

Driftwood

Newsletter of the Shepton Mallet Drifters MBC February 2006



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**NEW WEB SITE
HAVE YOU MADE
A VISIT YET?**

Calling ALL Members of the Drifters "please dress in old clothes"

HELP WANTED ON MUDDY SUNDAY 10:00am 5th February !!!

COLLETT PARK LAKE (our home water)

Pugwash (Barrie Stevens)

It was good to see everyone at the AGM and the support from members, many thanks to Christine J, for organising the meal after the meeting. One item we did not discuss at the AGM but the committee have made the decision again and that is to issue all paid up members with a copy of the SWAMBC 'What's on Guide 2006' which should have returned from the printers. These will be distributed when your Club subs are paid which are due by 1st Feb.

We are trying to arrange for a few guest speakers/activities for the club meetings at the Thatch. Fred B made a good suggestion that perhaps if a few people brought some photos or slides we could have a session on talking about them, perhaps we will give that a try on the next meet on March 6th?

Health and Safety for Muddy Sunday:

You are strongly advised to wear waterproof footwear ie. Wellingtons or boots, protection for the hands, industrial type rubber gloves (can be obtained from most "pound shops", so are not expensive), water protection trousers/leggings if you have any and of course warm clothing. Due to the nature of the work *care must be taken at all times* and the Shepton Mallet Drifters MBC can not be responsible for any accident that may occur during the cleaning of the pond on 5th February 2006.

Editorial

AGM complete and now we can settle down to another year of model boating, getting ones feet wet and beating the opposition at the competition events. Welcome to our new general secretary, Colin Button, apparently no relation to that guy from Frome who allegedly? Drives fast cars. Thanks to Colin you will see the full AGM report on the back page.

As mentioned at the AGM by yours truly, the dates for Collett Park, Charlton and Thatched Cottage are printed in this newsletter, so no excuse for not knowing when the next meeting is on. Keep this issue safe or pin in on your notice board.

I would like more input to Driftwood and so once again appeal to members to get in touch (I'm not really "always on holiday") but you know us pensioners, bus passes and zimmer frames, wow what a life! In light of the inclement weather (Oxon Eng dict. meaning not very good) parking again on the grass at Collett is to be avoided. So as mentioned in the last Driftwood please stay on the straight and narrow.

Have you or your friends made a visit yet to our new web site? It is still in the early stages but looks like another winner for the Drifters! For the most up-to-date news of events and information regarding the Drifters it is always posted first on the web-site! Thanks to Maggie (wife of steam boat Ian) there are a number of photographs on it, be warned if you see Maggie with a "candid" camera just keep smiling.

Reminder about subscriptions

All members are reminded that subscriptions are due now if you have not rejoined by the 1st April 2006, the "one off" joining fee which has been increased to £7 will be added.

There are no changes to the subscription fees, which are £14 for individual membership, £17 for family membership. The junior membership is currently suspended (see section 8 of the AGM - page 4 of this issue).

Sedgemoor vs Drifters Skittles match - 18th March from Russ Chilcott

As part of our "Care in the Community Programme" the Sedgemoor MBC would like to invite members from the Shepton Mallet Drifters MBC to game of Skittles on Saturday 18th March at the Red Cow, Brent Knoll from 7.30pm. There will be a buffet at £7 per head (that's the only reason our members come along!) which includes chicken portions, chips, quiche, sausages, goujons of plaice, garlic mushrooms, vol au vents, salads, etc. You are welcome to come along for an enjoyable evening out in good company, or alternatively join us for a "friendly" game of skittles - unless of course, we lose again! **Please contact Ivan or Pam 01749 676002 before 12th March so we know how many for the buffet.**

Ponderings

We are waiting for the next issue of Ponderings (SWAMBC Newsletter) to be published, unfortunately at this time of the year it is printed and distributed shortly after we print Driftwood. There will be an extract from the SWAMBC Newsletter in the next issue of Driftwood, in the meantime if you are on the internet Ponderings will be promulgated on their new web site.

Whoops!

"I am not well and unable to be on the bridge" said the Fleets most senior Captain. "I must leave every thing to you, the captain sank bank on his pillow, and the Commander slipped out onto the upper deck. For many months the Commander had entered the Captains cabin and saw him take a silver chain with a key attached from around his neck and open a drawer to his desk. Drawing out a single sheet of paper, he would study for a second before returning the paper and locking the drawer. This had always puzzled the commander. So on this morning when the captain was so sick he could not leave his bunk, he slipped the chain from around his neck, crept over to the desk, unlocked the drawer and read the words on the single sheet of paper..... "Port is left, starboard is right"

Some Future Events (Put them in your diary NOW!) *More in the "What's on Guide"*

Don't forget deadline for "Driftwood items" to Ted ASAP geminio1@btinternet.com

Yeovilton Model Show February 11th Contact Jackie

Sedgemoor Skittles match - March 18th Red Cow Inn, Brent Knowl - Contact Ivan & Pam Rodda

Swansea Model Boat Show - April 1st and 2nd - Contact Barrie or Jackie

Bude Model Boat Festival - 30th April to 1st May - Contact Barrie or Jackie

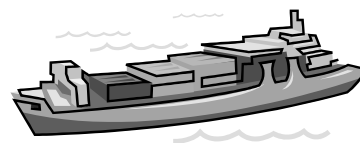
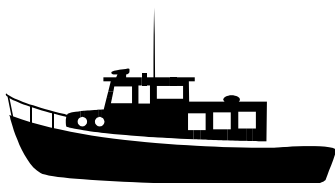
Weymouth Model Boat Festival - 8th and 9th July - Contact Mike for registration ASAP

It's not too late

To help the organisers prepare that dreaded paper work, which we have to comply with, contact them now for your registration to the **Swansea and Weymouth Model Boat Festivals**. If you have not registered yet, contact Jackie 01749 343017 e-mail barrie.stevens@btinternet.com for Swansea, and Mike Knight 07747 600748 e-mail maknight9@hotmail.com for Weymouth.

Wanted:

Trailer tent in good condition, tel: 01749 830015 (club and SWAMBC member)



Club dates and meetings for 2006

(Due to weather and events beyond our control all dates are subject to change)

Enter them in your diary or calendar NOW! Or cut out and pin on your notice board!

All these are Drifters Meeting dates only for other events see SWAMBC "What's On Guide 2006"

Sun. Feb. 5 th	10:00 - 12:00	Muddy Sunday: Collett Park Lake (Park Rd. entrance) Distribute Driftwood
Sun. Feb. 19 th	10:00 - 12:00	Sailing at Charlton Brewery Lake
Sun. Mar. 5 th	10:00 - 12:00	Sailing at Collett Park Lake (Park Rd. Entrance)
Mon. Mar. 13th	19:30	<i>Club Meeting at the Thatched Cottage</i>
Sun. Mar. 19 th	10:00 - 12:00	Sailing at Charlton Brewery lake
Sun. Mar. 26 th		Last date for inclusions for April DRIFTWOOD
Sun. Apr. 2 nd	10:00 - 12:00	Sailing at Collett Park Lake (Collett Avenue entrance)* Distribute Driftwood
Sun. Apr. 16 th	10:00 - 12:00	Sailing at Charlton Brewery Lake
Sun. May 2 nd	10:00 - 12:00	Sailing at Collett Park Lake (Collett Avenue entrance)*
Mon. May 8th	19:30	<i>Club Meeting at the Thatched Cottage</i>
Sun. May 21 st	10:00 - 12:00	Sailing at Charlton Brewery Lake
Sun. May 28 th		Last date for inclusions for June DRIFTWOOD
Sun. June 4 th	10:00 - 12:00	Sailing at Collett Park Lake (Collett Avenue entrance)* Distribute Driftwood
Sat. June 10th	10:00 - 16:00	Collett Day (possibly Park Rd. entrance but see signs on the day)
Sun. June 18 th	10:00 - 12:00	Sailing at Charlton Brewery lake
Sun. July 2 nd	10:00 - 12:00	Sailing at Collett Park Lake (Collett Avenue entrance)*
Mon. July 17th	19:30	<i>Club meeting at the Thatched Cottage</i>
Sun. July 23 rd	10:00 - 12:00	Sailing at Charlton Brewery Lake
Sun. July 30 th		Last date for inclusions in August DRIFTWOOD
Sun. Aug. 6 th	10:00 - 12:00	Sailing at Collett Park Lake (Collett Avenue entrance)* Distribute Driftwood
Sun. Aug. 20 th	10:00 - 12:00	Sailing at Charlton Brewery Lake
Sun. Sept. 3 rd	10:00 - 12:00	Sailing at Collett Park Lake (Collett Avenue entrance)*
Mon. Sept. 11th	19:30	<i>Club Meeting at the Thatched Cottage</i>
Sun. Sept. 17 th	10:00 - 12:00	Sailing at Charlton Brewery Lake
Sun. Sept. 24 th		Last date for inclusions in October DRIFTWOOD
Sun. Oct. 1 st	10:00 - 12:00	Sailing at Collett Park Lake (Park Rd. entrance) Distribute Driftwood
Sun. Oct. 15 th	10:00 - 12:00	Sailing at Charlton Brewery Lake
Sun. Nov. 5 th	10:00 - 12:00	Sailing at Collett Park Lake (Park Rd. entrance)
Mon. Nov. 13th	19:30	<i>Club Meeting at the Thatched Cottage</i>
Sun. Nov. 19 th	10:00 - 12:00	Sailing at Charlton Brewery Lake
Sun. Nov. 26 th		Last date for inclusions in December DRIFTWOOD
Sun. Dec. 3 rd	10:00 - 12:00	Sailing Collett Park Lake (Park Rd. entrance) Distribute Driftwood
Sat. Dec. 9th	16:00 - 18:00	Christmas Night sail at Collett Park Lake (Park Rd. entrance)
Sun. Dec 17 th	10:00 - 12:00	Sailing at Charlton Brewery Lake
Sun. Dec 24 th	23:59	Listen out for the footsteps of Father Christmas and his baying reindeer
Mon. Dec 25 th	06:00 - 23:59	Construct Christmas present model. Open new bottle of super glue.
	pm:	Try to contact shop for missing parts!
Tues. Dec 26 th		Have a bath and float test new model
Wed. 27 th	am:	Take up knitting!

Entrance to Collet Park: If due to inclement weather i.e. waterlogged grass or a football match being played, the entrance may be changed. If the grass is waterlogged please park only on the hard standing.

DO NOT DRIVE OVER THE GRASS AS ENTRANCE BY OUR VEHICLES MAY BE STOPPED

Items for the General Club Meetings Agenda: Please contact Colin Button Tel: 01761 414067

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DEADLINE for DRIFTWOOD: March. 26th, May, 28th, July 30th, Sept. 24th, Nov. 26th.

MINUTES OF THE 13th AGM of the SHEPTON MALLET DRIFTERS M.B.C

Held at the Thatched Cottage at 10:30am 15th January 2006

Members Present B.Stevens(Chairman) V Redwood (Treasurer) Colin Button(acting Secretary)

S.Jackson, C.Jackson, K. Hickman, I Holland, M.Holland, M.Knight, S.Knight, P.Warren, F.Biggs, J.Stevens, D.Porter, E(T)Porter, I. Rodda, P. Rodda. C. Sadd, P.Sadd, D.Semper, R.Stevens, N.Harvey, R.Trott, D.Harris

1. **Apologies** were received from: - Gus Haberfield. George Bowkett. Stu Bell. W. Hickman. R. Frankcom. S Frankcom.

2. **The minutes** of the last AGM were read and agreed as accurate 1st proposer D. Harris seconded D.Semper accepted by the members. Minutes were duly signed.

3. **Matters Arising**

The Chairman reported that the Club Container was completed and lined out within the year and he extended thanks to everyone involved. The Container will be a useful asset to all club members. The key to access the council yard has been changed and can be obtained from the safe at the Chairman's residence 24/7

4. **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman reported on another successful year for the club both in competitions and events which took place. He noted that the Club took more awards for these events than any other Clubs in the area. Very well done to everyone who contributed. The Chairman extended thanks to Verd Redwood for his work as treasurer, and also to Malcolm Cook for his secretarial work during the past year. Thanks were also extended to Ted Porter for producing the News letters. The Chairman thanked Maggie Holland for her contribution as picture editor for the Web Site. More pictures will be always welcome of events excluding any holiday snaps! Please send any interesting pictures to add to the library. As a result of weed problems in the Pond at Collet Park last year only one competition was held, this also restricted the normal monthly meetings.

5. **Treasurers Report**

The number of paid up members to date remains at 71 compared to 2004 when membership was 77. The treasurer thanked members for prompt payment of their subs which keeps accounts up to date. The insurance Company has not indicated any change of policies for the forthcoming year and the annual insurance cover remains the same. Verd thanked the Auditors for their work with the Club accounts. It was agreed to increase the one off club joining fee from £5 to £7. all other fees to remain the same as 2005. The above increase and the acceptance of the accounts was voted on:- This was proposed by D Harris and seconded by R. Trott a vote followed and the proposal was accepted.

6 **News Letter Report.**

Ted Porter thanked members for their contribution of News and articles for insertion in 'Driftwood'. The Web site has proved very successful over the last three years and he hopes it continues.

7. **Election of Officers**

Chairman Barrie Stevens was proposed to remain as chairman by Ted Porter seconded by Danny Harris. This was voted and accepted by members. **Treasurer** V. Redwood was proposed to remain as treasurer by Doreen Porter seconded by S. Jackson This was voted and accepted by members. **Secretary** Ian Holland proposed that Colin Button becomes secretary this was seconded by Keith Hickman. This was voted and accepted by members. All officers were therefore unanimously adopted by the meeting.

8. **Any Other Business**

Keith Hickman presented an outline guidance associated with the Child Protection Act which came into force in January 2006. This needs to be clarified by all members of any association when coming into contact with children. This raised many questions as to where the Drifters Club stands at this point in time. It was proposed by Dave Semper and seconded by Carol Sadd that the Drifters Club Junior Membership is suspended until more clarification of the legislation and requirements needed are defined. This was voted and accepted by members.

There was no other business and the meeting ended at 11.21am

NEXT CLUB NIGHT MEETING
7.30pm Monday 13th March 2006 Thatched Cottage!
DEADLINE for DRIFTWOOD Sunday March 26th 2006

