



OXFORD MODEL BOAT CLUB

September 2015 Newsletter

What's On.....

September:

Thursday 3rd George Wren Display & Meeting at Jordan Hill

Sunday 6th Watermead Open Day

Sunday 20th Fiesta Round 8

Sunday 27th One metre Round 6

October:

Thursday 1st Meeting at Jordan Hill

Sunday 4th Scale & Sail

Sunday 11th Fiesta Round 9

Sunday 18th One metre Round 7

November:

Sunday 1st Scale & Sail

Thursday 5th Meeting at Jordan Hill

Sunday 22nd Fiesta Round 10

Sunday 18th One metre Round 8

From the Editor:

Our annual 'GEORGE WREN' Competition will be held on Thursday 3rd September. During the evening members display their models for judging by all the other members present. The simple rules for the event are shown on page 5 of this newsletter. Don't be shy, we will be pleased to see your models. The Bar will be open all evening for the purchase of drinks & the club will provide snacks to sustain the inner man!

DON'T forget the Watermead Open Day on 6th September. This event is an excellent chance to show off your boats to a new audience and an opportunity to see a large selection of models on the water. From 10am to 4 pm there is always something going on. Assistance from members will be required for setting up our gazebo & tables from about 9:30am and for taking it all down at the end.

Only rules, no I.C. boats, no noisy boats & no fast electrics (racers).

If anyone has anything they would like to contribute to the next newsletter please send it to me by the 15th September.

August Scale Scene:

Sunday 2nd:

It was a lovely morning when I arrived at Hinksey Park, John Cox was close behind me & we were very pleased to find Eric Hoare waiting for us. Down by the pond we found Peter Pulford & new member Rob Craddock. Peter went off to sail his one metre yacht & the rest of us got down to the business of the day.

Rob, John & Eric had their Fiestas; I guess they wanted some practice & tuning ready for next weekend's Fiesta race round.

I had my restored Graupner Elke fishing boat. We were soon joined by Doug Green with his restored Billings tug 'Massbank', the full size boat was built in 1965 & in 1977 was renamed 'Banckert'.

After an hour or so it was all change for Rob & Doug as they brought out another two models; Rob had a Caldercraft 'Westbourne' tug which looked very nicely built, Rob still has the fittings & detail work to do, we will look forward to seeing finished. Doug has his 'Guardsman' tug that we had not seen for a while.

Paul.....





Doug's Guardsman Tug



Rob's Westbourne Tug

From Dave:

For this months Scale Scene I have featured smaller models that have made an appearance at the pond side. Paul's paddle tug been the subject of a complete overhaul including fitting buoyancy aids to make a charming and practical model.

At long last, after several false starts, I have managed to finish my Nelson class Battleship. After all the trials and tribulations she sails well, and I think sits well alongside my King George V. Stand off scale, yes, and great fun too.



Another model showing a good turn of speed was Allan Struth's latest, an out of the box purchase, which is unusual for him, small Catamaran. After getting the mast stuck in the mud on the bottom of the pond, Allan has fitted a ping pong ball at the masthead to provide buoyancy in the event of another Cat nosedive.

Talking of fun, Mike Prentice seems to be giving it a go with his Aqua Riva. He told me I only get a short run with the batteries I'm using at the moment, not surprising at that speed!



We have another Paddle Boat at the Park, this time in the form of a River Boat Stern Wheeler. Nick Panter scratch built this very atmospheric model, which performed well on its first outing but needs some adjustment to its rudder to overcome the well known paddler steering difficulties. Could it be that we now have enough paddlers to hold a paddler themed day?

Both Paul and I have been using an inexpensive small Speed controller bought from China of late, Paul in his paddler and myself in a small destroyer. The device gives both forward and reverse motor control, with a central stop engine position. All this at a price of less than a fiver including postage, worth a look if you build smallish models. Dave.....



Sail Scene:

Sunday 9th Fiesta Round 7 – by Mike Robinson

We were initially greeted with a mild overcast morning with a light breeze then the sun came out and the breeze almost disappeared. We were able to set a diagonal start line sailing towards the far buoy and with an entry of nine yachts there were no incidents at the start. However, the yachts came together at the buoys which gave a few problems.

Eric Hoare joined us for the first time this year. Hopefully we will see more of him from now on. Iain was on good form, his yacht showed the way nearly every race then there was a gap to John Cox and Dick Skinner after which the rest of the field trailed well behind, myself included.

The full result:-

1	Iain Smith	(15)	6	Mike Robinson	(58)
2	John Cox	(32)	7	Alan Struth	(60)
3	Dick Skinner	(34)	8	Eric Hoare	(69)
4	Paul Izzard	(54)	9	Robert Craddock	(72)
5	Nick Panter	(56)			





Watermead Model Boat Club



Annual Open Day

10am to 4pm

Sunday 6th September 2015

Watermead Lake

Aylesbury, Buckingham Road, HP19 0FU

watermeadmodelboatclub.wordpress.com

Radio Control Model Boats and Yachts

Static and Working Model Boat Displays

"Have a Go" radio control boats and Yachts

Visiting Model Boat Club Stands

Cake Sale- RNLi Lifeboat Stand - Bring and Buy

Military Model Boats-Lifeboats-Fishing Boats-Tugs

Model Racing Yachts-Scale Sailing Boats

Free Entry and Car Parking !



GEORGE WREN COMPETITION
Thursday 3rd September from 7:30pm
At Jordan Hill

Setting up from 7pm (or as soon as doors open)

We will start with a brief meeting and then get on with the judging.

This year we are adding a 'Work In Progress' class as much interest was shown in this when we introduced them for display only last year.

THE SIMPLE RULES ARE:

1. Members may enter two models in each class, total 4.
 2. Only models that have NOT previously won the competition may be entered.
 3. Models may be shown but not entered for judging if the member prefers.
 4. All members present should vote for their 1st, 2nd & 3rd choice in both the 'Work In Progress' & 'Finished Model' class.
 5. The entry and voting procedures will be explained on the evening.
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The results will be announced at our AGM on 3rd December.

The bar will be open for the purchase of drinks & the club will provide FOC a selection of sandwiches, etc. to sustain the inner man!



Roy Nobel's Camera Craft

OXFORD MODEL BOAT CLUB.
Minutes of meeting held 06.08.15.

Apologies.

- Apologies were received from Eric Hoare, John Foreman & Alan Struth.

Members present.

- There were 17 members present.

Secretary's Report.

- The swarm added to the pond appears to be having the desired effect although the topping up procedure from the big lake might be detrimental in the longer term.
- The proposed visit to the Williams Factory at Berinsfield is currently on hold.
- Members are reminded of the Watermead 'open day' on 6th September.

NO FAST ELECTRICS PERMITTED.

- Members will be circulated asking them to be on site in sufficient time to help erect tables and gazebo and also to assist at the end of the event.
- The George Wren Trophy will be held on 03.09.15 Refreshments will be provided and arranged by the Scale Sec'
- Brief details of coming events were listed.

Treasurer's report.

- Cash in the bank stands at £749 with no bills outstanding.

Scale secretary's report.

- Although poor weather has restricted scale day activities there is a pleasing variety of models appearing when ever conditions improve.
- Any pictures for News Letter will help fill the pages.
- The Scale Secretary commented on the sight of 3 'J' class yachts seen racing of Yarmouth on the Isle of White when he was on holiday in the vicinity.

Any other business.

- There were no matters arising from the previous meeting but a lively discussion followed with the Treasurer describing various tugs he was able to visit whilst on holiday in the Shetland Isles. Their ability to handle a 100000 tanker in high winds was a sight to see!
- John Diestler described the early Americas Cup round he saw from Southsea Common on his visit to the event.

The meeting closed at 20:00