

# The MBA Dover Newsletter



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Hello and welcome to the Spring 2015 edition of Kearsney Kapers. Since the last edition, we have held our Christmas social event which was a nice friendly evening that included the presentation of our powerboat and yacht trophies. A report of the winners can be found inside this newsletter.

The curry meal was one of the best yet, well done to the Cricketers for providing a first class spread for us all. We were, sadly, slightly down again on member numbers attending which was disappointing as we had catered for many more, this date is well advertised within the club so there should be no excuse for not coming and getting a free meal on the MBAD.

I am pleased to be able to report some good news from the Council. Following a request we made to operate models in Russell Gardens, they eventually got back to me with a formal agreement to allow us to operate there. There are conditions however, please read the letters on page 3. I have copied the reply in its entirety.

The above conditions are subject to what might happen if the situation changes as a result of the proposed regeneration plans for Kearsney Abbey and Russell Gardens. This is known as the “£3.3 million Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) ‘Parks for People’ project at Kearsney Abbey and Russell Gardens.”

Most people will now be aware that the Council has been awarded this substantial amount of money from the Heritage Lottery Fund to improve the area for the good of all who use the facilities for leisure and recreation.

As our club has its base and storage facility at Kearsney Abbey and regularly use the lower lake for our activities, we obviously have taken a keen interest in what is going on.

A questionnaire was distributed quite a while ago asking the public for ideas and whether they would like to get involved in the project, many club members responded and eventually after the Council had secured the funding, they got back in touch asking if those people were still interested in helping.

The MBA was invited to attend a meeting where the project manager outlined what was needed to fulfil the lottery funding requirements. He stated that there needs to be several reports made from experts in their fields on many aspects of the parks environment. Many persons with clipboards will be seen checking all sorts of things and when all this information is collated, decisions will be made on what to do. Opening up the parks to extra activities will of course create other problems like parking, always an issue even now, these and many other things need to be addressed.

At the end of the meeting we were promised that we will be consulted when decisions are made and we will be asked what we would like to have to improve our area.

Naturally they did want to know how we can get more involved and help them make the project work, it was mentioned that the MBA already do a great deal educating youngsters and other members of the public about all aspects of our hobby. This is exactly the type of thing they require and might be expanded further if a purpose built community area was to be built. We will await the outcome with interest.

As is normal at this time of the year, we look forward to another great season at Kearsney, we have a full diary and, as last season, a busy time attending outside events this year.

Happy boating .... Alan

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## 2014 Regatta Results

The overall Results for 2014 are....

Springer Barge Push. 1st Leonard Ochiltree. 2nd Peter Cook. 3rd Bernard Le Ny.

Tug Towing, 1st Neil Terry. 2nd Len Ochiltree. 3rd Bernard Le Ny.

Steering, 1st Alan Poole. 2nd Bernard Le Ny. 3rd Neil Terry.

Club 500, 1st Peter Cook. 2nd Alan Poole. 3rd Neil Terry.

The yacht regatta series of races were cancelled during 2014 due to lack of entrants, however the Frostbite results were 1st Colin Goldsmith 2nd Andy Goldsack.

The Summer series yacht races was won by Andy Goldsack,

The trophy's and shields were presented at our Christmas dinner in December

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Below is a list of shows that we are either invited to attend or just go along to for interest

### List of Outside Shows (Jan 2015)

London Model Engineer Show .....	Alexandra Palace.....	16/17/18	January 2015
Brighton ModelWorld	Brighton Centre	20/21/22	February 2015
Dortmund		15-19th	April 2015
Midlands Model Lifeboat Rally	Dudley	10th	May 2015
Childe Beale Boat show	Pangbourne	23/24	May 2015
Alfold Model Boat Show.....	Alfold (Surrey).....	30/31	May 2015
Festival of Flight (boat show )	Biggin Hill	13	June 2015
Summers Pond	Horsham	20/21	June 2015
Wings and wheels	North Weald Airfield	27/28	June 2015
Sellindge Fete	Sellindge	30th (TBC)	August 2015
Herne Bay Open Event	Herne Bay	(TBC)	
Ramsgate Ships Rally	Ramsgate	6th (TBC)	September 2015
Southern Model Show	Headcorn Airfield	12/13	September 2015
International Model boat show	Warwick	6/8th	November 2015

(TBC) to be confirmed

Please use these dates in conjunction with our own diary dates. This is a list of events that are known at Jan 2015, it is by no means complete.

Please contact the Secretary Alan Poole on 01304 853242 if you find an event that is not on the list.

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### The Dover Transport Museum



Ferry "Lord Warden"

This local museum is well worth a visit, it is situated in the old Royal Engineers Barracks at Whitfield and contains many ship models of local interest as well as many other transport related exhibits.

## Copy of letter sent requesting permission to operate model boats in Russell Gardens

Dear Mr Hill,

At the recent Chairmans Event at Russell Gardens, the Model Boat Association put on a display for the guests which we know was well received.

At that event we mentioned that we were under the impression that as a club we could not normally use that water for our activities, Kearsney Abbey Lake is ideal but occasionally our yacht section need the whole area for their scheduled racing. being able to use Russell Garden's water would be useful.

Can I therefore request that the Model Boat Association Dover, formally be allowed to operate electrically powered models and sailing craft in that area?

I have already included the Russell Gardens in our latest risk assessments and have sent these into the Council as required.

If you are in favour of this request could I also ask if we might be allowed to run some of our models at a faster speed than 5 MPH (at Russell gardens?)

The speed restriction was imposed at Kearsney Abbey to protect the wildlife from unscrupulous operators, we as a club impose a strict regime to make sure all members respect the wildlife and operate the models safely, models these days are faster and when controlled correctly are perfectly safe at slightly higher speeds.

I thank you for your consideration and look forward to hearing your comments.

Kind regards.... Alan Poole (Secretary MBA Dover)

## Official Reply received by email on December 5th 2014

As you know Dover MBA have a licence to operate in Kearsney Abbey Lake. I understand that the reason the licence does not extend to Russell Gardens was that Russell Gardens is the part of the park where those people seeking a bit of peace and quiet can find it. Most activities centre around Kearsney lake.

Your e-mail requests:

1. formal permission to operate electrically powered models and sailing craft in Russell Gardens formal lake (the rectangular lake immediately upstream of the ornamental bridge).
2. Formal permission to operate at speeds exceeding 5mph in Russell Gardens formal lake

Formal response:

**Please accept this e-mail as the Council's formal response to your requests.**

Request 1: I need to balance the needs/wishes of those people seeking peace and quiet against the needs /wishes of Dover MBA. I note that your justification for your request is the clash that occurs between the electrically powered models and the sailing craft, when there are yachting regattas.

I understand your needs in these circumstances and can confirm that when the Kearsney Lake is used for a yacht racing event **I authorize the use of Russell Gardens formal lake for electrically powered models.** Because of the balance I have already mentioned, Dover MBA need to limit the number of occasions when the Russell Gardens formal lake is used to **not more than 8 days a year.** This authorization is limited to **electrically powered models only** – Russell Gardens formal lake is upstream of the habitat of a protected species, the native freshwater crayfish, and petrol engine models are therefore strictly forbidden because of the environmental risks. Similarly every year there is a pair of nesting swans in Russell Gardens formal lake and any event should be scheduled to avoid the nesting season (July-October). This would in any case benefit your members since the swans are likely to attack should anyone come too close to the nest site.

Request 2:

I understand the frustration of not being able to operate the models to their full capability. Again I have to balance this against any damage to the lake shore or ecology. In the case of the Russell Gardens formal lake the shore is brick lined, thereby minimizing damage. Since the events will also avoid the nesting season I do not believe that there is an impact on wild-life.

**I therefore give permission to Dover MBA to operate electrically powered models in Russell Gardens formal lake on the occasions stipulated in paragraph 1 above at speeds of up to 10mph.**

Constraint:

Given that this is an extension of the current licence terms, the authorization is limited to a 12 month period from the date of this e-mail so that the impact of the new arrangements can be reviewed prior to any extension of these arrangements. You will be aware of the HLF bid for Russell Gardens and Kearsney – please be aware that if the goals of the HLF project for the formal lake conflict with the arrangements above then the licence will need to revert to the licence conditions.

Martin Leggatt  
Head of Assets & Building Control  
Dover District Council  
Council Offices, White Cliffs Business Park, Whitfield, Dover CT16 3PJ

## **Model Engineer Exhibition 2014**

I am pleased to report that this long running exhibition held at Sandown Park Racecourse, was a much better show this time than of late. I have been writing reports in this newsletter regularly and have sadly had to say that it was becoming poorer with a lack of trade stalls and a lack of model entries generally. I can remember when this exhibition was the foremost show in the country, the quality and amount of models displayed was second to none and to gain an award at this show was considered to be an honour. The show has been steadily falling out of favour, taking second place to the other big London show at Alexandra Palace, but this year it was much better.

This year, it was what I am calling the year of the battleship, the model boat entries this year were exceptional mainly due to many loan entries of exceptional quality and of course the competition entries which were again mostly naval in theme. I am of course talking about Alex McFadyern's "Richelieu" French battleship, David Brown's HMS Warspite and the Duke of Edinburgh's award (D of E) entry, another HMS Warspite to a slightly larger scale.

The loan entries were again mainly Naval with Alex McFadyern displaying his entire battleship fleet. These included the famous HMS Vanguard, HMS G3 (Renown) and the destroyer HMS Barossa. All these were Gold Medal award winning models and some were also Naviga gold medal winners (A World class international competition)

It was a privilege to see all these wonderful model in the same room, some of you will remember the report I wrote in the winter 2013 KK where I described Alex's workshop and the soon to be displayed Richelieu model. This model gained another Gold at this exhibition to add to his tally. The other competition entry was David Brown's HMS Warspite (1921), this model was full of atmosphere with a lot of interesting detail that kept the viewer busy for hours looking. An example would be the tot of rum issue ready to be distributed on the main deck, David had modelled the table with the kettles and tankards ready to be filled from the rum tubs that were fully detailed standing by the tables, these had the characteristic brass hoops and the words "The king god bless him inscribed on the barrels. Another detail was the Fairy Flycatcher spotter plane ranged on "B" turret waiting to launch. This model was also awarded Gold medal and also took the Earl Mountbatten of Burma Trophy, this is awarded to the best warship model in the show.

The last battleship model entered, was another HMS Warspite, this model had gained these awards last year and this time was entered into the Dof E award. Colin Vass is the builder of this remarkable model and at 1/72nd scale, it is a large and Impressive model, Colin was unsuccessful in trying to gain this award this time but it was great to see it again.

There were of course other beautiful model boats in the competition including another HMS Barrossa, the Turbina and of course the other loan entries including A161, Loyal Mediator. (well you do get a free entry to the show).

So you will see why I called it the year of the battleship and why it was a great show this year, I will be back gain next time.

## **The London Model Engineering Show.**

I know many of our members attended this show, we did advertise it at the January meeting where some expressed an interest in going but I noticed that some met up and travelled together and some just went along on their own, whatever, it was good to see members attending what is probably the better of the two major engineering shows held at this time of year.

Those who attend regularly will have noticed some absentees in the trade stands, SHG were absent which was a shame because they carry a good range of model boat bits, some other stands were also not there, lets hope it was just a glitch this year and not a trend emerging!

There were as usual, many boat clubs exhibiting and a first this year was the Kent Model Boat Display Team under the direction of Phil Knell, Phil is the organiser of the Headcorn model boat section and also runs the Biggin Hill show which is on again this year.

Those who missed seeing the Alex McFadyern show at the Sandown venue were treated to a second showing at this event.

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The Surface warship stand was taken over by Alex who is a member of that group, what a brave man allowing his three battleships and destroyer to be placed on a stand which had no protection, we noticed many a person reaching over the delicate structures to point out features to others, their clothing almost brushing the models, Alex did admit to losing a couple of jack staffs during the show. This general show includes Boats, Aircraft, Trains and trucks so there is something for everyone and of course all the engineering spares you could possibly want.

### The Brighton Modelworld 2015 Show, 20-22 February

Another great show in our area and one that seems to get better every year. This is a general model show however, the model boat side of our hobby is well represented. There is pool which, with thanks to Steve Dean who organises to displays on the pool, was kept busy all the time with model boats operating almost non stop. There were the usual favourites including several clubs who regularly attend, the large model and display of the Titanic is also a regular at this show. The RNLI is very well represented with two substantial model groups and the Brighton RNLI sales tables who also have a corner where children can get rigged up in lifeboatman's clothing including the now familiar white helmet, they get their photo's taken in the gear which is a great memento of the day. Not many trade stands this year dealing specifically with boats but general sales of tools and other related products still make shopping there worthwhile.



(Photo Steve Dean)

A very good video showing all aspects of the show was made by our very own Graham White, This can be viewed on You Tube under his username of *Ret-sub 12*

Another interesting model at Brighton, this is the passenger liner "Queen Mary". All made from Lego bricks! It dwarfed the entrance area and was I believe, over 25ft long although I did not measure it.

I do know that a **quarter of a million** Lego bricks was used in it's construction and, they were not all glued together!



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(Continued from the last page are a few more Photos Of our first Illuminated event of this season.)



## A members model

Adrian Knight has sent me details of his latest venture, as Adrian is a tug man, it's no surprise that it is another tug model. The hull was constructed by Roger Shields several years ago but shelved due to other commitments, it was then offered for sale and this is where Adrian stepped in, he bought it and has spent hours getting it ready to sail again.

The subject is the **Tirrick** a tug that is known as a water tractor.

(A starboard view of the model is pictured right.)

Adrian sent in the following about the full sized **Tirrick** and his model.

Tug Tirrick

Built 1983 38metres x 11.30

One of a fleet of six operated by Sullom Voe Harbour Authority in the Shetland Islands. All six named after Sea Birds only found in the Shetland Islands.

They are powered by two Voith Schneider Units driven by two Ruston 12RK 3CM engines. The hull was constructed by Roger Shields but I had to rebuild the superstructure due to damage caused when the paint was removed, it's often easier to build from new rather than try to repair damaged sections of a model. Nitromors paint stripper did not work very well here!

The plank on frame wooden hull was coated with P38 and reinforced with glass fibre matt. Plasticard was used for the superstructure and many other parts, all were scratch built including the main deck powered winch, this is powered with a geared curtain motor.

Two Voith Schneider units are controlled by four servos and one Mtronik speed controller. There are 24 working lights using 12 volt grain rice bulbs controlled by manual switches and one remote switch. The whole model is powered by one 12 Volt Lead Acid Battery.

I still have bits and pieces to complete but I am waiting for the warmer weather like so many other club members. Adrian.



This is an unusual model that has some very unconventional lines, the underwater shape is odd to say the least but it operates well with the twin Voith Schneider propellers, note the very large skeg aft, this is necessary to keep the vessel stable when running ahead in a straight line. The drawings and an article appeared in an early edition of Model Boats Magazine. (Ed.)

Just pictures at this stage but here are some shots of Dave Cowlin's latest rowing model. I don't have many details but it looks like it's going to be another crown puller, just like Dave's other models. It is still under trials at the moment.



Clive Haffenden's Round table class minesweeper **Sir Kay**, built 1942 by Hall Russell Aberdeen, This black and white image was taken at Kearsney one Sunday morning in February 2015

## For sale

Alan Knott, Top Flat, 23 Salisbury Road, Dover. Phone...01304 694904. mobile... 07711778882

Alan is selling some of his models to save space.

Brooklyn American Tug.

Trawler Sir Kay (Weathered look) has a smoke unit

HMT Resolve. Twin funnelled wartime tug (very detailed) has been ballasted but never in the water, brand new

Danny Boy drifter fishing vessel, weathered look very detailed with lights

White gunboat very detailed.

Dredger with working crane driven by pods scratch built.

Fairwind yacht ready to sail £140

Coastal tanker

A part started trawler, hull finished bow thruster fitted, bridge partly finished, shaft and prop and mast fitted (hand drawn plans to finish it ) any reasonable offer

If you are interested in any of these models, contact Alan and go and see the boat you are interested in and make him an offer.

All the boats are of high quality and ready to run.

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A good friend of mine has passed away leaving a complete workshop full of very high quality engineering equipment. There is an Axminster lathe, an Axminster free standing milling machine and hundreds of tools, I cannot begin to list everything. He was an excellent model engineer and specialised in horology ( clock making) His equipment was obviously of high quality but unfortunately an illness forced him to give up his hobby .

Please contact Alan Poole on 01304 853242 for details if interested.

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A Chester Conquest lathe hardly used with many accessories is offered for sale by Charles Male. This machine must be seen as it is in almost new condition and is immaculate, with all the accessories this should be £500 -600.00 but as Charles wants it to go to a good home, he is asking half that £300.00 but even this price might be negotiable. Please contact Charles direct on 01843 580429

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Bob Davis has a 1 metre class yacht for sale, it is a fibre glass hull with two different size interchangeable keels. The masts and booms are alloy and it is complete with a full set of sails. A hitech sail winch is included as is a rudder servo, all that is needed is your own radio to be fitted and you will be sailing away!

Contact Bob on 01303 894870....and the price - only £80.00

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## ILLUMINATED EVENT 20th MARCH 2015

Friday 20th March, the day of the eclipse of the sun was the day chosen for our first illuminated event of 2015. The evening was cold but clear, an ideal evening to operate the models with all their lights on. We were a little down on previous meetings with only six boats illuminated, however every one of them were beautifully lit. Out of the six boats, three were previous winners, this under our rules, normally precludes them from winning again but when few boats are displayed, these rules can be bent!

I can report that this time there were some new models that stood out and this time the first place was awarded to Bernard Le Ny for his large scale model of "Taurus", this model also had a towed dinghy which was also illuminated and was complete with ships cat. The cabin was fully illuminated and at the large scale looked very realistic. We had always thought that with so much effort going into preparing these models for display, there should be a second place award, for the first time since the competition started, a second place was awarded and it went to the tug "Joffre" owned by a new member Mr Colin Smithers. The model was correctly lit with towing lights and realistic engine room illumination, it was also subtly lit which made it even more realistic. It was previously owned and built by Alan Knott who was with us this time as a spectator. The other models on display were the tug "Tirrick", owned by Adrian Knight, Graham White had his Neptune submersible, a previous winner, Dave Cowlin brought along the famous "Admiral Day" Dredger, another winner and Neil Terry had his "Pegasus 3", yet another winner. Although the amount of models was slightly down, the spectators were many and it was nice to see them boosting the numbers attending. A very good start to the event season.

(Right)

Peter presents the winner Bernard Le Ny with his trophy.

(More photo's on page 5)



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