

# Ribble Model Boat Club

February NEWSLETTER 2013



This is the first newsletter of 2013 and a happy new year from your Chairman and the Committee, let us make it a good year for Ribble MBC with lots of member enjoyment and involvement.

## MEMBERSHIP / SUBSCRIPTIONS

We now have approximately 40 members, but some are overdue with sub's. Can you please pay Barry at the next meeting or at the earliest opportunity.

Barry is preparing a 2013 membership list which will have addresses and phone numbers, however, the Committee feel that in these modern times it would be useful to put your email address on the list also to aid communication. It is proposed to obtain the record of email addresses from Malcolm and list them accordingly, HOWEVER, if any member does not want their email address on the membership list can they please advise Barry or Malcolm as soon as possible, otherwise you will be deemed to have no objection.

## PROGRAMME FOR 2013

This has now been fleshed out and, subject to no problems arising, is as follows-

### **MARCH 11th**

Technical night. The subject of ships/boats lights, both full size and model. Phil will explain full size practice including tugs, fishing boats, warships etc. Gerry and Dave will then 'illuminate!!' the practical aspects of wiring and lighting your model.

### **APRIL 8th**

Film Night, an illustrated talk about ships and maritime matters from Phil's recent trip to the Antipodes, including 'following in the footsteps of Captain Cook.'

### **MAY 13th**

Either a talk on the "Daniel Adamson restoration" and Milford Haven towing OR a Bring a Model night, depending on speaker availability.

**We are still waiting for confirmation of the 'Fun Day' date!**

### **JUNE 10th**

BBQ night at the pond - Barry's beefburgers ride again. Please get your tickets by the previous meeting.

### **JULY 8th**

Pond night - theme to be advised.

## **AUGUST 12th**

Pond night - theme to be advised

## **SEPTEMBER 9th**

Technical workshop, bring a query along to our panel of "experts", we will work through the main processes of building a boat, e.g. prop shafts, waterlines, deck planking, electrics, painting and weathering etc. As many members boats to be brought along as possible.

## **OCTOBER 14th**

Daniel Adamson restoration project or Bring a Model night - (see May)

## **NOVEMBER 11th**

A presentation on the Manchester Ship Canal by Guest speaker and club members.

## **DECEMBER 9th**

AGM and book/magazine swap night.

The Comittee trust that this will be an enjoyable and useful programme and it has been proposed that we widen out the meetings to other modelling clubs in the area who might be interested, for example the model vehicle, aircraft and railway fraternity, we all have a lot to learn from each other. Accordingly, our programme will be sent to each local club inviting them along if they wish. We may even get some new members.

## **POND**

The annual pond "spring clean up" is set for SATURDAY 16th March and all able bodied members should attend. Please bring something useful, broom, rake, secateurs, wheelbarrows etc - with many hands this is really quite light work.

We are investigating ways of refixing the rubber strip along the landing area, possibly using hired equipment.

We still have a flagging exercise outstanding with Mick volunteering to actually lay the flags, volunteers will be needed for the labouring. A suitable date/dates will be advised.

Some of you will be aware that we are to try a WEDNESDAY EVENING SAIL and Dave Pye has said that he will be there each Wednesday come rain or shine, approx one hour from around 7 PM. Once the weather and the light nights improve the first such event will be on [WED 17th APRIL](#). Please try and come along - much better than watching the telly!

## **CLUB TRIPS**

The club are proposing to organise two trips this year, car sharing based and departing from the RAFA club.

At the end of April we will be going to Barrow, to visit the excellent Docks Museum, Barrow Docks and, if possible, the Lifeboat Station at Peel island.

At the beginning of September we will be going on a "Ferry 'cross the Mersey" to visit the U boat Museum and the Space Museum on the other side - an excellent trip out.

Further details nearer the time.