

FEBRUARY 1973

THE IRISH CENTRE

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- Saturday, 3rd - Dublin Association Dance.
 - Sunday, 4th - Clare Assoc. AGM (after music)
 - Wednesday, 7th - Comhaltas Ceoltoiri
 - Thursday, 8th - Kavanagh School of Dancing - Buffet
The Irish Tourist Board
Film Show/Buffer. Douglas Hyde Lounge.
 - Friday, 9th - Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Ceili
 - Sunday, 11th - Meath Assoc. AGM (after music)
 - Tuesday, 13th - Benefit Dance
 - Thursday, 15th - Araglen Re-Union.
 - Tuesday, 20th - Card Drive
 - Wednesday, 21st - Comhaltas Ceoltoiri
 - Thursday, 22nd - IRISH CENTRE - CLUB DINNER
 - Monday, 26th - Irish Centre A.G.M.
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- Thursday, 1st March Parish Dance - Church of our Lady
St. Johns Wood

1st Price
2nd Price
3rd Price
4th Price

Our congratulations to the lucky winners and thanks to all who supported us in this effort.

Our Irish Committee and helpers put on a marvellous party for the benefit of the St. Johns Church. Every one of this event should be better than the last. On behalf of the old people of St. Johns we say thank you to all who helped.

The Irish Centre Club Dinner will take place on Thursday, 1st February. Tickets are now available - price 50.

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N E W S L E T T E R

A very happy New Year to both old and new members. Let's hope 1973 will bring real honest solutions to the many problems of our times and that we will no longer have to listen to the old peace cliches which mean nothing. Let's hope that 1973 will be a year of action and that the right people will grab the nettle instead of deploring the fact that the weeds are covering the garden.

I hope, too, that 1973 at the Centre here will bring success to our work. Over the past number of years we have had some wonderful occasions at The Centre and it is our earnest wish that this coming year will be as bright and cheerful.

For one thing, we would like to see the Sunday night Ceili better supported. This Ceili went very well for quite a long time but, before Christmas, it dropped off and is only beginning to pick up again. We hope you will let your friends know about it. Come along all you Ceili dancers (old and young) and enjoy the healthy atmosphere of a real Ceili. Gerry Hayes will make sure that you get a suitable partner so that you will be in the swing of things.

This year, the St. Patrick's Festival Concert takes place on Friday, 16th March, at the Royal Albert Hall. The show on this occasion, will be a very professional one with Joe Lynch, Sean O'Se, Patricia Cahill, Sean Dunphy, Earl Gill, the Ted Kavanagh School of Dancers, our own Ceili Band and Brass Band. I expect it will be one of the best shows ever. The talent is there and already they are looking forward to the night.

There were two big events recently (one before and one after Christmas) for which we must express our sincere thanks. (1) The Bazaar realised £416. 58 and (2) the Christmas Raffle which realised £329. 00. To all you great people who helped in so many ways, we express our deep gratitude. The Bazaar was a huge success. So, too, was the Raffle, the winners of which held the following numbers:

1st Prize	-	16458
2nd Prize	-	4102
3rd Prize	-	
4th Prize	-	0994

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Our Club Committee and helpers put on a marvellous party for the Senior Citizens of Camden. Every year this event seems to be better than the last. On behalf of the old people, we thank our Committee and helpers.

CLUB DINNER: The Irish Centre Club Dinner will take place on Thursday, 22nd February. Tickets are now available - price £2. each.

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Deepest sympathy is expressed to our Chairman, Mr. Charles Gallagher, and his family, on the sad occasion of the death of his brother Joe.

A big Cead Mile Failte to our new manager and his wife, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Lahiffe. They take up duty on Thursday, 1st February next. Many members already know them as firm friends of The Centre. You will find them most helpful -- always.

God Bless You All,

Rev. P. Sheridan, OMI

The Irish Tourist Board announces that, as part of its 1973 Holidays to Ireland promotion, their representatives will be contacting Irish organisations to promote special bargain holiday offers. A number of Irish evenings will be arranged at various venues in the London area over the next few months; one of the first of these will take place here at The Irish Centre on THURSDAY, 8th FEBRUARY at 8.00 PM. The programme will include films, live entertainment and supper. Anyone wishing to attend this function should contact Fr. Mee at 485-0051. (Liam O'Hanlon - Bord Failte).