



# Driftwood

Newsletter of the Shepton Mallet Drifters MBC April 2008



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## **Pugwash (Barrie Stevens)**

Can I start by saying a thank you and goodbye to modellers who have chosen not to rejoin the Drifters as this will be the last Driftwood they receive? I know that people change and interest change over time but for the continued well being of the Drifters we need a good healthy membership. I know we have mentioned more than once about the home and away teams and as I said at the last club meeting, due to some of my 'other commitments' the first Sunday morning sail in at Collett Park Lake this year Jackie and I will be able to attend will be in July!!

In the Driftwood I must confess that we are a little remiss at times not to mention our members in the far flung parts of the empire like the Isle of Wight (Mike & Kev), Cornwall (Stu & Sue), Devon (Richard & Sarah), London (Jack & Christopher), Slough (Diana), Essex (David & Dilys), Dorset (Richard), Tunbridge Wells (John & Jean) and South Wales (Carl & Mick). If there is any news from your parts of the empire worth sharing with rest of the Dribblers Drifters please let us know.

At the next club meeting that our editor Ted will be attending (when he is not on holiday) we will be having a quiz on poetry writer's recognition? Page 7 of April MMI gives a clue!

## **Editorial**

This newsletter is being issued in advance of its normal production time due to the South West Model Engineering and Model Making Show taking place on 12/13th April at the Bath and West Show Ground. Other clubs from the south west will be there and as it is "on our patch" the Drifters will be too! Yes, we are already into the model boating season with "Open Days" and festivals to look forward too. This month we bring you extracts from the February issue of Ponderings (albeit a bit dated). "Ponderings" is becoming one of the best "club type" newsletters, with great colour photographs and contributions from a number of SWAMBC reporters. Of course, the full edition can be found on the SWAMBC web site: [www.SWAMBC.webeden.co.uk](http://www.SWAMBC.webeden.co.uk)

Recently, SWAMBC released their first 8 page leaflet, (I hope they are working on the next one!) which has taken the place of the "What's on Guide". Not the glossy magazine with adverts and addresses of club waters, but a very simple layout similar to the centre pages (usually yellow paper), which appeared in the original Guide. It lists the committee and co-opted members, plus all member clubs along with the name of their home water and SWAMBC representatives. The SWAMBC competition venues are corrected and re-produced in this newsletter. We will also try to keep you up to date with the latest "Open Club Days" which are proving very popular, BUT I need to be informed by you (our members) if you know of any more.

Finally, a plea to all Drifters, as I mentioned at the previous club meeting this is your newsletter. 85% of the input is from "yours truly". I receive input from Barrie (Chairman), Mike and Danny re. SWAMBC competitions and from Verd with new members. So if you have anything to say, sell, wanted, complain or praise, open days and other festivals please let me know even a quick phone call would suffice.

## **South West Model Engineering, Model Making and Hobbies Exhibition**

YES! Right on our doorstep, we have been invited to display at this new show, taking place at the Royal Bath and West Showground. There will be the "Solar Challenge" exhibit, a number of SWAMBC clubs, and trade stands. The lake will be in use and there will be camping on-site. Model Tanks, Helicopters, Railways, Cars, War gaming, Military Displays and all model making hobbies will be on display. This is an ideal situation for the Drifters, as I mentioned, "it's on our patch" for

those members who cannot attend "away" festivals and events. It is FREE, NO administration or entrance charge for exhibitors. Only just down the road from Shepton Mallet, on 12th and 13th April from 9.30 to 5.30pm daily. NOW most important if you want to exhibit please contact: Verd Redwood AS SOON AS POSSIBLE as tickets/passes will be required for FREE entry Tel: Verd 01749 343832.

### New Members

We would like to welcome the following new members to the Drifters:

Robert Chantler and Graham Dawson, may you have many happy sailing hours with the club, your boats stay afloat and your batteries dry. Looking forward to seeing you at the lake side at Collett Park, next sail day, Sunday April 6th, we start about 10am to midday.

### SWAMBC Newsletter

Albeit a little belated, here are extracts from the February issue (no.53) of Ponderings. Colour photographs abound in this edition so it has made for quite a professional finish. Now 16 pages long, it is one of the main communication means between members of SWAMBC. In addition SWAMBC completion news and results also appear in each edition. The Chairman (Barrie S) mentioned that a new eight page A5 size booklet will be available soon, taking the place of the "What's on Guide". This year Weymouth International Maritime Modelling Festival is being held along side "Spirit of the Sea", a special maritime festival at Weymouth, so, two large high profile maritime events together. [Camborne Pond Hoppers MBC](#) have had an increase in membership, their sponsored charity for 2007 and again 2008 is the RNLI, and through their excellent models have made quite a donation to their chosen charity. Camborne's "Open Days" this year are 28th May and 7th September, so if you are down that way on holiday (with a boat?) [Exeter and District MBC](#) have surprisingly had weed problems over the winter month (global warming?) They also had their AGM back in November and, as usual the same officers have been re-elected (sounds familiar!) [Falmouth MBC](#) had during 2007 a large increase in membership, with a corresponding increase in models on the water, so 2008 looks to becoming a very successful year. [Looe MBC](#) started in 1997 so now ten years on, pleased to say that the club is still going strong. The Looe club have a open or "Fun Day" also in September on the 7th. [City of Plymouth MBC](#). Another club who had their AGM, and, once again no change in the elected members with Ron Fry remaining as Chairman (sounds familiar?) I see they are holding a winter series of "Fairwind" yacht races, they seem to hold a number of competitions in the club from "straight running to Steering plus a junior "Fairwind" cup sailing trophy.

The [Lion MBC](#) at Jersey has now been running for 5 years, they have a large clubhouse and over the past 24 months have constructed a large harbour complex with cranes, warehouses, harbour-side buildings and a small model village. Their membership is about 70. The good news from Jersey is that they can use the lake and amenities at any time throughout the year. [Poole Radio Yacht Club](#), first their "Open Days" this year, 11th May and 13th July Scale Sail, Steam, Vintage Scale Electric all are welcome, so if you are on holiday or in the area just contact John Trimmer 01202 678433. Last year they had the floor of the clubhouse lifted for new joists to be re-placed, so the year ended on a busy note. They too had a number of competitions within the club and the good part about it was that all boats in their competitions had to operate on the water by going around a marker buoy and if motor powered reverse and continue their journey. (Glad to see they are not just static and only placed on the table to be admired!) [Sedgemoor Model Boat Club](#) Ran a few boating events over the winter, and in April will see their summer programme begin with Wednesday Night and Sunday series of model boating events. [Solent Radio Control Model Yacht Club](#) 2008 is the 30th Anniversary of the founding of the club CONGRATULATIONS! As Ponderings was going to press the committee was finalising events for 2008, which of course includes RNLI Lifeboat station exhibitions, and a special 30th anniversary Fun Day with BBQ. They have 112 members and for 2008 a new set of club clothing (will we see them at Weymouth sporting the latest clubs attire?).

[Tone Valley MBC](#) I see they also have a Open Day called "Harold's Fun Day on 21st September, this is a mini four hour endurance event, but before that on 7th September Scale Steering competition. Both events are being held at Wilton Lands Pond, off Vivary Park near Taunton. [Warminster MBC](#) has mentioned the Footman James Model Show at Shepton (Bah and West Show Ground) on 12/13th April; currently they are preparing a stand for this forthcoming event, so we shall no doubt see many familiar faces from the Weymouth festival. [Weymouth and Portland MBC](#) No change in the committee for 2008 (again a familiar sound!) They have had very little sailing over the winter, and have problems with ducks and swans, (not weed, yet!) the Weymouth club have other problems too, due a "local council" ruling they have to have a rescue boat on hand and along with increased car parking charges at Radipole Lake, not a happy time for them. (I remember at Weymouth when you could just go down to Radipole Lake and sail at any time and anything, how times with 'elf and safety now the "in" thing. [Woodspring Model Sailing Club](#) now have their calendar set for 2008 with their "Open Day" used to be called John Collins Day, on July 13th. Before that on June 8th Thames Barges and Pilot Cutters, and on August 3rd Gaffers and Vintage Sail. [Yeovil and District MBC Ltd](#). They have had repairs to the dam recently at their club waters, so the level has been slightly down. That makes a change from a number of clubs being flooded out, they have also mentioned that the club is coming the Bath and West Model Show (Footman and James Model Show) in April. [Yeovil Model Warship Association](#), Glad to report they have another "Open Day" lined up and another Warship Day

during 2008 so a quick trip on the Yeovil road will no doubt see a number of Drifters visiting this up and coming club. It is easy to get to, the parking is on-site and best of all it is the grounds of the local pub "Halfway House" so it's "hic hic hooray".

### **Bryn Bach Park MBC**

A couple of months to go, but a brief reminder that we have, once again been invited to their Scale and Sail day on 16th August. A venue situated in an adventure park (with a model airfield, golf course and BMX track) there is a splendid caravan park on-site with electrics, showers and all mod cons etc. right near the lake. Bryn Bach Park is near Merthyr Tydfil and the "Black Mountains", an ideal site seeing area, but if you need to book your caravan pitch please do it ASAP as it is in the middle of the summer holidays. Telephone number for the park is 01495 711816.

### **Membership fees**

**THIS IS THE LAST TIME OF ASKING.** Remember that you must have third party Public Liability Insurance to enter Model Festivals, Events and all SWAMBC competitions. So it is most important to pay your clubs subscription as soon as possible. Please contact VERD 01749 343832. ASAP!

**REMEMBER NO membership..... NO Insurance**

### **SWAMBC Competition Dates**

#### **Fast Electric Racing Tel: 01934 621435**

Round 1 April 20<sup>th</sup> Dragonfly Lake, Crealy Park, Exeter  
Round 2 May 18<sup>th</sup> Warminster Park Lake, Warminster  
Round 3 June 8<sup>th</sup> Sutton Bingham Reservoir, Yeovil  
Round 4 June 29<sup>th</sup> Apex Lake, Burnham on Sea  
Round 5 July 27<sup>th</sup> Warminster Park Lake, Warminster  
Round 6 Aug.17<sup>th</sup> Sutton Bingham Reservoir, Yeovil  
Round 7 Sept.28<sup>th</sup> Apex Lake, Burnham on Lake

#### **Yacht Racing Danny Harris Tel: 01747 822686**

Round 1 April 20<sup>th</sup> Marine Lake, Portishead  
Round 2 June 1<sup>st</sup> Poole Park Lake, Poole  
Round 3 June 29<sup>th</sup> Millbrook, Torpoint, Plymouth  
Round 4 July 27<sup>th</sup> Dragonfly Lake, Crealy Park, Exeter\*  
Round 5 Sept.7<sup>th</sup> Apex Lake, Marine Drive, Burnham on Sea

#### **Scale Steering Mike Knight Tel:07747 600748**

Round 1 April 27<sup>th</sup> Dragonfly Lake, Crealy Park, Exeter\*  
Round 2 May 11<sup>th</sup> Collett Park, Shepton Mallet  
Round 3 June 15<sup>th</sup> Pump House, Twyford  
Round 4 July 20<sup>th</sup> Silver Mine Lake, Crealy Park, Cornwall\*  
Round 5 Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> Model Boating Lake, Young's Park, Goodrington  
Round 6 Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> Wilton Lands, off Vivary Park, Taunton  
Round 7 Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> Dragonfly Lake, Crealy Park, Exeter\*

**Note \* There are two "Crealy Sailing Lakes" within SWAMBC (if your going make sure your GPS is correct!)**

Due to adverse weather conditions, venues and dates or times may change or be cancelled.

Please contact the organisers, if you have a long way to travel.

**Remember the organisers are all volunteers so be sensible with the time you call.**

### **FORTH COMING EVENTS Please put them in your diary NOW !**

**Don't forget deadline 25th May for "Driftwood items" to Ted ASAP [geminio1@btinternet.com](mailto:geminio1@btinternet.com)**

Bridgend, Wales

Fri/Sat 5/6<sup>th</sup> April Contact Carol & Phil Sadd 01749 347121

#### **South West Model Show**

Sat/Sun 12/13<sup>th</sup> April Contact Verd Tel: 01749 343832

SWAMBC Scale Steering at Collett

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May Contact Mike Knight 07747 600748

Poole Club Open Day

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May Contact John Trimmer 01202 678433

#### **Club Meeting**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May Thatched Cottage 7:30pm**

Sherborne Castle Show

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May (Bank holiday) Contact Danny Harris 01747 822686

#### **Collett Day (lake-side events)**

**Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> June Contact Jackie 01749 343017**

Int. Model Festival Weymouth

Sat/Sun 12/13<sup>th</sup> July Contact Mike Knight 07747 600748

Woodspring Open Day

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July Contact John Collins 01179 323004

#### **Shepton Hospital Fun Day**

**Sat 19<sup>th</sup> July from 12 to 4pm Contact Jackie 01749 343017**

Bryn Bach Park MBC, Tredegar

Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> August Contact Mark Jennings e-mail: [Mark.jennings4@virgin.net](mailto:Mark.jennings4@virgin.net)

Evercreech Show

Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> September 12 to 4pm Contact (to be advised)

Camborne MBC Open Day

Sun. 7<sup>th</sup> September Contact Godfrey Copeland 01209 711620

Looe Fun Day

Sun. 7<sup>th</sup> September Contact John Mandale 01503 240141

Christmas Night Sail

Sat. 13<sup>th</sup> December at Collett Park (advance warning!)

**The dates above are correct at the time of publication BUT....Please be aware: Due to adverse weather conditions, times/dates may change or events cancelled, also all the be sensible with the time when you contact them. contact names above are volunteers so**

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
SHEPTON MALLET DRIFTERS M.B.C**

**Held at the Thatched Cottage Monday 10th March 2008**

**Minutes of Shepton Mallet Drifters M.B.C. Meeting Held at the Thatched Cottage 10<sup>th</sup> March 2008  
Meeting Opened at 7.40pm.**

**Members Present**

B Stevens(Chairman), V Redwood(Treasurer), M Knight(Secretary), G Dawson, R Trott, C Button, P Sadd, C Sadd, G Bowkett, N Harvey, B Leakey, D Harris, I Rodda, P Rodda, S Jackson, R Chanror, G Whitehead, T Porter, J Stevens,

**Apologies**

T Brooks, D Semper, D Porter

**Minutes of Last Meeting**

Read and approved

**Matters Arising**

Nil

**Chairmans Report**

Barrie reported not actioned Child Protection Policy and requested support from the secretary.

**Treasurers Report**

8 subscriptions outstanding, raised £39 from raffle of lamp.

**Secretary's Report**

Thanked previous Secretary and reported letter sent to Council for Scale Steering and Night Sail event. Discussion that Quadron were not always notified of events, Verd has passed dates to them. Entry to park still from Collett Road.

**Newsletter Report**

Open days are being reported in Driftwood. Anything for sale details to be given to Ted.

**EVENTS**

12/13<sup>th</sup> April Footman James (Bath & West). Barrie informed on background of Footman James, leaflets on event distributed. Drifters to attend, Verd to administer on behalf of the Drifters. We are to supply our own tables. Barrie running ground based frequency control. Some traders including John Poll (Model Power Supplies) to attend. Information on show to be posted on website/Driftwood.

19<sup>th</sup> July Shepton Hospital Fete 2-4 pm, Saturday afternoon, names to Jackie.

16/17<sup>th</sup> August Eastnor Castle

12/13<sup>th</sup> July Weymouth Spirit of The Sea high profile of activity. Entertainment now 99% Las Vegas Nights - 1960's tribute bands.

Beale show - Drifters to apply as a club

Collett Day - All help gratefully received

Bridgend - contact Phil Sadd

**AOB**

Danny Harris talked about winter yachting series and the lack of Drifters participating.

Meeting Closed 8.40pm.

**NEXT CLUB NIGHT MEETING  
7:30pm Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2008 Thatched Cottage!  
DEADLINE for DRIFTWOOD Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2008**

