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DISTRICT HEATING EXCLUSIVE

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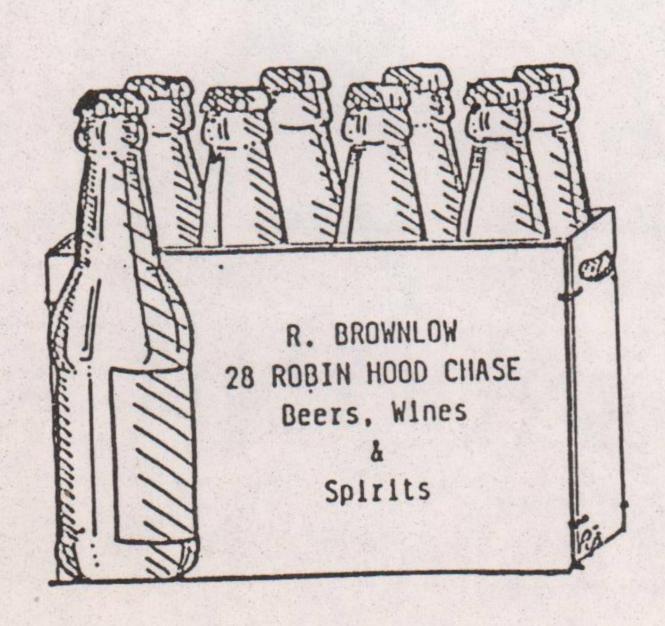
# DISTRICT HEATING FINAL DRAFT REPORT by RON BELL

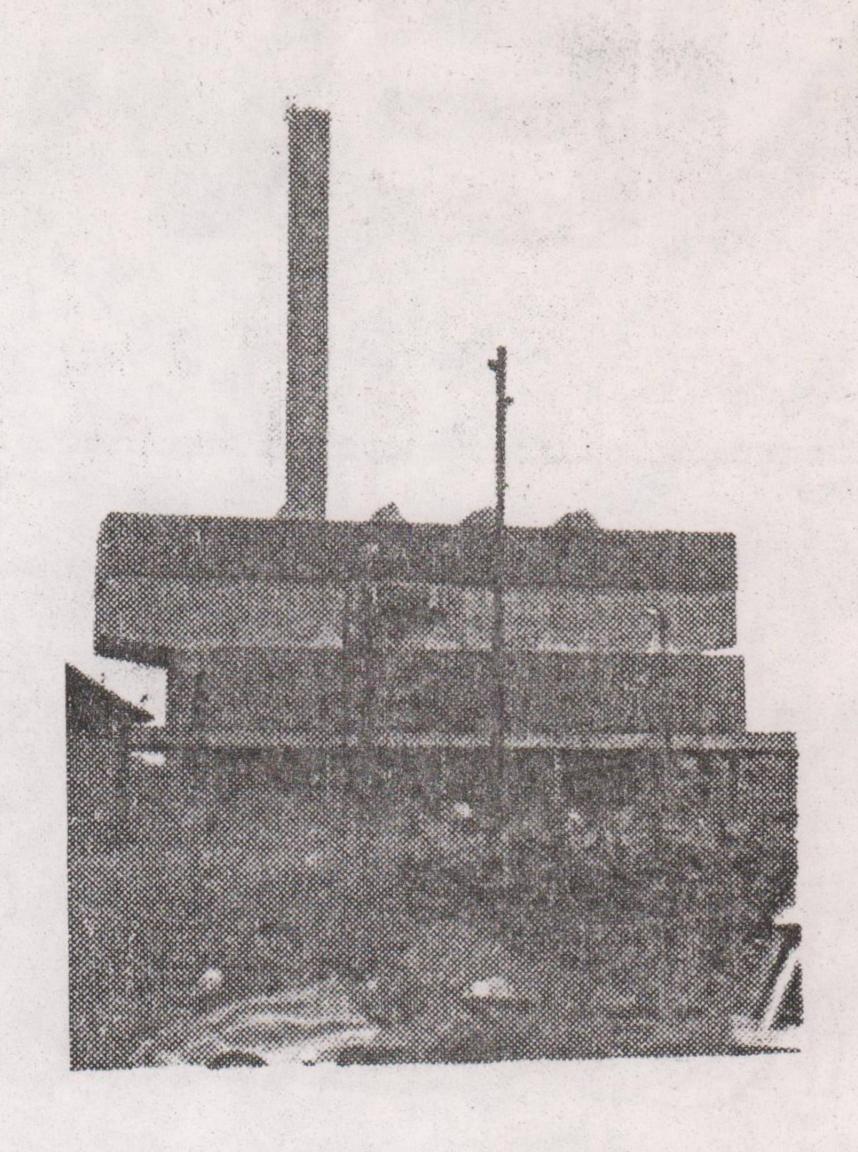
W.S. Atkins & Partners, the firm appointed to carry out an independent investigation into the controversial district heating scheme, have now produced their draft final report. St Anns News can exclusively reveal some of the recommendations put forward by W.S. Atkins in their reports. These are as follows:-

- \* TIME CLOCK CONTROLS
- \* RADIATORS IN ALL BEDROOMS
- \* NEW METERING SYSTEM (Either flow meters or electronically operated pre-payment meters)
- \* REDUCTION IN STANDING CHARGE TO £39

W.S. Atkins say that a reduction in the standing charge will mean that the present unit price will increase from 26p a therm to 49.7p a therm. They point out that this will result in cheaper overall heating charges for low consumers but dearer ones for high consumers.

This draft final report has now gone to the three main parties - Nottingham City Council, Notts. County Council and British Coal - for their comments. The final report will be published in the





next couple of months. St Anns Heating Group (STAHG) have been campaigning against the district heating scheme for the past three years and have fought to get this present investigation. They have engaged an engineer to give technical advice on the W.S. Atkins reports.

Having studied the draft final report, STAHG are concerned that W.S. Atkins have failed to tackle one of the most important issues - the current level of charges for district heating.

STAHGs technical advisor has informed the group that the current level of pre-payment charges are twice as much as they should be. The pre-payment charges are based on the number of therms needed to heat a flat or house. However, STAHG believe that British Coal have overestimated this number by 100%!

If this point can be proved then the way is open for tenants to sue British Coal for overcharging over the years. STAHGs heating engineer has now written to W.S. Atkins urging them to address this important issue in their final report.

## ACNA CENTRE 6 MONTHS AFTER THE FIRE

by John Aghoghogbe

On the 8th of January of this year for those of us who can still remember - two arsonists struck down our local ACNA (Afro-Caribbean National Artistic) centre causing extensive damage. The building stands roofless, burnt down and the cindered crossbeams crying out for replacement.

At the time of the attack the ethnic minority community and local community did extremely well to contain their bitter, angry feelings to see this beloved communal centre so wilfully and defencelessly abused.

I went to interview the centre manager, Mr G. Powe, to find out more about the centre and why renovation has taken so long.

"The building is a listed building which needs to be put back as it was. The delay in starting renovation work has been because of the difficulty in finding specialist firms to take on the work. A technical meeting was held recently between the necessary bodies to discuss details of the renovation process."

That meeting produced an agreement with the cost of renovation amounting to a total of £194 000, not including contents. Work is to begin on 1 July 1987 and scheduled to take six to seven months.

The ACNA Centre is a registered company formed in 1969 primarily to acquire premises to house black organisations in the city. Originally sited at 121 Derby Road, until moving in 1977 to Hungerhill Road, St Anns and officially

opening in September 1978.

The philosophy behind the motivation of the centre is to promote the cultural and educational enlightenment of its' members, cultural understanding between persons of all races and creeds as well as facilitating social intercourse between members.

Mr G. Powe said 'More than 2000 people, a large majority of which are members, are involved weekly in

one form or another with the centre. Since being an established centre in 1979 it aims to serve the needs of its' members and the community. There exists an Old Age Pensioners luncheon club, supplementary school, a surgery to deal with aspects of peoples problems such as immigration and so on, a welfare rights office, seminar activity, leisure activities and a social club. This is but a sample of the exciting opportunities open to the public at their disposal. One major feature of ACNA is its joint employment agency with JIPAC that provides employment to people throughout Nottingham and particularly those. in the St Anns area.

Mr Powe proudly said that 'ACNA Centre, being the first centre of its kind in England receive visitors from different parts of the county who come to find out how and why the centre has been made viable in its' running technique. As always, organisations of this kind have problems, especially when located in the heart of the

"protests have come from all quarters, such as neighbours complaining of the centre being noisy and a nuisance in the community. The city council has backed up these complaints, but strong support coming from the residents have helped overcome these problems.

community, and to this; Mr Powe

The ACNA centre is open and accessible to all members of the public, of all cultures and race. It is unfortunate that most of the white members of the public have the preconceived notion that it is confined only to the black community. The centre welcomes all to join and participate freely in its activities.

ACNA centre is very much part of our community and we hope all goes well and it is closed no longer than we need endure.

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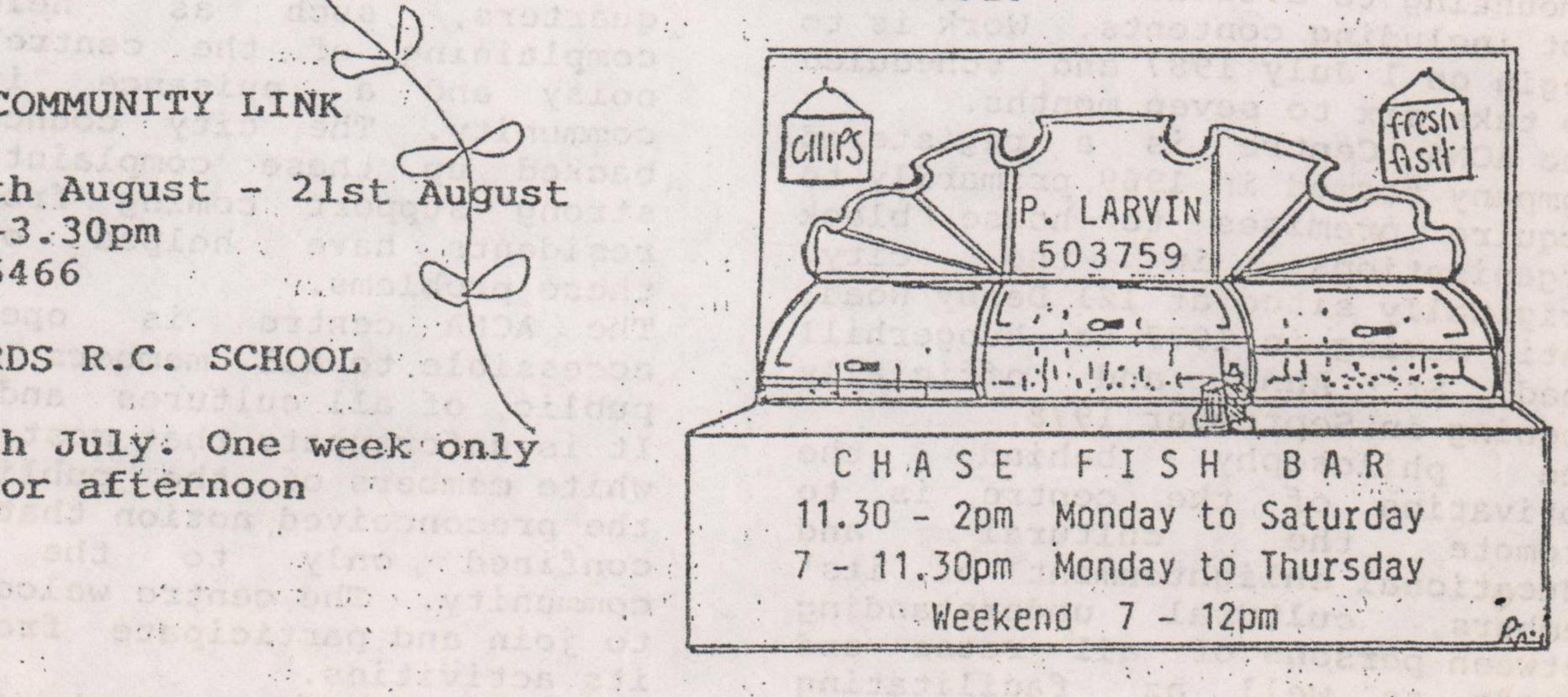
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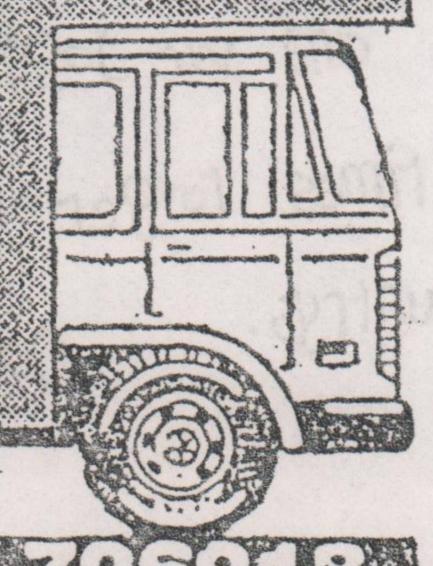
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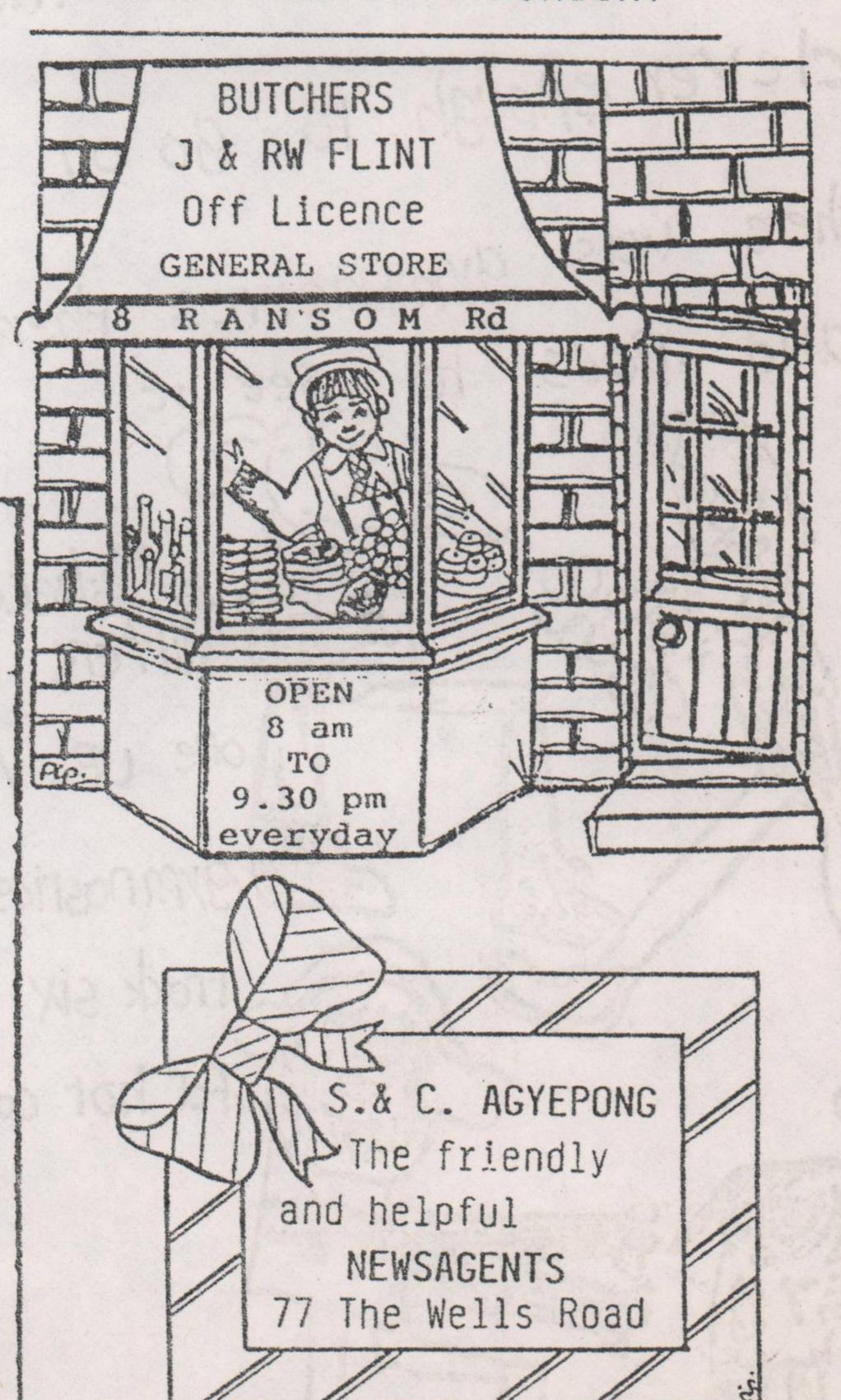
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ST ANNS WELL INFANT SCHOOL

on Friday was did sports Aid loop there was floor work and a pole and a bar and some boxs and all the mum dads has to put some! money in the boxs was some ladders bar and gymnastics Friday and I like gymbastia because they do some mults and I saw John climbing the 1. Pole and Mums and Dads was clopping and We sang lots of songs and music Philip

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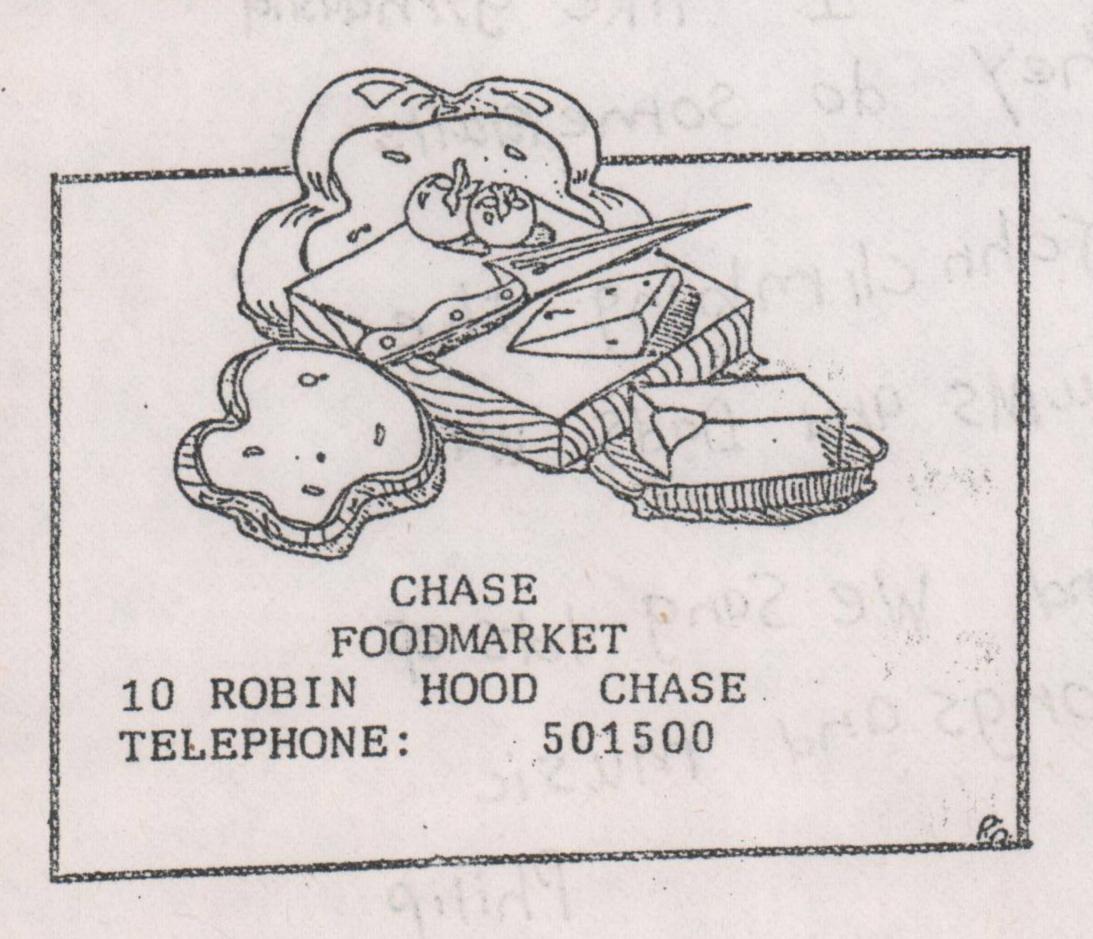
Whoever wrote the article on the Westminster Abbey obviously hasn't been round many of the other public houses in St Anns. To me this seems to be one of the most popular pubs around. Nothing was mentioned about all the functions that go on there, or about the hundreds of pounds they have raised for different charities, what other landlady do you know that would go out in fancy dress to collect for handicap children?

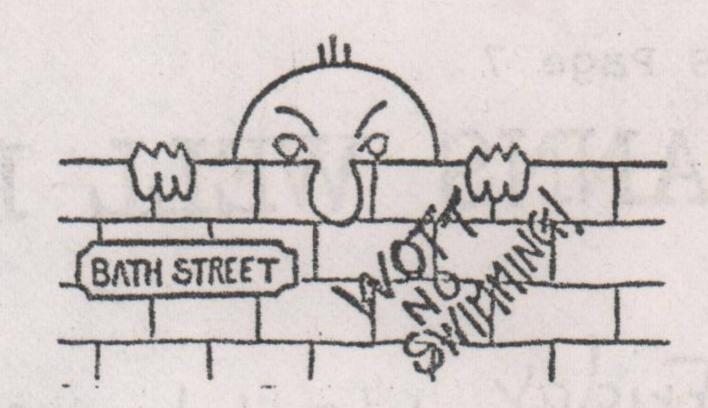
I have always felt comfortable in this pub, it has a friendly atmosphere, the landlord and landlady mix in with all classes of people and the barstaff are always smart, helpful and very polite to the customers.

There are darts matches each week, discos each weekend, pool matches, childrens parties and daytrips out which are all well organised.

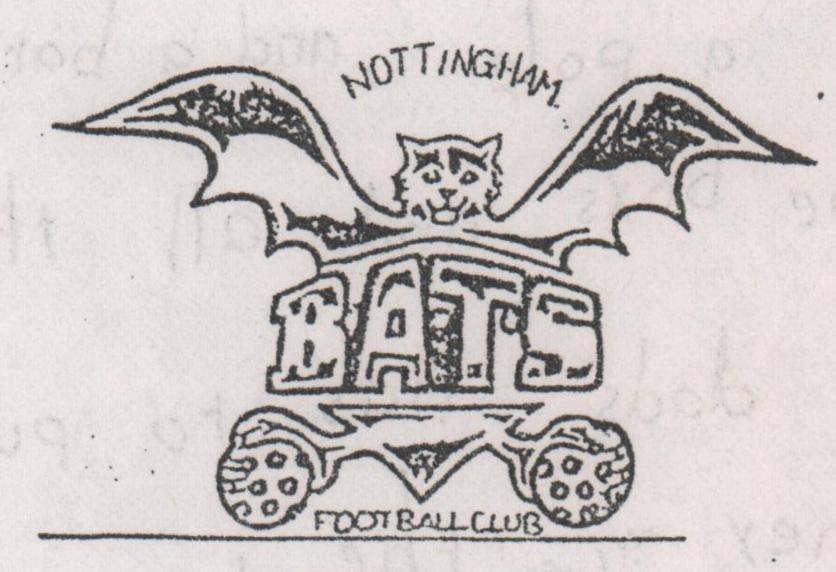
If you think the Westminster Abbey is boring, why not come in on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday when its in full swing and see for yourself what sort of establishment this really is? I think you'll be quite surprised. W. Dickinson

14 Hudson St Gordon Rd





There will be no swimming at Victoria Leisure Centre until September due to alterations.



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Keen under 13s If interested Contact N. Rozee 502919

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We visited the Pint & Pot on St Anns Well Road on a Saturday evening. It's a big, spacious pub, made cosier by low ceilings and muted lighting. Although there were quite a lot of people there, it didn't look crowded. We liked this, as it meant we got served quickly and found seats easily. On the other hand, if you want an exciting, lively pub, or one with 'character' then this isn't the one for you. The seating was in condition and very comfy, and the juke box wasn't too loud. The toilets were clean but unfortuneately had no toilet paper. There are seats outside, a playground nearby, and children are allowed in on weekday lunchtimes. It's possible to take a wheelchair up the small step, and we were pleased to see special toilets provided for people with disabilities.

And a most important point - the Mansfield bitter (at 77p a pint) was fine.