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| Feb 26—<br>Mar 27 | National Exhibition of Children's Art   | Temporary Exhibition Gallery<br>Museum, New Walk   |
| Feb 27—<br>Mar 3  | Carl Rosa Opera Company presents<br>Monday evening <i>Cavalleria Rusticana</i><br>and <i>I Pagliacci</i><br>Tuesday evening <i>La Bohème</i><br>Wednesday evening <i>Tales of Hoffmann</i><br>Thursday evening <i>Rigoletto</i><br>Friday evening <i>Barber of Seville</i><br>Saturday Matinee <i>La Bohème</i><br>Saturday evening <i>Il Trovatore</i> | De Montfort Hall<br>Evenings 7 pm<br>Saturday Matinee 2-30 pm<br>Reserved Seats 3/- to 8/6<br>Book at Municipal Box Office<br>Charles St. Tel: 60632 |
| From<br>Mar       | Exhibition of Leicester & Leicestershire<br>I Maps and Plans  | The Archives Corridor<br>Main Hall, Museum, New Walk   |
| Thur              | I Museum Lunch-Time Concert<br>Susan Slivko (piano)   | Art Gallery, Museum, New Walk<br>Refreshments 12 noon, Concert 1 pm<br>Admission 1/-, Students 9d.   |
|                   | I Leicestershire & Rutland Golf Alliance<br>present Dai Rees, personally demonstrating<br>"Key to Golf"   | Lancaster Hall, Lancaster Road<br>7-15 pm<br>Admission by ticket only, 2/6<br>from A. L. Hipperson, 60 Lutterworth Rd., Leicester                    |
|                   | I Leicester French Circle<br>Programme de Films Documentaires Français  | Vaughan College, Great Central St.<br>7-15 pm  |
|                   | I Leicester Aquarist Society<br>Special visit of W. L. Mandeville of Birmingham   | Museum, Princess Rd. entrance<br>8 pm  |
|                   | I Public Lecture "How Animals Find Their<br>Way About" by Sir James Gray, C.B.E., M.C., D.Sc., F.R.S.<br>Professor of Zoology, University of Cambridge  | University College<br>Admission free   |
| Fri 2—<br>10      | Art Students Union Annual Exhibition  | Main Hall, College of Art<br>The Newarke 10 am—8 pm  |
| 2                 | Leicester & Leicestershire Ciné Society<br>"The Margos Present" 16 mm films by Mr. & Mrs. R. A. Margochis   | Trinity Hall, Trinity Lane<br>7-30 pm  |

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| Fri  | 2 English Folk Dance & Song Society<br>Barn Dances including English Traditional and<br>American Square Dances   | Vaughan College, Great Central St.<br>7-30 pm<br>Admission 3/- (Full Members 2/6)                                      |
|      | 2 Leicester Parliamentary Debating Society<br>"That this House is of the opinion that economic<br>and social progress in the Colonial Empire should<br>go hand in hand with political advancement" | The Guildhall<br>Guildhall Lane<br>(Mayor's Parlour)<br>7-30 pm  |
| Sat  | 3 Junior Museum Circle   | Museum, New Walk 10 am   |
|      | 3 Leicestershire & Rutland Ornithological Society<br>Joint Meeting with the British Trust for<br>Ornithology. (see "Notes of the Month")   | Adult Education Centre<br>Wellington St. Entrance<br>3 pm  |
|      | 3 Saturday Evening Lecture<br>"Birds in Britain"—a film with commentary by Philip Brown  | Museum, New Walk 7 pm<br>Admission free  |
| Sun  | 4 "Religion in a scientific age"<br>Talk by Dr. E. J. Bish   | Y.M.C.A., East St.<br>3 pm   |
|      | 4 Play by the Ratae Players  | Y.M.C.A. Theatre, East St. 7-45 pm   |
| Mon  | 5 Annual Verse-Speaking Contest for the<br>Justina Smith Prize, arranged by<br>Leicester Drama Society   | Moyra Haywood Hall<br>Little Theatre, East St.<br>7-15 pm  |
| Tues | 6 Women's Gas Federation (Leicester Branch)<br>"Work of a Child Guidance Clinic" by Miss E. Cullingworth   | Bishop Street Mission Hall<br>7-45 pm  |
|      | 6 Leicester Youth Film Group—"Festival of Chaplin"<br>Four separate films <i>The Champion</i> , <i>The Rink</i> ,<br><i>The Pawnshop</i> and <i>Easy Street</i>                                    | St. George's Hall<br>Colton St.<br>7 pm  |
|      | 6 Leicester & Leicestershire Photographic Society<br>Judging and criticism of "Portraiture" Competition  | Trinity Hall, Trinity Lane<br>7-15 pm  |
| Wed  | 7 Leicestershire & Rutland Ornithological Society<br>"A Holiday in Sweden" by H. Lapworth  | Adult Education Centre<br>Belvoir St. 7-45 pm  |
|      | 7 Y.M.C.A. Lecture "Encounters in Western U.S.A."<br>by Rev. Leonard Mason, B.A., B.D.   | Y.M.C.A., Granby St.<br>7-45 pm  |
| Thur | 8 Indoor Horse-Jumping Show<br>Afternoons 2—5 pm<br>Evenings 6—10-30 pm approx.  | Granby Halls—Large Hall, Aylestone Rd.<br>Reserved Seats 3/6—10/6<br>Book at Lewis's Travel Bureau<br>Humberstone Gate |
|      | 8 Museum Lunch-Time Concert<br>The London String Quartet   | Art Gallery, Museum, New Walk<br>Refreshments 12 noon, Concert 1 pm<br>Admission 1/-. Students 9d.                     |
|      | 8 Public Lecture "The Situation in South-East Asia"<br>by C. A. Fisher, M.A.<br>Lecturer in Geography at University College  | Biology Lecture Theatre<br>University College 5-15 pm<br>Admission free  |
|      | 8 Piano Recital—José Iturbi  | De Montfort Hall 7 pm Tickets 2/6—10/6<br>Book at Municipal Box Office, Charles St. Tel: 60632                         |
|      | 8 Leicester French Circle. Pasteur et L'Angleterre<br>Conférence de Madame Marie-Louise Hemphill,<br>Présidente Honoraire du Cercle Français de Bristol  | Vaughan College<br>Great Central St.<br>7-15 pm  |
|      | 8 Leicester Health Freedom Society<br>Annual General Meeting, etc.   | Adult School, Church Gate<br>Admission free 7-30 pm  |
|      | 10 Junior Museum Circle  | Museum, New Walk 10 am   |
|      | 10 Leicester Poetry Society<br>A Poetry Reading by Christopher Hassall<br>and Maureen Robinson (by arrangement with The Arts Council)  | Vaughan College, Great Central St.<br>3-30 pm  |



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| <b>Sat 10</b>  | English Folk Dance & Song Society<br>Country Dance Party—M.C. Sibyl Clark  | Newarke Girls' School<br>Fosse Rd. South 7 pm<br>Admission 2/6, School-leavers 1/-                    |
| <b>Sun 11</b>  | "The making of a Priest" Talk by the<br>Rev. Peter Etchells of St. Margaret's Church   | Y.M.C.A., East St.<br>3 pm  |
| <b>11</b>      | Film Evening <i>Odette</i>   | Y.M.C.A. Theatre, East St. 7-45 pm  |
| <b>Mon 12</b>  | Midland Theatre Company presents   | Stanford Hall, Nr. Loughborough   |
| <b>—17</b>     | <i>A Hundred Years Old</i> by S. & J. Quintero<br>Booking Agent: Rowland Gaskill, 60 Market St., Loughborough. Tel: 3547<br>Special buses leave The Rushes, Loughborough, at 7 pm  | 7-30 pm   |
| <b>12</b>      | Leicester Gramophone Society "Request Night"<br>presented by Miss E. M. Marriott   | Congregational Church Hall<br>North Bond St. 7-30 pm  |
| <b>Tues 13</b> | Leicestershire District Productivity Committee<br>(associated with the British Productivity Council)<br>Public Meeting: "Scientific Advance and the Trade Union<br>Movement" by J. Crawford, F.B.S.I., Chairman of British<br>Productivity Council | Room 104<br>College of Technology<br>The Newarke<br>7 pm  |
| <b>13</b>      | College of Technology<br>School of Engineering Prize Distribution<br>Speaker: The Rt. Revd. The Lord Bishop of Leicester, Dr. R. R. Williams   | Great Hall, College of Technology<br>The Newarke<br>7 pm  |
| <b>13</b>      | Leicester & Leicestershire Photographic Society<br>"Changing Leicester" (illustrated by slides) by R. A. Fathers   | Trinity Hall, Trinity Lane<br>7-15 pm   |
| <b>Wed 14</b>  | Leicester Symphony Orchestra<br>Conductor: Eric Robinson, by kind<br>permission of B.B.C. Television<br>Soloist: Harry Shaw (baritone)   | De Montfort Hall 7-15 pm<br>Tickets 2/6—6/-<br>Book at Municipal Box Office<br>Charles St. Tel: 60632 |
| <b>14</b>      | Local Government Lecture<br>"The Future of Local Government" by J. D. B. Miller, M.Ec.<br>Lecturer in Politics, University College   | The Council Chamber, Town Hall<br>7-30 pm<br>Admission 2/-  |
| <b>14</b>      | Y.M.C.A. Lecture "Memories of the Theatre"<br>by Mrs. Oliver Wheeler   | Y.M.C.A., Granby St.<br>7-45 pm   |
| <b>Thur 15</b> | Museum Lunch-Time Concert<br>Peter Wallfisch (piano)   | Art Gallery, Museum, New Walk<br>Refreshments 12 noon, Concert 1 pm<br>Admission 1/-, Students 9d.    |
| <b>15</b>      | Leicester French Circle<br>Assemblée Generale et Soiree Amicale  | Vaughan College, Great Central St.<br>7-15 pm   |
| <b>15</b>      | Geographical Association (Leicester Branch)<br>"Australia Yesterday and Today" by<br>Professor O. H. K. Spate  | Lecture Room, E.6<br>Department of Geography<br>University College 7-30 pm                            |
| <b>15</b>      | Leicester Museums Association<br>"Art Collecting and Collections in America" by F. H. Taylor<br>formerly Director of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York  | Museum, New Walk 7-30 pm  |
| <b>Fri 16</b>  | Leicester Drama Society  | Little Theatre, Dover St. 7 pm  |
| <b>—24</b>     | <i>Pillars of the Community</i> by Henrik Ibsen  | Saturday 24th, 4-30 & 7 pm  |
| <b>16</b>      | Board of Adult Education<br>Lecture by Anthony Powell<br>(Living Writers Series of Lectures)   | Vaughan College, Great Central St.<br>7 pm<br>Single Lecture Tickets, 2/6                             |
| <b>16</b>      | Leicester & Leicestershire Ciné Society<br>Public Show of Members' Prizewinning Films, 1955  | Trinity Hall, Trinity Lane 7-30 pm<br>Admission 1/6 at door   |
| <b>16</b>      | Leicester Parliamentary Debating Society<br>Debate to be arranged, followed by the<br>Annual General Meeting   | The Guildhall, Guildhall Lane<br>(Mayor's Parlour)<br>7-30 pm   |

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| <b>Sat 17</b>         | Junior Museum Circle  | Museum, New Walk 10 am  |
| <b>Sun 18</b>         | Y.M.C.A. Boys' Rally<br>Speaker: Brother Ronald S.S.F. (Coventry)   | Y.M.C.A., East St.<br>3 pm  |
| <b>18</b>             | Concert "Opera through the Ages" provided by<br>Lilian Dunkley and supporting artistes  | Y.M.C.A. Theatre<br>East St. 7-45 pm  |
| <b>Mon 19—24</b>      | Leicester Opera Club presents<br><i>Faust</i> by Charles Gounod   | Theatre Royal, Horsefair St.<br>Reserved seats 3/6—7/6, Unreserved 2/6<br>Book at Theatre from March 5th  |
| <b>Tues 20</b>        | Leicester Youth Film Group<br><i>The Passion of Joan of Arc</i>   | St. George's Hall<br>Colton St. 7 pm  |
| <b>20</b>             | Leicester & Leicestershire Photographic Society<br>Entries for "Snow & Ice" Competition   | Trinity Hall, Trinity Lane<br>7-15 pm   |
| <b>Wed 21</b>         | Leicester Philharmonic Society<br><i>Dream of Gerontius</i> —Elgar<br>City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra<br>Conductor: Leslie Woodgate                 | De Montfort Hall 7 pm<br>Reserved seats 2/6—7/6<br>Book at Municipal Box Office<br>Charles St. Tel: 60632 |
| <b>21</b>             | Y.M.C.A. Lecture "Education in Russia" by<br>Brian Simon, University College  | Y.M.C.A., Granby St.<br>7-45 pm   |
| <b>Thur 22</b>        | Museum Lunch-Time Concert<br>Alexander Young (tenor)<br>Rex Stevens (piano)   | Art Gallery, Museum, New Walk<br>Refreshments 12 noon, Concert 1 pm<br>Admission 1/-, Students 9d.        |
| <b>Fri 23</b>         | Board of Adult Education<br>"Filming Shakespeare: <i>Richard III</i> "<br>Two Lectures by Alan Dent (See "Notes of the Month")                            | Vaughan College, Great Central St.<br>6 pm and 8 pm   |
| <b>23</b>             | Vaughan Archaeological & Historical Society<br>Members' Evening   | Vaughan College<br>Great Central St. 7-15 pm  |
| <b>Sat 24</b>         | Junior Museum Circle  | Museum, New Walk 10 am  |
| <b>24—<br/>May 14</b> | Exhibition "The Arts of Japan"<br>(a loan exhibition from the Victoria & Albert Museum)   | Main Hall, Museum, New Walk   |
| <b>Sun 25</b>         | "The Art of Navigation" Talk by<br>Dr. G. P. Pyrah, University College  | Y.M.C.A., East St.<br>3 pm  |
| <b>25</b>             | Film Evening<br><i>Scott of the Antarctic</i>   | Y.M.C.A. Theatre, East St.<br>7-45 pm   |
| <b>25</b>             | Leicester Bach Choir<br><i>Behold the Man</i> —Armstrong-Gibbs<br><i>Song of the Soul</i> —Rubbra   | Leicester Cathedral<br>2-30 pm  |
| <b>Mon 26</b>         | Leicester Gramophone Society<br>"The Seasons" presented by B. J. Webb   | Congregational Church Hall<br>North Bond St. 7-30 pm  |
| <b>Tues 27</b>        | Leicester & Leicestershire Photographic Society<br>Judging and criticism of "Snow & Ice" Competition  | Trinity Hall, Trinity Lane<br>7-15 pm   |
| <b>Wed 28</b>         | Institute of Industrial Supervisors (Leicester Section)<br>"Safety and the Supervisor" by W. H. Harris<br>Safety Officer, Boots Pure Drug Co., Nottingham | B.B. Chemical Co. Ltd.<br>Ulverscroft Rd.<br>7-30 pm  |



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| <b>Wed 28</b><br><b>—29</b> | Y.M.C.A. Players present<br><i>Meet the family</i>  | Y.M.C.A. Theatre, East St.<br>Admission 2/6   |
| <b>28</b>                   | Y.M.C.A. Lecture "The Food we eat" by<br>Dr. Joan Walker  | Y.M.C.A., Granby St.<br>7-45 pm   |
| <b>Thur 29</b>              | Museum Lunch-Time Concert<br>The Allegri String Quartet<br>with Cecil Aronowitz (viola)   | Art Gallery, Museum, New Walk<br>Refreshments 12 noon, Concert 1 pm<br>Admission 1/-, Students 9d.            |
| <b>Fri 30</b>               | Leicester Council of Churches<br>United Good Friday Act of Witness<br>"The Story of The Cross" in Art, Verse and Music<br>Preacher: The Rev. Norman Renshaw<br>Massed Choirs<br>The Lord Bishop of Leicester will preside | De Montfort Hall<br>7-45 pm<br>Enquiries to:<br>Canon A. W. Eaton<br>St. Peter's Vicarage<br>Tel: Granby 1726 |
| <b>30</b>                   | Museums closed  |   |
| <b>Sat 31</b>               | Sir Jonathan North Endowment Scheme<br>Closing date for receipt of 1956 entries   | Entries to be sent to<br>Director of Education<br>Education Department, Newarke St.                           |

## NOTES OF THE MONTH

### LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The Society will hold a joint meeting with the British Trust for Ornithology at the Adult Education Centre (entrance Wellington Street), on Saturday, 3rd March. At 3 p.m., Kenneth Williamson, Director of the Fair Isle Bird Observatory, will talk about the Observatory and show a film. After a buffet tea, G. K. Yeates will give an illustrated talk on "Birds of Iceland."

### FILMING SHAKESPEARE

The two lectures at Vaughan College on Friday, 23rd March, at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m., will be given by Alan Dent, text-adviser to Sir Laurence Olivier's three films of Shakespeare: *Henry V*, *Hamlet* and *Richard III*, and critic of film and theatre, in the *News Chronicle*, *Illustrated London News*, etc. Fee for the two lectures (including coffee and biscuits) 3/-. Full-time students 1/6.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

| Date                             | Event   | Place                                 |
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| <b>April 2</b>                   | Annual Brass Band Festival                          | De Montfort Hall                      |
| <b>April 3</b>                   | Leicester Canine Society Dog Show                   | Granby Halls                          |
| <b>April 9</b><br><b>—14</b>     | Leicester Photographic Society<br>Annual Exhibition | Adult Education Centre<br>Belvoir St. |
| <b>April 12</b>                  | Hallé Orchestra                                     | De Montfort Hall                      |
| <b>April 18</b><br><b>—23</b>    | <i>Lilac Time</i> presented by<br>Lilian Dunkley    | Little Theatre<br>Dover St.           |
| <b>April 24</b>                  | Semprini (piano)                                    | De Montfort Hall                      |
| <b>April 30</b><br><b>—May 5</b> | <i>Rose Marie</i>                                   | De Montfort Hall                      |

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