

OGA North West Area Annual Report 2021

The year like for most has been fraught with restrictions remaining in place in various places in the UK. Nevertheless the Area did manage to get a couple of boats out for the Conwy River Festival. With winning trophies presented to Bob Angel in COMRADES and Peter Hennessy in MEANDER. What was especially pleasing was the turnout in mid October for the second Crossfield's Conference largely based around the building of Morecambe Bay Prawners (Nobbies). The attendance by our OGA President and representatives from a majority of the various OGA Areas along with renown shipwrights made for a very successful weekend event.

The last weekend in October and a joint Social Weekend event to Cleethorpes took place. Taking in the Hull 'Street Life Museum' and in particular the Grimsby Fishing Heritage Museum with members from the Nobby Owners Association, the North Wales and North West Area's. Finishing off with a visit to Lincoln for the Cathedral and Bomber Command Centre. This event having been postponed at least twice due to Covid-19 proved to be a great success. Our memberships were pleased to be able to socialise again in the company of like minded souls.

The loss of our dedicated Secretary, Tom Middlebrook, during July put the onus on the membership to rally around. Appointing Alasdair Simpson as Secretary, and Jeremy Lambert as Treasurer taking us up to our formal AGM at Arnside this coming Saturday 12 March 2022.

With both the Arnside Sailing Club and the South Windermere Sailing Club being represented on the Committee the movement towards small boat support by the OGA in the NW Area is well underway. Watch out for some great sailing small boating events in 2022 based in the Lake District as well as the bigger boats participating in events at Conwy, Morecambe Bay and at Peel (IOM).

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