



The Model Steamer Club

Sailing every Saturday at Rouken Glen Pond

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Newsletter

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Happy New Year!

Accommodation

The lease has, after a few more final hiccoughs, been signed and the rent and legal fees paid. We now have a formal presence in the Park!

The Friends of Rouken Glen are planning to end the joint use of the second unit, but have agreed that when we provide them with a replacement unit kit for the Sensory Garden, the second unit will become ours. This will provide us with storage for the piers, the rescue boat and covered space to sit down or set up our boats.

Events

The Council has committed itself to providing support to the Club for it's involvement in Events in the Park. We were recently advised that it is limited to a maximum of £200 per annum, i.e. four events @ £50. *The eight nights of the Electric Glen counting as one Event only*, and will be due even if the Event falls foul of bad weather. This involvement in supporting the Park Events solves the financial burden for the Club of the annual Ground Rent charge.

Weed

The extent of weed growth has prevented the Club from operating in any proper sense since Spring 2013, despite the tons of weed dragged weekly from the Pond.

As proposals for improvements to the Pond are still being considered, we can anticipate more of the same this year. The weed probably affects us most of all users of the Park.

The Committee are painfully aware that the lack of accommodation and heavy weed growth has prevented any regular sailing or Club activity, although we will have the Electric Glen, Ship Ahoy and the Summerlee Model Extravaganza. The Highland Games event may also be possible before the weed gets out of hand. We could also attend some of the other Glasgow Clubs' regattas as Club events.

What are your thoughts on getting Club members together again and doing some sailing?

Electric Glen

6th to 9th Feb and 13th to 16th Feb. 2014

The ERC staff running the Event have invited us to participate again. The Committee are concerned that with the event being for eight nights we will require a large element of commitment from members in possibly very trying conditions.

Andrew is coordinating our involvement once more and will be ringing round to give you a personal invitation to attend, or you could contact him on 0141 644 1437 or 0778 670 2403 or at andrew.petrie@homecall.co.uk to discuss your involvement. We will be preparing a schedule of nights that members would be attending to achieve a suitable fleet each evening.

Andrew has already had discussions with the Parks Dept to have an area of the Pond clear of weed for us and they are looking at repairs to the steps to give us safe launching. He has also discussed having a higher level of ambient lighting in the area for our use and has a further meeting next week.

Ship Ahoy 5th April 2014

We will be doing a static exhibition on the Glen Lee. Andrew will try to remember to ask you about this also. We are trying to establish what close access we can have to the ship for transferring models.

Subscriptions

These were maintained at £10 but with an AGM approved one off £5 levy to help with the legal charges related to the lease. We had almost 50% of these at the AGM, but little since then. It would appear that the intention to pay quickly slips down the list of things to do before Christmas!

So, **DO IT NOW!** Write the cheque, pick up the phone and talk to the bank or go on line, the acc details are:-
Sort code 80 54 01 acc no. 00573357
Remember to give an ID.

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