

Ribble Model Boat Club

June NEWSLETTER

2014



JULY 14th MEETING

We were hoping to get Dave Wooley to come along with his 1/72 scale HMS Daring which has been in Model Boats for umpteen months. But he is handing it over to the Navy this week so no can do. Dave Pye will be away and wants to keep his "Batteries and electrics clinic" for a later meeting so we are on plan "C".

We have decided to have a "Summer Boat Fest" night so it will be a combined "Bring a Model", Bring and Buy, and book/magazine sale/swap night. No formal talks just bring something along to show others, either an old boat, a new build or WIP, or anything you may wish to sell or give away. Everybody should be able to bring something, it will be a chance to swap notes, ideas and solve problems. We should also have some new members there. The new DVD library will also be present for perusal.

We will hopefully also have some of the small strong magnets to distribute to the Pollux tug owners to use for a flag marker base.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

You should all be aware that we are sailing on Wednesday evenings from about 6.30 until darkish! Attendance is better than last year so far and it is really pleasant there in the evening and a good social event. The dreaded pond weed has gone and the pond is in tip top shape. So please make an effort to come down, bring a boat if you can, but some members are just coming down for the chat. Dave Pye has again vowed to be there each Wednesday come rain or shine - usually it shines!

HAYDOCK SHOW

The Haydock show, the major event of the year will all to soon be upon us, only 2 months to go. The July and August (pondnight) meetings will be the last ones to go over any details.

We will be attending as a club and the "Tanker" will be centre stage. We expect a good turnout from members showing their boats to keep up our usual high standard.

We have been challenged to a "Football tug match" by Crewe MBC who will be bringing at least 6 mini tugs. This has been put in the programme. SO, can we have a full turnout of club POLLUX Tugs, fully charged and in working order to put up a good display on the outdoor pond - both days. If you have a Pollux, but can't make it, please consider loaning your tug to someone else to sail on the weekend with a TX.

Gerry will need names of people attending, together with (in theory) the name of the boat/s you will be showing so we can organise the free entry tickets. Please have this information ready as soon as possible for the next meetings.

There will be the usual "Chandlery" should you wish to buy or sell.

OTHER EVENTS

We have been notified of some other events you may wish to attend-

Kirklees club Open day - 13 July

Kirklees Warship Day - 7 Sept

MODEL BOATS MAGAZINE

Although I am not certain, there may well be an article with pictures of the Ribble MBC Footballing Tugs in the August edition out soon, please keep an eye out for this.

WEBSITE

Malcolm is in the process of updating and refreshing the Club Website, if anyone has suitable material for inclusion please send it to him, photos, articles, and we also have a "for sale/wanted" section.

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2014 PROGRAMME

A reminder that whatever the topic, as a model boat club, it is good practice to bring along a boat to meetings, either under construction, completed or for sale to stimulate member's interest and perhaps provide some useful advice. All meetings are on the second Monday in the month at the RAFA Club Leyland. Friends and family are always welcome.

AUGUST 11th Pond sailing night, bring a friend night.

SEPTEMBER 8th GUEST SPEAKER - tba

OCTOBER 13th Submarines and submersibles night (John, Ian et al)

NOVEMBER 10th Using poly plastic and weathering/detailing (Phil)

DECEMBER 8th AGM and book/magazine swap night

The Fun Day was a fraught day! There was weed in the pond, the club room and the kitchen were not available, but in spite of all these set backs, it was a very successful day. This was due to the efforts of the members who attended and were willing to 'muck in' and help. Congratulations to all!

The BBQ was a most pleasant evening again - many thanks to Barry and Tony for a splendid effort to keep us fed. The new paved area is a great asset.

Fun Day scenes

