

Ribble Model Boat Club

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AUGUST MEETING - MONDAY 10 AUGUST

The August meeting will take place as a 'pond night' whilst there is still daylight. Please come along and bring a boat -or two- for a sociable nights sailing. It will be the last opportunity to liaise re the Haydock Show which is nearly upon us. Gerry should be able to distribute Haydock entry tickets to whoever is there and has advised him of their attendance. Otherwise they will come in the post if we have your address.

HAYDOCK SHOW -29TH-30TH AUG

The annual extravaganza of Haydock is almost upon us and is said to be bigger than ever with extra space booked and lots of traders old and new. We will be attending as usual with the club stand on both days. Gerry will bring along the green cloths and banner etc and we will erect the stand during the Friday set up afternoon/evening. Any member displaying a boat is entitled to free entry and you should by now have given Gerry your name and name of a boat so he can organise the tickets. Other members will have to pay the normal entry fee at the door. The venue is open between 2pm and 8pm on Friday 28th for delivery of boats and setting up. If anyone displaying cannot make that time you should ensure that you are there on Saturday before the public opening at 10 am, ideally before 9.30.am. Would members attending try and bring as many boats as possible so we have a well populated stand, don't just bring one if you have more. The theme this year is "Glynn Guest " boats so anyone having such a boat should bring it along. We will operate a rota system for manning the stand so that there is always someone there to answer queries.

There will be the usual chandlery tables so, if you have anything to sell, take it along.

TUG FOOTBALL - we have again been challenged by Crewe MBC to take them on at football. I believe they have upgraded their tugs to 12V to make them more responsive! Jean has timetabled TWO (20 minute) matches each day, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. So, would all members having a footballing Pollux, please bring it along, ensuring it is fully charged and mechanically working. We are promised that Dave Pye will be entering his much awaited 'super Pollux' so look out for magnetic interference!

There are electric points available for re charging between games so bring along your chargers. On a full turnout we should be able to field about 9 tugs.

After our publicity this year in "Model Boats" let's make this a tournament to remember.

BROCKHOLES EXHIBITION - SUNDAY 6TH SEPT.

We have at last agreed a date for the much anticipated public display at Brockholes centre. It will be on SUNDAY 6TH SEPT between 10 am and 4pm. I have been along to inspect the 'perfect' location and sorted out all the details. The salient points are as follows.

The display area is outside and ideal with benches for the boats and a sitting area. Chairs available. They will supply a taped perimeter to keep kids fingers out.

There is an ideal sheltered sailing area attached with good clear water and easy launching - but bring or use slings.

In case of wet weather we will relocate inside to their activity centre - plenty of tables provided. Easy access for cars for drop off and pick up. You can get a car to within 20 yards of the display area for unloading, it then goes into the nearby car park - free parking for members displaying. Brockholes will publicise the event and are usually very busy on a Sunday so there should be good crowds.

There is a restaurant and toilet facilities within yards.

They will run a "boat and boat building" themed event in the activity centre to complement our show.

It is an ideal venue to sail, meet the public and possibly pick up some new members.

This could well become an annual event if it goes well, so could we have a maximum effort turnout (you can come for only part of the day if necessary) and bring along the MAXIMUM number of boats, as many as you can transport, to ensure a good show. The sailing water is excellent and we should be able to have something on the water almost all of the time. I will arrange for the towing tanker to be there and if we could have some Pollux tugs I have promised them towing demonstrations at intervals. The water area is large and suitable for speedboats and sailing boats.

John and Ian - note this is excellent submarine water, clear and deep in places so an extra attraction for the viewers.

As this will probably be the last outdoor/exhibition event of the 2015 season please put it in your diary now and come along on the day.

NEXT MEETING - SEPT 14TH

Barry is trying to organise a presentation by a chap on 'The Pelican', a sailing ship. If this does not by any chance materialise we will arrange a suitable alternative.

The last meeting given on Warships by Dave Wooley was very well attended and received. He was also impressed with our enthusiasm and has agreed to return next year and flesh things out with 'Warships Part two'.