

RUBBER REVIEW

The newsletter of Rubber Man's Club - Issue 19 October 2011

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THE FORT

Most of you will know by now that The Fort has permanently closed. This has come as a shock to all concerned. The least said about the nameless individual who caused the end of this well-supported and popular venue the better. Many thanks William for all your support through the years. You have been and are a great friend of Rubber Man's Club.



THE FUTURE

It has been decided that the Club will not seek a permanent home in the future until a suitable venue becomes available. Instead the Club will meet at venues to be announced from time to time either in this newsletter or by way of email. **Until further notice the Club will be meeting at The Eagle, Vauxhall on the usual last Friday of every month with the exception of December when no meeting will take place.** (Entry is free between 21:00 - 22:00)

THE LONDON CLUBS TOGETHER CHRISTMAS DINNER WEEKEND

Yes, this very popular annual event is almost upon us. The booking form will be sent out shortly. Once again we have secured the Prince of Wales at Long Acre/Drury Lane. Without a shadow of a doubt this is the best venue in central London for a Christmas Dinner. The decorations are always superb and the food excellent. The staff headed by the lovely Joyce will attend to every diner's needs. There will also be a special raffle. for whatever reason.

Father Christmas has been booked for an appearance. We are hoping for a record turnout this year. It would be good to see some of the faces that appear to have slipped "off the radar"

In addition to the Christmas Dinner we are pleased to confirm that our friends MSC London will be hosting an event on the Friday and Sixty Nine Club will be hosting the brunch on the Sunday. Both events are being funded by those Clubs free of charge.



ECMC 2011

Rubber Man's Club turned out in force to attend the ECMC Conference Weekend in Copenhagen. Base camp was a specially rented apartment in the city centre. The weather was kind to us. It was bright and sunny although not as warm as in the UK! The weekend began with a Welcome Party at the SLM Copenhagen Club House. Rarely can there have been such a well-equipped play area available at an ECMC Conference. Needless to say the facilities were greatly appreciated by those attending. Three of us attended the ECMC Conference. This was a warm and friendly event. Not unnaturally the inestimable Daniel Dumont was re-elected to serve as ECMC Secretary for a further two years although the secretariat is officially held by his club MSC Belgium. Without the work of people like Daniel there would be no ECMC. It was not for nothing that Daniel received a rousing 5 minute standing ovation upon his re-election. Many thanks Daniel.

The Gala Dinner was a night to remember. Excellent food was served by dishy waiters. One who wore a harness requiring special mention "in despatches". Coupled to the dinner was the Mister Leather Europe Competition. As studious "absentees" from this contest we were sceptical about having to sit through it

whilst eating dinner (or even to sit through it at all). SLM Copenhagen achieved the almost impossible by ensuing a full attendance as well as active participation. Well done guys it was really enjoyable. Oh and who won? It was 19 year old (yes 19 year old) Alexi Carpentieri, Mr Baltic Battle 2011. Alexi made pole dancing into an entirely new art form!

Once the dinner had finished we retired to the party at the SLM Copenhagen Club House. Once again full use was made of the available facilities into the "wee small hours". (Well not so wee for some!!) The brunch on the Sunday was a wonderful selection of meats and other foods. It seemed that the weekend had gone so quickly.

In the afternoon there was time for some sightseeing. We took in the Little Mermaid as well as a restored Fort nearby. We walked back along the river bank stopping for an ice cream at Amelianborg. The young man serving the ice cream asking our secretary if he wanted "Topping"! We also inspected the castle. This is the royal palace. The Queen did not invite us in although we made our presence know by joining the throng waiting to see the new prime minister come to "kiss hands". She is the daughter-in-law of Lord and Lady Neil Kinnock. Good luck Denmark!

Our secretary was most taken with one of the policemen on duty. He ensured we lingered a lot longer than usual. The evening was rounded off by an outdoor meal by the canal.

THE SISTERS OF PERPETUAL INDULGENCE



At the ECMC Conference we were addressed by two of the sisters. They are dedicated to providing help and assistance to those suffering from the effects of HIV. They explained what they do and their commitment to the cause. It was most interesting and informative. The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence are a great tonic to the gay community as a whole and deserve our support in whatever ways possible.

It was decided that they would be RMC's nominated charity for 2012.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN THE UK AND EUROPE

- 21-23 Oct - MSC London 38th Birthday Weekend
- 21-23 Oct - Wien im Schwarz - LMC Vienna
- 11-13 Nov - Sternchenparty - Leathermen Dusseldorf
- 18-20 Nov - Curly Kale for Guys - Leguan Hannover
- 26th Nov - MSC Scotland AGM & St Andrews Supper
- 2-4 Dec - London Clubs Together Christmas Dinner Weekend
- 2-4 Dec - Christkindlesmarkttreffen - NLC Nurnberg
- 9-11 Dec - Catacombs - LC Roma
- 27-29 Jan- MSC Scotland Burns Supper

