DIARY FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

2nd	United Ireland Association	Dance.
9th	Meath Association	
I3th	Comhaltas	
I6th	Dublin Association	
23rd	Clare Association	Bacon & Cabbage.
27th	Comhaltas	
30th	Irish Centre	Dance.

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EVERY MONDAY - BALLADS

EVERY THURSDAY & SATURDAY - COUNTRY & WESTERN

EVERY WEDNESDAY FRIDAY & SUNDAY - BINGO

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THE IRISH CENTRE - NEWS - LETTER

As a nation, I suppose it is true to say we remember our country in song and in story, asmuch as any in the world, if not more. It would seem that out of the fifty two weeks of the year we spend fifty of them singing about Ireland. As for the other two we usually spend in Ireland. Every Irishman and woman just loves going back there, firstly because it is home and secondly its great to get away from the noise and fuss of city life. The reason why I say all that is simply to wish you a very happy holiday. I hope you find all belonging to you in the best of health; I hope you meet some of your neighbours from other parts of the globe and I hope too that the weather is kind to you.

I your conversations with your friends, you are bound to bring up something about the Irish Centre. A few facts with regard to the welfare side of it may be of use to you.

The Irish Centre was founded in I955. Its purpose was to assist Irish boys and girls cominf to London for the first time. As you all know the first two or three weeks are often the most crucial for the simple reason that all landlords want advance payment for a flat, andmoreoften than not employees have to work a week in hand. To help some wasting time looknig for a job, the Marian Employment Agency helps them, if there is no immediate flat to be got we help with hostel accomodation.

That generally is the purpose, but you know as well as I do, that it involves much more than that. Since the Irish Centre opened it has accomodated just over I7,000 people, and sent them on their way to victory.

This all costs money and ~~perhaps~~ you can do alot here. For instance we had a charity walk this year. It realsied I,800 pounds so far. Could you tell your friends that they should be sponsors next year to one of our walkers? Tell them you will be on to them shortly after Christmas and you want a shilling per. mile for a walker in our charity walk next year. I feel we vould do an awful lot better next time.

As, I said above the charity walk realised I,300 pounds. Our sibcere thanks to eyeryone who helped, but above all to our walkers.

All through the Summer our Ballad Sessions are goinf ahead. One has only to look at the numbers coming to see that the people love it. If your friends are over you came take them to the Douglas Hyde lounge every Monday , Thursday, and Saturday nights, and have the best Irish atmosphere you can find in London. Treat them to a night out at the Irish Centre.

The Autumn fare this year will be help in the Regent Rooms Camden Town. This takes place on 30th. Sept., more about that after you have returned from your holiday.

God bless you all,

Fr. P. Sheridan, O.M.I.