



# OXFORD MODEL BOAT CLUB

## June 2017 Newsletter

### What's On.....

#### June:

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting at Jordan Hill

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Scale & Sail

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Fiesta Round 5

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> One metre Round 5

**Navy Morning**

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Hinksey 400 Round 5

IOM Extra Round 3

#### July:

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> **OPEN DAY**  
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Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting at Jordan Hill

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Fiesta Round 6

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Scale & General

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Hinksey 400 Round 6

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#### SCALE SCENE:

##### 31<sup>st</sup> April Beale Park

Here are a few photos from Beale Park Open Day taken by Tony Hughes:



##### 7<sup>th</sup> May Scale & Sail by Tony Hughes

Scale and sail day had something for everybody, a breeze for the yachts yet sunny and calm enough for small scale models.

Terry remarked "oh Paul must be here" as yet another of the latter's speedboats raced across the pond as we walked from the car park!

There was a really good turnout this month with up to 10 boats on the water as well as craft from non-club visitors.

Peter sailed his tug Gamecock and Nick brought down his 19<sup>th</sup> century monitor HMS Kite, now complete with firing gun.

Both Alan and Paul brought down their submarines. The gyroscopic depth control seemed to be working really well now after much trialling (we could

even have a submarine day with a few more boats).

Models featured in previous newsletters including Nick's Flower Class corvette Snowberry, Roy's car ferry Bigga, Dave's tug Joffre and Terry's fire tender.

The photographs show some of these models berthed or entering/leaving Terry's dock.



Dave sent me this photo of Michael's steam launch entering the harbour:



**14<sup>th</sup> May Fiesta Round 4**  
by Mike Robinson

Today we were greeted by a warm sunny morning with a light breeze over the lake. We set a traditional triangle and sausage course going from left to right. An entry of eight yachts made things a bit congested on the start line and whoever got away first usually finished up winning the race.

The first four races were closely contested all morning. During the break the wind died completely however by the time we resumed the breeze had returned and we were able to complete the full schedule of ten races.

John managed to complete the full schedule and was rewarded with first place overall.

The full result:

- 1 John Cox (30)
- 2 Mike Robinson (32)
- 3 Iain Smith (35)
- 4 Paul Izzard (36)
- 5 Dick Skinner (43)
- 6 Alan Struth (57)
- 7 Peter Pulford (58)
- 8 Nick Panter (69)

**21<sup>st</sup> May IOM Round 4**  
by Mike Robinson

A nice bright morning with a steady breeze over the lake which made course setting easy with a traditional triangle and sausage leg with a right to left start. The only thing missing was skippers! With only four entries we raced through the schedule.

I had a bad morning as my winch sheet broke after the first race so I spent the morning as an observer. This gave Iain

an almost perfect score of eight wins from ten starts followed by Dick with two wins and Peter propped up the fleet with me training well behind with nine non-starts.

The full result:

- 1 Iain Smith (12)
- 2 Dick Skinner (22)
- 3 Peter Pulford (28)
- 4 Mike Robinson (47)



**21<sup>st</sup> May TUG Morning**

by Dave Smith

Four skippers turned up at the Tug Boat Day- Nick ,Michael, Ernie, and myself.

The Day got off to a slow start, but picked up, and in the end turned out to be quite entertaining for both us and the many spectators in the Park, including two club members.

Here are some photos showing all the Tugs and towing barges that came along.

These included Nick’s Sun XX1,seen towing; Ernie’s Sun XX1, doing a solo run, my own Joffre and Mike’s Titan, on its own. Circumstance restricted our number to four, but we enjoyed ourselves, and maybe provided a pleasant moment for the many passers by.



**28<sup>th</sup> May Hinksey 400 Round 4**

by Paul Izzard

We had arranged an early start to beat the car parking problem, at the appointed hour of 9:15 am there were just three of us, probably because it was a bank holiday weekend.

We proceeded with our 8 races with the inevitable number of collisions & inversions. Terry became very accomplished at getting inverted boats back to the bank.

The surprising results were:

- =1 Paul Izzard 16
- =1 Nick Panter 16
- =1 Terry Gregory 16

The full results are shown to the right of this column:

I could not believe the result & checked it several times. I bet it won't happen like that very often!

Name	No.	Race Scores								final score	Pos,
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
Paul Izzard	1	3	1	3	2	2	2	2	1	16	=1
Nick Panta	4	2	3	1	3	1	1	3	2	16	=1
Terry Gregory	17	1	2	2	1	3	3	1	3	16	=1



**OPEN DAY**

The Open Day will take place on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

The arrangements so far as follows:

The Parks Department have approved the idea of this event.

The displays & demonstration of models will be from 10am to 4pm.

**Paul will:**

Contact the Oxford Mail to ask them if they can publicise the Open Day

Two new 5' x 3' banners will be purchased at a cost of £29.00.

Make A4 laminated posters to fix to the park railings a couple of weeks before the day.

**Doug Green will:**

Bring the Gazebo & tables.

**Members:**

Please bring your models and a display table if you have one.

**PARKING:**

Parking will probably be an issue, come early to avoid this if you can. If unable to park we can unload your car and you can park elsewhere.

**PROGRAM:**

Fiesta's will probably race on the hour & half hour, followed by a Hinksey 400 race.

Following the racing the operation of other boats will take place. Hopefully these sessions can be themed: Navel, Tugs, Submarines, Silly fast things. Then anything else.

If we are able to raise an IOM fleet then they can display by the pond & have occasional races on the lake.

**Please try to make this a fun & enjoyable day, bring chairs & a picnic and enjoy sharing our hobby**

**Newsletter Contributions:**

If any member has anything they would like to put in the newsletter please let me know; you can email me at:

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I would welcome Build Articles; Photos Past / Present; Hints & Tips, Offers; Sales; Wants; What Have You.....

Please see what you can do.

Paul.....

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## **Oxford Model Boat Club**

### **Minutes of the Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017**

**Attendance: 10;** Apologies were received from John Cox

**Chairman's Report**                      Paul Izzard:

**Pond Treatment:**

Another top-up of Dyofix has been applied to the pond, it seems to be working.

**Open Day on 2<sup>nd</sup> July:**

The Parks Department have been contacted about this & they are happy for us to go ahead with it and will help us with promotion if they can.

We need to seek assistance from the press so that as many people as possible know about it. The chairman will contact the Oxford Mail.

Some A4 laminated posters will be put on the railings around the park.

Two new hemmed & eyeletted 5 x 3 ft banners will be purchased at £29 for the two.

Doug Green will bring the gazebo & tables. Please bring a table to display your models if you have one.

For it to be a success we need lots of members to turn up with as many boats as possible.

On the pond we will have a few Fiesta & Hinksey 400 races & demonstration of as large a range of models as possible.

The idea of this Open Day to recruit new membership in the hope that it will increase the IOM, Fiesta & Hinksey fleets and the diversity of scale & other models.

Any suggestions to the chairman please.

**Secretary's Report**                      Terry Gregory:

Club Events

We were reminded of this month's events.

Club Badges

In answer to member's requests The secretary has had a number of very nice & durable adhesive club badges made, these can be obtained from him.

**Treasurer's Report**                      Roy Noble:

The current assets are £375.23; there are no liabilities.

**Scale Secretary's Report**                      Tony Hughes:

The scale report will appear in the June newsletter.

**Any Other Business:**

**Item outstanding from the April meeting:**

**Emergency contact number for pond side.**

The chairman apologised for neglecting this & will deal with immediately; a picture of the proposed laminated label will be included in the June newsletter.

**The meeting closed at 8pm**