



Mariner

NEWSLETTER OF KIRKLEES MODEL BOAT CLUB

JULY 2012

NAVY DAY
9TH SEPTEMBER
COME AND HAVE A
GREAT DAY OUT
Don't forget the
"RAFFLE"

STOP PRESS.

WITH THE CANCELLATION OF THE OPEN DAY ON JULY 8TH
THIS EVENT WILL NOW BE COMBINED WITH "NAVY DAY" ON TH 9TH OF SEPTEMBER 2012
RAFFLE PRIZE DRAW FROM OPEN DAY WILL BE DRAWN ON THIS OCCASION
SO COME ALONG AND HELP MAKE THIS A GREAT EVENT AND HOPE THE WEATHER IS KIND TO US.



WOULD ALL MEMBERS PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THERE IS A GROUNDING HAZARD NEAR THE NEW WATERFALL WHICH IS MARKED BY RED AND WHITE BOUYS.

THERE IS A LARGE METAL BOX UNDER THE SURFACE WHICH IS THE INTAKE FOR THE WATERFALL PUMP AND FILTER. SO PLEASE STEER CLEAR

Welcome to the July 2012 edition of the Mariner, the KMBC newsletter, what awful luck we had for the weekend of our annual Open Day, the weather was very unkind and meant that we had to make the decision at the advice of the Park Ranger to cancel the event. Never mind let us hope we can get some better weather on September 9th when we will be combining Open Day with Navy Day, so please come along and support us and don't forget that the "Raffle" will be held on this occasion, we will also require all the help we can muster erecting marquees and other equipment, as well as clearing away at the end of the day!!!!

Club membership is now at its highest number, with new members joining on a regular basis. So a warm welcome to all new members and hope that you enjoy the club's facilities and the comradeship of all members. If any member, new or old, has any questions technical or otherwise you only have to see a member of the committee who will only be too willing to answer or steer you to someone who can answer. We try to please

As Stan's Ramblings will no doubt tell you the year so far has been quite successful on the exhibition front whilst at home the Club yacht races and Island Endurance have been entertaining to watch. Attendance at Club Monthly Meetings at Batley Sports Centre have been disappointing and your committee is looking at some changes on this front.

Please don't forget that any changes to the Club Constitution or Club Rules can only be done at the Annual General Meeting held in November of each year, and must be notified 28 days prior to the Club Secretary in writing. So if there are any changes lets start thinking about them now rather than later.

Committee member Nick Holmes is putting together some ideas for some floating dockworks that can be used both for Tug Towing as well as general scale or semi-scale model sailing, so hopefully by early next year we will be able to give it a go steering or towing in and out of a harbour, thanks should go to Nick for the work he has put into this.

Phill Bowker



This picture was taken by a young man called Jae who just happened to be at the lakeside on Steam Day with mini quad-copter and mobile phone strapped to it. He has kindly given permission to use the photo as we like. An enlarged version has been obtained and will now feature on the Club stand at exhibitions. Many thanks go to Jae for this superb view of the lake and surroundings.

Hi there shipmates.

First of all I would like to wish Ian Stewart a speedy recovery after his recent accident. Get well soon Ian we need you to get the boats out of the lake that are stuck! Only joking Ian. I am sure I speak for all club members on this matter.

Some information on things that have taken place within the club since the last newsletter. We have purchased three new tables for the sole use in the refreshment tent, and will now have 17 tables for members to display their models on at major events. We have been very fortunate to have a member of the public take three aerial shots of the lake, hopefully these will go on the club website. One of these pictures will replace the existing picture on the club display stand. You will notice in the top left hand side of the lake near the new fountain two red buoys and one white one, these indicate the position of a submerged pump and pipework. It would be wise not to go near these as substantial damage could be caused to your model. Thanks to John Goodyear for putting these buoys in. We have also purchased a new trolley which will carry large and heavy items on major event days and also a small trolley for carrying water containers.

Open Day/Navy Day on 9th September, we hope to donate three trophies for best warship, best tug and best springer tug. The tug trophies were going to be given on Open Day.

Changes to some events away from the lake. **4th and 5th August Woodvale Rally**. This will not be held at RAF Woodvale and I understand it has moved to Victoria Park, Southport. If you need any more information please see me and I will obtain it for you.

19th August Bridlington MBC Open Day.

Sheffield MBC proposed Open Day has been cancelled.

Changes to events at the lakeside. After the decision by the Park Ranger for the Open Day on the 8th July to be cancelled due to the concerns regarding the grassed area being too wet and slippery, it wasn't practical to re-arrange a separate date so this will now be included with the Navy Day. Lots of raffle prizes to get rid of.

Things that have happened since the last newsletter. **Island Endurance for scale models**, Fred Senior took the trophy this year completing 27 laps. Well done Fred.

31st March to 1st April – 3 members of Kirklees MBC attended the Leeds Bradford MBC attended to Model Marine Expo at Yeadon Town Hall. Model Boat Clubs in attendance Kirklees, Rawdon and of course Leeds Bradford. Reasonable turnout over the two days. Thank you to the members and committee of Leeds Bradford.

11th April – **Club night** a resounding success. Paul from Mtroniks came along and answered questions from club members and gave advice on their products. He also brought along a large selection of speed controllers which club members purchased at a reasonable price.

15th April – **Island Endurance modern technology** – not run through lack of support. Only 2 members interested.

22nd April – **Annual Blue Ribband** sail race. This was won by Doug Potter. A new trophy was given for this event. The old one was dumped in the bin. Lets see if we can have some new names on this trophy, no offence Doug.

10th to 13th May – **Harrogate Model Engineering and Modelling Exhibition** – We had a large club stand again displaying all types of models. The organizers supplied a new pond this year which saw a lot of action. I am amazed that this show still attracts so many visitors from the UK and beyond albeit trade support was down this year. Well done to Chris Behan for gaining a 1st in modified kit class and well done to Ian Stewart for a commended. The club got a donation for club funds as usual and I would like to thank all club members that attended on the Thursday to set up and who helped on the Sunday to take down the club stand.

19th May? Myself and Roger Shepherd attending a Mobile Marine Open Day. We were very fortunate along with Balne Moor to have a prime location for displaying our models. Good trade support and a good selection of model boat clubs attended but again the weather let the show down.

27th May – **Northwind Sail Race** Doug Potter again the winner. If you want a race report see club website.

3rd June – **Balne Moor Navy Day**. This was attended by myself and Chris and Karen Behan. On arrival at site I found some people from the midlands area and some from the north west. The day was very wet and cold but some sailing was still carried out. Unfortunately the weather spoilt the event as it has done so a lot this summer. Thank you to John Pollitt and the members of Balne Moor for making us welcome on what was a very bad day.

9th and 10th June – **CADMA Northern Model Boat Show** held at the Air Museum, Doncaster. This venue offers a model boat show and lots of things to look at in the Museum. The standard of models on display was high, trade support was very good and the Help for Heroes fleet had a lot of attention. I am sure they raised a fair sum for what we will all agree is a very worthy cause. Again thanks to everybody for their efforts in erecting and dismantling the club stand. Roger Shepherd you owe me a flask – smasher! (only joking). Congratulations to Adam Holmes for taking 1st in Junior with HMS Amazon and a 2nd in Junior. We had a very good social evening on the Saturday night with fellow club members at the Premier Inn Lakeside.

13th June – **Club night indoor flying**. I have to report that the first half hour of club night was very poorly attended. I feel that members just turn up for the flying and it wasn't as well supported as in the past. The next indoor flying night will be on **10th October**. The start time will be confirmed nearer the date.

24th June – Steam Day/Mountfleet Open Day. A very early start. A big thank you to all members for erecting the tents, putting up fencing. A big thank you to Sue from Mountfleet Models for displaying their products and a big thank you must go to Richard Simpson who spent all morning carrying out steam tests. There was a nice selection of steam models on display and a good selection of Mountfleet Models. We could not do a grand parade of steam models due to the time it took to steam up the different types of models but there was a lot of steaming activity during the day. I am pleased to say that Donald Shaw was the winner of the best Mountfleet Model and the Steam Queen Trophy went to a club member from Bury with a large steam paddler. This event will be happening again next year some time between May and July. A big thank you must go as well to Kathleen Stones, Kath Ingle and Doreen Shaw for giving Pat the help she needed to get the catering sorted and to Keith Hays for his efforts in keeping the boiler going and keeping up the water supply.

8th July – Open day cancelled.

22nd July – The President's Cup sail race and Club 500 race. This report will follow in the next newsletter.

Away events not attended. Balne Moor Scale Day, Tug Towing. Hull MBC Open Day. Ellesmere Port Tug Towing, King-smill Open Day and Goole MBC Open Day which was rained off. If any member did attend any of these I am sorry but I didn't know about it. I

Hot news – I have been approached by a journalist working on behalf of The Dalesman Magazine. They wish to do a feature on Kirklees MBC. I was interviewed on 12th July. I have seen the proof and it is 2 x A4 pages. The journalist was down at the lake last Sunday taking photographs of club members' boats. I cannot guarantee what pictures will be published. The article is hoped to be published in either September or October edition.

We are not far away from September and if you have anything that needs to be put on the Agenda for the AGM this must be placed in writing and given to Pat Reffin the Club Secretary for inclusion. Verbally will not do. Please note anything that needs changing can only be done at the AGM. This was agreed when the new Constitution was formed.

Anyone who will be unable to attend the Open Day on 9th September Pat will be selling raffle tickets between the 22nd July and 5th August for any members who wish to have a chance of winning some very good prizes. There are lots of them.



**Northwind Trophy Winner 2012
Doug Potter
Presentation by Pat Reffin**



**Winner of Presidents Cup 2012
Doug Potter
Presentation by Pat Reffin**



Who are these 3 wise Monkeys



**Steam Day Ladies of the Tea Tent
Many thanks to them all**



Where did the
duck come from
Err Sorry
SWAN
Could it be the famous
"George"



Left: Best Mountfleet
Model "Clarity" by
Donald Shaw



Right: Winner of
"Steam Queen" award
Side Paddler by John
Hamer of Bury Club

Donald Shaw receiving trophy for
Best Mountfleet Model from Sue

John Hamer receiving "Steam Queen"
trophy from Pat Reffin

