

Ribble model boat club

January newsletter 2016



Your Chairman and Committee wish all members a Happy New Year as another year of model boating begins. The first committee meeting of 2016 has set out the programme and events for the year and fuller details of some items will be in subsequent Newsletters.

POND

The pond is available for use at any reasonable time and a reminder that the "usual" meet up time is on Sunday lunchtimes from say 12 noon, please make every effort to come along this year. We will resume the Wednesday evening sailing some time in April.

We have resolved to build a suitable table alongside the hardstanding, sometime this spring. This will involve excavating for two or perhaps three block plinths to which will be bolted suitable weathered planks. If we have any members who are familiar with building or groundwork can they please identify themselves to the Chairman as any expertise would be welcome.

The annual "Spring clean" of the pond has been put back to sometime in March and the date will be set at the February or March meeting.

The following programme has been put together for this year subject to any late amendments. Please keep a copy handy so that you know what is on. Club meetings will continue to be on the SECOND MONDAY in each month unless otherwise advised.

FEBRUARY 8th - "Bring a Model Night", Bring & Buy night and magazine swapmeet.

MARCH 14th - "Electrics night" with Dave & Gerry, on "Switching & control"

APRIL 11th - "Film night" with Malcolm, subject tba

MAY 9th - "Technical Talk" by Phil, subject tba

JUNE 13th - BBQ and Pond Night

JULY 11th - "Guest speaker" - Dave Wooley on Warships/airbrushing

AUGUST 8th - Pond night

SEPTEMBER 12th - Guest speaker - "The Tall Ships experience"

OCTOBER 10th - "A Potpourri of Propulsion" – a talk by Roger Allen who will run through a variety of methods of powering models, Illustrated with a number of items ranging from an early steam turbine to a pulse jet. It will be a general interest, I hope, talk, not a technical how to.

NOVEMBER 14th - "Bring a Model night " and Technical Q&A session.

DECEMBER 12th - AGM, hot pot supper and book/magazine sale/swap night.

SHOWS AND EVENTS

As a club we will be attending **Ellesmere** on **5/6th March** and the **HAYDOCK** show which will be on **27th/28th August**.

Fun day at Brockholes Sunday **22nd May** (free parking!)

We will be arranging another display day at **BROCKHOLES** on **Sunday 4th September**.

We will be displaying at the second **NW Shipshow**, to be held at Crosby on **Sat 1 October**.

We will be attending the **BLACKPOOL** show in October, subject to confirmation that it is on.

Subject to an invitation we will be displaying at the **LEYLAND** Vehicle Museum Model show in Autumn.

At the January meeting general consent was that we should attend the ELLESMERE CLUB SPRING SHOW on the weekend of 5th/6th march as a club. We will arrange a suitable table and provision of the cloths and table banner. Members have raised in the past the distance to Ellesmere so there is a choice of attendances, bring a boat(s) to the Friday afternoon/evening set up and remove on Sunday, bring boats Saturday morning and attend both days, or just attend one day, Saturday or Sunday, bringing a boat in the morning and collecting in the evening. There is excellent opportunity for free sailing at this show and a multiplicity of traders. Please make every effort to support this show as owing to the tragic death of the main organiser John Hughes last year its long term future is in doubt, but a good show this March may keep it going. Bring as many boats as you like to this one and sail as well.

CLUB TRIPS

Our events person Steve will be organising a Manchester Ship Canal cruise sometime this year and is in contact with Tyrers Coaches to tie up a date and cost.

If members have any other ideas for trips or event visits as a club please advise the committee of your ideas.

CLUB CLOTHING

At the January meeting Phil took some orders for club clothing, Polo shirts, sweatshirts etc. This will be repeated at the February meeting following which the order will be placed. If anyone wants any item and is not attending either meeting please contact the Chairman with details, i.e. item, size and name requirements

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is on Monday 8th February and will encompass a Bring a Model night and a Bring & Buy, so please bring along anything at all for sale, expect to be able to buy the odd item, but ALSO bring along a model, any model, either in build, completed or even in research and share your knowledge and or problems with other members. Also bring along any unwanted magazines for onward distribution. Last orders for club clothing will be taken and an opportunity to pay any outstanding subscriptions.