

Sunday the 30th of July was the date of the much anticipated 2023 Plank Race. Ten planks were presented, each with its own unique build and propulsion system. The objective was to plot an accurate course across the pond, aiming for a post on the opposite bank, taking into account the vagaries of the gusty conditions. Whilst the majority of builders favoured basic electric motor/ propshaft/ propeller setups, one entrant used a simple self contained outboard motor, another featured a pair of paddles, and two others opted for a submersible motor/prop/battery system. This later combo proved to be spectacularly useless, and seemed to hinder rather than help forward motion!



Each entrant had three runs, and individual best scores were compared to find the winning top three competitors. A separate prize was also awarded to the best / most uniquely decorated plank as judged by Jenny Blackall.

Plank Race winners were;



1 - Mark Dobel



2 – Tony Gardener



3 – Alan Gregory

Best dressed Plank went to Steve Beared for his Mickey Mouse inspired creation.



In summary a fun morning was had by all, and special thanks go to Roger Atkins for organising the event.

