



# The Model Steamer Club

Sailing every Saturday at Rouken Glen Pond

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## Have I got old News for you?

**Yes** if you get Club e-mails, but  
**No** for the others.

**Electric Glen 2016**



The full report by Andrew is repeated here, but the opportunity must be taken to acknowledge and thank Andrew for all his time and effort in making all the arrangements with members, the Council and the Lighting designers.

The Club and the RNLI had sole use of the jetty, and with the new gate directly on to the launching steps, we had a secure and well lit area to display our models. The only thing missing was some shelter!

## ***Electric Glen 2016***

*Many of our Club members may still be trying to thaw out still after the bitterly cold last few nights at Electric Glen. The conditions at times during the ten days could only be described as brutal, particularly the first week where the rain just didn't want to stop!*

*As in previous years this did not stop the public flocking in droves to enjoy the spectacle of Rouken Glen so beautifully presented in light and sound.*

*The conditions did not stop Club members attending either and I must pass my sincere thanks to all who managed to come along and supported the Club at the event.*

*As in previous years particular mention needs to be made of David and Sandra Cowie and their RNLI fundraising team. They faithfully attended every night, arriving early to set up and leaving only as the park was cleared by security well after 10pm. Their perseverance and commitment have resulted in a fantastic sum of money being gathered in the buckets at the Jetty.*



*David called to tell me that the total raised was **£2092.02**  
An amazing sum of money and substantially more than has  
been collected at the previous Electric Glen events.*

*As the lights and cables were being removed on Monday a  
team from the contractor tasked with the next stage of the  
pond works have started work. The pond level was dropping  
rapidly on Sunday night with the ice sagging as the water  
beneath drained away. The pond is being emptied for the next  
stage of works and once completed in around 3 weeks will  
once again be refilled, this time hopefully for good! We will  
keep you informed of progress in the coming weeks and any  
additional information that comes from the Council.*

*Once again thank you to those who worked so hard to make  
our involvement in Electric Glen 2016 such a success.*

## Pond and Weed

Since that report Andrew has been able to meet the Council and the contractors and has also provided the following report:-

*I did finally have a meeting with the Water Gems contractor and Sharon McMurtrie at the pond this afternoon. We've agreed a position for our platform adjacent to the location of the bent railway track that is exposed once more with the water level low. The level of the pond is going to be much more consistent than we've been used to. The contractor has discovered that one sluice pipe inside the weir midway down the pond has been blocked off. There is no knowledge of when or why this was carried out. They have also found leakage in the weir which will be repaired. The plan is for the pond to reach a predetermined level and simply lap over the overflow to prevent excessive water levels. With this water level set there should be no need for the Council to adjust the flow out of the pond, something which has been done with little consistency over the years with levels varying wildly at times. In winter storms of excessive rainfall we can expect the level to rise above the normal level but the platforms should still not be overwhelmed.*

*Work is well underway to create the wood barrier to contain the marginal planting areas. These are being created using cut branches bound in galvanised wire and connected to eye bolts drilled into the concrete edge. The planting will be protected by this barrier. The plan is in time, when the wood has long gone, the plants will remain as a well established border.*

*The pond dipping platform construction was designed to be 25cm or nearly 10 inches above the set water level. The platform will be set on wooden supports supported by concrete bases in the bed of the pond and set into the edge of the pond. The platform design also had no edge which would potentially lead to models drifting below the platform and possibly incurring damage.*

*During our discussion it was agreed that a change in design would allow the structural supports to the platform bed to be mounted differently therefore providing a face of wood to water*

*level to prevent models undercutting the platform. In addition the contractor appreciates that the nearly 10 inch current level from the water is at the very top end of what would suit us for launching and attaching piers or harbours. He will make sure that the top surface of this platform is as near the water surface as possible.*

*This level necessitates a concrete step to allow safe passage from the path to the platform. Costs seem very tight and Sharon McMurtrie was concerned at any additional costs beyond what had already been quoted for. It should be noted that the second platform at the other end of the pond will not receive the modifications I've just described. The platform adjacent to the boathouse end of the pond can be seen as ours.*

*The areas of the pond edge that have fallen away and been undercut will be repaired. After the pond edge work and platforms are complete another contractor will start work on the barrier chemical to prevent Phosphor release. At the beginning of April the path right round the pond is to be resurfaced which will complete the renovation works. Then we wait and see how the weed reacts to the changes.....*

While the committee will continue to support Park Events and arrange our own Shows, we have also received invitations to three static Shows, Ship Ahoy!, Classic Car Show in Kilmarnock and the Kilmarnock Model Railway Club.

What are your views on attending these as the Federation 2015 Summerlee Show was not really supported?



## Club Subscriptions

There are still some outstanding!

The Treasurer has asked that this reminder be treated under the terms of the Constitution

### **Termination of Membership**

- a) Membership will be terminated on non payment of the subscription within one month of receipt of a subscription reminder letter from the Treasurer.
- b) The Committee shall be empowered to expel any member or members whom it considers unsuitable to the general well being of the Club.

You are advised that as well as not receiving any further Club information, you will no longer have Public Liability Insurance for your sailing

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