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INFO PAGE

East Reading adventure playground

This playground is located in Palmer Park, near London Road. It was conceived by local residents and supported by the County and Borough through Urban Aid grants plus other funds.

The ERAP Assocaation has launched an appeal for more community support. There is one paid worker who is an excellent supervisor and carpenter. But there is a need for volunteer helpers, materials for structures and members to assist on the ERPA Committee. And, as usual, a need for funds. For 50p you can possessa 'Friend of ERAP' card! Contact T.G. Nicholson, Hon Chairman, 24 Upper Redlands Road if you wish to make any form of contribution. Or better yet, go along to the playground one weekend and delight at its adventure.

Reading Tenants / Community Groups Federation

In October we reported on a conference of the representatives of a number of tenants and community groups in Reading. Since that conference, the members who attend the Joint Housing Consultative Committee at the Borough successfully made a stand on the heating problems in the Grauville Road housing by walking out of the meeting when the Director of Technical Services failed to appear. And there is a move well under way to create a federation of groups to give the tenants even more muscle. (It is inspiring to see what a well-organized conference can initiate!) There is now a call for anyone or any group interested in a Federation to meet at the offices of the Voluntary Services Council, 38 Caversham Road, Reading on Thursday 21 January at 7.30pm. For copies of the proposed constitution or further information, contact the VSC.

Childshare

Childshare Group, Women's Centre need some more mothers and children to participate and keep the scheme operating. At present thay have a weekly session Thursday mornings when they alternate caring for each others children (two adults work together). The children are from 9 months to 2 years at present. If interested call Penny (83469) or drop into the Women's Centre on Thursday morning.

Netball

Wanted - people to help set up a (Socialist's) netball team. Just for fun and exercise - no -elitist and non-sexist. If interested call Lesley (68972) or Lucy (477797).

New project starting

A silkscreen course for the unemployed needs people to join now who are willing to help set it up. We've go abo t half the equipment but we need to make, find and/or buy such things as drying racks, storage cupboards. We also need to fit out premises so that we've aproper place to work. The course will be free and hopefully could turn into a print shop making campaign posters and publicity material. Committment is necessary, artistic ability or experience helpful. Interested? Plse contact Steve on 65955

RED RAG'S FAMOUS GOING OUT GUIDE

MONDAY 11 JANUARY

Exhibition: William Havel Bicentenary. Reading Museum and Art Gallery. Free. Til 20 Feb
Theatre: Wizard of Oz. Hexagon. 2.30 & 7.30. Til Sturday 16th £?
Cinema: Breaker Morant. Australian film about Boer War trial of 3 officers accused of murdering prisoners. 7.30, South Hill Park. Also tomorrow.

TUESDAY 12 JANUARY

Disco: Reading University Students Union, if you can get in

WEDNASDAY 13 JANUARY

Cinema: Being There AA. RFT, 8pm
La Cage Aux Folles. Excellent French farce. 7. 3o, South Hill Park. Til Saturday. And comes back 2o-23rd January.

THURSDAY 14 JANUARY

Folk: Mike Moran and David Shepherd. Cap & Gown. 8pm, £lish
Cinema: Being There, RFT, 8pm
Classical: Fairfield String Quartet playing Mozart, Janacek, Brahms, Reading University Great Hall, London Road, 8pm. Tickets from Hickeys Friar Street, or 860293. NB our music correspondent writes:'This is not classical music in fact but romantic & modern'

FRIDAY 15 JANUARY

Theatre: I'm getting my Act Together and Putting it on the Road. by Gretchen Cryer. West End hit here perf rmed by Intent of Bulmershe College, at Progress Theatre, The Mount (off Christchurch Road. £1.50. 7.45pm. Also tomorrow. Booking (its very small so you should book if you can) 84794 or 883047.
Panto: Puss in Boots. Shinfield Players. Shinfield Theatre. 7.45 (xxxxx plays 15th, 16th, 22nd, 23rd, 29th, 30th. Fridays 7.45, Saturdays 2.30 & 6.30. £1, kids 60p
Synchronised swimming: Water melody. Central Swimming Pool. 7pm. 15th, 16th, 22nd, 23rd. £1.50. Worth every penny.
Cinema: Satyricon. Fellini's film of the adventures of two boys among the gods and mortals. 11pm, South Hill Park. Also Saturday.
Disco: University Students Union.

SATURDAY 16 JANUARY

nb See yesterday - most of them are also on today.
Folk: Irish Folk with Shegui. South Hill Park. 8pm. £1

SUNDAY 17 JANUARY

Classical: Mendelssohn. Reading Symphony Orchestra, Leighton Park School. 7.45pm, £2 (OAP £1). Tickets Carters travel agency, 163 Friar Street.
Cinema: Papillon. New Reading Cinema Club, Shinfield Theatre, Whitley Wood Lane. 7.45pm. Membership £10 double, £7 single, from Dave Peasnell, 40 Thirlmere Avenue Reading. Enclose SAE

TUESDAY 19 JANUARY

Piano: Recital by Nat Yontararak. University Campus, Palmer Building G10, 1.10pm. Presumably free.
JAZZ: George Melly with John Chilton's Feetwarmers. Not to be missed. The new year starts here (televised). Hexagon, 7.30
ALSO: Mark Murphy with the Tony Lee Trio and Lennie Best. South Hill Park, 8pm, £3.

GOING OUT CONTINUED TUESDAY 19 JANUARY CONT

Jive: The OK Jive Band. University Students Union. £1

WEDNESDAY 20 JANUARY

Cinema: Stalker. RFT 7.30pm. Dir, Tarkovsky. Good stuff.
Classical: Scottish Chamber Orchestra/Paul Tortelier. Hexagon 7.30

THURSDAY 21 JANUARY

Folk: Gerry Hallom, Cap & Gown, 8pm, £1ish
Cinema: Les Paradis des Riches (uncertificated). RFT, members only. Elitist. 8pm.
Theatre: North West to Eden. Gut Reaction Theatre Company. South Hill Park. 7.45pm. £1.70. Until Saturday.

FRIDAY 22 JANUARY

Classical: BBC Music Night. BBC Concert Orchestra. Hexagon, 8pm
Disco: University Student Union
Cinema: Fellini's Roma. South Hill Park. 11pm. Also tomorrow.

SATURDAY 23 JANUARY

Classical: Shield of Faith by Bliss + more. Reading Town Hall. 7.45pm, Tickets £1.75up, from Hickeys.
Midday music at Hexagon from 'Ricky', free.
Theatre: French and Saunders of the Comic Strip. Should be hilarious if they let you drink while it goes on. South Hill Park, 8pm, £1.75

SUNDAY 24 JANUARY

Classical: Reading Youth Orchestra. Hexagon. 7.30

NOTE:
Caribbean Club: Eammon, come on and get your shit together.
Central Club: will someone please tell us what's on there.
Cherries: Who can tell us the programme?

DIARY
COURTING DISASTER: An interesting thing about the Borough Council's decision to raise Council house rents by a third was an argument put forward by the Assitant Town Clerk. Alan Drew reportedly said that a failure by the council to put up rents by an average of £4would put the Council at risk of having the Denning set upon it. He reckoned that Denning's reactionary decision in the London Transport fares case could be applied to Reading's housing policy. Now, there are three possible explanations for Mr Drew's suggestion. The first is that he is a fool. and is unaware that the Denning decision related to a specific piece of legislation which deals specifically with London. The second is that he is a liar, and was attempting to frighten councillors into following senior council officials believe to be sensible financial action (senior council officials are, rightly, well paid and don't often live in council house. The third is that he was misrepresented by the Chronicle, and in fact suggested no such thing. We are lucky that the Britsih system of expert and impartial advice from paid officials workd so well in Reading. Toodle-pip!

Happy 1984 to all our readers.