

DIARY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY.

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- 1st Benefit Dance (Galway).  
3rd Cavan Bacon and Cabbage Dinner Dance.  
4th Mayo A.G.M.  
7th Comhaltas ceoltóirí official opening.  
8th Seaflower Benefit Dance.  
10th Armagh Dance. / Kerry Annual Dinner (Barkers).  
11th Mgr. Morriarty at Quex Road for 6 p.m. Mass.  
13th Cream School of Dancing 25 card drive.  
14th Mayor's Banquet.  
15th Kilkenny Beer Festival Dance.  
17th Waterford Bacon and Cabbage Dinner & Dance.  
20th Millstreet Parish Reunion.  
21st Wine & Cheese party at the Irish Club in aid of the Irish  
22nd Ballina Parish Reunion. / Centre. Tickets 10/-.  
24th Irish Centre Wembly Dance.  
27th Ardnaree Sarsfields (Ballina) Dance.  
29th Clare Association Bacon & Cabbage.  
29th Irish Unity and Civil Rights Committee Dance (Gresham).  
31st The Four Provinces (Manor House) dance in aid of Boys' Band.

EVERY MONDAY - BALLADS.

EVERY THURSDAY - COUNTRY AND WESTERN.

11TH MAY - CHARITY WALK.

MAY 1969.

"Be not the first by whom the new is tried, nor yet the last to lay the old aside." I don't know whether you agree with the above statement or not. Your philosophy may be 'don't venture - don't win'. One thing is certain, and that is, before entering on any project one should examine the general net result even though many details may have to be filled in later. When we thought of having music in the Douglas Hyde Lounge on Monday nights, all we could say was it was a good idea and thank God it has worked. It is very satisfying to be able to tell that Monday night is a great success. Many people ring us up to find out if there is anything on at the Centre that they can come to and even bring their friends. Since the completion of the Douglas Hyde Lounge, and the introduction of music on Monday and Thursday nights, we can tell them to come any week they wish. Socially, these two evenings have proven a great success.

Now for the benefit of all those interested in Irish traditional music, you will be pleased to know we are forming a branch of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann and we will be starting on the 1st Wed. of May (7th). We feel from enquiries that we've had, that this will suit a large number of our Irish friends. Mr. Rush, Minister Plenipotentiary from the Irish Embassy will formally open our branch, which will be known as the "North London Branch".

Anyone who has been around the Centre will surely have heard that we are having a Charity Walk on May 11th. So far, we have about 100 walkers. A coach will take them from the Centre to the starting point at Bulls Green. We can still do with many more sponsors. Would you care to be a sponsor? You might even like to get your friends to sponsor a walker. We can still do with plenty more help. If so, just give us the name and address. Every effort on your part will help.

On April 22nd, we had our Club A.G.M. - not a great crowd there, but nevertheless, a very interested group. The report of last year's A.G.M. was read, approved and signed and then there was the election of the new committee. Elected were Jim Dorrian as Chairman, Mrs. Mary Hopkins as Secretary, and the rest of the committee are as follows: Mary Kenny, Nancy Crowley, Joe Kelly, Tess Rudd, Bridie Mc. Grath, Joe O'Connor, Seamus Carroll, Gerry Kelly, John Murphy. # Another item that created discussion was Jim Dorrian's Proposal of music in the Douglas Hyde Lounge on Saturday nights. This proposal was carried by the meeting.

The Wembley games take place on 24th May. This year in the football you can see the All Ireland Champions (Down) against the might of Kerry and in the hurling Wexford the champions against Tipperary. All Irish people in London will be looking forward to these experts.

Every year at Wembley, by kind permission of the G.A.A. we have a collection. For this we need collectors. I feel sure that all our staunch friends who do this every year will be on call again. Just ring us up and let us know. We look forward to hearing from you.

The Mayor's Banquet is being held on 14th May. Tickets are available at 2 pounds. This is an annual event and one many people really enjoy.

On 29th May at the Gresham Ballroom, an Irish Unity and Civil Rights Committee Dance will be held.

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# Tom Ryan, Pat Hegarty, John Downing.

Fr. P. Sheridan.