

# THE MODEL STEAMER CLUB

SAILING EVERY SATURDAY AT ROUKEN GLEN POND

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## Planning Permission Granted!

The Boater's got the go-ahead on 9<sup>th</sup> March for it's development of the boat house.

The Club-room has already gone, but all our artefacts have been set aside and removed for safe storage. The Committee has made arrangements for the removal and safe storage of all the equipment held in the storage cage in the garage.

Part of the proposal by the Boater's was for a separate storage space for the Club within part of it's development. The Committee have agreed to accept this as it will provide an early solution to having our equipment close to the Pond.

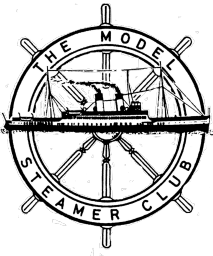
The short term position however is that, with no equipment available, we will not be able to put on any Shows, and we will be advising the Federation that our Model Steamer Show on 30<sup>th</sup> April has to be cancelled as an Open Day Show. We will, of course, be able to continue to sail on Saturdays.

We anticipate that the new storage facility would be built immediately, and that we should be able to have our Show in September, and perhaps one mid summer to prove that we remain in action.

The Committee are disappointed that the our efforts to obtain better accommodation have not yet been successful, but are now considering the feasibility of us creating our own accommodation adjacent to the boat-house. We will now enter into discussions on the location, size and type of structure we might be able to erect, but consider that it will take some time as we will also have to consider the financial implications. We hope that the contacts that we made with MP; MSP; Cllrs and officials will have made our position clear and will elicit support for a solution which is beneficial to the Club.

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## Slide Show.

Nine members enjoyed an evening remembering some very sunny days of sailing over the last ten years.

We also saw a few of the “historic” photos sent to me. I have only had three contributions so far (one was anonymous!) Please look for your old photos and loan them to me, although I have just remembered, that with expensive colour film, we did not take many compared to our digital excesses.

Remember that we also have a talk by Iain Quinn on 3<sup>rd</sup> April on one of the Duchesses. There is some debate over which one was used for the Club Badge, with careful counting of windows forward of something, or the different colour of anchors. Still I am sure it isn't the Duchess of Atholl, that was a Hornby Dublo locomotive. I still have mine!

The Committee had hoped to arrange a visit to the Museum's Resource Centre for a tour of the large collection of Ship models, but the staff are so busy with preparing for the occupation of the new Museum that it was not possible.

Perhaps after the transfer we will get to see what is not on public show.

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