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# Newsletter

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# DIARY

### JANUARY 1971

Sunday 3rd	Crean School of Dancing - children's party. Cork Association dance.
Saturday 9th	Old Age Pensioners' party. Irish Centre dance.
Sunday 10th	Waterford Association A.G.M.
Thursday 14th	Percy Road, Kilburn - dinner/dance.
Saturday 16th	Council of Irish Counties Assoc dinner/dance.
Sunday 17th	Cork Association - children's party.
Tuesday 19th	Carlow A.G.M.
-116 FA 20 1	Council of Irish Counties Assoc. meeting.
Thursday 21st	United Ireland Association - dinner/dance.
Saturday 23rd	Federation of Irish Societies meeting. Fermanagh Association - dinner.
Sunday 24th	Galway A.G.M. Clare Assoc. Children's party.
Tuesday 26th	Boys Band Party.
Thursday 28th	Glenties (Co.Donegal) Reunion.
Saturday 30th	Kildare Assoc. dinner
Sunday 31st	Kilkenny A.G.M.

Comhaltas Ceoltoiri -13th, 27th January and 10th February
Bingo 8.30 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays 8.15 on Sundays.
Ballads every Monday.

Music on Fridays, Saturdays and Sunday nights.

# FEBRUARY DIARY - 1st Week

Thursday 4th Eden Grove Parish Council - dinner/dance.

Saturday 6th Offaly Association.

### NEWSLETTER

By the time you receive this letter you will have either forgotten about your new year's resolutions or be priding yourself on how well you have kept them. Be careful not to become too proud. As Christ said, "Let him who thinks himself to stand, let him take heed lest he fall."

We here at the Centre wish you a very happy 1971. We hope too that The Irish Centre will play its part in helping you and yours to enjoy 1971. In the past year there have been some wonderful occasions at our ballad sessions. Let's hope they will be even better in 1971.

This year we are taking a stand on the question of membership. We are insisting that everyone who comes to our sossions is a member. This will include Sunday mornings. It will probably mean a drop off in numbers but we are prepared to accept this fact. Anyway, you will be renewing your membership. At least you will know that everyone also who comes here will be doing the same. The question of membership has always been a problem. As an Irish Centre, every Irish person is welcome - and any other nationality who feels they enjoy our company. But being Irish is not enough to entitle one to enjoy the facilities of our Club. We have to look at the legal side and abide by it. Up to now we have never been too strict. The reasons why I tell you all this are firstly as a member you have the right to know and secondly that when you come you will know that the rest of our patrons are also members. Notice has been given over the past few weeks about all this.

It was suggested at our A.G.M. last year that we have an annual dinner here for members. We are having such a dinner on the 19th February 1971. The tickets are 30/- each. Please apply to Mary Hopkias c/c the Irish Centre, 52 Camden Square, N.W.1. We ask you to apply before 31st January. The number is limited. The music for that night will be by Benn Pros. Ceili & Old Time Band. It will be a very goo night.

The Old Age Pensioners' party takes place on 9th January. This is always a great occasion. The Club Committee look forward to this almost as much as the old people themselves.

1971 should be a very important year for this Centre. The property next door should be bought and then work will begin on the new Irish Centre. Bi hop Eamon Casey, Archbishop Cunnane, Bashop McFeely and Bishop Harty have launched Their appeal and will be having a national collection in Ireland on the 14th March. We at the Centre will benefit from this collection. This move on the part of the Church in Ireland should set the wheel of fortune an motion and, where it is a stop nobody knows. Let's hope and pray we hit the jackpot. We need every penny we can get. Whatever you can do to help - please do so. Let's all be in on this and do what we can to make the National Collection a great one.

We wish you every Blessing for 1971.