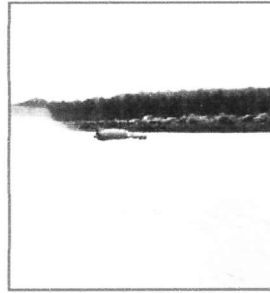


Does anyone else remember when Donald Campbell brought his Bluebird to the Lido ? This would have been in the late 50 s I think. Although he could not get the thing out of first gear, it certainly was a spectacular sight.

*Yes, these really are pictures of Bluebird on Ruislip Lido. I doubted them at first, here is what I was told. (ROL)*

*The pictures of Bluebird were taken by me. (My father was a keen photographer and gave me my first camera when I was about 6 years old - a box Kodak Brownie of about 1940 vintage!) The pictures were taken from the east shore (Park Wood side) of the Lido , probably about half way along; certainly beyond the beach area. In "Bluebird 1", if you look carefully just above the boats rear fin, you can make out the old pavillion behind the marquees that were erected for the occasion. I have attached a third picture, "Bluebird 3", which really only shows the spray sent up when the throttles were opened a fraction, but again the old pavillion can just be made out on the left hand edge of the picture. I have enhanced the pictures as much as possible using Photoshop to bring out as much detail as possible but as the originals are about 50 years old we cannot expect miracles.*



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