



FRIENDS OF KINGSBURY WATER PARK

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Merry Xmas & A Happy New Year



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History of Kingsbury Park Model Boat Club

Kingsbury Park Model Boat Club has been as much part of the growing up as the park itself. Originally founded in 1972 the club has had its roots firmly fixed to the park since the opening of the model boat lake in 1975.

A dedicated group of model boat enthusiasts interested in all forms of this hobby, yachts, fast electrics, nitro, tethered hydroplane, scale boats, and steam. Boating at the lake Thursday afternoons & Sundays.

Scale Section

A large section of the club membership is interested in building, buying and sailing scale and semi scale model ships & boats. The section covers a very wide range of, types, sizes of boats, degrees of skill in building & sailing and of course depth of pockets.

Boats can cost anything from £25.00 (some say) self built from scratch to several hundred pounds for a kit of parts. Most of the scale boats are powered by electric motors although the occasional steam powered model can be seen on the waters.

The Yachting Section holds a race day approx once per month. The first race starts 10am, with races continuing till around mid-day.

The fleet is split into two classes, one for boats under 36 inches in length and one for 36 inches and over. Typical boats in the smaller class are Victorias, RG65s and Micro Magics, The larger class is made up of International One Metres, R36s, 10 Raters and Marbleheads or any other class members would like to race.

Tethered Hydro Section

Model power boats up to 1920s were run free, to obtain any speed figures even at 25 mph proved to be very difficult, it was much easier and precise to calculate if the boat was tethered to a central pylon on a known line length. The wire length gives a lap distance of 100 metres. The boat is timed over 5 laps to give the speed, The top speeds of a modern hydroplanes are in the region of 135 mph.

Tethered hydroplanes started running at Kingsbury Water Park in 1990. We have approximately five regattas per year and cater for all classes including beginners

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Forthcoming Events

Calendar for 2016—get your seasonal photos of the Park ready.

Another 'Fish & Chips Supper' & Quiz Night planned for March next year.

For every 1,000 cards dropped in to Marks and Spencer stores for recycling throughout January, a new tree will be planted in the UK.

Recent Events

'Fish & Chips Supper' & Quiz Night

Our quiz went off very well on Friday night October 10th, everybody had a good night & £150 was raised from the quiz, raffle & cake sale. Thanks to everybody who gave their time; donated cakes & raffle prizes.

We're very grateful to Neil, the quiz-master for giving his time; Planters Garden Centre for donating a voucher as a raffle prize; Kingsbury Atlantic Fish bar for providing the food; which arrived on time, hot & plentiful.

The ghost train was running on Halloween night & the Friends made £47 by hosting a 'decorating bat biscuits' event with the children in the annex at the Water Park, pictures on Page 2

Community Orchard & Tame Valley Wetlands Project Update

We have been notified that we have been awarded our tree pack from the Woodland Trust. This has now arrived & awaiting planting early next year.

"Congratulations! Friends Of Kingsbury Water Park has been awarded a free Woodland Trust tree pack. It will be winging its way to you between 3-7 November.

You requested: 105 trees Wild harvest"

The pack consists of :-

- 30 hazel
- 30 blackthorn
- 15 crab apple
- 15 dog rose
- 15 elder

Hopefully these will be planted alongside our 'Community Orchard'.

Also £600 has been awarded from Green Space Projects towards the cost of installing the orchard

The project will restore natural river processes to the River Tame at Kingsbury Water Park by altering the profile of the current incised river banks and widening the river. This will allow the natural development of riffles which will not only improve habitat and have a beneficial impact on wildlife, but will also increase oxygenation of the river. This will contribute to water quality improvement targets as set out under the EU Water Framework Directive (WFD) and the Environment Agency Humber River Basin Management Plan. The spoil from the river re-profiling works will be used in Hemlingford Water to shallow the eastern edges of the lake, where a reed bed (a BAP priority habitat) will be created at a later date which will help to protect the lake margin from erosion while providing valuable habitat for wildlife, that will also help to filter out nutrients from the lake.

A new access point will be created by the northern foot-bridge and ramp access to the Eastern bank to create a new circular walk along River Tame.

Work has begun and a new kissing gate & ramp has been installed at the Church End Bridge.

Trim Trail Update

Money (£5000) from Green Space Projects has been awarded towards the creation of a trim trail through the park.



Route of Trim Trail through Park.



Various types of exercise items.

Halloween



72 children decorated 'bat biscuits'



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For a chance to win an annual car pass, please complete a park survey at

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VBZVPZR>

Next Friends Meeting/Party at The Water Park Education Centre on Wednesday, February 4th 2015 at 7 pm.

Everybody Welcome

The group's aims are –

1. To be the voice of park users. Promoting, lobbying, fundraising, liaising, and negotiating on behalf of park users.
2. To help manage, protect, and improve the park for the benefit of the flora, fauna, visitors, and park users.
3. To promote, assist, and even instigate, activities within the park for the benefit of park users.

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Amenities at the Park

- Old Barn Coffee Shop/café
- Information Centre and Gift shop
- Disabled facilities
- Three mobility scooters for hire
- 5.7 km (3½ miles) of permissive bridleway for horse riding. Permit needed.
- Many water activities (e.g. pedalos, sailing, model boating jet biking, power boating and fishing)
- Dogs allowed under control
- 2 children's play areas
- Nature reserve with 4 bird hides
- Echills Wood Railway, 7¼" gauge miniature railway
- Guided walks and events programme
- Ranger led Children's Birthday Parties
- Camp Site managed by The Camping & Caravaning Club (tel. 01827 874101)
- Broomey Croft Children's Farm (tel. 01827 873844)