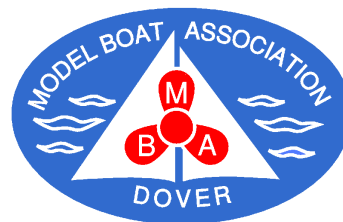


The MBA Dover Newsletter



Issue 15, Winter 2004

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Hello and welcome to issue 15.

This period was one of the busiest times for the club, as well as rounding off our local regatta season, we also held another very successful open event. This club now enjoys the company of many friends and colleagues from all over the area when we hold an event, something that we all should be proud of.

This second open event of the year was brought about by us not taking part in the much advertised Dover Regatta.

As most of you will now be aware, the Dover Town Council decided to close off the road that gives us access to our area and not allow any vehicles to park, drop off or load during the Regatta. This naturally caused us a big problem and after discussions with the council that did not resolve the matter, we reluctantly decided to cancel this year.

The decision was not welcomed by all but we did hold this replacement open regatta at Kearsney on the Sunday and it proved to be very successful, our guests once again supported us and a good day was had by all..

We sincerely hope that the Dover Regatta will be back on our calendar

for 2005, with the problems sorted out.

Work is progressing well with the new storage facility, most Wed evenings, there are working parties doing all manner of jobs in the building, a new floor has been laid and the walls have been patched up and painted. A big thank you to all who have spent their time working to get the facility useable for the club. A picture of the inside of the building can be seen inside this issue

Our thanks must go to Peter Cook and Dave Amos for designing and building two new trolleys to be used for getting the equipment to and from the lakeside.

They were road tested at the September regatta and were an immediate success.

The size of them was determined by the width of the storage hut door. This means that they can be left loaded and simply parked inside ready for use. The wheels have a wider track than the old trolley, which makes them more stable and easier to handle, they are also safer, something that is always high on our agenda as a responsible club.

During the season our club has been invited to a number of Regattas and shows organised by our friends from the

other boat clubs in our area, I have been fortunate to attend most of them and have noticed a marked increase in the numbers of our members who have also attended, this is a great way to get to know how our fellow clubs do things. It is also nice to talk to other modellers and maybe pick up some tips that can be adapted or used by ourselves. It is also nice just to turn up, put the models on the tables and enjoy the day. We do usually take a gazebo with us and some MBA notices but the erection of this piece of equipment has been reduced down to a fine art these days and takes just a few minutes.

Please remember that all the clubs equipment is available to anyone wishing to put on a display of their own, or going to attend a show on the clubs behalf.

That's all for now.

Don't let the water in, unless you're a submarine!

Alan...

The Oct 1st Illuminated event

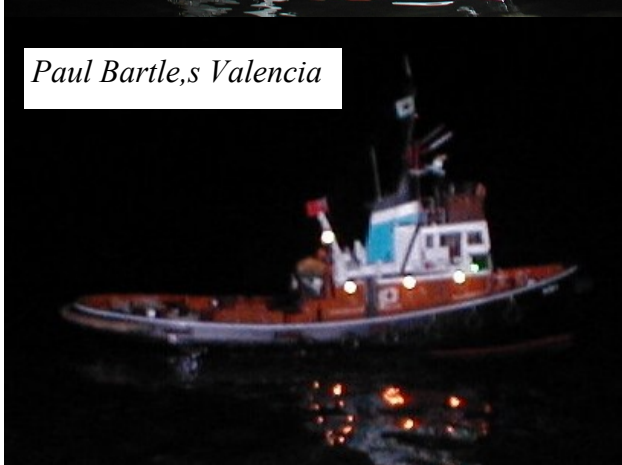
*I was pleasantly surprised to find a large group of people down by the lake on Friday the 1st Oct, watching the models perform with their lights on for the October Illuminated event. The modellers had the support of many family members enjoying the colourful display. I counted ten boats on the water and these can be seen below, The winner was judged to be John White with the **Tugboat Annie**. well done to everyone who made this event a success.*



John White,s
Tugboat Annie



Reg Archer's Spearfish



Paul Bartle,s Valencia



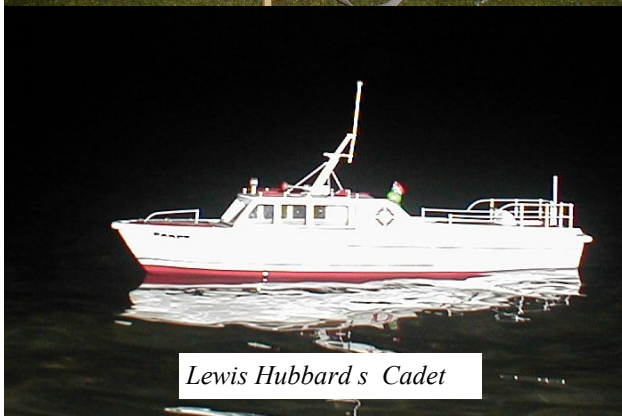
Clifford Hope ,s EMNRUS



George Benzie,s Pegasus 3



Ken Frisby Cruiser



Lewis Hubbard s Cadet



Mrs John Whites Example

For Sale and Wanted

Not to many takers for this section this time folks, so these are all that we have to offer.

Dave Judson has a Matchbox Flower Class Corvette for sale, it is complete and ready to run with all electrics and a 40Meg 2ch radio. It also has the updated fittings kit added which was supplied by a separate manufacturer.

The asking price is **£170.00**. O.n.o. Dave would consider a swap for a fishing boat or similar.

Denis Wellard has a friend wishing to sell a boat. A destroyer model of HMS Kelly. It has been on display in the Dover Transport Museum and is now offered for sale for **£250. 00**

Contact **Colin** on Dover **01304 204612**

Roger Shields has a 48inch long model of *HMS Bulldog* for sale. It is fitted with twin motors and is nearly complete. She only needs the superstructure building which is the interesting part, and she's ready for the water. This model is to a scale of 1/48th giving a very nice four foot long model. The asking price is **£200.00**

Roger can be reached on **Dover 822542**.

Jennie Hounsell wishes to sell two of her models, The first one is a Robbe Sea Wolf Submarine Kit with fittings, 900mm long.

Only trimming of the forming carried out so far. Current retail price £163 asking price **£90.00**.

The Second is a Model Slipway Broom 44 twin screw fast cruiser 960mm long. The kit is untouched and is offered for sale at the asking price of **£100.00**. The current retail price is £170.00.

Contact Jennie on **01303 242540**.

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The Contribution below is from **Ken Frisby**



Regatta Reports

June 27th Club Regatta

This regatta followed the same format as those earlier in the season, not as many members were there this time, but this is normal as many families are traditionally away for annual holidays etc. However, we still managed to put on a very credible display enjoyed by all who did attend and appreciated by the public who, because of the good weather were out in force.

Warship Day Maidstone Cygnets..July11th

‘Oh what a grey day’, As we were invited as a club to this event, I have included this short report. Six of us went along and displayed our warship models, the weather despite a bad forecast remained dry; but just in case, we erected our gazebo to protect the models. Free sailing was the order of the day with plenty of time on the water available.

As a warship fanatic, I naturally enjoyed the event as did all of us who attended. This is one to look forward to next year.

July 18th Club Regatta.

Our July Regatta was once again blessed with plenty of models and members but unfortunately not good weather. We set up in dry conditions but it wasn't long before the rain came and this continued until well into the afternoon. This rather put a damper on the event but there were some nice new models there and once again these can be seen in the members models section. We managed to pack up in warm sunshine though, which was a bonus and everything was packed away dry.

Extra Open even 15th August

As mentioned before, the replacement Dover Regatta event took place at Kearsney. Despite the change of venue our invited guests joined us for a very enjoyable relaxing day. Members from Cygnets, Vikings and Chantry boosted the models on display to 127 boats. This is a record attendance for us in Dover and confirms the fact that we are one of the major model clubs in the South East.

We decided on a mainly free sailing day with half hour time slots. Only interrupted by two scheduled snooker games. Because of the poor wind conditions the yacht races did not take place, instead we included the yachtsmen in the snooker. This proved to be very good fun ending with a tiebreak game between David Hounsell and Andrew Goldsack that finally resulted in a victory for Andrew in the dying seconds.

Another period of entertainment was provided again by Andrew who failed to score a single point with his wayward Tomcat, this nippy little catamaran just ‘wasn't wired up right,’ it shot round in circles eventually going into the island, then after freeing itself, ending up hitting the bridge and stopping. (there must be a Nut of the Month nomination here.)

The small have a go tugs were running all day ,thanks to the two Franks and Dave who manned them. A steady flow of would be tug captains kept everyone busy changing batteries and overseeing everything.

It was of course regrettable that we could not be down on the seafront this time, however Kearsney is a beautiful location and certainly provides all the facilities that we require to run our boat club. Next year hopefully, if circumstances change, we may be able to return again to support the Town Council at their prestigious event on the seafront.

Boats on the Mote

About twenty of our members travelled up to Maidstone to support the Cygnets open event, Boats on the Mote. There were all types of models to be seen including IC Powerboats,

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something we do not see at Dover any more. They do hurtle around at high speed and are noisy which is why we cannot entertain them at Kearsney.

Cygnets also laid on a steering course and had their own version of Boat Snooker. There was some yacht racing as well and this was won by our own Colin Goldsmith with Andrew Goldsack getting second place, well done to both of you.

Ramsgate Ships rally 5th September.

This event was the 18th rally to be held at the Westcliffe Boating Lake and as always, attracts a very large number of model boaters from all over the Southeast. After going through the formalities of booking in and handing over transmitters to Rita, it was into the Café for breakfast, then on the water for the allocated slots. Because there are so many models, twenty minutes time slots were given so that everyone had a fair chance to display their boats on the water. Twenty minutes goes very quickly when you are enjoying yourself and so it's back on the tables with the boats and carry on chatting.

Our hosts, Ramsgate Vikings put on a fire fighting display by setting an old model alight and inviting those with fire monitors to put it out, this was eventually accomplished by a pair of Robbe Dusseldorf fire boats, Our own contingent of fire fighting tugs were unfortunately not with us this year to help out. A good day out and the weather was superb.

Club Regatta 12th September.

This was the last of the Club regattas for 2004, where has this year gone? The weather forecast was not good but despite this we had a really nice sunny day with just a hint of rain which caused us to pack away early, the wind was a problem though, this made the steering courses very interesting and a gazebo took off and caused a small amount of damage to the framework. Perhaps it was due to the weather forecast not as many members were present at the regatta this time.

At this meeting a club 500 model was demonstrated, this has led to us looking at maybe running a series using these standardised models, there are some considerations that need to be taken into account, speed is the major one but we will see if it breaches our 5mph limit.

A club 500 model



Southern Model Air Show 18/19th Sept

Owing to being away on a family holiday, I could not personally attend the Southern Model Air Show in September, however, several of our MBA members did attend and this is the report kindly supplied by Reg Archer.

The weekend of 18th and 19th September saw the 2nd Southern Model Air Show take place at the Hop Farm Paddock Wood.

Tickets had been arranged through Cygnets for any members wishing to attend to represent the club and Sunday was the day chosen for most members to go.

It was a lovely morning and members, approximately eight in total, arrived at the Hop Farm shortly before eight-thirty. Working together, the gazebo was soon erected alongside that of other visiting clubs and we were ready to enjoy the day.

Sailing on the portable pond began at 10am and on booking in, it was found that there would be ample time to sail throughout the day.

There were many different vessels on the water and the only drawback seemed to be that maybe too many craft were on the water at the same time.

This caused a few difficulties for the people with larger craft, as there was not so much room for manoeuvrability.

As well as the sailing there were many stalls by visiting traders offering an excellent selection of spares and accessories for all types of modelling.

The flying of model aircraft also began at 10am, continuing throughout the day with displays which included aerobatics and formation flying.

Some of these models were a sight to see as they were so realistic, and with sound effects to match you could almost believe that you were watching the real thing.

There was also a display and flypast at lunchtime by a genuine Sukhoi stunt plane that had also been displaying at the nearby Biggin Hill Air Show.

A short walk away from the show area was the attractions of the Hop Farm itself. These consisted of many different exhibits including military vehicles, the shire horses a children's play area, a small farm, pottery making and painting, and of course a museum detailing the story of hop farming from beginning to end.

All in all it was a good day out and very well worth visiting again next year.

Reg Archer.

There is good news for those of you with Fleet radios or are thinking of buying a Fleet system, they are back in full production. We have a leaflet giving all the new prices donated by Derek Tippet. For those who are not familiar with this company, they ceased production of the Transmitters for their systems some time ago, all the other items were available. The whole system will be available again shortly, contact the club for more information.

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*What's this damn
un -English weapon
doing under my skiff?*

Actually, it's rescuing the poor damsel in distress and her gentleman rower when the unfortunate chap broke his arm in the middle of the lake!

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Model Nameplates

We now have in the club a member who is able to engrave your ships nameplates as well as other things. **Paul Jenkins** is the manager of Timsons in Folkestone, he has offered members a special rate if they wish to avail themselves of his services.

A nice engraved name plate will certainly set off your model when on display. Call in or phone Paul to discuss your needs, Timpsons can be found at -: 2 Alexandra Gdns. Folkestone. The phone number is 01303 252880

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Water, water everywhere!

I nearly got soaked trying to get this picture of Alan Hounsells RMAS Roysterer at the July club regatta!

We don't see this model on the water very much these days, it was originally built by Roger Shields but is now being used frequently by its new owner Alan Hounsell. Alan needed a warship or military craft to participate in the Cygnets Warship day at Mote Park, hence its re-appearance.

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My thanks to **Alan Knott** for finding a willing restorer for the two sailing ship models that have been languishing in my loft waiting for some TLC. The story of how they came to be in my loft was mentioned in a previous edition of KK. Ed.

Members Models

A brief look at the latest models to be seen at Kearsney, from our talented membership.

Starting this time with another interesting new model from **Dennis Wellard**, this is the freelance canal narrow boat kit from George Turner Models. This attractive subject is built from a set of vac-formed mouldings that can be purchased separately, or as a package including fittings and motor for around £65.00. The pictures were taken in July and before all the final bits and pieces were added, it looks nice on the water and runs for hours on the 6v 7amp battery and the geared 2:1 electric motor.



In the last issue of KK, I featured a picture of Dennis Wellards *Britannia*, well you may think that this is a double take, but it is an entirely different model of the same subject. This time built by **Dave Wesley**. If you compare the two there are subtle differences, there is a slight paint colour change and some extra details have been added. The smoke generator is working on this example and this really brings the model to life when on the water.



Pictured left is HMS Brilliant at speed, built by one of our newer members Mr **Paul Jenkins**. Paul tells me the model has been around since 1993 and it is slowly being refitted. It is based on the Sirmar Hull and fittings and is to the popular scale of 1/96th.



HMS Brilliant is a batch 1 Type 22 frigate, she saw service during the Falklands War and sustained some damage. She actually visited Dover just after that conflict.

Another warship that has been around for some time is HMS Kingston, a 'K' Class destroyer from the WWII era.

This example from the Deans Marine range is now owned by **Ken Frisby**. (*Very dangerous giving something with guns on to Ken!*)



Three new very different models have appeared in the Club all built by **Len Ochiltree**. No 1 is a small tug which Len has called '*Ada*'. It is constructed from styrene sheet (Plasticard) and is from a design by Richard Webb. It has performed well in the tug towing competitions and goes to prove that you don't need massive amounts of power to do well in this discipline.

Another 'Tug', this time a pusher tug, constructed very simply from wood and plasticard.

This is from a Glynn Guest free plan in MMI. (Both these plan designers use a very simple approach to modelling, they use flat sheet box construction methods that go together quickly without all the fiddly bits, and they work!)

Lastly from Len we have an own design model yacht called 'Footie' The length of the hull is only 1 foot (12inches) long, hence the name. It was modelled from a photograph and performs remarkably well.

Below can be found a picture of all the models mentioned.

'Ada'

'Pusher Tug'

'Footie'



HMS Bluebell, This nice example of the popular Kit by Matchbox?Revell, has been built by **Reg Archer**. These small corvettes which served with distinction during WWII were constructed by Great Britain Canada and the USA. 276 were built, a large number for one class of ship, because of this you can build and modify them to make up the vessel of your choice. They are all named after flowers, not very aggressive names for a warship but proud names that have a place in our history.



The landing craft pictured on the right is the work of **Gerald Vesty**

Gerald is now a member of our club as well as Ramsgate Vikings. The model, which is very topical this year being the 60th Anniversary of the D-Day landings has been around for some time, (just look, It's gone rusty) but still makes a very interesting model. It is loaded with a full compliment of tanks ready to disembark through the bow ramp which can be lowered by radio control. A close inspection will reveal the forward tank commander studying a scale map of the Normandy beaches and machine gunners manning their weapons, all these things add realism and provide a talking point when displayed on and off the water.



Dave Amos managed to pick up this free-lance coaster model at a boot fair!, he is obviously going to different boot fairs than I am. The model is of fibreglass and has been built

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up to represent a modern twin hatch coaster. The motor is controlled by a bob's board and with a new brass screw, she performs very well. The picture (right) was taken at our September regatta.But what is the deck cargo ?

This next model caught my eye as I was looking around the tables at the September regatta. It is a model of a cabin cruiser named **Tarpon** and first offered as a model plan in 1957! This example was built by **Maurice Job** in 1960 and is currently undergoing conversion to radio control and is receiving a modern power plant. She was constructed from planks of timber supplied by a local timber merchant, no just popping down to the model shop and buying materials off the shelf in those days, the planks are about 1/8th of an inch thick.

The motor is a Taycol Supermarine, a quality motor that was very powerful in its day but just look at the size of it in the photo's, it also is heavy and combined with the battery, of the accumulator type filled with electrolyte, made the overall weight of the model very heavy, slowing its performance. The new lighter gear that will be installed should liven her up considerably.

(Left) The 45 year old 35inch model of *Tarpon*, soon to be renamed **Susie** after Maurice's dog.



Also on display with this model was a binder full of old Model Boats Magazines dating back to the middle 50's.

Then known as *Model Maker*, these old issues contain many very interesting articles and to just look at the advertisements is a joy, especially when one compares prices!

One of our newest junior members, **Lewis Hubbard**, with his model "Kadet"



The model was originally owned by Pat Male who donated it to the club to help raise some funds by offering it for sale to a junior member. Lewis was looking for such a model, so it was fully kitted out with new radio control and put into full working order by our secretary Alan Hounsell, who then passed it on to Lewis. Since owning the model he has participated in most of the regatta's and is doing very well. He also added an improvised lighting system to it and took part in the illuminated event held in October. Lewis now joins the other talented youngsters in our club.

Does it go under the water?

Does it go under the water? How much did it cost? How does it work?

These are just a few of the questions that you get asked when operating a model submarine. These enquiries are quite reasonable really, especially as there are still very few model submarines around. In recent years though, several of the big manufacturers have got into this field of modelling and if your pockets are deep enough, you can dive into what used to be thought of as the most bewildering and technical side of our hobby.

However it must be said that after parting with all that hard cash and spending lots of time putting the model together, it still may not perform as one would like.

Many hours will be needed trimming and tweaking the system, what works today doesn't always work tomorrow, there are many variables, water temperature might change, air might get trapped or some ballast might move slightly causing the model to go out of balance, just some of the problems that might occur.

The answer to the first of the original questions is easy, 'yes - it's a submarine'. The second is also easy, 'a lot of money'. However the third question needs a bit more thought, and as the system in my Seehund model is of the modular type, this is how I normally describe it.

An acrylic 120mm tube is divided into three sections, the centre one being the ballast tank, the forward one the compressor chamber and the after one the electronics/radio/motor chamber. A small watertight tube carries wiring from the forward chamber to the after one. The main power is provided by a sealed lead acid battery placed externally from the module in the free flooding part of the boat, this has the positive terminal insulated from the water.

The ballast tank has holes drilled in the bottom to allow water to flood in and out as required. In operation, when the compressor is run, the air in the top of the ballast tank is drawn off and compressed, this is then stored in the forward chamber, this pressure is retained by using a one way valve. The air pressure depression caused by drawing off this air allows water to enter the chamber and increases the weight of the model causing it to dive.

When the release valve is activated, the stored compressed air returns into the tank expelling the water and surfacing the boat. Naturally, by taking on small amounts of water or cracking the air valve slightly, the depth of the model in the water, can be controlled.

A float switch in the ballast tank cuts out the compressor motor at 80% capacity, this prevents water from being drawn into the forward chamber.

The after chamber has all the electronics including the drive motor and radio receiver, the servos for the rudder and hydroplanes. A gland seal fitted to the output shaft of the motor and rubber bellows fitted to the pushrods of the servo arms stop any water from entering this area.

This then simply is how it works, perhaps I should have this description photocopied and given out when asked the questions, but then I would probably not get the opportunity to enlighten (or bore!), anyone who dares to ask me about model submarines!

The Seehund is a German two man midget submarine developed near the end of WWII. They had a range of 300nm and operated around the Thames estuary and Southern North Sea. These boats only weighed 17 tons but carried two full size G7(e) torpedoes. (very heavily armed considering their size) They were considered to be the best of the German midget submarines, but luckily did not realise their full potential as most were captured intact as the Allies overrun their bases in Northern France and Holland.

Alan

The following contribution is from **Ken Frisby**

No Medals?-Never Mind.

To all those people who have to stand by watching others gain trophies for various competitions and who, like me, have never won anything except the occasional raffle prize I say take heart— there IS something that you can win and here are a few pointers on how to do it.

- 1 Before going to the lake make sure that of your transmitter, main power or receiver batteries, one at least is not charged-OR
- 2 Make sure you have non-matching crystals in transmitter and receiver. Better still, have no crystal at all in one of them-OR.
- 3 Put your boat on the lake and push it out of reach without switching on power etc in boat -OR.
- 4 Career around at excessive speed hitting other boats and crashing into the bank –OR.
- 5 On a regatta day, wander onto a competition course while it is in use (very good this one, expect screams from J.H. over P.A.) -OR.
- 6 Fail to check board for frequencies in use (another P.A scream) - OR.
- 7 Fall in lake making sure of a witness who will rat on you– OR
- 8 Arrive with transmitter etc. but leave boat at home (Or vice versa) - OR.
- 9 Lose frequency peg from board or operate without obtaining one –OR.
- 10 Leave litter to be found by the tea tent staff.

Any one of the listed actions, and these mind are only a few hints, there might be others you can discover for yourself, could win you the coveted title NUT OF THE MONTH. If you try very hard you might become the holder of this magnificent ornament for your bookcase , mantel-piece or where you will, for months at a time. Ken..!

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Rescue Me!

This useful rescue device has been made and donated to the club by **Keith Lawton**. The frame floats and a model is driven into it which pushes the unit towards the broken down vessel collecting it in the spare U shape cradle.Simple but it works!

It will also retrieve footballs or ditched model airplanes that come down in the lake!



Our New Storage Area

The new storage building shown left is now



just about complete, since this photo was taken the floor has been painted and we are now scrounging around for old kitchen units to act as secure storage for things that can get damaged easily.

As can be seen the rubbish has been disposed of, the walls have been patched up and painted and new lighting installed. The floor has been raised up by laying a line of blocks and new wooden beams on top of which is a one inch thick plywood floor. Many members made this work possible but I would like to specially thank **Peter Cook** who organised most of the work and ,**Maurice Job, Frank Jobson, Len Goldsack, Andrew Goldsack, Ken Frisby, Roger Shields, Ken Greenland, and Alan H**, my apologies if I have left anyone out.



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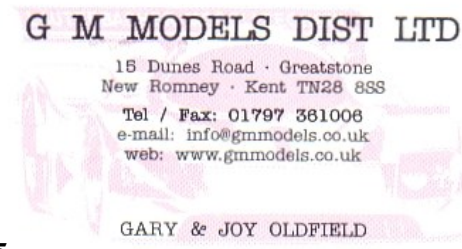
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5 This shop tucked away on the Romney marsh now specialises in large scale I/C Cars, I have been informed that not to much boat stuff is now carried. Mail order prices apply, no discount given.



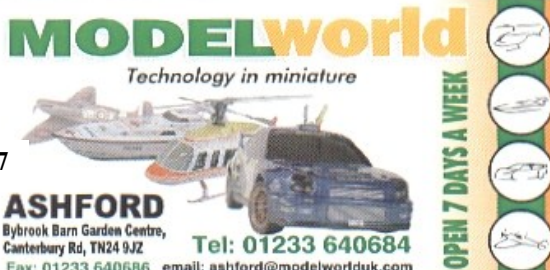
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The Back Page

The landlord at the “Cricketers” has changed, “H” has served us well for many years and we now wish him well. We enjoyed the hospitality of the new owners for the first time on Wed 6th October, the arrangements seem to be the same and our bookings for our meetings remain unchanged.

Our scale secretary Frank Jobson is reminding everyone operating their boats at Kearsney, that it is a club rule that transmitters must display frequency pennants and protective golf balls on the aerials. As this is a safety issue it is very important that all members comply.

The latest news on the possible running of a Club 500 event is, that a letter has been received from the suppliers of the models stating that the speed of the boats **Probably** is only about 5MPH. We are still not too happy about the speed of these models but are still willing to continue to investigate the running of such events.

Frank Jobson has constructed a new towing barge, it is not quite so big as the last one but should be OK for some of the smaller tugs to pull around without doing damage to themselves. It has already been tried out and works much better. It is also more stable.

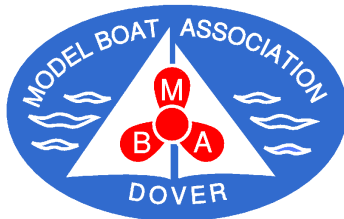
We have now got the magnificent new Dennis Hatton Trophy, this will be presented to the winning junior at the Annual Christmas and Prize giving Party, to be held at the “Cricketers” public house on December 1st 2004 - Please try to get there.

- Merry Christmas -

Alan

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