

NOGSOG NEWS

JANUARY 1984

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

TUES. 17TH VIDEO EVENING at Part II. Upstairs bar 8 pm.

The film will be 'Raiders of the lost Ark'. Free entry to group members, 50p to others - includes entry to club facilities; bar downstairs opens 9.30pm. Coffee 25p. GOOD SUPPORT IS ESSENTIAL IF WE ARE TO BE ALLOWED TO USE THE CLUB FOR SUCH PURPOSES. IF GOOD ATTENDANCE IS NOT REALISED THEN THERE WILL NOT BE ANOTHER CHANCE.

THUR. 19TH PROGRAMME MEETING at CVS at 8.15 pm.

SAT. 28TH MINI BUS TRIP to the Nightingal club, Birmingham.

Depart from Gatsby's 8.30pm. Cost will be about £5-50. Pay Peter Dufton by 21st. Fifteen seats available - any not taken by the 21st will be offered to Gaysoc.

FEBRUARY

WED. 8TH ICE SKATING - meet in front of the Ice Stadium at 8pm. The stadium has been refurbished. There is speed club racing at 8.30 and 9.50 pm. Skating until 10.30pm. Cafeteria until 10pm, bar until 10.30pm.

THUR. 16TH PROGRAMME MEETING at CVS at 8.15pm.

TUES. 21ST VIDEO EVENING AT PART II - under negotiation subject to good attendance at January date.

SAT. 25TH MINI BUS TRIP to 1 4 1 Club, Stoke on Trent. Details to be arranged.

There are the regular informal meetings at CVS every THURSDAY from about 8 pm onwards.

INFORMATION

Newspaper collection has now stopped. The last four months collecting amounted to 410 kilos weight. £4-10 was received. We feel that this is just not worth the hassle of collecting, storing and then using petrol to take it to the waste paper merchants.

If you have any particular social activity you would like to suggest to the group, then come along to the Programme meetings at CVS. We are here to help you break into gay society and meet other gay people in an informal situation. If you choose not to support our programme then we cannot help you.

Remember that the CVS is at 31a, Mansfield Road - it is the premises of the Nottingham Council for Voluntary Service. It is also used by Nottingham Gay Switchboard and if you want any information from the switchboard, you can get it by phoning 411454 between 7-10pm any Monday, Wednesday or Thursday.

LEATHERELLA

Did any of you go to see a decent Panto over the festive season? I went to see the East Mercia MSC Panto - Leatherella; a truly unforgettable production.

Most of the audience had gathered for cocktails and other things by around 8.30pm wearing mainly leather and the sort of thing which mummy would never dream of buying for your Christmas pressie. After a few drinks to steady the nerves after seeing all that leathered talent (not that I'm a leather queen of course) I followed the march of studded jack boots and clinking chains to the Christmas buffet. This consisted of such things as stuffed jacket potatoes, beef (and there was certainly plenty of it - not a 'chicken' in the place). Yes, well, back to the point - various salads, gateaux and coffee followed by the inevitable mince pies.

The production which followed the usual long, after-dinner speeches simply changed the face of pantomime. The basic plot involved the 'charming' Prince of Cole-Hernia making Cole Fitz-Nicely (Leatherella) his queen by the fitting of a leather motor cycle boot which had been dropped at the ball. Much to the disgust of his two ugly 'sisters' Clarisaa and Petunia Fitz-Nicely - who had dropped just about everything in a previous scene and which had aboyt brought the house down to cries of 'get-em-off'. Anyway, the show finished with old, revamped favourites such as 'There's a building on the green cottage queen' and 'If you were the only guy in the world and I were the only boy'. It was a great pity that there was only one performance of Leatherella as it was such a remarkable production. But next year, what about 'Puss in chaps' perhaps?

Peter Duke