

**THEATRE**

**PLAYHOUSE 709 8363**  
 22 Nov-9 Dec: **THE DAYS OF THE COMMUNE** (Bertholt Brecht). Set in Paris in 1871. Besieged by the mighty Prussian armies of Bismarck and betrayed by their own politicians, the people of Paris set up their own government. They sustain their dream through the horrors of a bitter winter and the famine of a terrible siege. Then, as spring comes, the dream is smashed. One of the great historical plays of this century.  
 29 Nov-16 Dec: **A CHRISTMAS CAROL**. Adaptation of Charles Dickens' famous story. Matinees only until 11 Dec. Children under 14 half price.  
 22 Dec-20 Jan: **THE OWL ON THE BATTLEMENTS (OR WHERE'S WINKLE?)**. Comedy thriller by Beverley Cross. Tale of ghosts, vampires and mummies set in a lonely house on Dartmoor. Children 10-14 half price.  
 23 Dec-6 Jan, also 10, 13, 17, 20 Jan: **ALICE THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS**. Straight adaptation of Lewis Carroll's book. Matinees only. Children under 14 half price.

**EVERYMAN 709 4776**  
 29 Nov-16 Dec: **ALPHA-BETA**. New play by E. A. Whitehead, whose controversial first play, *The Four-some*, was a success in London and later at the Everyman. Alpha-Beta is the story of a warring couple whose decaying marriage is brilliantly and horrifyingly analysed by the author.

**ROYAL COURT 709 5163**  
 4 Dec: **BITTER SWEET**.  
 11 Dec: **MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM**.  
 18 Dec: **BLACK AND WHITE**.  
 23 Dec: **TOAD OF TOAD HALL** (matinees for three weeks).

**EMPIRE 709 1555**  
 23 Dec - Feb 17: **Pantomime: DICK WITTINGTON**.

**GATEWAY THEATRE Chester 40393**  
 22 Dec - 20 Jan: **THE WIZARD OF OZ**.

**NEPTUNE 709 7844**  
 Opens 16 Dec: **ALADDIN**

**JAZZ**

**MERSEYSIDE JAZZ SOCIETY** at Bucks Club (behind British Home Stores) every Monday. Phone 236 3909 for details.  
**COFFEE HOUSE**, Church Road, Liverpool 15. Every Tuesday at 8 p.m.: Blue Magnolia Jazz Orchestra.  
**NEW COURT BAR**, Sir Thomas St. L'pool 1. Jazz every Monday, 8 p.m.  
**MERSEYSIPPI Jazz Band** at The Sportsman, St John's Precinct, every Wednesday evening.  
**BLUE MAGNOLIA Jazz Band** at the Star and Garter, St John's Precinct, every Thursday at 8 p.m.  
**MODERN JAZZ**. Banyan Tree Club, Adelphi Hotel. Every Monday, 9 p.m. - 2 a.m.

**ART**

**PAINTINGS** on the railings at St Luke's Church, Leece Street. All day Saturday. St Luke's Art Group invite new members. Sec: Nina Kenworthy. Tel: 733 6125.

**POETRY**

**LANCASHIRE Poetry Association**. Live poetry in the city and elsewhere. True poetry, no circus clowns. Gazebo, Duke Street, last Tues every month at eight. Also The Lion, Bridge Street, Warrington, last Tues every month at eight. Phone 736 5246 for details.  
**JABBERWOCKY Poetry nights**. Second Wednesday every month. Poetry and music ancient and modern, from Horace to Henri. At the Old Schoolhouse, Parkgate, Wirral. Details: Peggy Poole (625 8957).  
**REGULAR readings** of nationally known poets at Great George's Centre, Great George Street. Phone 709 5109 for details.  
 30 Nov (and last Thurs every month) poetry at Wht Not? pub, Harrington Street, off North John Street. David Porter, Sidney Hoddes, Harold Hikins and friends. 7.45. (15p).  
**POETRY** at Spellow Library, County Road, L'pool 4. Bring poems and friends. Details: 525 5477.  
 8 Dec: Harold Hikins' Poetry Circus in the library, Ullet Road Unitarian Church (entrance York Ave) Liverpool 17. 2 p.m.

**FILMS**

**MERSEYSIDE FILM INSTITUTE SOCIETY**. Details of membership from 45 Bluecoat Chambers, Liverpool L1 3BX. Office open 12.30 to 1.30 Mon, Tues, Fri, or any evening when a film is showing.  
 1 Dec: **LE VIOL (A QUESTION OF RAPE)**. (Doniol Valeroze, Sweden/France 1967). A woman opens the door to a stranger who has come to deliver a parcel, but instead produces a gun. 6 p.m. and 8.15.  
 4/5 Dec: **THE SILENCE**. (Bergman, Sweden 1962). 6 p.m. and 8.15.  
 8 Dec: **DYNAMITE CHICKEN**. (Ernest Pintoff, USA 1971). Mixed media mosaic featuring Joan Baez, Allen Ginsburg, Andy Warhol, Leonard Cohen, Malcolm X, Sha-Na-Na, Lenny Bruce, The Ace Trucking Company, John Lennon, Jimi Hendrix and Nina Simone. 6 p.m., 8.15. Also: **THE CRITIC** (Pintoff)  
 9 Dec: **SWEET CHARITY**. (Bob Fosse, USA 1968). With Shirley MacLaine, Sammy Davis Jr and Ricardo Montalban. 5 and 8 p.m.  
 11/12 Dec: **DAISIES** (Vera Chitilova Czechoslovakia 1966). Bizarre, satirical comedy of two young girls who, judging the world to be bad, decide to behave spoilt too. 6 p.m. and 8.15.  
 15 Dec: **YOYO**. (Pierre Etaix, France/Switzerland 1965). 6.0; 8.15.  
 18/19 Dec: **SAWDUST AND TINSEL**. (Bergman, Sweden 1953). Originally cut because of excessive sex and violence. 1972 audiences unlikely to be particularly shocked by this complete version. 6 p.m. and 8.15.

**WOMEN'S LIB**

Meetings at 2, Rutland Avenue, Liverpool 17, at 8 p.m.  
**NEWCOMERS' MEETINGS**  
 5 Dec: The history of the women's movement.  
**GENERAL MEETINGS**  
 6 Dec: Discussion about the government's plan to take the family allowance from the wife and put it in the husband's pay packet.  
 10 Jan: Discussion with claimants on the role of the Claimants' Union.  
**ABORTION AND CONTRACEPTION CAMPAIGN** - meets every Wed  
**NATIONAL CONFERENCE** - A woman's right to choose. Weekend of Jan 27-28 at Royal Institution, Colquitt Street.

**FOLK**

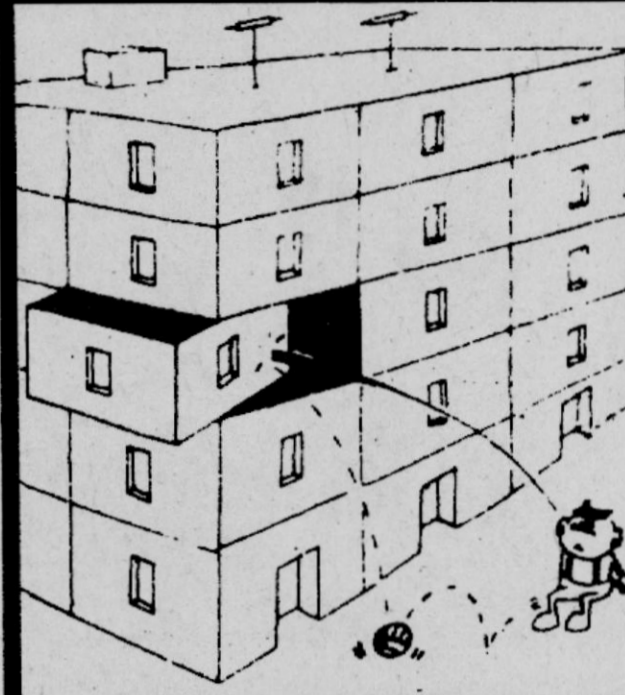
**ALEHOUSE Folk Club**, Cattle market Hotel, Prescott Road. Every Thursday at 8 p.m. with Old Rope and Guests. Members 20p, guests 25p.  
**ATLANTIC HOUSE Folk Club**, Hardman Street, Liverpool 1. Every Friday at 8.30 p.m.  
**CROFTERS Folk Club**, Clubship Landfall, Collingwood Dock. Every Monday at 8 p.m.  
**JACQUI & BRIDIE'S Folk Song Club** Domestic Mission, Mill St, L'pool 8 every Monday at 8 p.m.  
**SEVEN SEAS Folk Club**, Seamen's Club, 96 Paradise St, Liverpool 1. Every Saturday at 8 p.m. Members 20p, visitors 25p.  
**SPINNERS Folk Club**, Gregsons Well, Brunswick Rd, Liverpool 6. Every Monday at 8 p.m.  
**MELLING Folk Club**, Horse and Jockey, Melling, Every Monday at 8.30. Details: Mrs Walmsley, phone 546 2532.  
 15 Dec: **Midnight Folk** at the Everyman. With Dominic Behan, The Crofters, New Beggarmen, Golbey's Trilogy and Brian Jacques. 11p.m. Tickets: 75p.  
**Childbirth**: For the psychoprophylactic method of preparation for childbirth contact the secretary of the local branch of the National Childbirth Trust. Tel: 489 2716.



**INFORMER**

**THE CLOTHES YOU CAN CLAIM**

'CHECK!' the Liverpool organisation which helps Social Security claimants has released details of the 'general guide' used by officials deciding whether to pay an exceptional needs grant for clothing:  
**MEN** should have one overcoat or raincoat, one jacket, two pairs of trousers, a waistcoat or sweater, three pairs of socks, two pairs of boots or shoes, two shirts, two vests, two pairs of underpants (if worn) two nightshirts or pyjamas.  
**WOMEN**: One overcoat or raincoat, one cardigan or jacket, two dresses (a jumper and skirt count as one dress), three pairs of stockings, two pairs of shoes, two petticoats or underslips, two vests, two pairs of knickers, two bras if worn, one pair of corsets if worn and two nightdresses.  
**CHILDREN**: For boys a windcheater may count as a jacket, and for girls bras are not included.  
 Check! suggests that when claiming you list what you need and what you already have. They suggest you produce the list only as a last resort, and if you still get no satisfaction phone the regional office (922 7101) and give the name of the official involved to Mr Rist or Mr Stanton.  
 Check's phone number is 709 4811/2.



**ENVIRONMENT**

**CAMPAIGNS** are being planned to stop France carrying out its biggest series of nuclear tests yet, scheduled for next year, in the atmosphere above the South Pacific. New Zealand's Committee of Peace Media Research plans to send a fleet of boats into the area and Sir Mark Oliphant, Governor of South Australia has said he will join or help finance any expedition to oppose the tests. In Britain, Telephone Action on the Environment plan 'a massive ring-in' against the danger of radioactivity from the tests. Details: 176 Finchley Road London NW3. Tel: 01-341 7634.

**MERSEYSIDE Organic Food Collective**. Mainly cereals, sugar, dried fruit, nuts. Low cost through bulk buying. Non-profit making. Write to 39 Lilley Road, Liverpool 7 or phone 263 4890.

**FRIENDS OF THE EARTH** meet every Wednesday in the McAusland Lounge, Liverpool University Students Union at 8 p.m.

**CONCERTS**



**STADIUM 236 6316**  
 30 Nov: **WISHBONE ASH**  
 9 Dec: **QUINTESSENCE**  
 16 Dec: **GROUNDHOGS**  
 23 Dec: **HAWKWIND**

**EMPIRE 709 1555**  
 9 Dec: **KING CRIMSON**  
 17 Dec: **THE BACHELORS** with Grumbleweeds, Neil Reid, Norman Collier, Al Robbins and Grace Rich. Empire. 5.30 and 7.50.

10-12 Dec: **JACK JONES**. Floral Hall, Southport. Tel: 56617.

**CLASSICAL**

8 Dec: Beethoven, Barber, Schumann, Brahms. Philharmonic, 7.30.  
 7 Dec: Christmas motets by the Renaissance Music Group. Parish Church, Ormskirk, 8 p.m. Repeated on Dec 8 in the Lady Chapel at Liverpool Cathedral. 8 p.m.  
 9 Dec: Handel's Messiah. Liverpool Welsh Choral Union. Philharmonic, 7.15 p.m.  
 11 Dec: Christmas Music. St George's Hall. 7.30.  
 12 Dec: Rossini, Beethoven, Sibelius, Delius. Philharmonic. 7.30

**SPORT**

**LEARN GOJU KARATE** at the Liverpool Okinawa-Goju Karate Centre, Broadway Hall, Utting Ave/Broadway Bridge. Enrol any Mon or Fri, 7-10 p.m. to learn this fascinating physical/mental art.

**LEARN TO SKI** at Camp Hill, Woolton. For details phone 724 2371.

**FISHING** in Newsham, Stanley, Calderstones, Princes and Walton Hall parks. Lakes open every day from 9 a.m. Adults 10p a day, children 5p. Season tickets £1. For details phone 724 2371.

**STOCK CAR RACING**. Kirkby Stadium, Sundays from 3 p.m.  
**WRESTLING**. Every Friday at Liverpool Stadium, Bixteth Street. For details phone 236 6316.

**RUGBY**. At St Michael's Church Rd, Liverpool 17. For fixtures phone 727 6330.

**GREYHOUND racing**: Thursdays and Saturdays, 7.30, White City Stadium, Lower Breck Road. Tel: 263 4721.

**ATHLETICS**: Liverpool Harriers - cross-country running for boys and girls, every Sunday, 11 a.m. Woolton Park Wood. Tel: 722 2026.

**Liverpool Boundary Harriers** - Training ever Wed from Old Roan, Aintree, 7.45. Races every Sat, ages 13-50. Coaching for beginners. Tel: 526 8139.

**S.Y.M.C.** - every Sat, 10.30-noon. Gymnastic training for 11-14 year olds. YMCA, Mount Pleasant. Tel: 709 9516.

**SAILING** on the Mersey, no need to own a boat. Liverpool Sailing Club. Tel: 428 3543/2556/3061.

**SMALL ADS**

Lonely? Despairing? Suicidal? Phone the Samaritans at 709 8888 (day or night) or write to: 34 Slater Street, Liverpool L1 4BX.

**WANTED URGENTLY**: Large room or flat for one. Central Liverpool. Ring 220 5223.

**COMMUNITY SCIENCE/Workers' Self-Management**: Technical people, with or without paper qualifications, wanted to help initiate collective production. Write (SAE) to 71 Thirlwell Road, Sheffield S8 9TF, giving skills, experience and age.

**PREGNANCY testing**. Free, confidential service. 2 Rutland Ave, Liverpool 17. Every Sat, 10 a.m. to noon. (Organised by Women's Liberation Movement).

**CROSBY Labour Party Young Socialists** meet on second and fourth Tues each month at Labour H.Q. in Crosby Road South, Waterloo. New members and friends always welcome. Several big campaigns planned.

**STRUGGLE** - Revolutionary paper of the Communist Federation of Britain (Marxist-Leninist). Available from 54 Alderfield Drive, Lpool 24.

**HOMOSEXUAL?** The Campaign for Homosexual Equality needs your help in the fight for legal equality and an end to prejudice. Merseyside group organises regular discussions and social events. Details: C.H.E., 28 Kennedy Street Manchester 2.

**STUDENT** and young people's group of the C.H.E. (gay women particularly welcome). Regular meetings and campaigning. Write as above or c/o Students Union (letter rack) Brownlow Hill, Liverpool 3.

**FED UP** with the BBC? The new S.I.R.A. autumn mag lists loads of good listening alternatives. News of radios Veronica and North Sea, plus the return of Caroline. This is the magazine Auntie Beeb hasn't the guts to read! 25p from Southern Independent Radio Association, 91 Park St, Horsham, Sussex.

**INTERNATIONAL Voluntary Service** run youth clubs for the mentally handicapped, playschemes for kids, teach English to immigrant mothers, visit and decorate for old people. Open meeting (speakers and discussions) every Wed, 8 p.m. at David Lewis Youth Club, 1 Upper Parliament St, Lpool 8 (709 6726).

**WE ARE NOT** an organisation. P.N.P. means people, not psychiatry, a way people (like you?) meet and help each other. Contact Bob Hughes 41 Belmont Road, Liverpool 6. Tel: 263 5574.

**IS IT** lack of sex education at school, lack of parental chats on the 'birds and bees' or sheer stupidity that leads so many people into the traps of unwanted pregnancy? Contraception is available to anyone and everyone over the age of 16 (and soon hopefully 14). Why don't people use services open to them? -Family Planning Association. Tel: 709 7648.

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**VIETNAM VIGIL IN CITY**

ALTHOUGH many people believe the Vietnam war is almost over, the Merseyside Committee for Medical Aid to Vietnam are convinced that medical aid, not only to Vietnam, but also to Laos and Cambodia must continue.  
 In response to fresh appeals from the Vietnamese people, the committee are holding a Vietnam vigil in Bold Street on Friday, Saturday and Monday, December 1, 2 and 4, and the following Friday and Saturday, December 8 and 9 from noon to 2 p.m.  
 They aim to publicise the committee's work with leaflets and a prominent display of posters questioning America's role in Vietnam. A 'stop the bombing' petition will

be organised to take to the American Consul in Liverpool.  
 So far, a dozen building workers from the Teaching Hospital site, a groups of docks shop stewards and Dick Crawshaw (MP for Toxteth) have promised their support, but there is still room for more volunteers. Anyone willing to help should contact Mrs Sayle at 5 Nalley Road, Liverpool 4 (Tel: 263 7874).  
 A film, 'The struggle of life', which deals with the destruction of Vietnam will be shown in the Dove-Cote Hall, Knotty Ash, at 7.30 on December 7.  
 The committee are also hoping to have a street collection soon, and money raised will go to the Vietnamese Red Cross.

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 ● Ads which involve buying, selling etc are included free on the understanding that the advertiser does not make a living from this kind of transaction.  
 ● Where legal difficulties arise, publication may be refused.