

the IRISH centre

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Newsletter

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3. Comhaltas.
4. Rathvilly Parish Reunion.
6. Tipperary. (Bacon and Cabbage)
11. Achill Reunion. Gresham Ballroom.
Nenagh And District Social.
13. Federation Conference.
Kilkenny Dinner and Dance.
16. Birr and District Parish Reunion.
17. Comhaltas.
18. Roscrea and District Parish Reunion.
20. Roscommon Dinner and Dance.
22. Clare Reunion.
23. Cardinal Heenan's Official Visit.
25. K.S.C. Dinner and Dance.
27. Galway Association. (Dinner and Dance)

FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY nights:

Country and Western. (Douglas Hyde Lounge).

EVERY MONDAY NIGHT:

Irish Ballad Session. (Douglas Hyde Lounge).

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Those of you who use the Irish Centre regularly, will have watched the work on the Douglas Hyde Lounge and Kennedy Hall with interest, pain, hope and regret. It is taking a long, long time, but, thank God, it is taking shape now. Almost by the time you will have received this letter the job will be completed and you will be one of the few people who can boast that you belong to an air-conditioned club. The heat in both halls over the Summer months has been unbearable. The members have been most patient. From now on, no matter what the weather is like, we will have comfort.

It is costing a lot of money. By the time the job is completed, we will have paid out almost £20,000. From now on, when a member takes in a visitor we will have a cover charge of 10p. Membership Cards will have to be shown.

CARDINAL HEENAN will be visiting us on the 23rd of November.

Enclosed is your ticket. We are limiting admission to members only. The Cardinal wants to meet all the members of the club. The only way he can do so is by having both halls open. In the Douglas Hyde Lounge we will have some light music. In the Kennedy Hall we will have a dance. In that way we will be able to get everybody in and the Cardinal will be able to meet you all. I would suggest very strongly that you come along early, (i.e. not later than 8.30). Cardinal Heenan is not a man for late nights. He usually leaves these engagements at about 9.30.

This year's Christmas cards are on sale here at the Centre. A lot of our members have been getting their cards from the Centre in the past. I am sure you would like to see our collection. They will be on display here at the Centre. Enclosed is a price list.

With last month's Newsletter I sent you a book of tickets. I want to express very sincerely my grateful thanks to all those who sent me back the sold counterfoils and money. Many others have told me they would be buying more. Anyone who wants more tickets please let me know. I want to make a success of this draw. Please God when this raffle is over we will have the band established.

You will have seen by our poster at the reception desk that we are having different bands every Sunday night. Up till now the bingo players had the dance thrown in, but from now on we will have bingo, then vacate the hall and those who wish to go to the dance will have to pay 40p. All this is in an effort to help us pay for the Air Conditioning. We simply have got to find money.

Down in the Irish Club in Eaton Square on Friday night, November 12th, we have our Wine and Cheese Party. This is always a very joyful occasion. We thank the Irish Club for the use of the club and their many members who support us. We hope you will give us your full support.

Another event in the calendar of activities is a Christmas dance at the Gresham Ballroom on Sunday, 19th December. Our thanks to Tommie Gorman for placing at our disposal the full facilities of his hall.

In the week just past we had the Panorama team here doing some filming. They are doing a full programme on the Irish in Britain with special emphasis on the Northern Ireland situation. We hope we did justice to the cause but one is always afraid of programmes which are edited. However, one must say that the Panorama programme is a fair one. When it comes on, you can judge for yourselves. All we can tell you is that it will go on sometime in November. No date has been fixed yet.