

THE IRISH CENTRE, 52 CAMDEN SQUARE, LONDON, N.W.1.

FEBRUARY, 1968.

- 3rd Kerry Association Dinner & Dance.
4th Clare Association A.G.M. at 3.30 p.m.
7th Tipperary C.B.S. Meeting.
8th Cavan Association Dance.
10th Kilrush C.B.S. Dance.
11th Knockavilla & Annacarty Parishes - Reunion.
15th Sean McDermott's G.A.A. Club Dinner & Dance.
17th Derry, Fermanagh, Armagh Associations Dance.
18th Kilkenny Association A.G.M. 3 - 6 p.m.
20th Council of Counties Meeting.
22nd Leitrim Association Social.
24th Kolkenny Association Meeting.
25th Council of Irish County Associations A.G.M.
29th Tipperary C.B.S., P.P.U., - A.G.M. and Social.
BINGO Every Sunday, Wednesday and Friday.
Crean School of Dancing - Monday evenings.
Boys Band Practise - Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.
Weekly ~~Draw~~^{TOTE} - every Wednesday evening at 8.00 p.m.
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It is now 12 months since the Oblates took over at The Irish Centre. Our coming was at the request of the Cardinal and, like many acts of obedience, it was not without its difficulties. Our policy was always to continue the good work and never to change for the sake of change. I'm sure all those members who had put in so much hard work over the years were wondering what these Oblates would be like. Would they pull down? Would they build up? Would they dismiss? These must have been some of the questions going through peoples minds.

Well, you have had 12 months to weigh us up and likewise we have had time to meet you. For our part we are the happiest men in London - all three of us love The Irish Centre. We think very highly of you all and our only aim is to do the correct thing at all times and make the Centre one of the finest and happiest spots in this town. We will do our very best and, with our efforts and your sincere co-operation, we can do a good job.

As you all know only too well, this Centre is in debt. That must change. No stone must be left unturned to clear it off. For that reason we have started a new Weekly Draw. It is only in its second week and doing very well. Now, last year, we had 310 members. If every member takes one book each week, that would add up to £155 (10/- a book). With determination and organisation, between the lot of us, we can be a great success. The Draw takes place every Wednesday night and all tickets must be in by 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday.

Work is going ahead on the building. It should be well on by the 17th March. You probably have ideas on what this new room should be used for - well, if so, let us know. Your ideas may be much better than ours.

We had 310 Old Age Pensioners here for the Christmas Party on the 20th January. The party was a wonderful success. Each and every one of them enjoyed themselves. A word of thanks is due to the Club Committee who put everything they knew into it to make it a day to remember. All agreed that the visit of the Mayor of Camden was the highlight of the afternoon.

The St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee are pressing us to have the Boys Band march in this year's Parade. This will be their first outing. Mr. Jim Conway is having a Banner made for them. Thank you Mr. Conway.

Already a great many seats are booked for our St. Patrick's Festival Concert on March 16th - so if you want a seat let us have your name and address soon. The following are the Artistes taking part in this year's Concert:-

- Sean Dunphy with Earl Gill & The Hoedowners.
- Johnny McEvoy.
- Patricia Cahill.
- Michael Molloy.
- Mike Newman.
- Brendan McGlinchey.
- The Dragons.
- The Glenside Ceili Band.
- The London Borough Pipers.
- The Emerald Folk Group.
- Charles Kennedy.
- Kathleen O'Connor.

Terry Wogan - Compere.

God Bless you all.