



Pirate News

April 2017

Coalville Model Boat Show

The 2017 Coalville Model Boat Show took place over the 1st and 2nd of April at the Hermitage Centre. The event was well attended by both clubs and vendors with a significant increase in the numbers of both from last year. Visitor numbers were well up on last year but still fell short of the organisers expectations. It would be a great pity if this show was not to continue and we wait to hear if it will go on again next year.

We have had comments from some of the members in attendance as to how we could improve the event in future.

The club took a completely new stand to the show this year, see below, which was well received, based on the number of positive comments we obtained from our fellow exhibitors and visitors alike. Tim's mini subs went down a treat with the kids and adults alike and we're on the look out for a larger fish tank for next year.

Keith Brown won an award for his mine sweeper and the club took second place in the best stand in the show category only beaten by one point by

Kingsbury MBC, a club with 40 years experience and 115 members. So, all in all, a very creditable performance by the relatively new kids on the block.

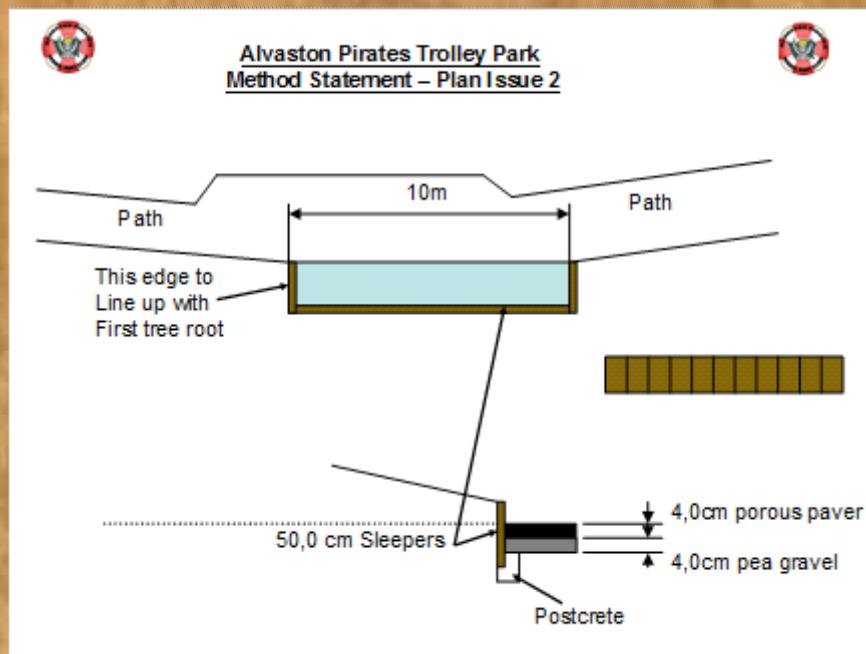
The stand was crewed by David Rodger, Ian Richardson, Tim Garrod, Simon Blackburn, Keith Brown, Roger Fox, Tim Lawrence and Chris Green to whom the club owe a debt of gratitude for their sterling efforts over the weekend.

We are already looking for ideas on how we can yet further improve the stand for next year. So if you have any ideas please submit them to the Ian or David no latter than the AGM as it takes a considerable amount of time to design and build a stand. A number of the ideas we received this year could not be considered as they were received after the stand had been finalized.



Trolley Lay-by Construction

After months of negotiation with DCC we now have formal approval to construct a trolley lay-by behind our sailing platform (see below).



We are looking for 6-10 able bodied members to assist with the construction. There is nothing complicated in the construction, we just need a bit of physical labour on the part of the volunteers and their willingness to bring along their own spade/shovels.

Part of our agreement with DCC is that we will do the work over a single weekend and have it completed by mid May. As such we propose conducting the work over the weekend of the 22/23 of April, thus avoiding the Easter and May Day holidays. Come on Pirates we need your help with this, you can't complain about the "few" on one hand and then not get involved in improvements you've asked for on the other. Would members willing to help with this activity please inform the General Secretary by the 15th of April.

Model Boats Magazine Article

An article by Phil Button on our Stargazing event will be published in the May edition of Model Boats magazine. The May issue is on the news stands from the 11th of April.

Weed Elimination Programme

The lake has received the first dosing of the chemical used to eliminate the yearly weed problem. This year the dosing took place right on schedule and we are hopeful that it will be even more effective than last year. The water has turned slightly blue as a result, this is normal and the chemical has no harmful effects on either you, your models or the wildlife.

The Committee