the IRISH centre

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Newsletter

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DIARY
JANUARY 1971

Sunday 3rd  Crean School of Dancing - children's party.
            Cork Association dance.
Saturday 9th  Old Age Pensioners' party.
            Irish Centre dance.
Sunday 10th  Waterford Association A.G.M.
Thursday 14th  Percy Road, Kilburn - dinner/dance.
Saturday 16th  Council of Irish Counties Assoc. - dinner/dance.
Sunday 17th  Cork Association - children's party.
Tuesday 19th  Carlow A.G.M.
            Council of Irish Counties Assoc. meeting.
Thursday 21st  United Ireland Association - dinner/dance.
Saturday 23rd  Federation of Irish Societies meeting.
            Fermanagh Association - dinner.
Sunday 24th  Galway A.G.M.
            Clare Assoc. Children's party.
Tuesday 26th  Boys Band Party.
Thursday 28th  Glenties (Co.Donegal) Reunion.
Saturday 30th  Kildare Assoc. dinner
Sunday 31st  Kilkenny A.G.M.

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Comhaltas Ceoltoiri -13th, 27th January and 10th February
Bingo  8.30 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays  8.15 on Sundays.
Ballads every Monday.
Music on Fridays, Saturdays and Sunday nights.

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FEBRUARY DIARY - 1st Week

Saturday 6th  Offaly Association.
By the time you receive this letter you will have either forgotten about your new year’s resolutions or be reminding yourself on how well you have kept them. Be careful not to become too proud. As Christ said, "Let him who thinks himself to stand, let him take heed lest he fall."

We are at the Centre wish you a very happy 1971. We hope too that The Irish Centre will play its part in helping you and yours to enjoy 1971. In the past year there have been some wonderful occasions at our ballad sessions. Let’s hope they will be even better in 1971.

This year we are taking a stand on the question of membership. We are insisting that everyone who comes to our sessions is a member. This will include Sunday evenings. It will probably mean a drop off in numbers but we are prepared to accept this fact. Anyway, you will be renewing your membership. At least you will know that everyone else who comes here will be doing the same. The question of membership has always been a problem. As an Irish Centre, every Irish person is welcome – and any other nationality who feels they enjoy our company. But being Irish is not enough to entitle one to enjoy the facilities of our Club. We have to look at the legal side and abide by it. Up to now we have never been too strict. The reason why I tell you all this are firstly as a member you have the right to know and secondly that when you care you will know that the rest of our patrons are also members. Notice has been given over the past few weeks about all this.

It was suggested at our AGM last year that we have an annual dinner here for members. We are having such a dinner on the 19th February 1971. The tickets are 30/- each. Please apply to Mary Hopkins c/o The Irish Centre, 32 Camden Square, NW1. We ask you to apply before 31st January. The number is limited. The music for that night will be by Benn Bros. Ceili & Old Time Band. It will be a very good night.

The Old Age Pensioners’ party takes place on 9th January. This is always a great occasion. The Club Committee look forward to this almost as much as the old people themselves.

1971 should be a very important year for this Centre. The property next door should be bought and then work will begin on the new Irish Centre. Bishop Eamon Casey, Archbishop Connane, Bishop McPeely and Bishop Harty have launched Their appeal and will be having a national collection in Ireland on the 14th March. We at the Centre will benefit from this collection. This move on the part of the Church in Ireland should set the wheel of fortune in motion and, where it will stop nobody knows. Let’s hope and pray we hit the jackpot. We need every penny we can get. Whatever you can do to help – please do so. Let’s all be in on this and do what we can to make the National Collection a great one.

We wish you every Blessing for 1971.

God Bless,