



# The Model Steamer Club

Sailing every Saturday at Rouken Glen Pond

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# SUCCESS At Last

## Accommodation

THE COMMITTEE ARE PLEASED to announce that at last we have been able to resolve the leasing issues which had posed an impossible financial problem for the Club.

The Club will shortly have a formal agreement to its location in the Park.

As you may remember, when "the Boaters" expanded the Club lost all its accommodation, with no other space available close to the Pond.

The Committee felt that it was essential that the Club had a formal agreement with the Council, and held meetings to establish what might be feasible. Due to planning concerns about additional buildings adjacent to a main access to the Park, the size and location of any accommodation would be restricted. Eventually, due to the space and cost implications we were only able to have one small metal container, with permission for a second. The second unit was provided by the Friends of Rouken Glen funding, and it has been agreed that the two units will be used jointly by the Friends and the Club for meeting and storage. There is also finance available to fit out one unit, and the council are seeking quotes to insulate the steel shell and fit internal glazed doors to create a small, comfortable base.

In recognition of the contribution the Club makes to the Park by its regular Club sailing and also its participation in Park Events, the Council has agreed to make a donation for each agreed Event we stage. This will help to offset the costs of having the formal agreement.

At long last we hope that Newsletters can concentrate on sailing issues again, with the only reference to the accommodation being requests for work parties for maintenance.

## Weed

This problem has still to be resolved and we must hope that the survey work in progress will result in a successful outcome and we will be able to make use of the accommodation for sailing purposes next summer.

# Summerlee Model Extravaganza

7<sup>th</sup> + 8<sup>th</sup> Sept.

With a limited response to the request for possible attendance, the Committee have only taken two tables on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> Sept. Details of access etc. are available on the Federation Web site.

## Ship Ahoy

5<sup>th</sup> April 2014

This Event was so successful that it is to be held again next year, but this time it will be held aboard the "Glenlee" The Club will again be providing a static display. Would it be possible for us to surpass this year's turnout? The Lucy Ashton will be added to the fleet in the 1888 slot. More details in later Newsletters but Ian McGhie is the Club rep on the organising Committee and can be contacted for information.

## Paddler Day 2013

1<sup>st</sup> Sept.

The Darlington and District Model Boat Club have sent a reminder that they are staging the 7<sup>th</sup> Paddler Day at the Water Park, Middleton-St-George from 10.00 to 17.00 Information on the Federation web site.

## New Modellers

During a recent conversation with Cllr. C Gilbert, he suggested that a way of developing the modellers of the future could be by raising the awareness of school children. Are any members willing to participate in a demonstration to a forum provided by a school?

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