



# The Model Steamer Club

Sailing every Saturday at Rouken Glen Pond

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## Newsletter

## July 2013

### **Accommodation.**

The second unit was assembled before Christmas, but so far there remains conflicting information from the Council about having it fitted out, with no progress on the matter.

You may have understood that the problem was well on it's way to a satisfactory resolution, and for some time the Committee believed that this was the case,

However, in November, when finalising the lease, the Council added a clause requiring Buildings Insurance. The quotation for this was £540 per annum.

As this figure is unsustainable for the Club, in December we asked the Council to reassess this requirement, only receiving an acknowledgment from Legal Services. In May we had to send a reminder as we had received a demand for the annual Ground Rent. In June we sent a further reminder. We have now received a reply from the Estates section confirming the requirement for the Buildings Insurance.

In the May letter we also requested a meeting with a senior official to allow us to discuss the entire situation but this has not been granted.

We feel that there is not a corporate approach to our position, finding that the attitude of the various Departments we have business with has varied from help and advice, to co-operation, to strongly "anti" our presence, with apparently no liaison between them.

We cannot understand this as our presence in the Park and our involvement in Park Events, especially the "Electric Glen" has been warmly appreciated by many, both recently and in the past.

The total costs required by the Council for the lease are so high relative to the size and income of the Club that they are not sustainable and the Committee agreed that the Club must now consider it's entire presence in Rouken Glen Park. This drastic action seems to be the only option left to us!

We have written to all the East Renfrewshire Councillors, M.P. and M.S.P. asking for their advise and assistance in one last attempt to get an acceptable lease arrangement.

**If you reside in East Renfrewshire, we would request that you write or e-mail the Councillors for your own particular Ward and express your feelings on the matter.**

## **Pond.**

The weed problem is as great this year as before, despite some action with the boat. Progress towards a solution remains at the monitoring stage!

## **Summerlee**

The Committee are considering having a display table at the Federation show on 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> September at Summerlee.

Please contact a Committee member to give your views on this so that we can assess support.

## **Boaters**

The Cafe reopened at the beginning of July. Andrew and Gerald have both met the new owner who has expressed his full support for the Club, offering any help for our activities that he can.

He has created a new outdoor sitting area, unfortunately the position of which severely restricts the foot path adjacent to the sloping ramp, making any use of that area into a bottle neck for the public.

If we manage to find a solution to the obstacles created by the Council and the weed, we will have to base our operations further round the pond, although this is where most people like to sail anyway.

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