



# **BASINGSTOKE MODEL BOAT CLUB**

## **Newsletter**

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## **June 2018**

Well, what contrasting weather we seem to have had over the last few months! Snow and biting cold one minute, very wet and windy another and finally to end on an heat wave but has that daunted our spirits for going to the pond to sail our boats, no it has not ! We seem to be getting many members attending our Wednesday and Sunday sailing sessions and this last Wednesday we had at least 15 at the lake enjoying the sunny and windy weather.

This time around the Newsletter will be a bit shorter than normal as I will be away from the pond for a little while plus it only seems like yesterday since I sent the March / April edition out. However there are bits of news that I do need to communicate with you but unfortunately no articles this time around.

### **Membership News:**

As you know we started a new year in the Club from April this year and it has been another good time for new members joining our Club. To date we have had 6 new members that, following receipt of their membership application, joined our Club since April and I have sent a letter of thanks to them for joining us and giving them a warm welcome. So, in this Newsletter we must formally welcome Harris Early, Andrew Blight and Keith Ebsworth, Mike Dowman, David Medway, Marc Mulligan and Mike Michelin to our midst and we hope to see them in regular attendance at the pond.

Since the beginning of 2018 we have had 11 new members join our Club which is great news and if all of last year's members renew their subscriptions we will have 79 members in the Club which I believe to be the highest in its history.

## **Annual Membership fees Due for year 2017/2018**

In the last Newsletter I reminded all our members that the annual membership fees for the year 2018/2019 were due and what a fantastic response I have had from many of you. To date I have received about 66 membership subscriptions which includes new memberships, which is great and an even better improvement on previous years. **However, for those who have not yet sent me their subscriptions if you do not wish to renew your membership please let me know immediately by phone, email or letter and I will remove you from our list - this will be your final Newsletter.**

To remind those who haven't yet paid, the Club year runs from the **1st April to 31st March each year so please can I have your subscriptions in as soon as possible and on time.** Despite rising costs we have held the membership fee at £10 this year and £5 for juniors under the age of 16 years and I am sure you will agree that this is excellent value as the membership has to cover the cost of Club insurance, 4 Club Newsletters each year and Internet web hosting costs for our Club web site, etc.

Our membership 'on the books' has now risen to 78 which is great but **for those members whose subscriptions for the 2018 / 2019 year are still outstanding** please hand your membership fee money over to either myself or our Chairman, Andy Clark at the lake side by putting it in an envelope with your name on the outside, or post a cheque to me, made payable to **Basingstoke Model Boat Club** to the following address:-

***Alan Spooner  
Hathaway, Stratford Road,  
Ash Vale, Hants GU12 5PT***

We hope that you will continue to support the club in the year ahead and enjoy the benefits of a friendly and expanding membership, complimentary Public Indemnity Insurance and use of the best model boat pond in the area !

### **And now for something different.**

I am sure that many of you have been bombarded recently with correspondence and emails informing you about the new regulations regarding your Data Protection. As we as a Club do hold data on yourselves (securely I may add) we have always been careful not to share your personal data with other parties and now that the EU General Data Protection Regulations 2018 (yes, the EU instigated it and irrespective of Brexit we still need to comply with the rules) are about to be thrust upon us we consider that you ought to be aware of the Club's position in this regard. So here goes :-

### **Privacy Notice For Our Members**

You will by now no doubt have heard about changes to the way companies are able to collect, store and use your personal information that come into force on 25 May 2018. At this time the present 1998 UK Data Protection Act will be replaced by the General Data Protection Regulations 2018.

We are committed to respecting your privacy. This notice explains how we may use personal information we collect before, during and after your membership with us. This notice applies to you if you have registered to become or are a member of our Club.

We have not appointed a Data Protection Officer to oversee our compliance with data protection laws as we are not required to do so, but our Secretary has overall responsibility for data protection compliance in our Club.

These changes do not **only** apply to companies, but to **all** organisations that collect and process personal information, including us.

### **Why we collect your data**

We collect your data so that we can keep a register of our Members which allows us to keep our Members updated with the Club's news and events.

### **How we collect your data**

We collect your information via your completed membership form when you join the Club

### **When we might share your data**

**We will not** share your information with others or any party not associated with running the Club except with your prior approval.

### **Know your rights**

You have many rights regarding your personal data, including seeing what data we hold, and updating your information.

*There is nothing you need to do right now, but if you would like to find out more please take a look at the following or contact the Secretary at :-<mailto:alanspooner@hotmail.com>.*

## **General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)**

### **Data Protection Principles**

These specify that personal data must be:

- 1. Processed fairly and lawfully.***
- 2. Obtained for specified and lawful purposes.***
- 3. Adequate, relevant and not excessive.***
- 4. Accurate and up to date.***
- 5. Not kept any longer than necessary.***
- 6. Processed in accordance with the "data subject's" (the individual's) rights.***
- 7. Securely kept.***
- 8. Not transferred to any other organisation / persons / country without approval and adequate protection in situ.***

**Every reasonable effort is made by the Club to protect the information supplied by its members.**

## Forthcoming Events

### Basingstoke - Love Parks Event

“Love Parks Week”, a national event sponsored by the Keep Britain Tidy group. Following on from the previous year’s successful attendance at this event we have again agreed to support the Council with this activity. It is being held a little earlier this year on **18 July**. The following is the information I have provide to the Council for insertion into their programme:-

*Basingstoke Model Boat Club*

*Love Parks Event - 'Build and Sail a Boat'*

*Members of the Basingstoke Model Boat Club will be displaying their model boats at the pond and would like to encourage both young and old to try their hand at building a cardboard model boat by cutting out from a template and gluing it together and then if successful, launching it on the model boat pond. Our Members will also have some of their model boats at the pond side that they will let the young ones and ‘oldies’ have a go under instruction, at sailing a radio controlled model boat / yacht.*

*Our ‘Event’ will run from 10.00 hours to 15.00 hours and we will be erecting two small gazebos on the ‘level’ grass area near to where we sail and have a few long tables on which the participants can cut out the boats and glue them together. Other members will be sitting in their normal location and will let the children/adults have a go at sailing some of their boats under their supervision.*

We will still be sailing our boats as a normal BMBC meet and the car park will not be closed off so we will need to get to the park early, i.e.10.00 hours to establish ourselves. Please help out if you are able

### National Play Day – Basingstoke (Still to be confirmed by the organisers)

Another event in the park is the annual summer Nation Play Day for children held at Eastrop Park – which is to be held as usual on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August (TBC)** which makes it difficult for us as a Club for our general meet. We will again displaying our boats, making paper boats, letting the youngsters have a go at sailing a boat under supervision, etc. As you are aware during this event, which has always occurred on a Wednesday, our Club meet day, there is no parking for the general public or us. The car park is reserved for exhibitors and disabled access. Last year I was only issued with 3 car parking passes which, if I manage to obtain the same again this year will go to those setting up and manning our stand. However don’t let it deter you from attending as you can drop a boat off with us and then park your car on the common car park where a free courtesy bus will drop you off at the pond again – a few members did this last year to join us and help and it was successful.

### Midhurst Modellers Show – 24 June 2018

The February Model show at Midhurst was very successful and the organisers have decided to put on a summer exhibition based on the usual winter format with the addition of ‘portable ponds being provided in the car park for all Clubs to take it in turn to display their boats on the water. Also, they are going to have a mock battle with radio control tanks assaulting a ‘model village’ – again in the car park area. **The date for the event is 24 June 2018** and I have confirmed our booking for our Club – so far we have 6 volunteers out of a maximum of 8 to ‘man’ our stand. I unfortunately cannot be there but I have left our Chairman holding the baby and he will be organising our display. I think it will be great day out so please let Andy Clark know if you want to help – we need to have a good display of boats and willing members to talk to the public to promote both our hobby and our Club.



**THE SUMMER MODELLERS EXHIBITION**

**Sunday 24th June 2018**

- Railways, Boats, Planes and Cars
- Working displays, demonstrations and trade stands
- 5" raised track, ride on train
- Boating lake with working models
- Tank battles and interactive model village
- Drone flying
- Model traction engines displays
- Licensed bar and catering
- Free parking

**10am-4.30pm**  
The Grange,  
Bepton Road, Midhurst  
GU29 9HD

03330 05 0398  
mikeboyce2@everyoneactive.com  
www.everyoneactive.com/TheGrange  
Managed by Everyone Active on behalf of Chichester District Council.



Location of the Grange Centre

**Other News:**

**The Park Bench for the Pond.**

The saga of the proposed park bench that one of our members wanted to kindly donate lingers on and the following is an extract of a reply I received from the Officer concerned.

*Unfortunately I unable to accept the bench you proposed. The operations team can only install benches purchased by the council so that we can ensure the quality and build is sufficient to make it robust enough for a public open space and prevent issues with the bench having to be removed after only a few years because it had fallen apart and become a hazard.*

*There are a number of memorial benches around the model boating lake and we have been turning requests down for additional benches in that area because we don't feel the space can accommodate any more.*

*I've looked at trying to fit a bench on the footpath on the south side of the lake but it is too narrow to accept a standalone bench (we have already turned down others who have requested a bench here). I have also looked at installing a wall top bench but the wall isn't secure enough to attach a bench to without rebuilding the wall first which I don't have the budget for.*

*I am sorry that we can't install a model boat club bench at this time but I still intend to factor one in to the park redesign. Sadly the production of the masterplan has been delayed due to staff resource issues so this isn't going to happen until 2019/20.*

I have asked our 'benefactor' what he would like me to do next and await a reply from him.

## Eastrop Pond Car Park News

At our Wednesday meet on 09.05.18. our members arrived to find that the car park barrier was closed and contractors fencing and storage was in the car park. They parked in the road at first but eventually the barrier was opened by the contractors. I have since contacted the Green Spaces Officer of the Council to find out what is happening and she has replied that the contractors are resurfacing all the cycle paths and believes that there is some works to be carried out to the pond but knows not what nor what pond they mean ! She was caught unaware about this work too and is at present also unsure as to how long the works will last. When I get more information I will let you know.

## Model Boat Needs a Home

One of our members has sent me an email as follows:-

*I have a model motor launch which was given to me years ago. If anyone in the club would like this model it's has motor and servo for rudder, and it is Free !*



This is a picture of the boat and it looks pretty good to me so those of you who are interested in owning this boat and putting it into working order for their personal use, i.e. not selling on, please contact me and I will put you in touch with the present 'owner'.

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I trust that you will enjoy reading this short Newsletter but I must close now. However, if you want to send me something for the next edition which will save you from more of my ramblings I will be only too pleased to include it. **Ta,Ta, for now.**

**Newsletter by: Alan Spooner – Secretary / Treasurer Basingstoke Model Boat Club**

**PS To save costs I always have the Newsletter printed in black and white so you miss some of the detail of the photos in colour, etc. – if you would like to see this version in full colour we will place a copy on our BMBC website.**