



# Mariner

NEWSLETTER OF KIRKLEES MODEL BOAT CLUB

APRIL 2013

Steam Day  
Mountfleet Models  
Open Day  
28th April 2013  
8.00am start  
Help required

Welcome to the second edition of the Club Newsletter for 2013, with a hearty welcome to the new members who have joined us in the past few months. I do hope the weather picks up with the past few months being so cold and ice on the lake. We have a few events coming up such as the Blue Ribband Sail Race followed by our annual Steam Day combined with Mountfleet Models Open day on the 28th April, and I hope a number of members will help on that day erecting tents and all the other things that need doing to make the day as successful as previous years.

Once again congratulations to Chris Behan on gaining a Gold Award for his model of an E Boat, in the prestigious David Owen Competition at Ellesmere Port Show earlier this year, Chris must have quite a collection of these medals and certificates by now, the standard of judging in these competitions is very high and it is a credit to him on his achievements. The Trade show at Ellesmere Port was quite well attended but being on the same weekend as the "Other Show" at The Trafford Centre in Manchester was not attended by as many traders. We hear that Trafford centre show will not go ahead next year!!!. The report from the club members with model on show on our stand was that it was freezing cold in the room and on the Sunday other clubs decided to bring extra electric heaters which blew the fuses, and without access to the fuse board and a qualified electrician everyone had to Freeze.

The standard of models at last year's Steam Day was quite something and I hope it will be repeated this year, but don't forget that for insurance purposes all model boilers must have current test certificates, testing can be done on the day or previously by prior arrangement with Richard Simpson. We must be one of only a few clubs who abide by the testing requirements for steam models and it is thanks to Richard's knowledge and commitment that we maintain such high safety principles.

Stuart Smith and other members have been busy manufacturing and setting new marker buoys for the yacht races and other events, and our thanks go to Stuart and the others who seem to have been busy with the small dinghy on Sunday mornings. Stuart unfortunately had a small amount of money stolen from his car along with a smashed side window the other week whilst sailing on a Wednesday afternoon. So a word of warning and let's be vigilant during our sessions at the lake and make sure that valuables are out of sight and doors locked.

Membership seems to be about the same as last year even if we have lost a few, so let's make our new members welcome, and make sure that if they have any problems that we all try and help in any way we can. Your committee is looking at replacing our vintage container which is showing it's age, however we have got to work with Kirklees council on this, and the cost of just over £2000 will have to be decided at the AGM in November. So watch this space next Spring.

Phill Bowker. Chairman



Well done to Dougie Potter  
Winner of March Hare 2013  
with Trophy presented by Pat Reffin.



Kit Class Gold Medal Winning Model  
SchnellBoat (E Boat) by Chris Behan.  
In the David Owen Competition at  
Ellesmere Port Show March 2013



A smiling winner  
With his Gold Medal

Hi there shipmates, there has not been much sailing activity at Wilton Park since Christmas due to the inclement weather. I think you will all agree it has been very cold. We have managed about four good weekends so far this year. I am pleased to report that the membership has remained very high this year. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Roger Shepherd and Stuart Smith onto the committee and I am sure their input will be valuable in the coming year.

Events at the Park so far this year – I have to report that a vehicle has been broken into whilst in the top car park and the Wednesday sailors have had some equipment stolen. There is not a great deal we can do about this but be aware, do not leave anything visible in your vehicle and don't leave equipment unattended on a Sunday morning. I understand from Stuart Smith that the Wednesday sailors will not be leaving anything visible that can be taken. It is a sign of the times I am afraid.

17<sup>th</sup> March saw the first event the March Hare sail race. Well supported again and the race was won by Dougie Potter.

24<sup>th</sup> March should have been the Island Endurance Trophy but this was cancelled due to extremely cold and snowy weather. This will now be held on **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September with a 10.15 a.m. start.** I have tried to accommodate this in the summer months but the away events programme does not allow this. This event next year will be run in April to allow for any bad weather. I hope!

Further events at the Park **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April Steam Day/Mountfleet.** If you need your steam plant testing see me or Richard Simpson at the lakeside. If you have a Mountfleet model let's see that at the Park on that day. **Help will be required** to erect tents, tables, fencing etc. from **8 a.m. onwards.** We also need food for re-sale in the catering tent. Sandwiches must be labelled and in cling film or sandwich bags. All contributions will be gratefully accepted! Before moving onto events away from the Park I would like to say welcome to any new members who are receiving their first newsletter. Plans are in the early stages to possibly replace our storage container. More information on this to follow.

Events away from the Park. 17<sup>th</sup> February saw members visit the IPMS show at Huddersfield Sports Centre. Lots of plastic kits on display, lots of paints, tools and other equipment. Things you would not see at a normal model boat show. If you want tips on how to paint, this is the show to go to. You can learn a lot from the plastic modellers. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> March Ellesmere Port Spring Model Boat Show. I would like to thank the members that manned the club stand event though it was cold! Lots of interest with the models on display. Good trade support, good displays of tug towing in the canal basin, lots of models to see. Look forward to next year when hopefully it will be warmer! Congratulations to Chris Behan for gaining a Gold in kit/modified section of the David Owen competition. We seem to be collecting golds on a regular basis. Thank you to the members who attended and took part in the tug towing. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> March Northern Modelling Exhibition. I cannot give a full report on this show because I wasn't there but I would like to thank Allen France for his efforts on behalf of the Club/ Surface Warship Association. Easter Sunday while visiting Barrow-in-Furness I attended the Furness Model Boat Club. Not much sailing done due to the weather again but I have taken a picture of their lake and the local wildlife (a radio controlled goose). A nice venue despite the weather. I have spoken to their Club Chairman and thanked them for their kind invitation to join them.

Future events – Names have now been submitted for the Harrogate Model Engineering Show. This event is now closed. I must make you all aware that this is a 3 day event and models must be on site on the 9<sup>th</sup> May until Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May and cannot be removed before 4.30 p.m. This information is for members who are attending for the first time. I am in the process now of obtaining names for the CADMA show in June. This will be closed on **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April.** Final numbers must be sent by the 1<sup>st</sup> May. If you want to go, get in touch with me asap. June/July I will be asking for people who wish to visit the Model Boat Convention at Haydock Park in August. This is a very popular event so if you are interested let me know.

We are in the early stages of looking for a possible new venue for the club Christmas lunch. More information to follow in future newsletters. Before closing I would like to thank Richard Simpson for his continued support of the Club and his efforts to continue to be our steam tester. Some information for our sailing colleagues and scale modellers Stuart Smith is in the process of revamping the floats that are placed in the lake. I understand that these floats will rise and fall with the level in the lake. This should make life easier in the future. Well done Stuart.

This is just a brief resume of the events of the last three months. Lets see those new winter projects at the lakeside in the coming months.



Pictures of Lake at Barrow – in –Furness Model Boat Club and model Wildlife, wonder where they got the idea from, we have at least three in our club

Stan.



Just some of the models on the KMBC Club stand at Ellesmere Trade Show 2nd / 3rd March this year.

### “PEA POD 31”

#### A NEW VENTURE IN YACHT BUILDING BY Stuart Smith.



Stuart's interest in this type of model came about in 2010 when he saw one displayed on the Bridlington Model Boat Society stand at our club open day, at which he gained information about the model from Alan Spicer of BMBS. Stuart is a member of the Vintage Model Yacht Group and through them and the American Model Yachting Association was able to acquire information on the design, which dates back to the 1970's.

More information will be published in the next issue of the Mariner.



**The Proposed new Venue  
For the Club  
Christmas Lunch  
So Watch this space**