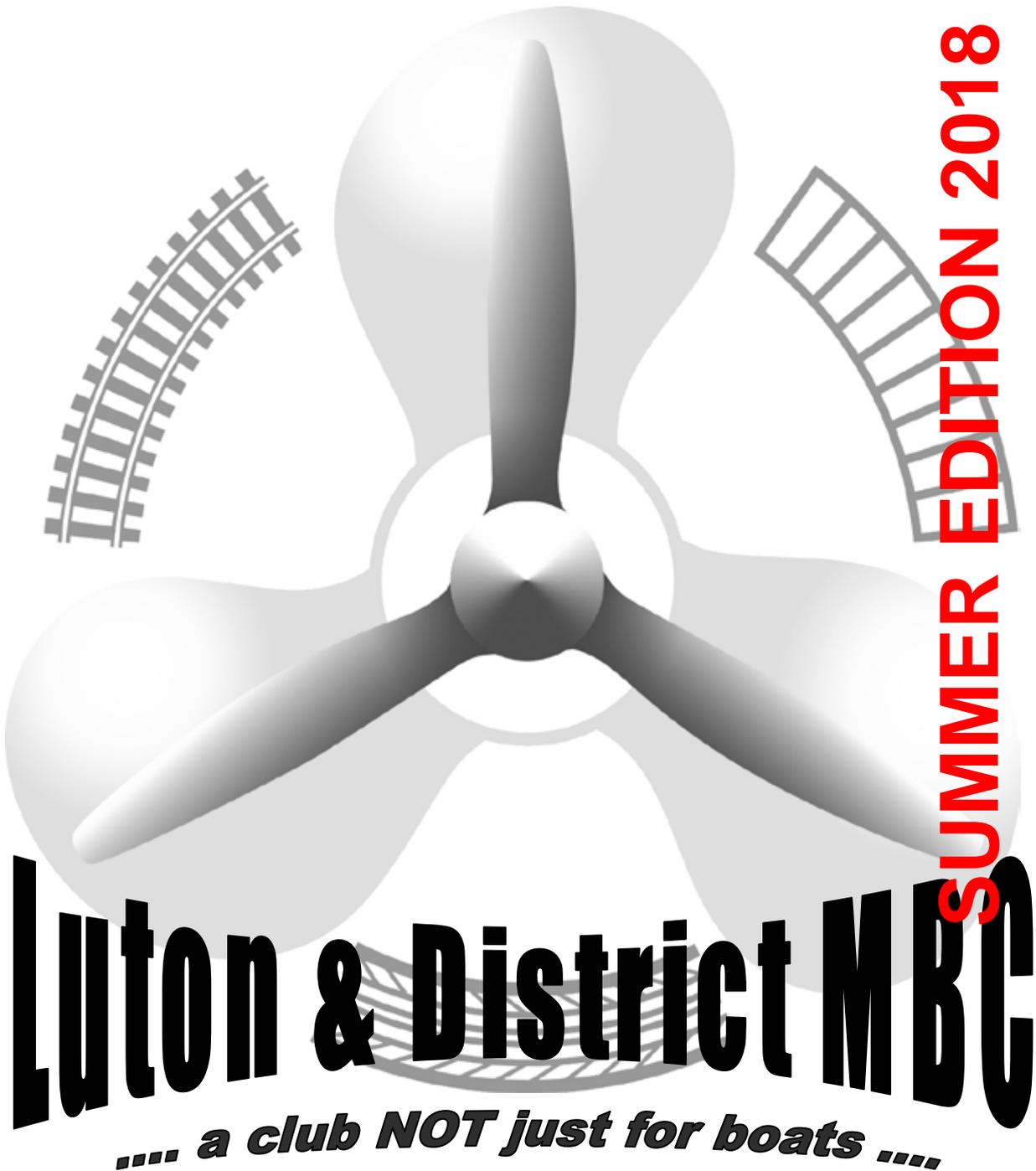


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Luton & District MBC

.... a club NOT just for boats

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EDITORIAL

Well here we are once again and this time there are a number of shows to report on. While we were unable to exhibit at the IPMS Milton Keynes Show this year due to the exhibition area being reduced to one hall and all the available spaces reserved for IPMS affiliated clubs, one of our faithful reporters, Tony Martin created a report at short notice for this event. Other contributions for 'Steam in the Park' (Stockwood), Club 'May' lake side meeting at Wardown, Mayhem meeting at Wickstead Park, a Truck meeting in Milton Keynes and a meeting in Tring to celebrate the end of WW1, all being created by either Pete Carmen or myself. Thus we could do with more members (or non-members) creating articles of some description for The Club magazine. Our evening club meeting on December 10th is planned to be a Fish & Chip supper or if the members would prefer something different please let our Club Secretary know well in advance so it can be organised. Our next major event is at Wrest Park on 16/17th June hope to see you all there, Club Secretary for further details.

Tony Dalton.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

As the Club Magazine is now live on our website, a new feature that can be included is links to other websites of interest.

I will endeavour to put some interesting links up here for modelling. This month I have links to one of our past members web page on you tube. Martin Gazeley. He has a youtube account for RC Warships. Please go to the video page where there are several videos of various RC warships.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP0x33EFritYac8hUsEYP_Q/videos

Another youtube page, again with RC boats, this time the Model Boat Mayhem site. Please note that this is updated weekly, so you can keep checking! The 2018 Mayhem weekend is already uploaded.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/mayhem001boats/videos>

Another site I frequent is about a young gentleman restoring and old sailing ketch, very interesting and he is self funding it.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq-_IYeV8hBnDSay7nmpHUA/videos

Pete Carmen – Club Secretary

THREE COUNTIES TRUCKING

In April, I had a rare Sunday afternoon free after boating, so I decided to go to the truck meet run by exclub member Greg Weedon in Milton Keynes. I got there about 13:30hrs and it was not too busy! Now I don't own a big rig, I have a small 1/12 scale VW Camper van, courtesy of my daughter a few years back. It was originally a toy version but I ripped out the electronics and installed a decent esc and radio gear. She can be a bit fast on the flat, and has wobbly steering just like the real thing, but I like her. More to the point, no one else has one!

Anyway, I digress. I went in had a chat with Greg, then set up the camper. Greg has a massive road layout, including a huge bridge. Also there is a police station, zoo with dinosaurs, petrol station and a work yard with fork trucks and diggers moving pallets and earth around. There are a couple of diagonal parking lots for tractor and trailers. Now my camper had not seen daylight for several months, so in theory, when I was messing around with my transmitter, it was supposed to go into no signal mode (spektrum dx6 gen 2). I was messing around with end stops to make her go faster forward but slower backward. As I was not paying attention to the camper at my feet, I did not see it go careering across the roads and smash into the rear of the trailer. A couple of people called out to me, so I went across and apologised to the owner, who in turn said it didn't matter, but it was nice that had apologised! His wife then said I drove like an old woman.....my type of people! I scooted around with a couple of trucks on the road, and here's something. When you fly aircraft, you stand still and watch, boats and cars, stand still and watch, trucks.....you walk around 3 ft behind them!! Again a good afternoon out, I would encourage anyone to attend at least once. Its free entry if you are not driving or £6 if you drive, with free tea and coffee. It's a giggle to see these models, and as most are customised models, you rarely see the livery on the Lorries. Anyone wanting more info on dates and location come see me and I will pass the info on.

Pete Carmen

MODEL KRAFT SHOW 2018

By Tony Martin

As per usual the Sunday morning started early for me as at these shows getting a good parking space is important if you are having to carry a club stand and all its parts with you . In this case it was the Chiltern Scale Model Club stand only due to the loss of the sports hall at the rear the model boat club were unable to get space (I did try my best but no luck).

I arrived at 07.15 am on a lovely sunny morning and set about getting all the stuff unloaded and to the designated table space. This was upstairs at the end the balcony

corridor so several trips and some sweat were used to get the stand set up. For those of you who have not seen the Chiltern stand it is made up of three large sheets of Plexiglas attached to base boards and has a number of small Plexiglas shelves bolted to it. At this point I suddenly realised why I was sweating so much. Even though it was the hottest day of the year so far (22 Deg C approx.) the three radiators on our corridor were blazing hot! This was the complete opposite to a show that I attended In Hornchurch, Essex the previous month (The Southern Expo) where the temperature was -2 Deg C with snow showers and the sports hall insisting on not putting on the heating and instead blowing cold air round the hall just to make matters worse !!

With the stand almost completed some of the usual Chiltern gang turned up, thankfully with more models to fill the stand. The morning was spent selling some kits from boxes under the table for various people and chatting to old friends that I happened to bump into. The show was crowded as usual and two Star Wars 501st legion storm troopers were going round collecting for charity. Our honourable secretary (Pete) and a few of the model boat club members were also present (Mike S and Dave S) making a change to be members of the public rather than exhibitors.

Somehow I managed to get out of judging, in the competition this year so I took a break and nipped outside into the fresh air for a sandwich. I did note that the expensive burger vans of the previous two years were missing and in fact the sports complex had realised that they had lost out on making a large amount of money and reopened the canteen at reasonable prices, with a large queue forming from mid-morning for bacon rolls to well after lunch with tea coffee and cold drinks. While I was outside I ran into an old friend of mine Bill, who had come up from the South Devon coast on a whistle stop tour that was to include, the aviation museum at Lincoln, the steam museum at Beamish and the IPMS Scottish nationals at Perth to name but a few.

With lunch finished it was time to re-join the fray and have look at the models in the competition and the rest of the club stands. The variety of models was as always staggering and I only managed to go a few shots of the things that caught my eye. Then it was back to the stand sweat box for the last few hour of the show and the task of breaking down the stand ,boxing up my display models and loading it all back into the car for the journey home . Many thanks to all that helped out or attended the show and I hope we will display at next year's show. The photographs that follow will give magazine readers some idea as to the quality of the models that were on display.







CLUB 'MAY' LAKESIDE MEETING

During the summer the monthly club meetings move from the Bushmead Community Hall to the lake in Wardown Park (weather permitting). At the last meeting on Monday May 14th we had a good turn-out with about sixteen club members in attendance complete with boats. I tried to get the skippers to congregate their boats in one area for a photo shoot, but the task appeared to be absolutely impossible for certain skippers to comprehend?



Pete in conversation or selling something?



Members in deep concentration sailing their boats, pity I did not include the boats in the photo shot



Mike - doing some close inspection?



Some Tugs and RMS Britannic

LUTON 'STOCKWOOD' STEAM FAIR

On Sunday 20th May the Club attended the Steam Fair at Stockwood Park Discovery Centre, following an invitation for us to display some of our models at the Steam Fair. I arrived with Derek Thompson at about 9.45am to find Terry and Tony Martin wondering around look for Pete Carmen. Remembering that he had mentioned something about getting there early to look around the Armature Radio Sale that was also taking place that day, Derek and I headed in that direction to see if we could find him, and in a short space of time he was located. Dragging him away from the stall holder he was in conversation with, we proceeded to his car to pick up the gazebo (only one) the new car is too small to accommodate the larger gazebo even though the car is bigger? Some twenty minutes later the Gazebo had been erected, the necessary tables located and put into position and all models were in place as shown in photo's 1 and 2.



Photo 1 L&DMBC Club Stand



Photo 2 L&DMBC Club Stand

Having now assisted in sorting out the display I decided to have a look around and take some photo's for this article. As in previous years the St. Albans Model Engineering Society were in attendance complete the small steam train giving rides to the children (and adults) Photo's 3, 4, 5 and 6.



Photo 3 St Albans MES Club Stand



Photo 4 St Albans MES Club Stand



Photo 5 St Albans MES Railway



Photo 6 St Albans MES Railway

This year the Steam Traction Engines had been driven into the inner enclosure all across the grass, hope the park grounds men do not get upset about the lines in the grass? There were various sizes of engines from Large to very small as can be seen in photo's 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12.



Photo 7



Photo 8



Photo 9



Photo 10



Photo 11 This One's is 1/6 scale



Photo 12

The next item that came to my attention was a tram (Photo 13) below.



Photo 13

The notices attached to the fencing surrounding the fully covered exhibit provided the following information (Photos 14, 15, 16 and 17).

Luton's Number 6 Tram

In 1908 a forward-thinking Luton Town Council invested in an electric tram system. It proved to be very popular, and enjoyed a 25-year career serving the people of Luton.



Photo 14

With a grant from the Prism Fund and donations from the Friends of Luton Museums, Museums Luton has embarked on a two-year project to restore the Number 6 tram. The project is being led by a team of specialist volunteers, and is due for completion in 2009. When completed, visitors will be able to enter the tram to see the original fittings and listen to local people's memories of the tram in action.



MUSEUMS LIBRARIES ARCHIVES
PRISM GRANT FUND

Photo 15



Opening of Luton Tram Service in February 1908. At the turn of the 20th century, a nationwide initiative to promote and develop rural transport led to the creation of the Luton Tramways system.



Tram in George Street, Luton. Before regular stopping places and timetables were introduced, travellers would stop the trams anywhere, which often led to minor accidents. Hat manufacturers also objected to tramcar traffic as it interfered with the loading of hatboxes and trolleys outside their shops. Further confusion was caused by people in cars stopping unexpectedly to admire the trams.

Photo 16

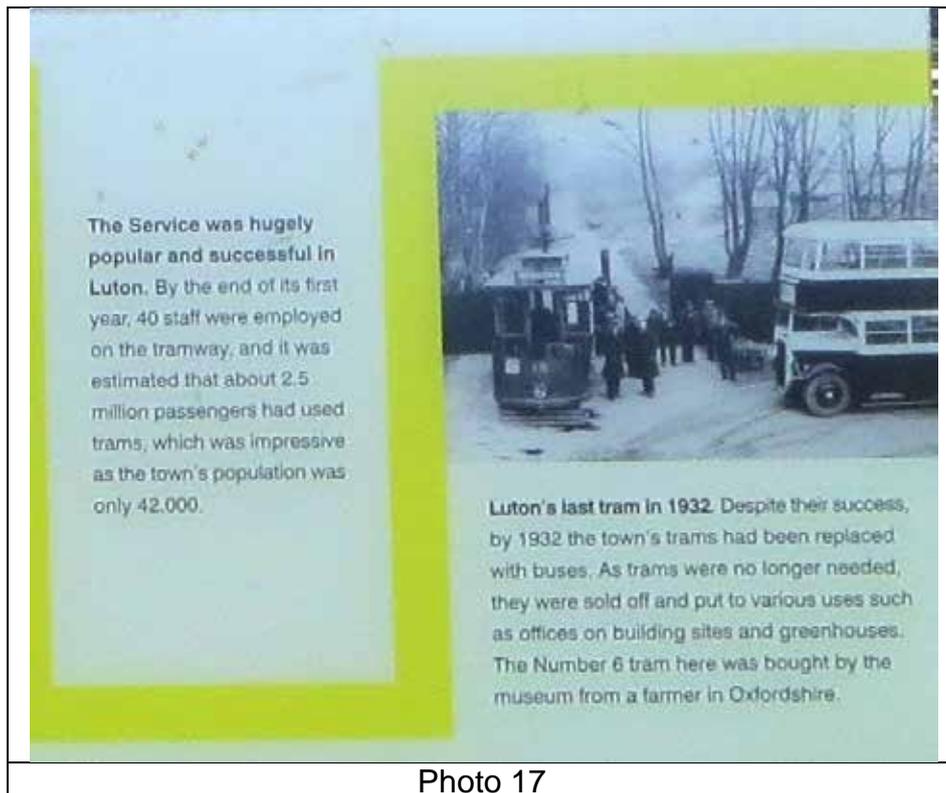


Photo 17

From the information given in the above notices one can deduce that money was made available via the PRISM Fund and Friends of Luton Museums. Labour was supplied by the listed willing volunteers from Bedford College. So why is the supposedly restored Tram, which should have been completed in 2009, all covered up and not on open display?

Having walked around and taken a number of pictures of the event I ventured back to our display area to find Pete contemplating something over one of his boats Photo 18. In addition he had not managed to produce any live steam on his other boat Photo 19. Terry was diving into his plastic bag in search of something, food? Nothing new there Photo 20 and of course we found the most important item, the tea/coffee table Photo 21.



Photo 18



Photo 19



Photo 20



Photo 21

I then decided to visit the Museum and the first item I came across was a Vauxhall Wyvern all nice and shiny and in good condition Photo 22.



Photo 22



Photo 23

Another item of interest was an Aveling and Porter Tandem Roller. It is the oldest one in the UK and in order to get this unique piece of British history steamed up and on the road it requires a new fire box which will cost around £25,000, anyone got any spare cash as donations are being sought. Photo 23.



Photo 24



Photo 25

Further into the museum I found another Vauxhall car, a Victor, Photo 24, again all nice and shiny. Mounted on the opposite wall was a cabinet housing a quantity of nice little

boys toys Photo 25. On second thoughts as they were probably collector's items they were probably big boy's toys.



Luton Airport also showed its presence as there was a flypast of commercial aircraft overhead every 2 minutes or so all day Photo 26.

Finally I took a walk, accompanied by Derek Thompson over to the Amateur Radio sales area or the 'Geeks area' as Pete Carmen named it. It was located outside the Steam event on the other side of the public car park. Lots of old Radios and Hi-Fi systems available for sale together with components and Test Equipment. Found some old Marconi Instruments equipment (I did my apprenticeship there) bringing back old memories, sorry no photo's.

When we returned to the exhibition area there was a Bacon/Sausage sandwich awaiting our attention, courtesy of the organisers, together with a cupper.

Now it was time for a hard earned rest, so we sat down with our fellow members under the gazebo, consuming out bacon butties and cups of tea. We all answered many questions about our models that were on display, and of all the possible questions one could anticipate being asked, one young man requested to know where the hole was on the TITANIC, caused by the iceberg and resulting in the well known disaster.

I do hope you have found the article of interest, if you were unable to attend the event, why not make an effort, venture out and join us next year (2019) it's all free!

Tony Dalton

WICKSTEED PARK 2018

What weather!

This year, I decided to gear up for our annual trip to Wicksteed. Indeed, this year, Luton was by far the largest group camping again, coming in at 7 bodies! Those were, Dave and Rob Seath, Mike Skuse, Brian, Anne and Mark Chiles and myself. Now by gearing up, I mean.....offloading some of the boats I'm storing for the club, a charity shop, and 2

members of the public whose husbands had died. We had decided to go up Thursday to make things easier. So Mike and I hired a long wheel base Renault Master van. That should be big enough! Famous last words!! I phoned Dave as I had agreed to take some of Robs gear up, to save Dave from taking the trailer. So we met in the park, where I loaded 2 wooden tables, 5 foldable tables, generator and leads etc. no problem so far.....I had loaded about 50% of the boats from my house, when I remembered I had mikes gear, plus another pick up in Houghton Regis. So bits got left behind. I drove to Mikes, loaded his then went to the last address, with no real idea how it was all going to fit in. We managed it, but God knows how!! The drive up was uneventful; we just didn't want it to rain.

We arrived at Wicksteed about 3pm; 2 hours of hard graft saw both tents up, all gear stowed, beds ready for the night. It was still a barmy evening so we tootled off the pub for a well-deserved meal, and most importantly to rehydrate!! Full up and hydrated, we retired to the site where we had a brew and talked until about 9 where I had fallen asleep, and Mike woke me by doing the zipper up as he left the tent. Well, that night was not the driest night. It rained.....all night, so not a lot of sleep was had! Friday was mild, but all the others turned up mid-morning. Throughout the day other Mayhemmers arrived and the normal helping to erect tents happened. While I was off somewhere (getting the fish and chips), when someone dropped off a party seven of beer for us (thanks TonyH), which by this time there were about 15 of us sitting around a table, in a field, under a gazebo. A few ales were quaffed, and while most peeps were in bed by 12, Rob, the Scottish Contingent, and I stayed up till 3am talking, if that wasn't bad enough, I was up at 7 cooking breakfast!

So, the van was loaded with boats etc. we had all had breakfast, drove down to lakeside, where the task of setting up 3 gazebos, 7 tables started, as well as unloading all the boats. All I can say is, word went round like wildfire! As soon as the trolley arrived people were diving in! How much for this or that. What should have been an hour's set up took nearly 3! We eventually got settled about midday, the day just got hotter and hotter. Boats and boat bits were sold, money exchanged. Mike was offered good money for both the boats he had bought to sail, so he sold them! Hulls and plan sets were disappearing fast, bargains were to be had. I even got money out of people who were renowned for being tight!!! Things sold included motors, fret saws, hulls, plans, rtr boats, and complete wrecks for free, chargers, power supplies to name a few items. Let's say that on Saturday that I never got the chance to put my big boats on the water.

One of the things Mayhem did this year was a tribute to Vic Smeed and Glynn Guest. We encouraged people to build a boat and bring it along. There were several models from yachts through to power boats and warships. A good turnout. Also, on the forum, had been a thread for the Secret 10. This was run by myself for a few people doing a secret project, only to be unveiled on the weekend. Now this got a lot of views, especially as we were all cryptic about what was going on. Here is a link to you tube <https://youtu.be/o8vEPCkqfKw>. Copy and paste it to your browser. We did Demolition Springer tugs. Now on the surface, our own peep Rob should have won it hands down,

his boat was spectacular, black and white dazzle stripes, and a vicious rotating offset blade at the front.....it should have won hands down! Unfortunately, it sank on shakedown trials and was recovered, but failed to be ready due to other mechanical failures! So that left 4 boats.....mine being the worst one there! I had forgotten to drill the holes for my weapon, a broad sharp aluminium shank. So I taped it to the hull with bright blue electrical tape! To say this was fun was an understatement. It resulted in 1 total sinking, with blown speed controller, 1 partial flooding rendering all the electrics out of action, boat retired, and my boat retired, and battery dead. I did manage to get the only full sinking to my name though. Honour upheld!

One thing that did happen was Tony Dalton turned up out of nowhere! Tent empty then he is there!!! He must have a teleport!

The evening brings the entire camping element to hand, we had 2 BBQ's going, Rob cooking 2 whole chickens and a silverside of beef, while I cooked all the sausages, kebabs, burgers, salmon and steak for everyone. This is the famous Saturday night Mayhem BBQ. Shall we say there was 2 bottles of sloe gin, several bottles, cans and other assorted drinks sloshed around? I went to bed at 2am awoke at 7am to be told it had rained, and thunder and lightning all night.....me....I was dead to the world!

Sunday is always a busy day. Breakfast; pack the campsite down, set up lakeside. Not a lot sold. I had taken my Atlantis yacht so rigged her to sail. After a while she was ready and after a 5 minute sail I didn't see the transmitter for a few hours! Tony, Terry and Jill turned up with bread pudding....excellent! Now the day had been forecast for thunder from midday, at 10am it was 23 degrees. No rain, no thunder just a really hot day! All too soon it was time to pack away. A great hot weekend for sailing. Even though I was called Arthur Daly most of the weekend, it was one of the best, and a very busy Saturday, there were at one point, 25 yachts and 11 RC boats on the water! Some pictures of the event follow

Pete Carmen













TRING MEMORIAL GARDENS 2018

We were asked earlier this year if we could attend a park for a low key event to mark the centenary of the end of WWI. Mike Dowsett and I went to Tring to view the lake and discuss what was required from us, especially as the water had never been used for model boats. We discussed the format with Veronica, showing her the Book of Boats that we have within the club. She was impressed with the book and we agreed to the venue and date. We specified smaller boats and no fast boats due to the size of the water.

The day dawned, overcast and muggy, as the morning went on, bits and bobs were prepared, cars loaded etc. We had arranged to meet in the lay-by before the Ivanhoe Beacon. My normal fear at this point, no matter how many times people say they are coming, is that no one will turn up! Oh to be an event organiser. Anyway, in the lay-by were, my brother and nephew, Mike Skuse, Tony Dalton and Derek Thompson, Colin Saville and doing 50mph past us Dave and Carol Seath! In Tring we met up Terry and Jill plus Brian, Mark and Anne.

I drove into the park as I had all the tables and a gazebo, unloaded a got the gazebo and tables set up. Then all the boats started turning up. All in all there were 17 boats on display on 4 x 6ft tables, 2 gazebos and the usual tea table, ably supplied by Terry and his helper Jill. We were all set up by 1pm so I got the first boat on the water, my Liberty ship, handed the control to my nephew Sam and went to get my paddler on the water. Over the next 45 minutes we saw another 6 boats go on the water, culminating in 10 boats at the same time.....a record for us I believe....then we found the tea stuff!!! And you guessed the number went down!!

It turned out to be an extremely hot day, hats were a must! At one point there were so many people watching the boats where we had set up, that the operators were hard pushed to see the boats themselves. Most people were fascinated with the boats, especially the submarine and crocodile by Mr Dowsett. Unfortunately, both had been damaged in transit, the sub sinking and not being able to recover itself! Colin Saville's

impressive DUKW raised many eyebrows when it drove into the water, the propelled itself around in a very scale fashion. Mr Dalton HMHS Britannic was on display, but the batteries were flat.....nothing to do with the cuppa nestled in his hand. Derek's MTB proved popular, nipping in and out of the larger boats. Brian's Dickie tug was ably used as a target by myself several times.

On several occasions I let people have a go with one of my 2 boats, teaching them the basics, and was asked if a boy could put his own boat on the water. Unfortunately, it had been in a loft for several years, and although charged, it was reluctant to go.....but we have the technology, it was a dodgy Tamiya plug. 4 snips and a chocolate block and we had a happy little boy!

The afternoon wore on to the sound of ukulele players and Punch and Judy in the back ground, the gentle chatter of people in the park. It had turned out to be great event, nice and hot with lots of interest in the boats. One thing that was missing was Tony Martin sleeping in the corner....that honour went to my brother Mik, asleep on the grass!

As usual, I would like to thank all who attended, setting up and taking down, and for generally mucking in. We cannot do these shows without your help. I would also like to thank the Friends of the Memorial Park who invited us and to Dacorum council for allowing us to display our boats.

Pete Carmen

Another Report

I set off on Saturday morning, weather overcast but no rain, at about 10.30am to collect Derek Thomson and his two boats, after loading up the car we proceeded onwards in search of Tring Memorial Park. The planned arrangement organised by our Secretary, Pete Carmen was for all interested parties to meet up in a lay-by just before the turning to Ivinghoe Beacon and after about half an hour's travelling we came across our fellow club members all lined up awaiting any later arrivals. After a while when the last expected members joined us, we proceed in convoy to Tring Park, arriving some twenty minutes later, pulling into a car park just opposite the Gardens, proceeding to a reserved area where all exhibitors were allowed to park free of charge. The down side to this was that we had to carry our models/chairs etc the length of the car park, across the road and then into the gardens. After completing this task all the aged members, including me, required a rest and a cup of tea, the tea being provided by Terry Martin (ably supervised by his wife). By about 1pm the tables and Gazebos/Tents had been set up allowing all the models to be put on display and believe or not the sun came out and stayed out for most of the day.

Other exhibitors within the Garden were Punch and Judy; The Woodland Trust had a stand next to us. UKeRhythmics a Ukulele band consisting of about 17 to 20 members, Tring Museum were displaying history of the town, a tombola stand and the inevitable Ice Cream van.

The Band packed up at about 4pm and later on Derek and I decided we had had enough and proceed to take our models across the road to the Car Park. We were informed by the car park attendant that the first hours parking in the main car park was free so we moved the car up into the main car park close to the entrance to reduce the walk from the garden for the second journey.

A few photographs follow to give you some idea as to the nature of this one-off event which turned out to be a very pleasant afternoon for all concerned.

Tony Dalton



The Lake Fountain



L&DMBC & Woodland Trust Displays



L&DMBC Display Set-up



Boats on display



Mike Skuse eating, taken Terry's place?



Boats on display



Boats on the water



Boats on the water



Boats on the water



Terry –not eating – A masterpiece



Ukulele Band



Punch and Judy awaiting its audience



Tring Museum Display



Ice Cream Van at the Entrance

THE CLUB SHOP

The CLUB SHOP, run by **John Allen** now has a section on the Club Web-site, you may brows the contents at your leisure to see what is available; you may just find an item you have been looking for.

ITEMS WANTED OR FOR SALE

There is a section within the club web-site devoted to advertising items for sale or items wanted. To advertise just contact **Peter Carmen**, the Club Secretary Tel: 07954-849981 or E-Mail secretary@lutonmodelboat.co.uk

MEMBERS MODELS REGISTRATION FORM

In an endeavour to obtain an up-to-date register of most of the models owned by club members and in order to produce some information labels to be used when attending events and exhibitions, please find below a model registration form.

If members would care to complete a form for each model in their possession and pass a copy to the Club Secretary, the information will then be used to produce display cards.

MODEL TYPE	
MODEL NAME	
KIT	
OWNER	
BUILDER	
YEAR BUILT	
MODEL DESCRIPTION	
INFORMATION ABOUT THE REAL ITEM, ITS HISTOREY AND FATE IF KNOWN	

CLUB ACTIVITY DATES and SHOW INFORMATION

Monday 11 th June	Club Evening Meeting – Wardown Park
Sat/Sun 16/17 th June	Wrest Park – Pete Carmen for details
Sunday 17 th June	Stevenage Open Day
Monday 9 th July	Club Evening Meeting – Wardown Park
Sunday 15 th July	Bacon Roll Sunday
Sunday 22 nd July	Stevenage RNLI Open Day
Monday 13 th August	Club Evening Meeting - Wardown Park
Sunday 19 th August	Bacon Roll Sunday
Monday 10 th September	Club Evening Meeting (AGM)
Sunday 16 th September	Bacon Roll Sunday
Sat/Sun 22/23 rd Sept	St. Albans Model Engineering Show (Townsend C of E School, St. Albans)
Monday 12 th Nov	Club Evening Meeting – Bushmead Hall
Monday 10 th Dec	Club Evening Meeting – Bushmead Hall - Fish & Chip supper – Pete Carmen for details