



# The Burton Boat Builder

*Committed to promoting all aspects of model boating*



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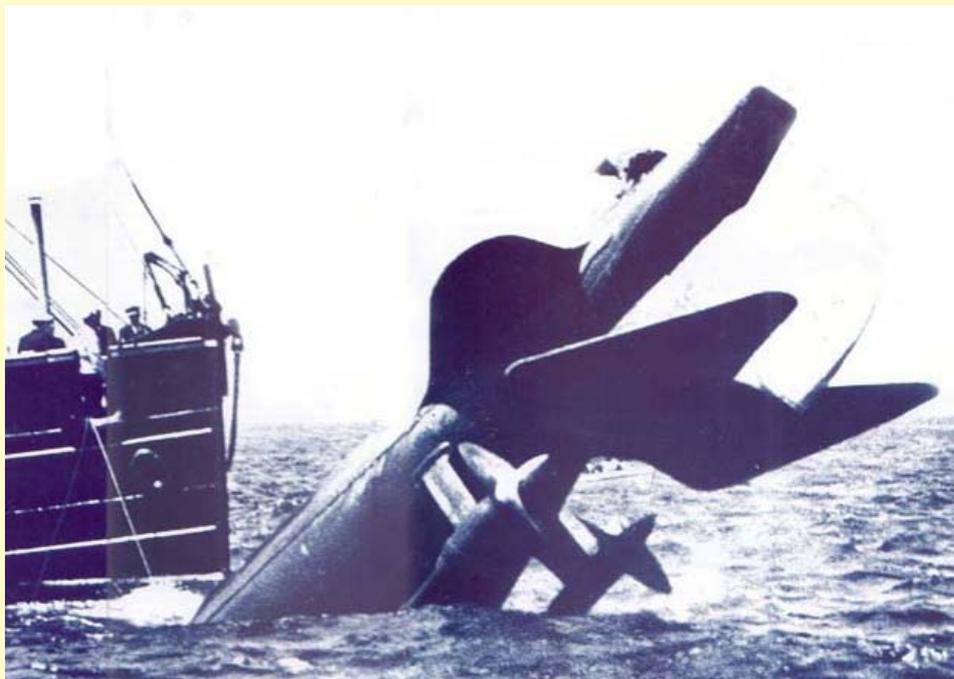
I can barely believe it, but we are having such good weather lately! I was very pleased to see so many turn out for the first round of the new Branston trophy and i hope to see more of you there for the second round. There are many more events planned for the year so please make sure you check out the calendar in this magazine or check on line at the website ([www.burtonmodelboatclub.org.uk](http://www.burtonmodelboatclub.org.uk)).

## U-boat sunk in Branston Water

Our on the spot reporter at Branston is telling us of a "Sub Smash" at 11.15am Sunday 23rd May.

U-Boat 177 sank with all hands when submerging, apparently due to a breather valve being left open by the Officers of the Watch.

After frantic efforts which involved John Clarke, another submariner, getting a wellington full of water, the use of a local boat club's hammerhead and an amateur yachtsman Eddie Woodhead who loaned a length of cord (*No his trousers didn't fall down*) and gave much advice the stricken vessel was



eventually recovered - the whole episode being watched by many bemused locals who were out strolling in the warm May sunshine.

Apart from some water filled electronics which are being dried out there appears to be no serious damage.

The Captain states that the usual water tightness tests were carried out before diving, but the error did not show itself.

The First Officer, who shall remain nameless is now facing a Court Marshall.

John Clarke summed it up very neatly when he said that "submarines are not for the faint hearted".

Joe (I think I have a problem) Lilley

## Branston Trophy round 1

We got up bright and early for the Branston trophy on a wonderful Sunday morning. The new steering course design went together like a dream. Mark ran through the course with everyone before starting and we decided Joe should go first to show just how easy the course was.

There were a few new faces there and that was lovely to see, there was help if needed, to make it a little less stressful. Plus there were the old faces and a few who have had a break but came back.

There will be a few tweaks to the course to make it even better next time, the reason for this is we could only have one person on the course at any one time and with new members to steering competitions and slower boats, we need to have two on the course together, we don't want members to feel they are holding up the proceedings. The points are worked out on the members doing two rounds in the same time or as near as possible, so boat speed and the skill of the sailor does not matter.

There were no prizes in round one, round one and round two will be added together to get the winner, who will win a years free membership for 2011 or free insurance for the life members.

I (Moir) would like to thank John for getting me some sun factor 30 I forgot mine.

My left arm still burnt, it was really hot!!

If there are any members who could not make it to round one, please come down for the second round, it is all good for practice and who know if you get good scores you may have a chance of winning!!!



### First half

		<b>Round 1</b>	<b>Round 2</b>	<b>Difference</b>	<b>Position</b>
<b>Reg Preece</b>	Dimarcha	04:46	05:07	00:21	1
<b>John Clarke</b>	Patrol Boat	05:22	05:54	00:32	2
<b>Joe Lilley</b>	E-Boat	06:28	05:51	00:37	3
<b>Dave Walton</b>	Amarathe	05:54	06:34	00:40	4
<b>Dave Walton</b>	Felix	03:41	04:21	00:40	5
<b>Mick Knowles</b>	Loyal Watcher	13:40	14:22	00:42	6
<b>Mark Hawkins</b>	Lunan	07:56	08:53	00:57	7
<b>Ben Ansell</b>	Lunan	09:30	10:42	01:12	8
<b>Reg Preece</b>	Snowberry	07:36	05:58	01:38	9
<b>Joe Lilley</b>	Snowberry	06:43	05:02	01:41	10
<b>Derrick Banton</b>	Woodpecker	06:49	05:06	01:43	11
<b>Reg Preece</b>	HMS Active	07:08	09:00	01:52	12
<b>Joe Lilley</b>	Eagle	08:00	09:53	01:53	13
<b>Roy Cooke</b>	Dimarcha	21:41	12:43	08:58	14
<b>Bob Elsam</b>	Snowberry	09:05	18:10	09:05	15
<b>Ted Airey</b>	Trawler	23:36	47:12	23:36	16



### Kingsmill / Mobile Marine day

The club was invited to attend the Mobile Marine day at Kingsmill and a group went along and put on a display of the clubs boats. Dekka and John even managed to win prizes. Although it was a windy day, everyone enjoyed themselves.



A mystery boater has been spotted down the lake! It is reported that this mystery boater is shy and retiring but if you sit still long enough he can often be spotted running around shouting, things like "It's not meant to do that!" and "Has it appeared round the other side of the island yet?"

Don't forget there are several events coming up that you need to prepare for and we need your help at!

**Birchwood model boat convention** - Volunteers are required to man the stand and display models (if available). Please contact Joe Lilley if you can help.

**Fire Boat funday & Catton Hall**, unfourtunatey these two events have clashed on the calender this year. Volunteers are requested for both events. If you can help at the Fireboat funday please contact Pete Dimberline. If you can help at Catton Hall please contact Joe Lilley.

**Venetian night** - It may seem a long way off, but definately start thinking about your lighting scheme for this year. For help and more information contact Mark Hawkins.

## Leonard Cheshire Garden Fete 2010

The Club attended the Leonard Cheshire Home Garden Fete on Saturday 12th June 2010.

Pete Gregory, Derrick Banton, Reg Preece, Mick Knowles and Joe Lilley displayed a selection of model boats, whilst John Clarke brought his Challenger II Tank - who proved to be the star of the show attracting much attention from boys - both young and old.



*After the Stand had been setup, John Clarke took to sun bathing while waiting for the first punters*



An interesting photo was taken of the Club's Treasurer when he was spotted begging one of the newer members (non-sailing of course) to pay her fees - well we assume that's what he was begging for! (*Editor - I think it was a Burger he was after, personally*)

Later on John's Challenger was spotted trying to take on an Armoured Ferret Car, he was finally persuaded that it was just a bit too big for him, but not before he had fired one round at it before making a retreat.

The sun shone all day, the preserved Dakota flew over at 2.30pm.

A good day was had by all.

Joe



Date	Event
26th	<b>Midland Footy league</b> - Racing on Branston Water <b>Start time 09:30</b>
27th	<b>OMRA</b> - Offshore IC Racing on Branston Water <b>Start time 09:30</b>
<b>July</b>	
4th	<b>Kingsbury Navy Day</b> - Warship static and sailing displays <b>TBC</b>
7th	<b>Club meeting</b> - Woodville Snooker Club <b>Start time 19:30</b>
18th	<b>NEW Branston Trophy Round 2</b> - Steering trials on Branston Water <b>Start time 10:00</b>
31st	<b>Midland Footy league</b> - Racing on Branston Water <b>Start time 09:30</b>
<b>August</b>	
1st	<b>Stoke Navy Day</b> - Warship static and sailing displays - Westport Lake, Stoke <b>Start time 10:00</b>
4th	<b>Club meeting</b> - Woodville Snooker Club <b>Start time 19:30</b>
22nd	<b>Wind &amp; Water 2 - Cancelled</b>
28th	<b>Midland Footy league</b> - Racing on Branston Water <b>Start time 09:30</b>
28/29th	<b>Birchwood Model Boat Convention</b> - Static and sailing displays - Trade stands
<b>September</b>	
1st	<b>Club meeting</b> - Woodville Snooker Club <b>Start time 19:30</b>
11/12th	<b>Fire Boat Fun day</b> - Fire boat fun on Branston Water <b>Start time 10:00</b>
11/12th	<b>Catton Hall Large flying model show</b> - Static and flying displays - Trade stands <b>Start time 09:00</b>
19th	<b>Midland Footy league</b> - Racing on Branston Water <b>Start time 09:30</b>
19th	<b>Venetian Night</b> - Illuminated sailing in the evening - Branston Water <b>Start time 19:00</b>
25/26th	<b>Records Weekend</b> - Record Breaking speeds - Branston water <b>Start time 10:00</b>
<b>October</b>	
3rd	<b>Funday 2010 - last scale outdoor event of the year BE THERE!</b> <b>Start time 10:00</b>
6th	<b>Club meeting</b> - Woodville Snooker Club <b>Start time 19:30</b>
23rd	<b>Midland Footy league</b> - Racing on Branston Water <b>Start time 09:30</b>
30/31st	<b>Fast Electrics Records Weekend</b> - Record Breaking speeds - Branston water <b>Start time 10:00</b>
<b>November</b>	
3rd	<b>Club meeting</b> - Woodville Snooker Club <b>Start time 19:30</b>
12/13/14th	<b>International model boat show</b> - Static show, Leamington Spa <b>Start time 09:00</b>
27th	<b>Midland Footy league</b> - Racing on Branston Water <b>Start time 09:30</b>
<b>December</b>	
1st	<b>AGM</b> Woodville Snooker Club <b>Start time 19:30</b>
18th	<b>Midland Footy league</b> - Racing on Branston Water <b>Start time 09:30</b>

Any updates between the magazine publications are posted to the website on a regular basis.



Here is an interesting idea for a yacht. Who in the club will be the first to pick up the challenge?

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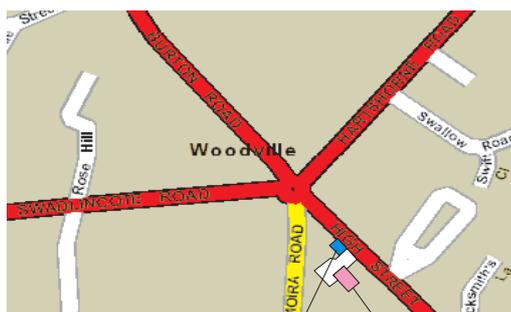
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If you haven't been to a meeting before, this map will help you find us, we are through the second door on the left.



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