

Club Magazine



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Luton & District MBC

.... a club NOT just for boats

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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the first issue of the magazine for 2019. It's been a slow start to the new year, however if you check the Diary Section on the Club Web-site you will find that there are a number of events scheduled many of which we will be attending over the next three months for which I hope to be able to provide reports in the next issue of the Magazine.

On Monday 10th December 2018 we celebrated the end of year with a Fish & Chip Supper at the Bushmead Community Centre with about twenty members and their wives attending (sorry I seem to have mislaid the photos). It was reported that during the event that one member got themselves locked in a toilet cubicle, luckily it was not necessary to call on the services of the Fire Brigade.

Sunday 16th December gave rise to a pre-Christmas meeting down at Wardown Lake with Pigs in Blankets and Mince Pies celebration; this was also the weekend of the Park Santa Run.

After Christmas on Friday 28th December we had a morning sail followed by a festive lunch at The Old Moat House, Luton (Pictures supplied by Pete Carmen). This event was also well supported with in excess of over twenty members attending.

As for 2019 we have got off to a good start by attending the Shuttleworth Scale Model Exhibition after a last minute call from the organisers, see a separate report within this magazine. Had verbal reports regarding Alexandra Palace Model Engineering Show in that a lot of the usual model clubs and exhibitors were no longer to be found in attendance, which is unfortunate as I enjoyed attending the show when our Club used to exhibit there.

Please note that I will no longer be listing future Club events at the back of the Magazine as they are published by the Web Master Bob Vaughan on the same Web-Site as this Magazine publication.

Editor.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Christmas Recap 2019

Well, December started with our Fish and Chip night, and well attended it was! I enjoyed myself once I sat down. For once Terry was not the foodie, his son Tony took over. Jim Steinhouse was in a bit of trouble, but like normal he got away with it, as usual. I think the wives had a good time, keeping us on our toes. Our next event was the Pigs in Blankets Sunday. I had made and cooked 60 sausages wrapped in bacon, most of which disappeared rapidly, not so many turned up for this, but we all overate to compensate!

As we all know, Brian Thompson died at the end of 2018, and Terry, Tony Dalton and myself duly attended the funeral. A very sad occasion, but there was a photo album open, which we all looked through. I never knew Derek and Brian were bought up around Camden Town!

The following Sundays up to Christmas were not so busy, but enjoyable, with the weather being warm. The Friday after Christmas we had our usual post Christmas sail, which was well attended. This year, we had tried "to organise" the meal. Unfortunately, this went awry! Too many people, that was easy, but it turned out they had lost one of the booking cards, and got my personal Christmas meal and this post meal mixed up!! All turned out ok in the end, and hopefully you all enjoyed yourselves!

2019 New Year, New Boats

January, what fun! Bacon roll was well attended, as usual! Most weekends there were peeps about, but no new boats. I did take a new one down, but the lake was frozen.....twice! So it's still awaiting a test run. I've had a few issues this year, I finally finished Nixon's yellow boat, and his spare transmitter, took them down for him. I tested the boat, all fine. Gave it to him turned my back and heard a crash, it had hit the bank! I think we should start doing training sessions! On the same line, if anyone wants to have a go at sailing, let me know, I will supply the boat and help you to learn. So that means I had some room in my loft.....I dug out my TID tug and my HMS Furious and rearranged my bench! Went to the club in the morning etc. On my way home I had a call, which was not far from my house so popped in. I picked up 4 boats, all in need of a lot of TLC. Bangarth I farmed out to Tony Martin, Sea Rover to Mike Skuse and Cromarty Shore to Terry Martin. I kept the Kadett, as it was my very first RC boat I ever built at age 16! A week later, I took another phone call, and have a possibility of another 19 boats for sale! I will take a look and see in March.

We have had a good start to the year with 3 new members, a very well attended bacon roll Sunday in February and 1 wet Sunday. I attempted to bring two hovercraft down for a

sail, one very windy Sunday and the second time there was a technical hitch which took me a week to sort out. So hopefully you will get to see them soon.

Bob has now migrated the website to a new host, and I have updated the diary dates till the end of September, please note I still have some new dates to add. This year we are doing 2 new shows in Harpenden, both outdoor shows, where we are promised a pond to sail on. A council run show in Hemel, Fenny Stratford canal festival again I am chasing a Tring show, But we are not doing Wrest Park!

So keep checking the diary, it will be updated as I find dates out.

Members Notes, Reminders and Info

Just a few short notes, as can be seen if you have been down the lake, there is a load of fencing, and this is for the bandstand that is being built. It should be finished in late August.

Cars, you can park in the park to load and unload, we have 4 spaces dedicated for disabled, please do not go over the bridge area.

Dave Seath, Aggie to all of us was rushed into hospital a few weeks ago, he had an operation where they discovered a hernia which affected his bladder, he is now home recuperating, but will not be down the lake for some time, and we all wish him a speedy recovery. Our best also goes to his wife, as we all know men are not the best patients!!!

Any new boats.....bring them down!

I am still waiting for a decent day to do the hut, this is a major refurb, with most of the racking coming out and being replaced, I also want to get the last rail slab into place lakeside.

Please check the website diary, the 1st show is the MK IPMS in April, we have 4 tables and this show is now at the MK DONS stadium. Our 1st new show at Harpenden is on Saturday 11th May.

Please note we only have 2 club nights left, 1 talk in March and the second a surprise.....get your thinking heads on!

Pete Carmen – Club Secretary

CHRISTMAS PARTY 2019 PICTURES





FROZEN LAKE LATE PICTURES 2019



SHUTTLEWORTH SCALE MODEL EXHIBITION 2019

I received a telephone call from our Club Secretary on Thursday 14th February (pm) who informed me that we had just been offered a single table at the above exhibition, scheduled to take place on the Sunday, would I be interested in taking part. The answer was yes and he agreed to forward all necessary information. A short time later I received another call, this time to inform me that 'her indoors' had informed him that he was due to go out for lunch on the Sunday, thus he would not be available! Was there anyone I could entice to go with me? A quick call to Derek Thompson confirmed that he would be available thus the day out was organised.

After a short discussion with Derek we decided that he would bring along a number of Percival aircraft models and I would bring Queen Mary 2, Titanic and Britannic which would be more than enough for a small single table.

Sunday morning arrived and with the car packed with models, Derek and I set off at about 8am, destination Shuttleworth. The journey was uneventful there being very little traffic on the road and we arrived at about 8.30am. Managed to park just outside the large hanger for the unloading but first we went inside to find our contact, Kevin Panter the exhibition organiser in order to obtain our exhibition passes and locate our display table.

Having obtained the passes and located the table, we proceeded to unload the car and set up the display. I had remembered to bring along a cover for the table (one I use for photography) and with this in place we laid out all our models. A short time later Tony Martin arrived, he had kindly brought along the Club Tug for display; however there was only just enough room on the table for the three ocean liners and aircraft that Derek and I had brought along thus unfortunately we had to decline the offer.

We, as a club have not attended this show, for a couple of years and there appeared to be a lot more room available in the hanger than the last time we attended. This was probably due to the fact that the Lysander aircraft that was in the back of the hanger had been relocated into the main display areas. There was also a tea/coffee and biscuits counter that was most welcome, particularly after humping about all the models in order to set up the display. There were also a good number of commercial stands selling plastic kits, tools, paint and glue etc.

To give you some idea as to the variety of models that were on display please find below a few pictures of the exhibits.

Tony Dalton









