



Warwick IMBS 2016

It was a committee decision to attend this, our fourth consecutive year, to be able to bow out honourably after winning on the previous three occasions.

We had decided, at Brian King's suggestion, to theme the display to our model yachting, given prominence to the vintage side. We invited our good friends Elizabeth and Gareth Jones to also display with us, and, as it turned out, we also had for the first day, three eminent VMYG members to assist, being the Chairman, Treasurer and Press Officer, who were dully impressed by the display and the interest it created as well.

There were also plenty of additional models on the stand and it appeared to us, and Gareth certainly mentioned it, that the display was probably good enough to have been placed should we have been in competition. Indeed, many visitors were surprised that we were not in competition, but just putting on a show!

Jason Fleming contrived to use several parts of the last display to present a full wall of images and photographs covering all the Islands' sailing venues and those lakes now long gone. There was also a large LCD playing an excellent compilation of all things nautical and Manx created by John Williams.

Special points of interest

- Warwick Show 2016
- AGM Annual Dinner
- New year sail
- Wm Hilary display
- Where has the water gone?

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We had by now the usual travel arrangements with Jason Fleming taking most of the display in his van accompanied by Brian King going over on the Wednesday. Myself and Theresa joined up at the show hall Thursday midday along with Gareth and Elizabeth and John and Gillian Hancox. Jason and Les Quayle had some delays with their flights but by Thursday evening JF had the display done and dusted, and we all were ensconced in the Warwick Opus Premier Inn.

I think we were all surprised by the interest shown in the display. We had intentionally used JQ's Mannin dredger as an active corner to the display, unfortunately my wee robot arm decided to burn a servo within 3 hours on day one, so a bit of a failure there.

The show itself was to the usual format, but with less Clubs on display and fewer traders attending. There were certainly



fewer visitors, and the Sunday was really very quiet.

Brian and the two Jasons enjoyed lots of display time on the pool, the swan being greatly appreciated and also JQ rowing boat.

Gareth had managed to be displaying boats on three different stands, where as I could only manage the two.

Still, we all felt that we had achieved a good end to our run at Warwick. Who knows, one day we'll travel down the M6 and M40 again loaded with boats.

Thanks to all that contributed to this Club effort, once again we did ourselves proud.

Ed

Editors comments

So we start another year, and I'm still doing your Newsletter.

There's not a lot for this issue, it's always the quiet time and there should be some building of new boats amongst Club members hopefully.

The Sunday get-tos at Silverdale are very encouraging, with good numbers chewing the proverbial etc. Though it is strange to have three sailing

venues drained of water at the same time. Onchan and Ramsey always empty at this time, but to find Silverdale also emptied was a shock last Sunday, especially as there were about a dozen present! They're going to clean out the debris, that's DEFA, but no date given for completion. We'll still meet there, but if we need a sail then we can arrange Milntown no problem.

The AGM decided no formal

calendar of events as such, though we should remember the normal events. I also an informed that the Festival of the Sea is returning, but to Port Erin due to "problems" at PSM.

The committee meet next on Thursday 2nd FEB. See website for more information.

Now, some more words to type and space to fill – Ed.

AGM 2016

A brief summary of what went on. The Commodore thanked all for attending and spoke of a good year with a good Mannanan event in June. He thanked those who organised and prepared for the various events and looked forward to another happy boating year in 2017.

He was very keen that the Commodore's challenge for 2107 should be well supported, it being for pop-pop boats, with already several classes being dreamed up.

A new committee was voted in, consisting of
Commodore - Bob Bagshaw
Secretary – Jason Quayle
Treasurer – Jason Fleming
And Brian King, John Williams, Mike Kelly, Norman Cadwallader and Brian Swinden as members.

It was also agreed by the AGM

that Kim Holland could still edit the Newsletter even though he had stepped down from the full committee, he having stated that he would continue if so permitted as Club constitution required a committee person be the Editor.

Also, there was agreement that non-sailing Club membership could be granted to persons who assist with events, though have no boats etc for an annual fee of £10.

A call from the membership to curtail some events and to simplify others so that they are less onerous and more enjoyable. Indeed, it would appear that there are more attendees at free sailing Sundays at Silverdale than there are at a scheduled event. The Committee will steer the course on this one.

There will be a Mannanan 2017, dates have already been issued (again they do NOT conflict with the Parish Walk).

Events like the Venetian evening will still be arranged.

A call from Brian King for all members that have possession of "Club owned models" to come forward and declare them as Club assets. Over the years several models have been donated to the Club and members care-take them on behalf the Club, so obviously a note and list should be kept of them. There appear to be quite a few!

After the official business there was a small "bring and flog" and then off home to bed.

Ed.

Annual Dinner and prizes 2016

Even with all the arrangements for Warwick and travel, Jason Fleming still had me send out notice for the Annual Dinner which he'd arranged at the Bradda Glen for a Saturday evening and which was very well attended it was. Indeed, we were all delighted to welcome Peter Iddon and his daughter to our grand affair.

We "was done proud" as me mum used to say, plenty of food and banter and although a cold night, the place was plenty and

warm.

The Commodore kept us amused with his speech, and the his antics etc whilst presenting the years prizes ably organised by Brian King.

JF and Andrea then organised a superb raffle with lots of prizes on offer, all donated by attendees. It's this raffle that actually ensures the Club make a slight profit on the night.

Surprise of the night, or actually

most surprised on the night was a presentation to Theresa and myself from the Club for hard work over the last years for the Club. An excellent decanter and whiskey glasses on a fine wooden grating tray. Lost for words then and can only say many, many thanks again from us both to you all. We only do what we think helps, we do not expect anything in return. We are "ever so humble."

Ed and Theresa.

New Year sailing – Silverdale 2017

Our first sailing of the year was a get together at Silverdale on Monday the 2nd January. A good turn out of members on a chilly, but dry morning, with some delicious mince pies as well. Jim actually turned up and opened so we also acquired our first Teas of the year as well.

Les Quayle appeared with a first pop-pop boats assemblage, utilising a cardboard drinks container for the hull. It just about ran, but consensus was that it needed more heat. JW, as consultant, agreed with opinion!

Ed.



And some come for tea and bickies!

William Hilary RNLI display

This annual display was on Sunday afternoon 8th January. Members with lifeboat models were requested to bring them along and any other models could also be shown.

This year the Club also obtained the five story boards that local RNLI press officers had created for the 2016 House of Mannanan RNLI exhibition “Lifeboats in the First World War”. They added greatly to the overall show.

Ed.



The display for the William Hilary service



Jason Quayle's new RNLI animated collection box.





A gentleman from Peel has several boats and electrical items up for sale – any offers taken.

4 x yachts

IOM (plank on frame with 2 sets sails and rigs in wood carrier),
Marblehead hull? Unusual torpedo shape,
small free sailer with damaged mast, spars and sails,
unfinished small yacht hull about 10”

small motorised liner (toy) about 12”

a “Fast Patrol Boat” as sold on Vintage Model Boats for £70. This one has an i/c engine installed!

Electrical items include 3 x soldering irons, a Futaba Attack Tx (27MHz), analogue meter, several other meters and a tachometer. All items are photographed and can be seen here in Dropbox .

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/0kwjb6g6hvd0ixj/AAA9bYe5uz02fVU19UMJkxUPa?dl=0>

These items are up for grabs, any offer will be taken. Should you wish any, then contact me and I can pass along his contact details. These are available for the next 4 weeks only.



ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Next quarter – planned feature on pop-pop boats so far created and trialled. Your images and stories please! I'll try and not let out any secrets he he.

There are many readers of this Newsletter who are not Club members, this can be accessed on our website of course. Should you wish to join the Club please use the form provided also on the website. We are quite a friendly, yet strange group, and our interests are not just in boats!

Pop-pop boats. JQ highlights a safety note, take great care is using multi-wicked candles – they can ignite the wax due to excessive heat and create a fire hazard. Be warned.

The Club has agreed to the building of some of the Club's Ramborators – at least to an undercoated runner. So far one builder has volunteered – see Jason Fleming please.

The Corvette advertised in the last News-Sheer (December) has received no claimants – so Mike Kelly has started to 'tidy' up, so he says, and get her fit for sailing.... Good man yer are sir!

Feedback and any comments are always welcomed, thank you.

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