

Ribble Model Boat Club

April NEWSLETTER 2012



March meeting

The March meeting was a Bring A Model night with a disappointing turnout of models and indeed members. What was shown was enthusiastically received.

April Meeting

This week 17 members were treated to a concise technical presentation by Gerry Cox on basic electrics, with a handout. This will be placed with the other technical talks on the website section. There followed a general advice session but few members had brought any electrical hardware to sort out or learn about.

Gerry has once again volunteered to assist any member with ongoing electrical or installation problems and will even visit your house in return for a cup of tea!

Pond Activities

On 23rd March we carried out the annual pond clean up, not too bad this year as a great deal of clearing was done in the autumn. The pond is now in fine fettle so please make use of it on Sundays during the summer.

Following the clean up we were pleased to assist Leyland Model Railway Club who were having an exhibition in the Club hall. Our members brought at least a dozen boats along and a very pleasant sail was had in glorious sunshine to the added interest of visitors. We also had the chance of free entry to the railway exhibition to view the half dozen or so large layouts on show. We may have sparked some interest in lapsed boat builders to join our club.

The additional stone flags are being delivered to the pond on Saturday 14th April and we will then decide on a day, soon, to have all hands to the pumps to help in laying them. This will improve the launching and circulation areas considerably.

Next meeting Please note that due to the bank holiday this will be on a **TUESDAY 15th May.**

We are having an illustrated presentation by a chap from Lytham Lifeboat Centre who will talk on the RNLi and notable rescues around Lytham, the Ribble etc.

A good turnout please to support this worthy institution.

Your committee will be meeting shortly to finalise plans for the fun day in time for the May meeting so you can all be informed. If you have friends or contacts in neighbouring clubs please get them to come along.

Fun Day- Regatta-- 19 May 2012.

This should be in your diary as the main event of the summer, it will be on Sat 19th May and will follow the usual format.

The kitchen will be open for refreshments, also the bar, on the pond there will be tanker towing, a steering course, and probably some mini tug mayhem of some kind. Tables will be in the hall for the static exhibition. The main emphasis is on FUN.

Remember both the **June** and **July** meetings will be held pondside, with the June meeting being the popular BBQ night. As many members and models as possible please. Get food tickets in advance.