



Rugeley Model Boat Club, part of Manor Park Sailing Club, Kings Bromley celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a Fish & Chip lunch (mushy peas optional), aptly sourced from Queen's fish & chip shop, Wheel Lane, Lichfield. Followed by adequate helpings of the official Platinum Jubilee trifle made by member Peter Pallett. (*rated "best trifle ever"*)



The club put on a display of scale model boats, many dressed overall in flags and bunting, several with lights, working radar antennae and three with sound – the aircraft carrier even played "A life on the Ocean Wave" performed by the Royal Marines Band as the deck lift moved! Our distinguished guests, Dot, Rose, Susan & Audrey, provided a civilising social influence and catered brilliantly and went on to judge the most prize worthy ship – "HL69", Steve Mason's trawler "Margaret" complete with cannons! The judges particularly commended Alan Tidman's canal boat "Rugeley Princess", which although not dressed was beautifully detailed - including the toilet!



With a significant lack of wind (ideal for scale models), meant that only one yacht race was completed on mirror-like water. It was the **"Two Youngest & Oldest"** competing with Charlotte narrowly beating Harris at the finish, Alan third and Derek fourth!

We were thrilled that the main club Commodore, George Chesters, put in an appearance (*in time for trifle*) The fun day ended with tea and biscuits.

The highspot of the day was the on-water Regatta ably led by "Pudsey" steered by Harris. An eight gun salute, fired by David Marsh on his race starting pistol was startling; both for spectators and wild life! The red pusher rescue boat performed its duties only twice.

