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A G E N D A J A N U A R Y 1972.

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- 2nd Westmeath Assoc., Childrens Party.
- 8th Old Age Pensioners Party.
- 11th Boys Band Childrens Party.
- 12th Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann.
- 13th N.I. aid dance.
- 15th Carlow Assoc.,
- 16th Clare Assoc., Childrens Party.
 Waterford Assoc.,
- 20th N.I. aid Dance.
- 22nd Crean School Childrens Party.
- 23rd Galway Assoc., A.G.M.
 Geraldine F & H A.G .M
 Cork Assoc., A.G.M.
- 27th D & D. (Percy Rd.,)
- 29th Fermanagh Assoc.,
- 30th Tipperary CBS A.G.M.
 Killavullen & District Childrens Party.

N E W S L E T T E R

A Happy New Year to you all. We hope that being a member of the Irish Centre for 1971 has helped to bring some happiness into your life. We hope too that you will be a member again for the coming year. We, for our part, will endeavour to do everything to keep up our standard.

Every now and then people ask what they have to do to become members of the Irish Centre. This kind of question may only be an Irishman's roundabout way of asking how much it costs. On the other hand, I think it means more than that. Anyway, my answer to the question is simply - be respectful, respectable and decent: in a word be a good Irish person.

We thank you all for your great support over the past year, and look forward to that same support plus that of your friends for 1972.

The Bazaar which was run by a group of ladies was a complete success. It was all arranged in a matter of two weeks. It took in a total of £371. We must say a big thank you to all those good ladies who organised it with such efficiency. We thank all those who supported it. I would say it was the best bazaar ever to be held since I came here.

The raffle for the car and the trip to Lourdes took place on 22nd December. The car was won by a man with a phone number 485-4709. The trip to Lourdes was won by Mrs. P. Healy of Leamington Spa. The tickets were drawn by D. Thompson & P. Coleman (two of the boys from the band). The man who won the car does not want it but, instead, is prepared to sell it to the Irish Centre at a recommended retail price !! which we, in turn, are only too delighted to accept. God has been very good to our band right from the beginning. As a mark of our gratitude, we organised a Holy Hour for the boys and parents. Bishop Mahon of Westminster preached at the Holy Hour. He also accepted an invitation to become Patron of the band as did Tommy Gorman and Martin Moroney.

Coming events are the old-age Pensioners' party on Saturday, 8th January. The annual Club Dinner will be held at The Irish Centre on 12th February next and, of course, the concert at the Royal Albert Hall.

Last year the Club Dinner was such a success that many people have been asking when it takes place again. Well the date is 12th February and it should be a great night. The price of the tickets is £1.50 each. Application for tickets will be taken up to 1st February.

The Albert Hall Concert takes place on Saturday, 11th March. We feel we have a good line-up in Joe Lynch, Sean Ose (Tenor), The Pattersons, Mary McGonagle, Gene Stewart & The Mighty Avons, the Irish Centre Senior Ceili Band (John Bowe, Sean O'Shea, Roger Sherlock, Tommy McCarthy, P.J.Hynes, Bobby Casey), The Crean School of Dancing, The Irish Centre Youth Band and other well-known celebrities. It is advisable to make application for tickets early. Every year there are many people disappointed when they apply and discover the Concert is sold out. Tickets can be obtained here at The Centre, or at the Albert Hall Box Office.

God Bless You All.

Rev. P. Sheridan, O.M.I.