

Ribble Model Boat Club

April NEWSLETTER 2015



POND

The spring clean up has been done and the pond is looking clean and water good. We now have some large fish! We are to try and control this years blanket weed with Barley Straw pellets which will be scattered as soon as a supplier can be found. Hopefully we can keep it clear for the fun-day/regatta.

The Wednesday evening sailing is now in full swing and for the first two evenings we had good weather and a good turnout. Please come along and sail a boat.

11th MAY MEETING

We are pleased to advise that, as the listed talk on the "Pelican" has been postponed, we have acquired the services of NIGEL HAMPSON (AMRINA) the curator of the Lancashire Titanic Museum who will be presenting a powerpoint presentation of a fascinating and highly acclaimed talk on the TITANIC, including its birth, death, aftermath, and how it appears today. He will also explore the links with Lancashire and bring along some Titanic memorabilia and recovered artefacts.

This should be a fascinating and interesting talk and to that end you are urged to bring along guests, friends, spouses, partners, children etc. We have also extended an invitation to the RAFA club members. As we have to pay for this event we will make a nominal charge of 50p per guest to help defray the expenses.

ANNUAL FUN DAY/REGATTA - MAY 16TH

The annual fun day is almost upon us and your Committee is finalising the details.

We have booked the large room at the club and we need as many boats as possible to populate the stands. A full schedule of events will take place on the pond. Other clubs have been invited to come along.

A good turnout is expected and required. Please come along, bring a friend and of course as many boats as you wish. Helpers will be needed from 8.30am onwards.

BARBEQUE NIGHT - JUNE 8TH

The annual pond night and ever popular BBQ will be at the June meeting on Monday 8th June. Tickets (£2.50) will be on sale at the May meeting or from Barry if you contact him. This is always a good night so please try and come along.



OK - who nicked all the burgers?



TRIPS

The club will be holding a trip on **Sunday 14th June** on the Mersey Ferry tour.

The suggested itinerary is as follows:-

We will meet up at the RAFA Club for 9 am on the Sunday. Depending on numbers, we will then allocate a suitable number of members cars for the trip. The remainder can park in the station car park for £1 all day.

We will drive via the Wallasey tunnel to Seacombe Ferry Pier as there is free parking. The 10.20am ferry will take us to the "U Boat Museum". After about one hour exploring this fascinating exhibition, the next ferry will take us to Liverpool Pierhead, for a 2 hour stop to explore either the maritime museum, or the new Liverpool Museum or anything else you wish to see. We will then re-embark for the river cruise and return to Seacombe ferry pier and visit the "Space Museum". Return to Leyland and settle up with the driver a pro rata share for fuel and tunnel fees.

(When booking your ferry ticket, you will be able to state whether you want to visit the U-boat and/or the Spaceport - you get a reduced admission rate to these.)

This will be advertised at the next meeting when we will try and gauge likely numbers. We will go whatever the weather.