



## Pirate News July 2018

### Communication Secretary

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of June Tim Garrod announced his resignation from the club committee as he wants to take some time away from the hobby. Tim is one of the founder members of the club and has served on the committee in various roles since day one. During his years in office he played an integral part in the clubs' development and in particular built and developed the clubs' website. The club owes him an enormous debt of gratitude and the committee would like to pass on our thanks to him for all his hard work. We hope to see him at the lake in the future as he still remains a member of the club.

We will not be appointing a replacement Communication Secretary to take Tim's place on the committee but have engaged the services of an IT expert to manage our website for us. We'll announce what we are suggesting to do re the committee vacancy Tim's resignation creates prior to the AGM in November.

### Annual Regatta

Our luck with the weather on regatta day had to change and boy did it change. The 24<sup>th</sup> of June dawned bright and dry and went up hill from there. We enjoyed a record Pirate turn out and attracted a significant crowd of spectators. With more boats than ever on the water we put on a fantastic display and got definite interest in joining the club from a number of people. We were joined by two very welcome guests from the Hinckley and Bosworth Club. All in all, it was a great day and the committee would like to thank everyone who took part especially those members who arrived early and stayed late to help with the work. Alex Byng and Dave Hurst deserve especial thanks for their donations of models which were sold on the day to boost club funds. Raleigh Mander showing off his salesman skills could have sold fridges to Eskimo's on the day, thanks for your help mate.

We have posted a selection of the photos from the day on Facebook and more a larger selection are available on the website thanks to Ian Richardson and Jeremy Roskrow (the gentleman with the Dalmatian Major).



## **Park Funday**

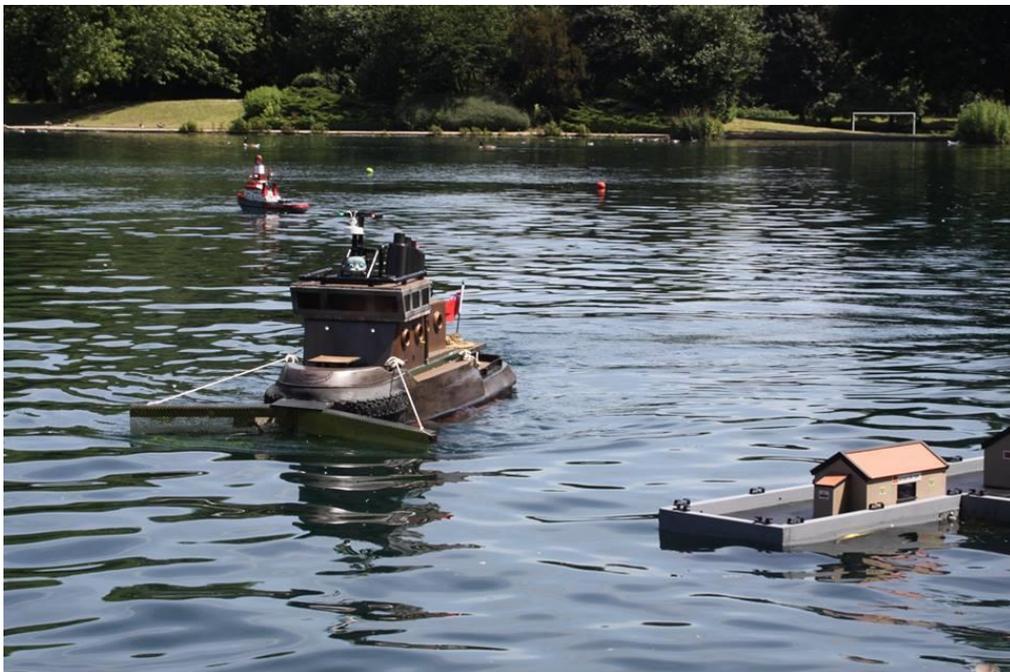
We get to do it all over again on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> of July at the Park Funday. The event will run from 12noon till 4.00pm and as usual we'll be operating off the Café platform. We will be setting up from 10.00am and as crowds in excess of 5,000 are expected we would advise all members wishing to participate to get there no later than 11.00am. We'll be issuing out car park passes in due course once they are made available it however is almost certain that we'll not have any reserved slots.

We'll be using exactly the same setup as last year which limits the amount of table space we have on the platform so please do all your set up work before coming to the lake. One of the 6m gazebos will be erected on the bank at the side of the platform as a shaded seating area.

As this is a family event and based on past experience we expect a heavy call on the fun boats and would ask that you all take your turn supervising them.

## **Weed Control**

Regular lake attendees will be aware that we've experienced some weed problems in the spring. Unfortunately, we have been the victims of our own success. The lake dying programme that's all but eliminated the original weed species that invested the lake in previous years has allowed a different variety of weed to propagate which unfortunately can't be treated chemically. Unlike the previous weed this new stuff propagates on the surface of the lake. As such Ian Richardson has designed and made a weed catcher that fits onto the front of his big tug and we're using this, when necessary, to trawl the lake. So far this appears to have the weed back under control.



## **Lake Upgrade Programme**

We had a highly successful meeting this week with DCC and EHAC on the lake improvement programme. DCC are in the final stages of selecting a contractor for the work

and are hoping to get the actual work underway in the autumn. The plan should not interfere too badly with our activities but we'll keep you informed as we learn more.

The Committee