

THE IRISH CENTRE, 52 CAMDEN SQUARE, LONDON, N.W.1.

MARCH, 1968.

- 2nd Saturday Clare Association Dinner,
5th Tuesday Kilnamartyra (Cork) Parish Reunion.
7th Thursday Young Irelands League Dinner.
9th Saturday Waterford Association.
12th Tuesday London Transport Catholic Guild Dinner.
14th Thursday Wicklow Association Buffet & Dance.
15th Friday Radio Telefis Eireann Late Late Show.
16th Saturday Irish Centre Dance - Band: Blarney Stones.
17th Sunday ST. PATRICK'S DAY - Bingo & Dance.
19th Tuesday Council of Counties Meeting.
21st Thursday St. Christopher's Hurling Club Dance.
23rd Saturday Donegal Association.
* 28th Thursday Dr. Croke Irish Society.
* 26th Tuesday Ballyphegane Parish Reunion.
30th Saturday Tipperary Association.

BINGO Every Sunday, Wednesday and Friday.
Crean School of Dancing - Monday evenings.
Boys Band Practise - Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.
Weekly Tote - Draw every Wednesday evening.

Less than a year ago we proposed we have a boys band here at the Centre. And it is with pride that we can tell you that the band is formed and moreover that they will march in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. This is a wonderful achievement and it is due to those County Associations and Irish organisations who subscribed to it, and to the managers of the Gresham, Harp and Dublin Castle. Many people will admit that when they heard of the idea they thought it a very good one but never thought it would materialise. All we can say at this stage is 'Isn't the formation of the Boys Band a perfect example of what can be done with the right approach and sufficient determination'. Why can't we attack all our other problems in the same way! We know that Pat O'Connell, the Band Master, will bring the boys to perfection. We have been offered the Manor House for a night in the near future to help raise funds to buy uniforms for the boys. We will let you know all about that later.

The St. Patrick's Festival Concert in the Royal Albert Hall should be one of the most successful to date. There are very few tickets left at this stage.

Radio Telefis Eireann will be here on Friday 15th March to do two programmes for the Late Late Show. We were hoping that all our members could be present at this, but R.T.E. authorities have put a strict limit on numbers. This puts us in an awkward position. So for that reason the only thing we can do is put all the names of applicants in a hat and draw them out. So please send in your application soon!

NOTE: Only paid-up members for 1968 can apply. In the case of a husband's name coming out that will mean his wife as well.

On March 16th we are having a Dance here at the Centre to the music of the Blarney Stones. This will be our St. Patrick's Day Dance. On St. Patrick's Night itself there will be Bingo followed by a Dance.

We are holding our Fete in the Summer this year instead of in the Autumn as before. It will be on the 15th June and this time it will be held here in the Centre. We expect it to be a huge success.

Many of you will know of our new Weekly Tote. You will also know that it is a great success. But I think it only right to say it can do much better with your co-operation. I am sure you can sell one book of tickets each week.

We will be having our Flag Day collection at Wembley this year as usual. This is another opportunity offered to you to show your interest in the Centre.

Thanks be to God the Centre is doing well. Need I say that we rely on you, our members, for its continued success.

Here we would like to add that none of the three priests could be present at the Leitrim Association Dance. We would very much have liked to have been here, especially as this was their first Dance at the Centre.

God bless you all.