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A Message from your Chairman.

Ladies and Gentlemen it gives me great pleasure to be here amongst you all for this annual get together of all our friends from Waterford. It certainly does not seem like a year since we last met. A lot has happened since then. Some of us have lost friends and relations and have been through periods of great sadness which with Gods help we have managed to overcome and we try to carry on as normal. To counteract the sadness of course there is always the joy, and we are particularly joyous this year, the centenary year of the G.A.A. We take this opportunity to congratulate publicly all and everyone of the dedicated men and women who have kept the movement alive and flourishing through the years, in particular the personnel in England where at times it must have been an uphill battle, it is to their credit that so many clubs have continued to flourish for so many years.

This year also sees the centenary of my own parish church in Dunhill, we are happy to be here, to have a holiday at this time in order to participate in the celebrations.

We in the Waterford Association London are trying pastures new this year also, by having our 'At Home Re-union' in this beautiful village of Ardmore. We have our good friend and supporter Kevin Gallagher, whose idea it was for us to come here tonight. Keven has worked hard for us selling tickets for this evening and we are very grateful to him. We wish him well in his new venture and hope that he and his family will enjoy many years of good health and prosperity in his lovely Ardmore.

May I also thank those of the Association who made the journey from London to be here tonight, and to all the people attending a function of ours for the first time. Thank you for coming and may everyone have a most enjoyable evening and a safe journey home.

Bill Allen, Chairman.

For me firstly may I say how sorry I am to Paddy Stafford and Jessie for congratulating them on 50 years of marriage when it should have been 40 years. Jessie says she would have been in the cradle and Paddy would be up for kidnapping—I don't mind offending Paddy (I can hear him saying, "Cheeky thing.") As I was only a little girl chatting to him on the wall while he was waiting for my big brother. My turn is coming on 2nd April, 1985, when it will be 40 years for Wally and me and I can assure you he did the kidnapping as he carried my books from school and I was engaged to him while I was still at school

and only 16 years old. We didn't bring up so many beautiful children as you and Paddy, Jessie, but like you both we are very happy and would do the same again. Never a cross word?

The Festival.

What a beautiful day and what a lot of happy families enjoying the occasion we in the Waterford Association had a busy but rewarding time, we had sold out of all our cakes and goodies by 3 p.m. Ruth and Kitty worked hard and fast and Kitty's daughter is such a good saleslady that she even made the Ambassador pay up for 'Guess the Weight of the Cake.' Our Chairman and his good lady made themselves available to all in their usual charming manner. David, Paddy Stafford, Wally and Michael Hurley as well as Tessa McGuire and her friend were assisting Billy Aulsberry with the stewarding.

Junior Chamber.

The Waterford Junior Chamber of Commerce did a wonderful job in the stand next door. Two very charming, beautiful young ladies assisted by Mr. John O'Sullivan from City Hall. They went to such a lot of trouble making the stand look good with all the nostalgic pictures of Waterford City and County and all the lovely goods on display which are made in Waterford at the present time. The girls took time to explain to everybody how the lovely goods were made and seemed very knowledgeable about everything on display. I must say that they were the best people we ever had over for the Festival. Mr. O'Sullivan was at the entrance to the stand greeting all who came along in a very charming and friendly manner. A sad note to end a perfect day one of the young ladies bags was stolen by some 'rat' who must have lifted up the canvas and stole the bag while they were very busy—which was most of the time. £100 in Irish money, £30 odd in English money, plus credit cards and of course all the precious things a women carries in her bag. There are people who come to these festivals especially for the purpose of stealing and not necessarily our own of course.

New Chairman for the Irish Centre.

Congratulations to Mr. Tommy Dunne on his appointment as Chairman of the Irish Centre, an able and honourable man for such an important position. You all know Tommy of course as the very affable Irish co-ordinator with Aer Lingus and a regular contributor to the Irish Counties Journal. See elsewhere in this issue for more information.

Another Irish Wheeler.

We hear so much about Sean Kelly in world cycling, incidently now earning £150,000 a year from his sport that we overlook Stephen Roche who finished 14th in the Tour de France recently. Stephen who lives in France became a father the day before the race but for that he might have won as he left all the riders behind to meet his mother who had gone to France for the occasion. When the race caught up with him he was left stranded by the fierce attack and had a job to catch up. He said he was so excited about having a new son that he couldn't concentrate on the remainder of the race.


Kelly was unlucky in the same race when he was disqualified from 2nd place.

Danny Carroll's Return.

Danny Carroll was taken to see Jimmy O'Dea at the Gaiety Theatre by his Co. Cork parents at the age of six. We all remember O'Dea as Biddy Mulligan. It's an early age to decide ones career but that was the night Danny decided that the theatre and female impersonation was to be his speciality. Danny is none other than the famous Danny La Rue who when he returned to Ireland recently with his entire show said that although he played to royalty and sheiks he was more nervous

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1982 Report (continued from last month).

Reference Library.

Although the library will not be officially available for the use of the public until 1983 it already has a sizeable number of books donated by the Irish Cultural Relations Committee. We acknowledge with gratitude the generosity of the Meath Association who undertook payment for library shelving, and the groups and individuals who donated books, all of which are donor inscribed.

IRISH CENTRE HOSTELS.

Conway House Men's Hostel — Bulding Works.

Phase One of the development programme neared completion towards the end of 1982. Demolition of the chapel, which linked the old building to a more recently built wing, allowed for the erection of a new four storey block. The basement of this new block will contain a modern kitchen and dining room. Each of the other floors have four double and three single rooms and very adequate shower and toilet facilities. The total cost of this phase of the development was £400,000.

After many hours of discussion plans for the refurbishment of the oldest and central block of the hostel were completed. Plans, which went to tender on January 19th, 1983, have been approved by the local authority. The Housing Corporation has agreed to provide funding.

During this final phase of building on 20-22 Quex Road, accommodation, now one hundred, will be reduced by approximately forty bed spaces. This essential reconstruction will very regrettably limit our ability to help homeless young men, for a period of twelve months. The estimated cost of this redevelopment is £300,000.

Some Problems of Homelessness and Unemployment.

It has been a year of hardship, despondency and marginal survival for migrant workers of all ages, who moved to London "because it could not be worse than home." The social, psychological and moral

implications of continued unemployment and intermittent homelessness on a mobile work force, is not just an isolated trauma for the people involved but has repercussions affecting the whole social fabric.

Of the total hostel intake of 376 during 1982, at least 90% did not have sufficient money to book accommodation elsewhere. Many had lost their accommodation, through loss of earnings or delayed D.H.S.S. payments, and had moved into emergency hostels, where they had a limited stay before becoming homeless again. In theory, once a homeless person is accommodated and has a permanent address from which to claim social benefit, progress is easier. However, many residents admitted with no money seem unable to budget and alcohol and social life took priority over rent, food and clothing. Fifteen percent left owing rent and returned to the circuit of homelessness, unemployment and drifting. Social benefit payments allow for marginal subsistence and this lack of financial resources possibly contributed to an increase in the number of young residents being charged with petty theft of items of food, clothing or hi-fi. It appears that many of these offences were committed on impulse and items stolen could, on request, have been provided from hostel stock. This may sound depressing but it reflects the boredom and frustration of young people, anxious to work and unable to do so.

There was an increase in the number of people who reported ill. Forty seven residents needed medical attention, twenty three were taken to hospital, six detained and three underwent surgery. Some men, having started heavy manual work after prolonged unemployment, felt themselves physically unable to cope.

At any point in time during the year it is estimated that 12% to 15% of these residents were unemployed or on part time or temporary work. Low wages were a factor in remaining unemployed, also the delay and difficulty of getting back on social benefit, when after one week's work they again become unemployed.

Unemployment is going to be with us for some time and our services must be directed towards people who are in the hostel all day. Some have taken advantage of educational facilities, retraining schemes or given some of their time to voluntary work. A spirit of encouragement sharing, comradeship and job-watching for each other, has created a good atmosphere in the hostel.

The social worker from the Irish Centre visits the hostel each week. Men in need of counselling, advice, employment, alternative accommodation or adult education are seen during this time. It also allows for a follow-up to men who have passed through the Irish Centre welfare, to assess and support their social and occupational adjustments.

Older Residents and Rehousing.

Older married men, made redundant in their late forties or early fifties came to London in search of work. Many of these have been temporarily helped with accommodation until they realised the futility of their search and the difficulty in supporting two homes. However, with the reduction of bed spaces to sixty, a priority of need had to be established and it was felt that primary responsibility was to the young newly arrived. Older men were interviewed by the Camden Housing Resettlement Scheme and as a result seven residents were offered tenancies in the Borough.

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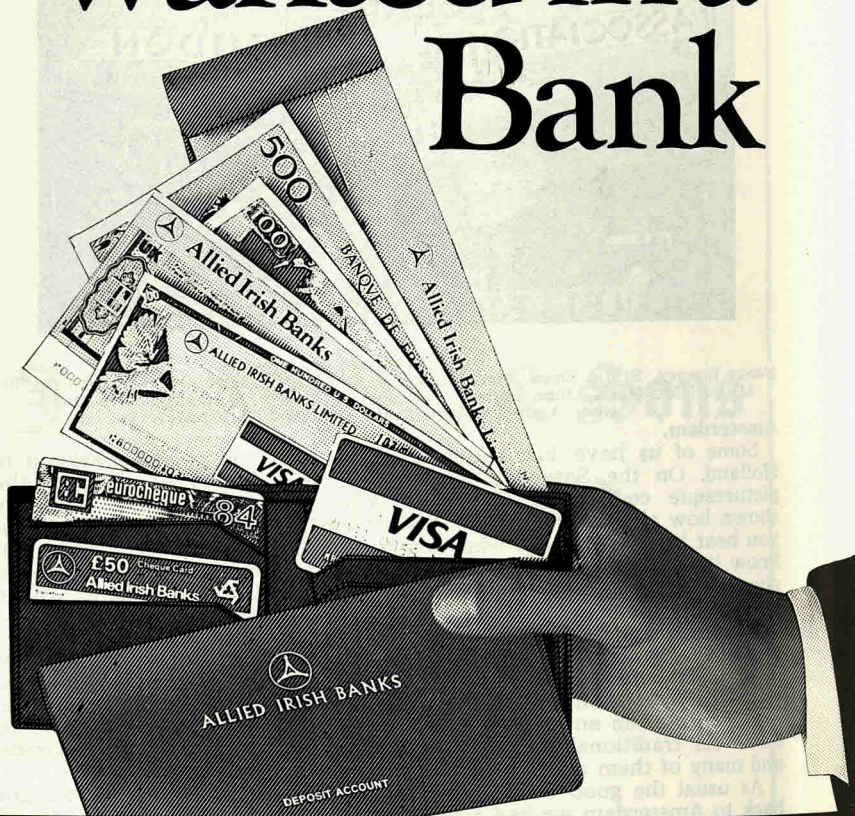
Amsterdam.

Some of us have just returned from a very enjoyable weekend in Holland. On the Saturday morning we had a tour of some of the picturesque countryside, including a clog factory, where we were shown how clogs were made. Some of our members bought clogs so if you hear heavy footsteps when you are dancing in the Irish Centre you know it's one of our members trying out their clogs. We also visited a cheese factory where we met a very funny and friendly guide who gave us an entertaining demonstration of how cheese was made. After our talk we sampled and bought some of their delicious Dutch cheese. For lunch we stopped at the lovely seaside town called Volendam, some of us dropped into the beautiful Hotel Spaandeer, the bartender, Crees, produced some Irish taps and we had a good old 'ceili,' some Americans joined in the fun and we all had a great time. Many people in Holland still wear traditional costumes especially those who deal with tourists and many of them are bi-lingual which made life a lot easier.

As usual the good weather followed the Clare people. When we got back to Amsterdam we had a pleasant boat trip where we saw some of the more historical places along the canal, the boat took us to a diamond polishers where we tried on and learnt about the famous Dutch diamonds. After returning to our comfortable, modern hotel, the Casa 400, different groups of us went to different nightspots but most of us toured the more colourful districts of Amsterdam. Afterwards some of us went to an Argentinian restaurant that stayed open very late to serve us great food and drink, and play their traditional music. Where ever we went we all had a great time.

I think I speak for all the party when I thank all the organisers for their hard work. Next year we are organising another longer weekend away and we hope it will be even better.

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The Irish Festival.

What a wonderful day for the Festival the sun was shining and everything went very well.

The Chief Steward this year for Wexford was George Browne who took over from Martin Kirwan who was in Ireland on holiday. Many thanks George for a job well done. My sincere thanks also to Pat Clegg and all his helpers on the wonderful job they did with the stall and the many people who are forgotten at a time like this.

May I thank through these columns all the County Associations whose response to John Connolly's and my request for stewards has been magnificent this year. I thank the Irish Post and the Irish Counties Journal for the publicity before the event and afterwards.

Darts.

We had excellent games for the darts semi-finals and the finals. The teams fighting it out at the end were the Sir Robert Peel and the Cricklewood Railway Club. The Spotted Dog and the Wexford team. The Sir Robert Peel were the winners and The Spotted Dog the runners-up.

Our grateful thanks to all the teams who took part in the League and so making it a most successful one. I would like to remind all the teams that they are welcome to the Presentation Dance which takes place at the Mazenod Club, Quex Road on Friday, 21st September next.

You may have read in a previous issue that we mourned the death of a great friend of our Association and in particular to the Darts League, Mr. Pat Keating. To commemorate his memory the Association with the kind permission of his wife and daughter decided to run a 'Darts Eight Knockout League' for the Pat Keating Memorial Cup. This competition will start early in September to finish before the 21st for more information on this please give me a ring, number at top of heading or Sean Diviney on 01 624 9161.

The first six months of this year has been very busy and successful for our Association with all our events well supported. I would like to thank the committee for the great effort they have made for all these functions and I look forward to their continued support for the rest of the year. For those of you off to Wexford or wherever you go for your summer break—have a wonderful holiday.

News From Home.

Congratulations to Mrs. Mary O'Toole, President of the Monaseed ICA Guild Co. Wexford on her win in the National Knitting Competition. She came 1st in the Aran Section of the Tivolo/Brother/ICA 1984 Competition. A former contributor to the Lough Gorman Knitters but is now too busy helping her husband farm his 77 acres in Gorey.

We would also like to congratulate Eileen O'Leary on being selected Receptionist of the Year in that national contest. Mary is at present at the International Hotel, Dublin Airport. A very charming young lady who was brought up in the catering business. A native of Taghmon, presently living in Dublin. Eileen's career started at her uncle and auntie's hotel, The Naomh Seosamh, Fethard-on-Sea. Her aunt is also named Eileen.

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The Annual Dinner (continued from last month).

Present was that great son of Westmeath, Dennis Coyne, Publican, Kennegad who comes over every year. When I mentioned to Dennis the high cost of £3 per gallon for petrol in Ireland, he gave me an old fashioned look and said, "The Porter is nearly £9 per gallon and it's going down faster than the petrol." My goodness Dennis. The band from Co. Cork, Finbar and the Glensiders were so good that people were on the floor most of the evening. It was a case of catch me if you can as I went round the tables to interview them. I did however catch Steve Cunningham and his wife Audrey from Castlepollard. From Ballycomoye the Rooneys who would like to send greetings to Liam's mother back home. The Lynns from Ballinacarrow, Ballynacargy, all six of them came especially from Southampton for the occasion and to say, see you all in Ballynacargy. The said town would not be complete without the mention of our annual Chief Steward Joe, Garry and his lovely wife, also Bill and Mrs. Cashin and Chairman of the Council of Irish County Associations, Seamus Troy and Mrs. Troy.

I was glad to see Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brown from Athlone, old committee member. From Athlone also our M.C. and great member of the Association, Richie Norton and his good lady Yolanda. Knockdrin Castle was next on the list and from there I met Mr. and Mrs. John Tynan, that's where all the Walshes, and Gavigans come from, Arin Toohy and Mr. and Mrs. Tynan from Mullingar. Our President and Mrs. Reilly told me that they also come from that town. I thought that only our treasurer Teresa Curran came from Delvin but young John McCormack comes from there too, he tells me that the Hand Ball Alley is still going strong thanks to Paddy Shaughnessey. John and Bernadette have a beautiful baby girl, Kelly Clare.

Sorry Pearce, you couldn't make it this time. Mrs. Jefferies and friends came from Orpington, Kent as they do every year. Mrs. Fenner came from Croydon although I think she would long to be in Dingle. From Street—Boherquille I met famous show jumper and trainer Sean Murtagh and wife Kitty, also from Street, Peggy Mc Cauley (nee Shan-now, Kilmore) and husband Danny from Donegal.

Everyone cannot be remembered here but your attendance is indeed much appreciated as always. I am not forgetting you two, Thomas and May Cummings (Roscommon) and the Tyrrellspass faithfuls Stan and Marcia Goddar. Marcia sends her love Mam and Dad, Colonel and Mrs. Giuspie, Tyrrellspass. We missed you this year, Colonel.

Thanks to the following for their wonderful work, Frank LeStrange (Tyrrellspass), Mrs. Kennedy, Teresa and Chris Curran, Richie Norton, M.C., and ever faithful Bill Stenson.

Will tell you all about the Festival and lots more in the September issue.
Pat Looney, P.R.O.

An Announcement for the London Irish Centre

The Irish Centre announces the appointment of Mr. Tommy Dunne as its Chairman for the coming year. Mr. Dunne has a long association with the Centre and being a member of the Administration Committee for a number of years his knowledge and experience in that field will enable him to co-ordinate its activities and apply its resources to the utmost advantage with beneficial results.

Tommy said he was privileged and honoured to be selected to fill the post and he appealed to all associated with the Centre and to his fellow countrymen at large to join with him and the committee in their efforts to secure a sound financial base thus ensuring the achievement of its objectives namely (1) Promote the well being of the Irish people in London, especially helping those in need of care and counselling and to the newly arrived of our folk in a strange and sometimes uncaring city; (2) Preserve and develop our national culture and heritage, to draw on its richness and share the wealth with the larger community of London.

In thanking the past Chairman, Mr. Donie Egan for his excellent leadership, Mr. Dunne said he was mindful of the unstinted efforts over the years by former Chairmen which benefited many thousands of Irish people in need of a helping hand. The welfare work goes on, the need is great. Support for the Irish Centre is crucial in these critical times.

Waterford Association (continued from page 2).

on his first night in his home county of Cork, when he played to sell out audiences at the Cork Opera House.

A real professional—Danny intends to go back to Ireland again in September.

The Dubliners.

I noticed that the Liverpool International Festival '84 which runs from 2nd May to 14th October has practically every country in the world demonstrating a special day, except Ireland (anyhow we all know that Liverpool is the 'Capital' of Ireland). The only redeeming feature is the fact that in August there is an International Folk Festival by the Dubliners.

Sad News from Home.

Our prayers are with 84 year old Mrs. Margaret Kelly and her two nieces Helen Lynch, 64 years and Alice Lynch, 59 years, from Mary Allens part of our County Kilmeaden, who were kidnapped and placed in the boot of a car by a five man gang who terrorised and robbed elderly people in Waterford and across the river in Kilkenny recently. Also included in our prayers, Mrs. Eileen Moloney aged 70, a retired nurse living alone in Gallowshill, Dungarvan. Thomas and David Haughton, 81 year old Patrick Holden and his daughter Kathleen. The gang were unable to do very much with farmer Sean Croke who when he heard the glass breaking in his front door jumped from his bed and grabbed his shot gun—the gang fled in terror. It's getting to be a sad state of affairs when one needs a gun for protection. All the aforementioned people were threatened with murder and rape tied up and either locked in the boot of cars or thrown into outhouses.

All this is happening to the elderly who live in the more remote areas.

That's all for now folks.

Jane T. Smyth (Mrs.), Press Officer.

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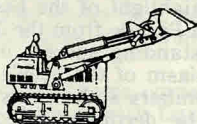
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Sports Festival.

We were so encouraged by the success of our Sports Festival over the past two years that we decided to make the Festival a three day event this year and, as we celebrate our tenth anniversary as a Club in 1984, it seemed a very appropriate time to expand.

We began the Festival on Friday, July 27th with the Golf Championship at Wexham Park Golf Club. We have a very strong Golf Society in the Club and they will enjoy the keen opposition from outside for the title. B+I have very generously provided the prizes for the tournament and they will be very worthwhile winning.

The competition will be 18 holes of Stableford, and will be a Singles event. The maximum handicap allowed for the actual Championship will be 18, but we have been pressurised into providing a special prize for those with a higher handicap! There will be coffee for the players on arrival, and a ploughman's lunch after the round of golf. We have organised a Presentation Dance for the evening and there will be a first class buffet provided. The entry fee for the competition is £15, and this includes Green Fees, Coffee, Lunch and TWO tickets for the Buffet Dance. Forms are available from Frank Conroy, Ray Buggy or Joe Shortall. The first match will tee-off at 10.00 a.m. Tickets for the Buffet Dance will be available to non-competitors at £5 each.

SATURDAY, July 28th will be a FOOTBALL DAY at St. Ethelbert's grounds. This year Billy Moloney, one of the stars of our champion football side, is organising a MIXED FOOTBALL competition. There will be three boys and two girls on each team and there will be two age groups; 16 years and under, and over 16 years. We are open to entries from all the Irish organisations and we hope the day will be very enjoyable. For more information ring Billy on Slough 33295 or contact Frank Conroy here at the club. The prizes for the Football Tournament will be presented at the Club on Saturday evening.

SUNDAY, July 29th will, of course, be the highlight of the Festival and the first event of the day will be the Grand Parade from the Town Hall to St. Ethelbert School Grounds. The outstanding success of the Parade last year was largely due to the enthusiasm of the people who prepared the floats and in particular to our members and visitors who responded to our suggestion that cars should be decorated in county colours. What a turn-out we had! Let's have an even better one this year! There will, of course, be a bottle of champagne on Sunday night for the best turned out car in the parade, or at least for its driver!

We shall all assemble at the Town Hall at 12 noon and get the parade lined up in the correct order, ready to move off at 12.30 p.m. The police, who give us excellent co-operation, insist that we start on time—so PLEASE be on time. Our route shall be Bath Road—Stoke Road—Shaggy Calf Lane—Wexham Road. Leading the Parade, in the company of our Chairman, will be the Mayor of Slough, Councillor Lydia Simmons. Having this Country's first black Mayor lead the Festival Parade of another important ethnic group certainly shows what a cosmopolitan place Slough really is. We are arranging to have a steel band playing at the Sports Ground, to give the day a flavour of the Caribbean in the Mayor's honour. We hope a number of the black community will come along and enjoy the day with us.

As last year, the Mayor will open the Sports Day at 2.00 p.m. We will then have the Athletics competition and information about this is available from Martin Reidy on Slough 27848. While this competition is in progress, a new event this year, the FUN RUN, will take place in an adjacent field and will eventually come into the main arena for the

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My sincere apologies for the wrong heading in the May issue through a printers error. Editor. Now read on.

On 17th June our Society held a Festival of Sport to raise money for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution and the Asthmatic Research Department at Northwick Park Hospital. Due to a dreadful thunderstorm we were unable to hold many of the events and very little money was raised.

We thank God that things were not even worse as two children were killed by the same storm at nearby St. Albans. Our sincere sympathy to their parents.

To make up for our lost fund raising on that occasion the committee voted to hold a Family Fun Day at the same venue namely Headstone Manor Recreation Grounds, Pinner View on Sunday, 29th July beginning at 1 p.m. Admission is only 50p. The emphasis will be on the Family with various activities suitable for all ages from tots to the elderly. Lots of side shows and stalls including our now famous Irish Coffee, Tom-bola, Cakes, Refreshments and Plants.

The childrens corner will include the Fun Castle and Car Rides, etc. A display of Irish Dancing will be given during the afternoon. Music for the day will be supplied by Irish and traditional groups. If your organisation, club, or pub would like to enter a Tug-O-War team please do not hesitate to ring one of the above telephone numbers immediately you read this so that we will know in advance. Please help us by letting as many people as possible know as its short notice and let us have your prayers for God to Bless us with good weather in our efforts to raise funds for these two deserving local charities.

Reminder.

15th September is the date for our Special Function in the Byron Hall, at the Leisure Centre Harrow (please note—Leisure Centre and not Civic Centre). Music for the evening will be by Larry Cunningham. These evenings with Larry are very enjoyable so come along and give us your support.

Many thanks for your support so far this year.

Margaret T. Whelan (Mrs.), Treasurer & P.R.O.

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concluding laps. This will be a sponsored event and the proceeds will go to the Mayor's General Charity Fund, which will eventually go to local charities. Please be generous in your sponsorship of the runners. If you would like to take part in the run, or help organise it, contact Frank Conroy at the Club.

As 1984 is the Gaelic Athletic Association's Centenary year, we thought it would be nice to make a special event of the hurling match. Donal Wade has 'resurrected' an old Harps side and they will play a Cuchulainns selection for the Festival Shield. The veterans are already in serious training and they are determined to give a very good account of themselves on the day. Until a few years ago the Harps were a major force in hurling, and we expect a lot of their former supporters will be delighted with an opportunity to see them in action again. Langley Gaels, the holders, take on Cuchulainns in Gaelic Football for the Festival Cup.

While all this is going on, the Tug-O-War teams will be straining away and the final of that competition will take place after the Gaelic Games. Few who saw it will have forgotten last year's final in which the Irish Club eventually prevailed. No doubt the competition will be fierce again this time. Dudley Gibbons is organising the weight throwing competition again as well, so there will not be a dull moment.

We are making a special effort this year to increase the number of side attractions in an attempt to keep the youngsters occupied. There will be a snack service available and, of course, a licensed bar. We are boosting the musical content of the day and as well as our own musicians and dancers, there will also be visiting bands.

At the Club on Sunday evening we shall present the prizes, as usual and The Wren Boys will provide the music. That will conclude the Festival for this year and we hope all our members, visitors and guests will have found something in it to really enjoy.

We have a good organising committee working on the Festival, but we would be delighted to hear from anyone who can offer us help or advice in connection with it. Most important of all, of course, is that people come along and support the events and let us hope the weather behaves this year.

We must point out that without our patrons who so kindly provide the prizes the Festival could not take place at all. We shall be calling on our patrons again this year and if anyone would like to become a patron please contact Frank Conroy.

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Clare Association (continued from page 9).

The next Clare Bacon and Cabbage will be held on the 29th September and NOT November as published in the June edition.

The Tramps Ball/Fancy Dress Night has been planned for the 2nd November, it promises to be great fun and it will give us all a chance to let our imagination run wild.

A shopping day to the Hypermarket in France for the 13th October, it will be a good chance to start some Christmas shopping.

The main event of the year for the Clare people, our Annual Dinner and Dance will be held on the 17th November in the Rainbow Rooms. His Lordship Dr. Harty the Bishop of Killaloe will attend again this year and we hope it will be as well attended as last years and a great success.

The reunions will be held on the 15th and 19th of November, there will be a coach from West Clare. We hope they will be as enjoyable as previous reunions and a good chance to see old friends again.

More details later in the year.

Have a happy holiday. God Bless.

Christine Bonney, (P.R.O.)

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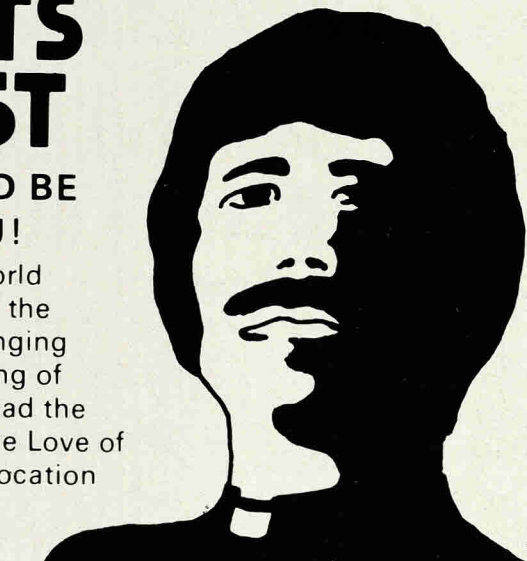
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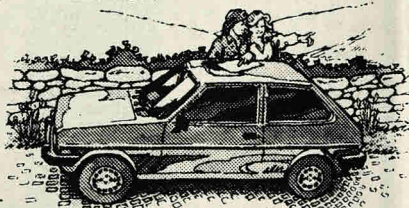
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