

DIARY -APRIL- 1970

Thursday	2nd	Clare Association Benefit Dance.
Saturday	4th	Meath Association - Dinner & Dance.
Tuesday	7th	Quiz Final - Cavan -v- Donegal
Wednesday	8th	Cork Association - Meeting.
Thursday	9th	Council of Irish Counties - Meeting.
Saturday	11th	Cork Association - Dinner Dance. Meeting of Federation of Irish Societies, at 3 p.m.
Tuesday	14th	Irish Centre - A.G.M.
Saturday	18th	Cavan Association - Dinner & Dance.
Tuesday	21st	Crosserlough(Cavan) Parish Reunion. A.G.M. of Irish Centre Club. (All members are entitled to attend.)
Thursday	23rd	Miltown/Mullagh - Parish Reunion.
Saturday	25th	Leitrim Association - Dance
Tuesday	28th	Kingscourt (Cavan) Parish Reunion.
Thursday	30th	Ballyduff (Waterford) Parish Reunion.
<u>First week of May:</u>		
Saturday	2nd	Mayo Association - Dance.
Tuesday	5th	Killinkere Parish - Dance.
Saturday	9th	Clare Association
Sunday	10th	Mayo Association. A.G.M. 3 pm.

Bingo - Wed. Fri. & Sun.

Ballad Sessions - every Monday.

Song & music in Douglas Hyde Lounge - every Sat.

Music Lessons in Douglas Hyde Lounge every Sun. afternoon.

THE IRISH CENTRE

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NEWSLETTER

The St. Patrick's Festival concert is over; the Parade has taken place, all the functions honouring our Patron Saint and our Country are now memories in history. In a word, the curtain had dropped on the 1970 St. Patrick's celebrations. Those responsible will now stand back hoping they did a good job, listen to the various comments and see how they can improve on everything next year. At the outset let us take this opportunity of congratulating the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee. They made an all-out effort to make the London Parade a great Irish occasion. This Parade has come to stay and will grow in colour, in numbers and respect.

The Festival Concert at the Royal Albert Hall was very successful. From the phone calls and letters we received we know that the audience enjoyed it. Organising this concert is not an easy task. It is difficult to get the right balance and, on the night, most of the show revolves around the Compere. Suffice it to say we have had much better comperes at the Albert Hall in the past. The only reason why I mention this particular item is simply the fact that it was the one complaint we had of the show, and there is not much use in trying to hide our mistake. But, please God, next year, this will not happen again. We are very grateful to you good people for your support.

St. Patrick's night at the Centre was enjoyed by a capacity crowd. It is on occasions like these that we here at the Centre appreciate our bar manager Brendan, and his wife Bernie. They have a great way of foreseeing the need of the occasion & ensuring the smooth running of the evening. All the staff are to be congratulated.

Our Club Committee really pulled out all the stops on St. Patrick's night. They did a remarkable job. For these people thenight is not really one of enjoyment but instead they work for the enjoyment of everyone else. I didn't hear one complaint about St. Patrick's night which is a tribute to everyone. To all your people a very sincere thank you.

On Tuesday, 14th April, we have our A.G.M. It is at this meeting that the Administrative Committee is elected. The various Irish Organisations send their delegates and the delegate is the only person with a power to vote. It is important therefore to give some thought to this type of A.G.M. and then you come out with a good Committee. So remember, if you are a delegate tive your note very serious thought.

The following Tuesday 21st, is the Club A.G.M. all the members for 1969 are expected to be present at this meeting and only members are eligible to vote. They vote for a Club Committee for the year and this is the Committee who will be responsible for organising the various functions to be held during the year. It is no use voting for someone whom you know won't turn up to the functions. No use in spending the rest of the year complaining about how badly things are run at the Centre. The only way to do anything about it is to come to the Club A.G.M. and see that the best Committee is elected. Please remember 21st April.

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On Wednesday, 22nd April at The Irish Club, Eaton Square, we are holding a Wine & Cheese party. Miss Miona Hanly of our Welfare Office is organising this event. Miss Hanly works very hard in our Welfare Office with Sr. Anne Marie and they deserve your support in this effort of theirs to raise some money for their work. THEY KNOW BETTER THAN ANYONE HOW VALUABLE AND HOW NEEDED EVERY PENNY IS. Tickets are 10/- each.

How are your feet? Our charity walk takes place on 17th May. Be a walker or a sponsor. We expect great returns from this year's walk. Leeds, Gloucester, Portsmouth, Southampton, Brighton are all walking on the same day. London must be in the lead mustn't it?

God Bless you all.

Rev. Fr. Sheridan, O.M.I.