byrne	0	9	9	48
13	Dan Brown	10	9	19	93
72	Chris Booth	10	7	17	83
3	Steve Holt				77

45	Dave King				39
101	Fred Senior				30
49	David Moss				33

Report on Club 500 race 6th August by Stan Reffin – 8 club members took part in ideal conditions with sunny spells and a slight breeze down the lake. The lake was clear of obstructions and no wildlife to contend with. On the 20th we will need to take extra care as there are 3 very small ducklings. Steering is vastly improved as there was only one missed buoy. Due to mishap in heat 1 the race was nearly stopped but the members decided to carry on.

Club 500 race on 20th August – no report

No	Name	Heat 1	Heat 2	Total	Grand Total
1	Derek Round	9	10	19	114
O1	Richard Simpson	9	9	18	113
5	Jerry Speirs	3	9	12	103
17	John Hinde	5	0	5	102
72	Chris Booth	10	9	19	102
3	Steve Holt	8	10	18	95
13	Danyal Brown				93
8	Willie Crowther	10	7	17	89
712	Brian Byrne	7	6	13	61
49	Davie Moss	7	7	14	47
45	Dave King				39
101	Fred Senior				30

Report on Club 500 race 3rd September 2023 – The club 500 is coming to an end now with only one more event to run which should be an exciting finish to the season. Today we had 9 entrants with perfect weather conditions, sunny and warm and very little wind. It is moulting season for the ducks so feathers can be a problem but not today. We had one boat overturned but was righted very quickly.

No	Name	Heat 1	Heat 2	Total	Grand Total
1	Derek Round	11	12	23	137
O1	Richard Simpson	11	11	22	135
5	Jerry Speirs	4	11	15	118
3	Steve Holt	9	10	19	114
8	Willie Crowther	10	10	20	109
17	John Hinde	9	10	19	121
712	Brian Byrne	6	9	15	76
13	Dan Brown	9	10	19	112
72	Chris Booth	7	9	16	118
49	David Moss				47
45	Dave King				39

101	Fred Senior				30
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Report on Classic Car Rally 3rd September 2023 by Stan Reffin – Following on from the Club 500 members joined the military vehicle members to provide a static display again at this event. Interest in the display this year I think was considerable down and the numbers seemed low for the car show compared to last year. May be it is due to the cost of living! However, the weather was very nice and sunny and warm. Thanks to the members who attended but sadly no photos.

Report on Autumn Open Day 10th September 2023 by Stan Reffin – An early start was required once again at 8 am. Not knowing how popular this event would be, we only erected 3 tents plus the tea tent. We have visitors from other clubs including St Helens, Potteries, York, Crewe, Buxton and some others. Sadly no trade support. I think this is because it clashed with Deans Marine's Open Day. It was a fine day, despite the forecast being for rain. The ladies in the tea tent worked very hard again and the RNLI raised £160 on the day. Pat and Karen were selling raffle tickets, with a good selection of raffle prizes. There was a good selection of models on display including the crocodile and a very nice submarine. About a dozen took part in the sail past. 2 presentations were carried out, Richard Simpson was awarded the Les Kirkby Shield for the best KMBC model and Sandy Rennie got the best military model. A new member joined on the day. Thanks for those who donated for the tea tent and thanks to those who have helped out at any event during the year. This is appreciated by the Committee and hopefully we will do it all again next year. See you at Blackpool if you are attending as we will have a stand on display.

Night sail Wednesday 13th September - We have not been given any photos or report for this event.

Club 500 Race Sunday 24th September the last race of the year – Richard Simpson has worked out the formula for the results and this has been sent out to all competitors. Congratulations to Derek Round for being the overall winner.

No	Name	Heat 1	Heat 2	Total	Grand Total
O1	Richard Simpson	10	11	21	156
5	Jerry Speirs	0	10	10	128
712	Brian Byrne	9	10	19	95
8	Willie Crowther	10	8	18	127
17	John Hinde	10	9	19	140
1	Derek Round	12	11	23	160
3	Steve Holt	11	11	22	136
13	Dan Brown	0	0	0	112
72	Chris Booth	10	10	20	138
49	David Moss				47
45	Dave King				39
101	Fred Senior				30

Thoughts on the Autumn Day by one of our members - Hi Stan another good day, I think things went pretty smoothly, we are definitely getting the hang of it don't you think?

I am always amazed at the variety and numbers of boats which appear at these events, things we don't normally see at the lakeside like the alligator, the sinking ship and the sub. not to mention the antique looking radio gear! To see a club five hundred boat in its kit form was a "first" for me, very interesting (but still not my cup of tea) and those excellent card models, wish I had the necessary eyesight and fingers! The pies and sarnies went down well, thanks to all concerned here, the only regrets are that we just do not have the stamina to see it through to the end any more, thanks again for a good day, Jack & Anne Stanley

Like last year we will be in the gymnasium. A draft Agenda is being sent with this Newsletter. If you have any items you wish to add please let me know. Please note you will need someone to second your item. If anyone is interested in joining the Committee please let us know.

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

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Christmas lunch menu for Sunday 10th December 2023 12 O'clock for 12.30 pm. At The Manor Golf Club, Bradford Road, Drighlington BD11 1AB Tel 0113 2852644 Cost - £28 for adults for 3 courses & £22 for 2 courses

Starters

Chef's Home made Cream of Vegetable Soup topped with Croutons (v)

Smooth Brussels Pate served with Caramelised Red Onion Chutney, Baby Leaf Salad & Toasted Bread

Ocean Royal Prawn & Crayfish Cocktail in Marie Rose Sauce

Starters will be served with freshly baked Bread Roll & Yorkshire Butter

Mains

Traditional Roast Turkey served with Stuffing, Pigs in Blankets & Rich Gravy

Salmon Fillet served with a White Wine and Asparagus Sauce

Vegetarian Roast Served with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Greens & Vegetarian Gravy (v)

Roast Topside of Beef served with Home made Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy

Main Courses will be served with Roast Potatoes, Creamy Mash & Mixed vegetables

Desserts

Traditional Christmas Pudding with Brandy Sauce

Home made Chocolate Brownie topped with Yorkshire Vanilla Ice Cream & Chocolate Sauce

Home made Bailey's Cheesecake with salted caramel ice cream

To finish - Ground coffee, tea and Mints

Don't forget wrapped raffle prizes so we can give the staff a nice Christmas tip!