

## NEWSLETTER

THE IRISH CENTRE

NOVEMBER 1974

Once again another month has gone by. At this time of year there is not much to look forward to apart from Christmas and New Year. The weather has got colder, the evenings shorter, and the piles of brown-yellowish leaves on footpaths and street corners only serve as a reminder that in a few more weeks time they will be replaced by piles of snow and ice.

Little wonder, then, why it is easier to look back on the last month. We have come into the season of dinner dances and competitions. The dart board in the new lounge is being given plenty of attention by enthusiasts who, I am told, are in the process of forming a team. On Sunday afternoons the building is filled with all kinds of music. Apart from our resident group in the Douglas Hyde Lounge, the band use various rooms for the different sections, and one cannot help but look forward to hearing the end product. On another evening Ceoltasaire busy getting their younger members proficient dancers. Incidentally, they had a well attended and very successful A.G.M. during the month. We wish the new officers every success. Arrangements are being made to start a choir in the Centre, with special interest in everything Irish. Only snag...they are looking for a conductor; so we would appreciate hearing from anyone competent in this line.

We had a really wonderful function here on the 22nd. It was a dinner and presentation in honour of Fr. Paddy Sheridan, O.M.I. Among the many eminent 250 guests, we were pleased to welcome the Irish Ambassador to Britain, Dr. D. O'Sullivan. After the dinner and speeches Fr. Sheridan mingled with the guests and friends in the Douglas Hyde Lounge, and, of course, he gave his usual performance on the stage. The function concluded in the early hours of the morning and, after thoroughly enjoying themselves, everyone retired with only one worry: how to face the day's work ahead! Next day Fr. Sheridan headed for Birmingham almost £1,000 better off. He wishes to express his thanks and appreciation to everyone.

You should find enclosed with this Newsletter an application for membership for the coming year. Present memberships expire at the end of December. As you know, the end of year is a difficult time for doing books! There are so many ends to be tied up; so I am sending these early, hoping you will send them back by return post. Please don't let it get lost in a drawer somewhere, or in the bottom of your handbag!

Did you know there are only 37 days to the Bazaar?. This is a very important event for the Centre, and traditionally has been very successful. Some articles have been handed in and I am hoping you have something for us. Perhaps, over the next two or three weeks you will have a look around the house and see if there is anything you don't need that would be of value to us. Please remember we don't have much space here, so furniture is not much good unless it is almost new, and it is not a Jumble Sale..... we want to keep the standard fairly high. The office will always be glad to accept anything you wish to hand in.

We have got in a large stock of very nice Christmas Cards. These are on sale in the office at the moment at very reasonable prices. By buying them here you are supporting the Centre.

Among the visitors to the Centre during the last month we were pleased to welcome Dept. Myles Staunton T.D., and Councillor Sean Fitzpatrick and his wife, both from Mayo.

God bless you all,

Rev. Fr. Frank Ryan, O.M.I.

Saturday	November	2	-	Tipperary Bacon & Cabbage
Monday	"	4	-	Reunion (Clare) Mullagh, Miltown Malbay
Wednesday	"	6	-	Camden Square Neighbourhood Association Meeting
Thursday	"	7	-	Council of Counties Executive Meeting
Thursday	"	7	-	Charity Dance - Hackney Boys School
Thursday	"	7	-	Roscommon Card Drive
Saturday	"	9	-	Kerry Bacon & Cabbage (Douglas Hyde Lounge)
Wednesday	"	13	-	Conhaltas Ceoltore
Thursday	"	14	-	Leitrim Association - Buffet Supper
"	"	"	-	Galway Association (Michael Molloy Singing Competition)
Saturday	"	16	-	Roscommon Association - Bacon & Cabbage
Monday	"	18	-	Reunion - Kiltrush, Donbeg & Kilkee
Tuesday	"	19	-	Reunion West Clare
Wednesday	"	20	-	Reunion Ballon - Rathoe (Co. Carlow)
Thursday	"	21	-	Reunion West Clare
Saturday	"	23	-	Galway Association - Bacon & Cabbage Supper
Monday	"	25	-	Bazaar Committee Meeting
Tuesday	"	26	-	Cavan Association Presentation Supper Dance
Wednesday	"	27	-	Conhaltas Ceoltore
Thursday	"	28	-	25 Card Drive - St. Gabriels Douglas Hyde Lounge
"	"	"	-	Camden Square Tenants Association Buffet Dance (Kennedy Hall)
Saturday	"	30	-	Carlow Association Dinner
Monday	December	2	-	Cavan Association A.G.M. (Douglas Hyde Lounge)
Thursday	"	5	-	Dance - J. Brooks School of Dancing
Friday	"	6	-	Monaghan Dance
Saturday	"	7	-	Sligo Association

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WEEKLY EVENTS

BINGO	Every Wednesday and Friday at 8.30 p.m. and Sunday at 8.00 p.m.
FRIDAY EVENINGS:	Impromptu Dance & Ballad Session
SATURDAY AFTERNOONS:	Childrens Dancing Classes
SATURDAY EVENINGS:	Music - Douglas Hyde Lounge
SUNDAY MORNINGS:	Traditional Irish Music
SUNDAY EVENINGS:	Ballad Session - Douglas Hyde Lounge
MONDAY EVENINGS:	School of Irish Dancing (Paddy Crean School) Juniors - 7 p.m. Seniors 8 p.m.
ALTERNATE WEDNESDAYS:	Conhaltas Ceoltore Eireann

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MASSES

Sunday: 9 a.m. 11 a.m. 5.30 p.m. 6.30 p.m.  
(Confessions before Mass) Weekdays: 7 p.m. (not Saturdays)