

Theatre

PLAYHOUSE Tel: 709 8363
 Until 12 Feb. *Three Months Gone*, a northern comedy by Donald Howarth. Deals with the love affair between Anna, a sensible but lonely vicar's daughter and Alvin, a sensitive but rather backward young man. They struggle to adjust to a brash world.
 16 Feb-4 March. (except Mon, 21st) *Wait until Dark*, a classic thriller by Frederick Knott. Three criminals are outwitted by a mild-mannered photographer, his disabled wife and a twelve-year-old girl. Don't miss the breathtaking finish.

PLAYHOUSE STUDIO 72
 New venture designed to make sure the newest and most influential plays get a production in the North-West.
 8, 9, 11, 12 Feb. *Christie in Love*. In this profoundly serious and horribly amusing play Howard Brenton looks hard at our preoccupation with sex, violence and the law. Second half of a double bill including "Heads" by the same author. 7.30. Adults only.
 18, 19, 22, 23, 25, 26 Feb. 1, 3, 4 March. *Slag*, David Hare's most ambitious work to date. Fascinating study of women building their own society in a man's world and sometimes acting true to the image of themselves that the world has taught them to accept. 7.30. Adults only.

EVERYMAN Tel: 709 4776
 9-12 Feb. *Soft or a Girl* returns. Rock comedy by John McGrath with a Liverpool setting. Sixteen new songs performed by Petticoat and Vine.
 16-19 Feb. *Merseyside Unity Theatre*. Amateur company perform *Marat/Sade*. Total theatre, making free use of song, dance and mime as the inmates of the asylum act out the story of Marat's assassination in his bath. Raises topical questions, like whether violence is justified.
 23 Feb-11 March (except Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays). *Measure for Measure*, by Wm Shakespeare. Moral standards in Vienna are crumbling. One man, authoritarian and puritan, attempts to patch up the tattered fabric of society with repressive measures. Against this familiar-sounding background Shakespeare sets the struggle of a young nun to save her brother's life. 7.30.

ROYAL COURT Tel: 709 5163
 8-12 Feb. Virginia MacKenna and Robert Lang in "The Beheading", a comedy by Thomas Muschant.

EMPIRE Tel: 709 1555
 Until 12 Feb. *Robinson Crusoe*.
 19 March (one night) *The Val Doonican Show*. With Dick Emery and Neil Reid.

NEPTUNE Tel: 709 7844
 17-19 Feb. The Argosy Players (Barclays Bank Society of Arts) present: *The Importance of Being Earnest*, by Oscar Wilde; 7.30.
 23-26 Feb. Neptune Theatre Company present: *Alice in Liverpool*, devised and directed by Teresa Collard. 7.30

GATEWAY CHESTER Tel: 40393
 Until 12 Feb. Peter Baldwin in Noel Coward's *Private Lives*.
 16 Feb-4 March. Leon Vitali in Ibsen's *Ghosts*.
 Coming soon: Bill Simpson in *The Patrick Pearse Motel*.

18-19 Feb. Stork Dramatic Society present *Joy Ride - The Exposure of Lady Godiva*, a comedy. Gladstone Hall, Pt Sunlight, 7.30.

26 Feb, and 28 Feb to 4 March. Carlton Players present *The Enquiry*, by Charlotte Hastings. Little Theatre, B'head. 7.30.

18-26 Feb. Southport Dramatic Club present *Birds on the Wing*, by Peter Yeldham. Little Theatre, Houghton St, S'port. 7.45.

Exhibitions

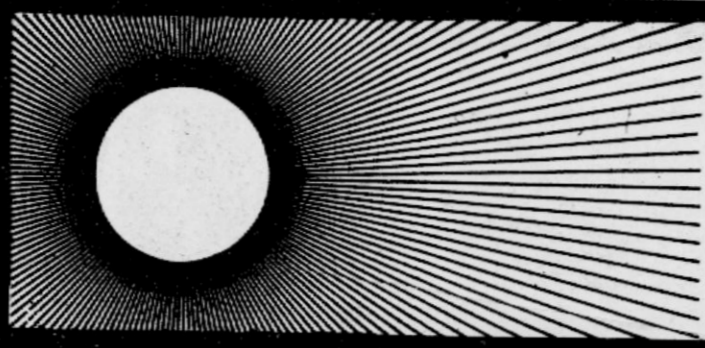
Until 20 Feb. Ballooning exhibition. (Lent by Victoria and Albert Museum) Williamson Art Gallery and Museum, Slaty Rd, B'head.

23-26 Feb. L'pool Antique Fair. Bluecoat Hall. Wed-Fri 11-9; Sat 10-6.

All month. "The Six wives of Henry VIII". Not the actual wives, but the costumes used in the TV series. Museum, William Brown St. Adults 20p, Children, OAPs and students 10p.

All month. Exhibition. "Theatre on the German-speaking stage." Museum, William Brown St.

All month. Exhibition and sale of work by British craftsmen. Pottery, weaving, jewellery etc. Bluecoat Display centre.



Art

8-19 Feb. Sandon Studios Society annual exhibition of paintings and sculpture. Bluecoat Gallery.

16 Feb. Talk and discussion. J Shore, head of Chester School of Art on "When seeing is believing". Williamson Art Gallery, Slaty Rd, B'head. 7.45.

Until 19 Feb. Royal Society of Marine Artists. Exhibition. Williamson Art Gallery, Slaty Rd, B'head.

Until 28 Feb. Sculptures and abstracts by Eric Carr and Robert Watkinson. Neptune Theatre, Hanover St.

29 Feb-4 March. Watercolours, etchings and colour prints by the late Bernard Eyre-Walker. Bluecoat Gallery.

Until 4 March. Prints, drawings and watercolours by Liverpool etcher Geoffrey Wedgwood. Walker Art Gallery.

Artists can exhibit their work free at the Everyman theatre in the area at the side of the auditorium. Details from the manager. Exhibitions normally last three weeks and are open to the public when there's no performance or rehearsal from 10 am-5 pm.

Films

ABC Lime Street Tel: 709 6277
 13-19 Feb. *Secret Rites (X)*.

ABBEY CINERAMA Tel: 722 7303
 Trevor Howard, Marlon Brando in *Mutiny on the Bounty* (for a season).

FUTURIST Tel: 709 3186
 Ali McGraw and Ryan O'Neal in *Love Story (A)* (for ever?).

GAUMONT Tel: 709 0717
 13-19 Feb. *Mickey Mouse Anniversary Show*.

JACEY Tel: 709 6290
 Until 12 Feb. *As naked as the wind from the trees (X)* and Laurence Harvey in *She and He (X)*.

ODEON Tel: 709 0717
 Odeon 1: *Nicholas and Alexandra (A)* (for a season).
 Odeon 2: Until 26 Feb: *Straw Dogs (X)*.
 27 Feb (for 5 wks) *The French Connection*

MERSEYSIDE FILM THEATRE
 45, Bluecoat Chambers. Organised by M'side Film Institute Society.
 14-15 Feb. *From Russia with Love*.
 21-22 Feb. *Duet for Cannibals*.
 26 Feb. *Whatever happened to baby Jane?*
 28-29 Feb. *Le Million*
 3 March. *Cul de Sac*.
 6-7 March. *Onibaba*.

Deeside Film Society meets alternate Thursdays from 7.45 in the MANWEB Training School Hall, Carr Lane, Hoylake. Membership £1.50. Write to the secretary, 72 Blackhorse Hill, West Kirby. 625-6757.
 17 Feb. *The Grasshopper*. Directed by Samsonov (USSR).
 15 Feb. *Tristana*, directed by Luis Bunuel. Followed by discussion. S'port Film Guild. Atkinson Art Gallery, 7.30.

18 Feb. *Charlie Bubbles*, British film directed by (and starring) Albert Finney. Bromborough Film Society, Carlett Park College, 7.15

● Note: To see a film being shown by a film society you normally have to be a member.

Concerts

FLORAL HALL SOUTHPORT
 Tel: S'port 56617

13 Feb. Stan Kenton & Orchestra
 27 Feb. Wally Whyton's "Country Meets Folk" with Tex Withers, Little Ginny, Country Fever, Johnny Young 4 5 March. The Spinners.
 16 March. Jaques Loussier Trio play Bach.

10 Feb. Wingate's Champion Band. Theatre Royal, St Helens, 7.30.

POP, ROCK, ETC

8 Feb. *Lindisfarne, Keith Christmas Band*. Mountford Hall, Univ Students Union. 7.0p. 8 p.m. For Panto Week.

9 Feb. *Mountain* at L'pool Stadium 6.5p. 7.45 p.m. Tel: 709 3703

11 Feb. *Raving Rupert and Wild Wally's Silly Circus*. Faculty of Construction Building, Clarence St. 40p (50p at door) 7.30.

12 Feb. *Free* at L'pool Stadium. 7.0p. 7.30 p.m. Tel: 709 3703

19 Feb. *Mott the Hoople*. Liverpool Stadium. Tel: 709 3703.

26 Feb. *Hawkwind*. Liverpool Stadium. Tel: 709 3703.

CLASSICAL

12 Feb. *L'pool Welsh Choral Union*. The Dream of Gerontius, by Elgar. Philharmonic. 7.15.

15 Feb. *RLPS Concert*. Per Nørgaard/Luna; Dvorak/Symphony No 5; Elgar/Violin Concerto. Charles Groves and Yehudi Menuhin. Philharmonic. 7.30

16 Feb. *Organ recital* by Flor Peeters. L'pool (Anglican) Cathedral. 7.30

17 Feb. *Alsop Recital*. The Fires of London directed by Peter Maxwell Davies. Mountford Hall, Univ Students Union, 7.30.

19 Feb. *RLPS Concert*. Walton/ *Beshazzar's Feast*; McCabe/Metamorphoses for harpsicord and orchestra; Vaughan Williams/Sancta Civitas. Charles Groves, Rafael Puyana, John Shirley-Quirk. Philharmonic. 7.30.

19 Feb. *Oratorio*. Wm Morris Singers. Central Hall, Renshaw St, 7.30.

21 Feb. *Perfectly Composed*. L'pool composer John McCabe introduced by Anthony Hopkins at the Playhouse. 7.30.

22 Feb. *Concert*. Peak Ensemble. Rodewald Concert Soc. Philharmonic Hall, 7.30.

26 Feb. *St Matthew Passion*. Hoylake Choral Soc. St Andrew's Church, West Kirby, 7.30.

27 Feb. *Inter Halls Concert*. Northern Renaissance Consort. University Hall, Holly Road. 8 p.m.

29 Feb. *RLPS Concert*. Handel/Concerto Grosso; Vaughan Williams/Norfolk Rhapsody No 1; Walton/Viola Concerto; Sibelius/Symphony No 2. Charles Groves, Paul Doktor, Keith Wood. Philharmonic Hall, 7.30.

Jazz

MERSEYSIDE JAZZ SOCIETY
 Every Monday at Bucks Club, behind British Home Stores.
 28 Feb. Big attraction: international baritone sax star Ronnie Ross +3. 8.45. [Details: Circle Records, Sweeting St]

Coming in March: George Melly and the Smoky City Jazzmen. Gateway Theatre, Chester. Details: Chester 40393

Poetry

MALLORN, a Liverpool poetry mag is looking for poetry, stories and line drawings. Write: Mary, 205 Long Lane, Lpool 9.

9 Feb. *Jabberwocky*. Focus on poetry, mixed with music, coffee and art. At the Pear Tree Barn, Burton, Wirral. 8 p.m.

24 Feb. and last Thursday every month *Poetry Platform* at the Gazebo, Duke Street. Tel: 926 3752. New poets invited.

25 Feb. *Mixed media event* based on sound poetry by Bob Cobbing and Pete Finch. 8 p.m. at Great Georges Project, Great George St, Lpool 1. 20p. Tel 709 5109.

25 Feb. *Adrian Henri, Matt Simpson, Sidney Hoddes, Anne Kenny, Spencer Leigh and Joe Fraine* (songs). Pan Art Centre, rear of 179 Lord Street, Southport, 7.30.

Poetry - last Thursday every month at *Octopus Club*, Why Not, Harrington St. Harold Hinks, David Porter and friends. 15p.

INFORMER

Environment



Friends of the Earth now meet regularly in the bar of Byrom Street Polytechnic. Weds. 8 p.m.

Organic food co-operative forming. Contact Mike Chandler, 2 Sefton Drive, Lpool 8.

Alternative technologies and re-cycling project starting. Contact Rick Seddon, 23 Sydenham Ave, Lpool 17.

Herculeum Dock. Lorries arriving daily with industrial waste to be dumped by the poison chemical ship Kinder.

Eco-activists. University group. Contact John Bossons, Dept of Architecture.

Threatened species campaign. Contact John Townsend, 14 Wrigleys Close, Formby. Tel: 36/73819.

Folk

THEATRE ROYAL, ST HELENS
 Tel: 28467

8 Feb. Jackie & Bridie, plus guests.
 9 Feb. *Country Meets Folk*, with Tex Withers, Country Fever, Little Ginny, Johnny Young 4.

LIVERPOOL FOLK CLUB
 The Mitre, Dale St. Saturdays, 8.0
 12 Feb. Therapy
 19 Feb. Tom Paley
 26 Feb. Jack Hudson
 4 March. Singers night
 11 March. Coe and Richard

ATLANTIC HOUSE FOLK CLUB
 Hardman Street. Fridays.
 11 Feb. Robin Hall and Jimmy McGregor. 8.30.

10 Feb. Univ Students' Union. Martin Cathy and Tir-na-Nog. 50p.

JACQUI & BRIDIE'S FOLK CLUB
 Domestic Mission, Mill St, L'pool 8 Mondays, 8 p.m.

SPINNERS' FOLK CLUB
 Gregson's Well, Brunswick Rd, L'pool 6 Mondays, 8 p.m.

CROFTERS' FOLK CLUB
 Clubship Landfall, Salthouse Dock. Mondays, 8 p.m.

PINEHURST FOLK CLUB
 Richmond Arms Hotel, 78 Breck Rd, Liverpool 5. Thursdays, 8 p.m.
 10 Feb. *Old Rope* and guests.

THE SING ROUND
 Leigh Arms, Picton Rd, L'pool 7 Fridays, 8.30.
 Resident group: The Hidden Stream

Odds & sods

TRANSCENDENTAL MEDITATION
 Sandon Music (!) Room, Bluecoat. Every Fri, 8.0.

WE ARE NOT an organisation. PNP= people, not psychiatry - a way through which people (like you?) meet and help each other. Contact Bill Foulkes, Flat 2, 25 Princes Ave, or Bob Hughes, 41 Belmont Road, Lpool 6. 263-5574.

10 Feb. *Multi Media Realisations show*. Lonsdale Room, Central Hall, Renshaw Street.

LIVERPOOL GUITAR CLUB
 [for young people]
 Basement, Central Hall Renshaw St Tuesdays, 7.30-9.30.

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If you know of someone who can't read and write you can help him by telling him about "121". If not, you can still help - you can become a volunteer tutor. No teaching experience necessary.

Contact: "121", University Settlement, 2 Nile Street, L1 7AF. 709 4811.

FABIAN SOCIETY. Meets at Postgrad Club, above Parry's bookshop, Brownlow Hill, 8 p.m. This month: 10 Feb. Discussion on VI form colleges in Liverpool. Speakers: D.I. Morgan, Deputy Principal, Preston VI-form College and John Hamilton, L'pool Education Committee member.
 24 Feb. Equal pay for all - is it a practical proposition? Discussion.

ANARCHISTS
 Meetings first Sunday every month. Details: John Cowan, 263 4890.

12 Feb. *Panto Fair*, St George's Plateau. Procession starts 2 p.m. Crown Street.

14 Feb. An evening of *mime*. With Helfrid Foron, Stanley Theatre, Univ Students' Union. 8 p.m.

Small ads

WANTED: First-size baby clothes in good condition. Helen Salway, 10 Parkfield Road, Lpool 17. Tel-727 5454

House for sale. Owner going abroad. Four bedrooms, 2 entertaining rms, bathroom, kitchens. East Lancashire Road, Walton. Suit professional man. Box no 15;

Liverpool Fabian Society is preparing a list of voluntary agencies working in Liverpool. If you can give details about the work of any voluntary agency, please write to the secretary, 11 Westhaven Crescent, Aughton, Ormskirk.

DO YOUR PROBLEMS loom larger than life? Then bring them to us and we will sort them out for you. Help is always available day and night. No one turned empty away. Voluntary helpers and small donations also welcomed at: Help, 85 Bedford Road, Rock Ferry.

Homosexual? The Campaign for Homosexual Equality needs your help in the fight for legal equality and an end to social prejudice. Merseyside local group organises regular discussion meetings and social events. Details from C.H.E. national H.Q. at 28 Kennedy St, Manchester 2.

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