

Ribble Model Boat Club

JANUARY NEWSLETTER 2015



A Happy New Year to all our members from your Committee. Let us make 2015 a memorable year with lots of activities and interest. Happy model building.

POND MATTERS

A few of us did the winter clean up just before Xmas and cleared most of the fallen leaves and twigs plus duck pool! The guy Barry was going to get to weed treat the pond has retired so we are seeking an alternative, the treatment has to be done by the end of February. The pond is open and available for use at almost any reasonable time and we should try and re-start the habit of going down on Sunday lunchtimes soon. The weekly Wednesday evening sailing will commence on 15th April.

PROGRAMME

The preliminary programme for this year has been fleshed out and subject to any later amendments will be as follows.

February 9th- Illustrated talk on D -Day- 70th Anniversary celebrations, maritime and land, by Phil.
March 9th - Electrics and lighting - Technical talk by Dave & Gerry
April 13th- Bring a model night
May 11th- Talk on "The Pelican"
June 8th - BBQ and Pond night
July 13th - Guest Speaker, Dave Wooley on warship modelling and painting.
August 10th - Pond night, bring a friend.
September 14th- Guest speaker TBA, topic of "wind and string"
October 12th - Illustrated talk "Tankers, ships, operation and models" by Phil
November 9th- Film night, topics TBA
December 14th- AGM and Book/Magazine swap night

At all meetings Dave Pye will bring along our DVD Library for members. Please bring along a model, any model, in build or completed to every meeting for the interest of members.



SHOWS AND EVENTS

Some dates for your diaries, the shows we will be attending and other events of interest.

Ellesmere Club show -- Sat 7th & Sun 8 March
Harrogate Model Engineer show - Fri 8th, Sun 10th May
Haydock Model boat convention - Sat 29 & Sun 30 August
Regatta/Fun day - Sat 16th May
The Ship Show, Liverpool, Sat 3rd October

Kirklees Club have advised the following main events, Open day, 12 July. Steam/Mountfleet day, 2nd August. Warship day, 13 Sept. We will be attending again at Leyland Model show, date to be advised in September. We have also been asked to put on a display for Brockholes Centre, one weekend day, in Autumn, Date to be confirmed.



NEXT MEETING

The February meeting will mainly be an illustrated talk on the recent D- Day 70th Anniversary event in Normandy, which your Chairman attended and took copious photos. Possibly the last major event to be attended by Normandy Veterans as the youngest is now 85 years old and most into their 90s. Thousands of re-enactors, hundreds of actual D- day vehicles, plus aircraft, vessels and events both solemn and fun.

CLUB TRIPS

Stephen is arranging a Mersey trip to the U Boat Museum as soon as the weather improves. We will also look at going again on the Manchester Ship Canal Cruise sometime in summer.