

The MBA Dover Newsletter



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Welcome to the Winter edition of your KK newsletter.

We start this newsletter with some bad news, **Colin Goldsmith**, passed away in October quite suddenly. Colin had not been well for some time and because of this, he resigned from the post of Yacht Representative a year ago. Colin was a yachtsman, both full size and in later years in model form. He was a true competitor, winning was his aim and he would do everything in his power to achieve it. He would concentrate 100% on every race and woe betide anyone who got in his way! Despite this he was a kind man and often called to discuss issues that he thought affected the smooth running of the yacht section.

Colin was a character and will be missed by all the club, in particular of course, the yacht section.

Some better news, I am glad to announce we have a new website.

We are now in a better position to alter information on the website, it is now much easier and quicker than before thanks to member Stuart Silk who has redesigned it. Stuart works in the I.T. industry and is therefore the ideal man to build us this new site.

We decided to keep the old address to avoid confusion and to save altering all the paperwork that the website address appears on, so its still **www.mba-dover.org.uk**. What now happens is the old address automatically redirects to the new site, much of the old site remains but there are new parts such as a forum page for members only, this allows members to post questions or articles that might be of benefit to others.

Reg Steel is our new webmaster who took over from Phil Ribton during the summer months and he is getting to grips with it all, including adding all the diary dates into the new calendar, this will be a huge improvement as any late or last minute amendments can be posted immediately so, don't forget to keep a weather eye out on the site for the latest information.

I must end this notice by thanking all those who have done a huge amount of work getting this website online, Alan Hounsell who holds the domain name, Stuart for creating it, Reg for running it and Phil who communicated so well with Alan Reynolds the original designer that had done us so well for the past few years.

We hope that all members will look at the site and maybe make some comments about it, use the forum and send in information, the forum is limited to members only. If you have a good quality picture of your model, send it to Stuart at the moment for inclusion in the Gallery, some committee members do have limited access to the parts of the site that effects them but at the moment Stuart is looking after posting your photographs. The club does of course now hold all the keys for the site.

The Kearsney parks project: we attended the meeting held in October which had on display the final designs for the bid. Initial thoughts on these plans were not very positive but things have moved on and it looks like some changes will be made, we are still talking to the project manager about a number of ideas and we are hopeful that the club will continue to operate and flourish at Kearsney.

There are many meetings that we are involved in and we will pass on details as they arise.

Happy Boating and a Happy Christmas.

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Kearsney Parks Project (Update)

The plans mentioned on the front page were shown to members of the public at four separate presentations at Kearsney, Russell Gardens and the Kearsney Fete in October. Although concentrating on Russell Gardens, Kearsney Park featured heavily. The items that concern the MBA Dover were basically that the Council were considering moving the club out of the brick built storage and relocating us in two 20ft converted shipping containers slightly to the east of where we are at the moment. One other major problem would be caused by them not allocating any parking for able bodied members. There would be twelve allocated disabled parking spaces in the area around the refurbished café/tearooms, these spaces would be used for all disabled persons to park when using all facilities in the area.

These plans were discussed at our October meeting, it was agreed that we send a letter to the projects manager Jon Winder, outlining our concerns and offering an alternative, this consisted of us offering to stay where we are and swapping our garage store for one of the containers. We also sent our concerns that the zero rates and rent that is in place for the garage store might be lost and checked that the new container would retain the same financial conditions.

We did receive a reply from Jon Winder, apologising for causing the club any problems but he thought that the original plans would be the best solution. He also asked that if we requested a reasonable amount of general parking spaces, he would attempt to secure some.

When answers were available, the Council would inform the club of the findings.

The reply arrived early in November, they say that after considering the various options on our storage and the costings, it was highly likely that they would probably leave the situation unchanged, we will keep our brick built building and also the garage store! We do not have any further details or know whether they have changed the plans completely but there are meetings being set up which we are attending.

One thing that we have hopefully got sorted is that they say that the 3 or 4 parking spaces requested should be able to be accommodated.....Alan

Planet Radio Control Systems

This very popular radio seems to be ending production, many members use this make of R/C which has become very well respected and relatively cheap to buy. The club was informed of this by member Stuart Silk who had been told by Howes of Oxford that this was the situation.

An email was sent to Howes and a phone call also made that confirmed this. They told us that the Planet T7 transmitters were now unobtainable and the T5's are in short supply.

The receivers are made by another company for Planet, they are still available and should not be a problem.

Apparently the UK are the major users of this R/C according to J Perkins the importers, it is not so popular in other countries therefore it is not viable to continue production.

Model Engineering Exhibition and Competition (Sandown)

This show will not happen in 2015 but hopefully will return in 2016 bigger and better and at a new location. It has been the major show in the UK for many years but has been in decline recently.

The Alexandra Palace Model Engineering show will take place as usual on 15/16/17th January 2016. "Buzzlines" the Folkestone coach company are running a coach to this event and also the Brighton Modelworld show in February. I know of at least two members who are using this service, I believe the cost is around £30.00 which includes your entry to the show(s). Well worth considering especially as parking in Brighton could cost you almost as much on it's own.

Regatta reports and outside events

At this time of the year, with all our local regatta's held, the club enjoys going to other events that are mostly organised by others, there was however one exception.....

Sellinge Fete.

For those who don't know where Sellinge is, its between Folkestone and Ashford in Kent, there used to be held a large steam engine fair in this village which some might remember.

Half the club chose to attend this fete with the "have a go boats" to support our scale secretary's niece who had organised it. Other members attended the Heron's open event at Herne Bay, unfortunately held on the same day. The Sellinge fete was a first for the club and after an early start for Peter and Len setting up the pond and gazebo's, the rest of the members arrived and set up the club display. We had an enjoyable day, the weather held and we made some cash for the sports and social club by donating the monies made from the "have a go boats" to them. The Herne Bay event we know was attended by at least five of the club, We were informed that Derrick Rudge was awarded the best visiting member award with his rowing Canoe and Rambo. We all extend our congratulations to Derrick for getting this award.

Some shots of the event. Below left our display set up with some of the crew.



The two lifeboats together one is 1/36th and the other 1/72nd.
Ted's 1/72nd Severn Lifeboat alongside Kelvin's **Vortigern**
Just a tad out of scale but don't they both look good!



Left top.. Some of the crew all in blue! I think you will all agree that our set up is very professional and colour Coordinated.

Left lower....

We had a visitor! "Now what is this all about then?"

Gru looks at the boats!

Ramsgate Model Ships Rally September 6th.

Just one week later saw us all at Ramsgate for their 29th Annual Ships rally, we were missing some of our regulars for this event due to holidays etc, but we still managed to fill the five tables that we ordered with models of all descriptions. As usual for this event it was a fine and sunny day, they have always been so lucky with the weather. The clubs attending were slightly down and some old faces were missing but the amount of models on display was again impressive. Ramsgate Vikings ran free sailing throughout the day apart from three Club 500 races, these were quite well attended but due to breakdowns the last race was not so busy. None of our club entered these races, and to be honest, I forgot to bring mine along!

My trusty Seehund decided to blow a speed controller so it was left to me running the big Robbe XXI submarine which does go better on the slightly deeper water found at the Westcliffe pond.



The lovely blue tint to the water on the Westcliff pond can be seen in this photo (It's behind you!)



Our Display at Ramsgate

Photo...Len Ochiltree

Southern Model Show Headcorn Airfield.

This event is now well established at Headcorn Airfield and is a two day show. The model boats were again organised by Phil Knell and the Kent Model Boat Display Team. A "village" of model boating was arranged around a large display pool to the rear of the main trader display line, this pool was in action most of the time by the many clubs in attendance. Sadly, there was only one trader, Andy Griggs of Models By Design was there dealing with our branch of the hobby but Ian of Component Shop and Tony Mudd were selling items that we use on our models generally.

Our own display was two gala tents arranged in a line giving us a frontage of 12 metres, this sounds a lot but we have a member who uses quite a few metres on his own, but considering he transports much of it for us, he is forgiven!. The rest of the space soon filled up on both days with members models on display and quite a display it was, apart from the regulars we had two new submarine models on the Sunday exhibited by big Mark McLachlan, this Russian Typhoon model is big, black, and menacing. I cannot vouch for who was there Saturday as I was missing due to a previous engagement 45 years ago which needed celebrating!, however, I was told that as an active full size airfield, a Spitfire made a landing for fuel and a B25 Bomber made a fly past much to the delight of the crowds, well it was Battle of Britain day.

Sunday started well weather wise, nice calm conditions on the pool early before anyone was about, this resulted in some nice pictures being taken by Kim who was doing his usual report for Marine Modelling International Magazine. While this was going on Kelvin and Ted were rustling up teas and bacon rolls on our small stove, a welcome addition to our facilities. We did get a spell of quite heavy rain in the middle of the morning that threatened the show for a while but this fined away and we were able to continue.

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Some notable models seen on the water at Headcorn were an impressive cruise liner By Paul Chilcott, this will be featured many times I am sure in the modelling press, how brave Paul was putting it in the water with all the others charging about, I did venture out with my submarine for a while but was unable to totally submerge out of trouble so I decided to bring her in but not before a tug ran over me! The very large flash steam boat by Ian Gerrard has now been converted to voice command! Ian tells the boat what to do verbally and this is converted to a radio command to operate, very very clever and Innovative. Ian later joined us to help find a persistent electrical fault on my lifeboat, we hope that we found the problem with the help of Ian.

As the weather improved we were able to get all the tents down dry after the event . They were soon in Neil's trailer and being whisked down to Kearsney for storage.



Thank you to the Kent Model Boat Display team for their invitation, and Neil for the transportation.

A selection of Photos from Headcorn.

Photos Len Ochiltree, Kim Belcher and Alan Poole.

Illuminated event October 16th.

October 16th was the date chosen for the second Illuminated event in the 2015 season. The evening soon got dark probably due to the overcast sky which soon produced quite heavy rain, those who arrived early got quite wet. During this rain only three boats were in attendance but soon other members joined us and eventually we had ten, this was a good number considering the weather.

Initially there was only Dave Cowlin with his old favourite dredger Admiral Day, Kelvin Castle

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Then, out of the gloom and darkness appeared Graham White and Denis Wellard. Graham had brought along a masterpiece of modelling, a tug with a tow that consisted of a barge with a cage on it and inside a dinosaur that moved and roared, it's eyes also glowed red. Green flood lights added to the scary eerie spectacle, Graham had loaded one of his sound units with the dinosaur roar sound, very impressive.

It was nice to see Sam Bryan with his Sentinel customs cutter, he had rigged a string of green lights all-round the hull as well as normal lighting, and last but not least Stuart Silk and Freddie brought three boats, The "Kipper Katcher" trawler and "Lottie Dottie" a freelance tug. Freddie had his model, "Theodore 2".

Weed was in the lake but we had decided to keep well away from it, however it did not bother Neil with his hovercraft which just skimmed over it. If only Sam had a hovercraft, suddenly his "Sentinal" stopped in the middle, he had ran into the weed and nothing was going to free it, one of the hovercraft attempted a rescue but in the end the dinghy was needed, The green all round lighting was a good marker for Alan when rowing out to the model in the darkness.

The winner was declared to be Graham White this time with the Dinosaur model. Dave Cowlin took second place, his lighting on the dredger always looks brilliant in the darkness.... (Oh sorry!)

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General picture of some of the boats
(Photo Len Ochiltree)

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