

# Ribble model boat club

January newsletter 2019



A Happy New year to all our members and families. Your Committee have met up and produced an outline of the 2019 programme of club events which we hope will be fully supported.

## BERT RICHARDSON

Bert was a long time and enthusiastic member of our club and passed away in October aged 93 after a long and eventful life. A total of 10 Club members attended his funeral at Charnock Richard Crematorium which was a celebratory affair of a life well lived. We discovered he was an accomplished musician with his own band after the war, to rival Glen Miller's band no less. Our condolences to his extended family.

## POND

The pond is doing well and is weed free. Thanks to Barry and Trevor for removing the fallen trees and branches and to members who attended for a pond clean up in October. There has been much discussion re the annual weed problem, but regrettably no good solutions. We have tried all manner of treatments but they are either ineffective or too expensive. Fortunately this year the weed was not too much of a problem, starting early and ending early despite the weeks of sunshine. The moving of the annual FunDay/Regatta to Brockholes has lessened the trauma somewhat. If anyone has any ideas or proposals for treating the dreaded weed please let the Committee know. **We will organise a pond clean up on January 5th at 10am. Please try to attend.**

## PROGRAMME

Following suggestions and ideas from members, the following is the intended programme for the year, some events may be subject to change.

Jan 14th - Bring & Buy, and swap shop.

Feb 11th - Bring a model night.

Mar 11th - Malcolm's film night.

Apr 8th - Phils Tech talk - Tanker operations

May 13th - The preservation of Watson Lifeboat, "Anne Letitia Dean", ex Fleetwood lifeboat.

June 10th - Pond night and annual BBQ

July 8th - Guest speaker Dave Wooley, topic TBA

Aug 12th - Pond night

Sept 9th - Quiz night.

Oct 14th - Roger's presentation on "Antique" models.

Nov 11th - Electrical matters by Dave & Gerry

Dec 9th - AGM and Magazine swap.

## **POND NIGHTS**

For this year, pond nights will change to THURSDAY, so from April 18th to Sept 12th we will be doing sailing in the evening from around 5pm onwards. This year we will be having a number of “themed” nights, for example a “Venetian sail”, with lights, a bring a family or friend night, and possibly a fish and chip supper night. There may be other events so we will keep you posted.

## **SHOWS**

We will be attending the usual shows this year and details will be advised in advance, the dates known so far are:-

Brockholes Fun Day, in May, date to be confirmed.

Ellesmere port MBC, Hooton Park, 18/19 May.

Haydock Model Boat Convention, August bank holiday 24/25 Aug.

NW Ship Show Formby, 29th Sept

Blackpool Model Boat show, 19/20 Oct.

Brockholes open day, September, date tbc.

## **CLUB TRIPS**

Stephen has organised a trip on the steam tug/tender, Daniel Adamson for 2nd June. This will be a Weaver river trip from Sutton Bridge, with time to explore the Anderton Boat Lift. Transport by car share. Any members attending please let Stephen have your remittance as soon as possible (£38.50 per person) as he has had to pay in advance.

Other trips may be organised if interest in anything is shown.

## **ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS**

In view of our healthy bank balance subs have been held again to £15 per head or pro rata for new members joining. These are now due so please bring payment for Barry at the January meeting if you have not paid already.

## **TUG FOOTBALL**

This ever popular event has faded somewhat, but was reinvigorated at the Blackpool show with a proper challenge from Manx MBC also with Pollux tugs. We will be doing tug football at both Haydock and Blackpool shows at least, so can members who have Pollux tugs please restore them for this season and any members wishing to join in please obtain either a Pollux secondhand or a new “Amera” copy as soon as possible. There is a wealth of knowledge and advice on how to fit them out.

## **AGM - December meeting**

Nothing of great note transpired at the AGM. There are no changes to the club rules or constitution. The accounts were healthy and agreed. All existing Officers and Committee members agreed to stand for 2019 and no vote was necessary. Dave Pye circulated a calendar of events for 2019 with all relevant dates shown.

That is all for now, from all the committee may we wish you a happy and prosperous New Year and a busy Club Year for 2019.