

Barry MacSweeney reading and talking about his own poems provided the first in a new series of ventures by the Literary & Drama Group. To cynics over 25, the choice of the young Newcastle poet — surprise candidate for the Oxford Chair of Poetry — might have seemed in advance to have only the obvious virtue of topicality. In the event however, some of his best poetry revealed depth and intelligence, as well as the clever imagery which characterised most of his work. In a lively discussion afterwards, MacSweeney — with disarming modesty, but not to universal approval — disclaimed the roles of political propagandist, revolutionary, or even analyst of his own work, insisting that the poetry must stand on its own. It was clear that many members of the packed audience thought it did.
R.H.

Three architects showed slides of Liverpool past and present. George Hall's scenes of the streets around St. John's Market, gone in the last three years, sparked off a heated disagreement as to the desirability of the coming supermarket environment compared with the fast disappearing richly varied stalls which provided real fresh produce even if the purlicus were a bit tatty.

J.G.

Liverpudliana : (Architects : 21 November 68)

The National Theatre Party on 5 November went off like a bomb — the members who attended can still be heard reminiscing in the Sandon Bar not only about the As You Like It cast but also the Elliot Clarke dancing girls invited to entertain them. The next party is on 20 December and there is a New Year's Eve Party too.

Those who attended Gordon Macpherson's lecture on Wednesday arranged by the Painters and Sculptors Group were well rewarded by the searching and racy reappraisal of 20th century sculpture — it must have left even knowledgable Sandon members more aware of what it is all about and why, amongst much else, cubism became 'a bit of a dead duck'. *The Club groups are evidently taking wings and the Chairman and other officials present were pleased to see their efforts yielding so much.*

H.T.

On Thursday 14 November we were entertained by the Sandon Ensemble playing works by Schubert and Hindemith. These two composers complement one another well in the intimate medium of chamber music although their styles are a hundred years apart. The Sandon music room is admirably suited to music making of this kind. The choice of programme enabled us to hear a rich variety of musical textures. In the last item we were delighted to hear David Connolly playing the double bass again after having neglected it in favour of the horn for a number of years.

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SANDON STUDIOS

DRAMA GROUP

Friday & Saturday 13 & 14 December at 7.45 pm a double bill: DAY OF ATONEMENT, a one act play produced by David Walker and also a dramatised reading of the GOLDEN COD, a new play by Joe Martindale. Get your share of serious drama before the pantomime season starts, Anyone willing to help with lighting, scenery etc., contact Tony Robinson or David Walker

Look out in next bulletin for announcement about new weekly activities.

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER

This year we are having Christmas dinner instead of the usual Christmas lunch. This will be on FRIDAY 20th December. We suggest meeting in the bar at 7.0 pm where a mystery happening will take place. Dinner will be served at 7.30. A list will be posted on the notice board early in December and tickets, price 1 gn, will be strictly limited.

See notice about Music Group party which follows the dinner at 10.0 pm.

MUSIC GROUP PARTY

FRIDAY 20th December at 10.0 pm

Entertainment of a divers nature

Dancing to Mike Jackson Modern Jazz Group

Tickets 10/- Refreshments inclusive

ARCHITECTS GROUP

The second of the Group's monthly meetings will be held at 8.0 pm on THURSDAY 19 December. Professor GARDNER MEDWIN will talk and show slides of his recent visit to CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

All members and their guests welcome.

PAINTERS & SCULPTORS GROUP

Life classes are now being held in the Life Room at 6.0 pm every Friday. Any Sandon member wishing to take part would be welcome. The only charge is the occasional shilling for the gas fire.

FRIDAY 18 DECEMBER at 8.0 pm, Mr. Nicholas Horsfield, Head of Department of History of Art and Complimentary Studies at Liverpool College of Art, will give a talk in the dining room on his experiences as a past representative of the Arts Council. His talk is entitled EXPERIENCES IN THE ART LARK.

If a booking is made in advance with Hilary Williams, the Sandon is still very pleased to cater for DINNER PARTIES

Order CHRISTMAS BOTTLES from Dominic, but remember to order well in advance as delivery services break down over Christmas.

URGENTLY WANTED a well qualified person who could spend two days a week looking after the Sandon books.

ALSO WANTED for the Sandon TWO SECOND-HAND CASH REGISTERS. Must be accurate and have till rolls. We need one with and one without a double register. If you can help us please see or ring Hilary Williams at 709 9384

CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS. Get away from the crowd for half an hour; revive yourself in the Sandon at lunch time. The bar and dining room open at 12.30 and are at your service until 2.0 pm. *Lunch is also served on Saturdays.* You can drop in at any time to read the newspapers and some back at 6.0pm for a snack in the buttery before going home. For those with the strength to stay on, the buttery stays open till 10.30 – last week we served 50 in one evening and could still have served you as well !

With the opening of the buttery facilities a few of us have decided to meet on Thursdays at 7.30 pm in the bar to play chamber music. The idea is to play music for our own entertainment for whatever combination of instruments is present, and to intersperse it with suitable refreshments from the buttery and bar. All members and their guests are welcome. Please ring Geoff Manning, 427 1031 or leave a message with Hilary Williams, 709 9384, so that suitable music can be obtained

SANDON FAMILY MEMBERS – Under 15

A new idea for Sandon members aged below 15. Every Saturday morning and some week-days during Christmas there is something specially for you in the Sandon. All events, apart from Atarah's take place in the theatre, and all are from 10.0 to 1.0

- Dec 14 Come and make a picture with Jean Grant. Come in your old clothes and bring some brushes—housepainting ones will do.
- Dec 21 Drama activity. No details yet – perhaps it's a mystery play ? Come and find out.
- Jan 3 Evelyn Hall is organising a series of noises – it could cheer the Sandon up !
- Jan 8 Atarah Ben Tovim would like you to play chamber music with her in the music room.
- Jan 11 Atarah would like you to play music with her again in the music room.

MUSIC GROUP DIARY – The Music Group have sent details of their recitals for the New Year

- Jan 9 An evening with Norman Suckling. *Sandon Musicians and Norman Suckling*
- Feb 13 Sandon Ensemble conducted by Roger Golder
- Mar 13 Baroque Evening
- May 8 Schubert's Octet; Anthony Gilbert 'Nine or Ten Hosannas'. *Sandon Ensemble conducted by David Connolly*
- Jun 12 An evening of music by Hummell. *Sandon Ensemble conductor David Connolly*
- Jul 10 BIG SPLASH !!
All recitals in the music room, on Thursdays at 7.30 pm

SANDON STUDIOS SOCIETY

Bluecoat Chambers School Lane Liverpool 1

Contact these people by letter or notes on notice board if you want any information about groups or phone 709 9384 and leave a message.

MUSIC GROUP

Mrs. R. Noble

ARCHITECTS GROUP

Janet Gnospelius

LITERARY GROUP

Bue Shepherd

PAINTERS & SCULPTORS

G. Grindley

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Miss P. Sloane

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

if you want assistance with a fringe activity

R. Noble

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A. Swerdlow

and contact me Jean Grant your publicity officer if you have anything to put in bulletin.

CALENDER FOR DECEMBER

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| Friday 13th 7.45 pm | Two one act plays 'The Golden Cod' and 'Day of Atonement' |
| Saturday 14th 7.45 pm | Two one act plays 'The Golden Cod' and 'Day of Atonement' |
| Saturday 14th 10am
- 1 pm | Come and make a picture with Jean Grant |
| Wednesday 18th 8 pm | Mr. Nicholas Horsfield 'The Art Lark' |
| Thursday 19th 8 pm | Professor Gardner Medwin 'Czechoslovakia' |
| Friday 20th 7.30 pm | Christmas Dinner |
| Friday 20th 10.0 pm | Music Group Party |
| Saturday 21st 10 am | |

Below 15's drama happenings.