

# Ribble Model Boat Club

January NEWSLETTER 2014



Firstly a **Happy New Year** from the Committee to all our existing and new members as we look forward to a full and successful year for the club.

The following is a gathering of all recent developments and news for 2014, please note relevant details in your diaries.

## DECEMBER AGM

The AGM was held successfully in December. 27 members were present and a hot pot supper was enjoyed by all.

It was confirmed by all present that Tony Kent and Barry Taylor be awarded honorary life membership in recognition of their founding role in forming the Club and for their unstinting efforts in following years. Congratulations to both of you.

If anyone has not let Malcolm have their email address please do so so that he can circulate the newsletters more economically.

It was agreed by a majority that we should attend as a club at the increasingly successful **Spring Ellesmere Port Club Show**, with attending arranged to be as economical as possible. The Committee has decided that this initiative will be launched for the 2014 show and hopefully as many members as possible will attend and display boats.

**Please note that subs are now due and should be paid asap!**

## DATES FOR 2014

The following are some of the important diary dates for 2014

ELLESMERE PORT SHOW - 1/2 MARCH

HARROGATE ME/BOAT SHOW - 9/10/11MAY

RIBBLE CLUB FUN DAY/REGATTA - 17 MAY

HAYDOCK SHOW - 23/24 AUG

BLACKPOOL SHOW - 25/26 OCT

## POND CLEAN

Many thanks to the members who turned up on Dec 14th for the pond clean up. A great deal was achieved, including, at great risk to life and limb, the felling of one huge troublesome overhanging tree branch. (anyone need logs!) This should provide much more light in future.

We are trying to proceed with additional flagging around the pond and also the provision of a substantial table/bench to help with pre launch preparations etc.

## CLUB FILM LIBRARY

Dave Pye has kindly offered to take over the ailing Club Library and to bring it into the DVD age. If any members have unwanted DVDs or videos of a modelling/nautical nature please pass them to Dave at any meeting. Dave is also able to copy items to DVD and return them if you wish. We should be able to build up a decent and more portable collection of suitable DVDs.

## CLUB TRIPS

Following discussions at committee and suggestions at the AGM we will look to put on three member's trips this year:-

1. A Mersey ferry trip to the U Boat and Space Museums, Birkenhead.
2. A trip to the Harrogate ME Exhibition in May, particularly for members who have never been. (A big model boat presence)
3. Manchester Ship Canal Cruise via Mersey ferry.

Dates to be advised and will likely be car sharing trips, except the MSC which is coach based.

## 2014 PROGRAMME

Now what you have all been waiting for, the proposed programme for 2014. The following is the provisional listing. 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.

**JANUARY 13<sup>th</sup>** New Year Bring and Buy night plus a short film show.

**FEBRUARY 10<sup>th</sup>** An illustrated talk on the HONG KONG MARINE POLICE- Vessels and operations, with models. (Phil Scales)

**MARCH 10<sup>th</sup>** A model boats electronics night (Dave and Gerry)

**APRIL 14<sup>th</sup>** Bring a Model night, any kind of model or part model welcome.

**MAY 12<sup>th</sup>** Technical matters night, aspects of modelling (Phil and others)

**JUNE 9<sup>th</sup>** BBQ and pond night

**JULY 14<sup>th</sup>** TBA

**AUGUST 11<sup>th</sup>** Pond sailing night, bring a friend night.

**SEPTEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>** GUEST SPEAKER - tba

**OCTOBER 13<sup>th</sup>** Submarines and submersibles night (John, Ian et al)

**NOVEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>** Using poly plastic and weathering/detailing (Phil)

**DECEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>** AGM and book/magazine swap night

Also note that the successful Wednesday evening pond sailings will continue, beginning Wed 16th April until the nights close in. Dave Pye to continue to set an example here!

## NEXT MEETING

That is all for now, we look forward to seeing you all on 13 Jan for the Bring and Buy night, a chance to clear out the workshop of unwanted items, including tools, books, accessories etc and to stock up on wanted items at good prices. Please bring along some cash! Whole or part made models quite welcome.