

If you stand on the Embankment near Lambeth Palace and look across the river, your attention will be captured by the fine architecture that makes up the Houses of Parliament. Go north, cross Westminster Bridge, and take a close look. You will find time and weather have eroded some of its stony facade. Since you received your last newsletter the 'facade' of the Irish Centre has been affected by its share of weathering. In losing Fr. Patrick Sheridan OMI it has lost its greatest P.R.O. man.

Father Sheridan became so involved with the Irish Centre that the two became almost synonymous. He worked here for eight years. He helped build up the Centre and fill it with life. We all appreciate his enormous contribution and feel obliged to keep alight the spirit he infected. His parting may make the beginning of a legend, let us hope it is not the end of an era.

Although he was the mainspring of the social activities of the Centre, he was always motivated by and deeply concerned for the welfare aspect of the organisation. He now goes to direct the Welfare Centre in Birmingham, and to carry on the work he did here in London. He can be assured of our prayers and good wishes.

When a popular 'turn' leaves the stage to tumultuous applause, the question is "how do you follow that?". As next in line, yours truly is conscious of the temptation to go one better. However, I have strong feelings about this 'show', and there is no room for clowns in it!

I very much appreciate the reception accorded to me since coming to the Centre. I am however being constantly asked (understandably) for my genealogy...so for the record here are a few details. Born in Portlaoise, we moved to Dublin while I was quite young and there I was educated in St. Vincents and Belcamp College. After ordination in 1967 I spent one year in St. Annes Birmingham, and the last five years in 'Star of the Sea', Leith (Edinburgh), where much of my work was among the young people of that area.

I have great admiration for the people and work being done in the Irish Centre and am glad to be associated with them. Their pride in the progress made by the Centre is dwarfed by their ambitions to make the place more effective in dealing with the problems of the needy, and more suitable for the social and recreational needs of all the Irish. There is a great deal of work to be done, it is urgent, but it is reassuring to know that there is a large team working for its fulfilment, and I will be more than pleased to play my part.

There will be a chance to give Fr. Sheridan a send off on OCTOBER 22ND, when there will be a Presentation Dinner/Dance in the Irish Centre. The tickets will be £3.00 and they will be limited, so applications will have to be taken in strict order of rotation. There will, however, be a session in the Douglas Hyde Lounge on the same night for those who cannot get Dinner tickets and there will be the usual cover charge of

During the summer, the Saloon Bar had a face lift, and we hope the modernisation and comfort in which you can now watch colour television while taking your refreshments will be an added pleasure for our members.

With the evacuation to Hope House of the Hostel, we have also now several rooms available for Committee Rooms, and these are now helping considerably to ease the pressure on our room space, which sometimes inevitably happens.

You will be pleased to hear that Hope House is filled to capacity all the time, and is proving a great success.

We would like to remind everyone about our CHRISTMAS BAZAAR, and hope you are gathering in goods of all kinds, or making articles we can sell. We will announce the date in the near future. We would also remind you to buy your Christmas Cards from the Irish Centre.

God bless you all,

Rev. Fr. Frank Ryan OMI.

DIARY

Thursday, 3	October	-	Benefit Dance, Clare Assoc.
Saturday, 5	"	-	Dublin Assoc. Dinner/Dance
Thursday, 10	"	-	St. Mellitus, Dance.
Friday, 11	"	-	Roscommon Dance (after Bingo)
Saturday, 12	"	-	Kentish Town Dance
Thursday, 17	"	-	Geraldines Dance.
Friday, 18	"	-	Abbeyfeale Reunion
Saturday 19	"	-	Cavan Bacon & Cabbage Supper
Tuesday 22	"	-	Fr. Sheridan's Presentation D/D and Ballad Session - D.Hyde Lounge
Thursday, 24	"	-	Roscommon 25 Card Drive
Friday, 25	"	-	Roscommon Dance (after Bingo)
Saturday, 26	y	-	Southern Counties Irish Deder- ation Meeting - afternoon. Evening: Monaghan Assoc. D/Daance
Thursday, 31	"	-	Camden Square Tenants' Buffet Dance, D. Hyde Lounge.
Saturday 2	November	-	Tipperary Assoc.
Monday 4	"	-	Clare Reunion

WEEKLY EVENTS

- BINGO - Every Wednesday and Friday at 8.30 p.m.
and Sunday at 8.00 p.m.
- FRIDAY EVENINGS: Impromptu Dance & Ballad Session.
- SATURDAY EVENINGS: Music - Douglas Hyde Lounge.
- SUNDAY MORNINGS: Traditional Irish Music.
- SUNDAY EVENINGS: Ballad Session - Douglas Hyde Lounge.
- MONDAY EVENINGS: School of Irish Dancing (Paddy Crean School).
Juniors - 7 p.m. Seniors 8 p.m.
- ALTERNATE WEDNESDAYS: Comholtas Ceoltori Eireaan.

MASSES

Sunday: 9 a.m. 11.a.m. 5.30 p.m. 6.30 p.m.
(Confessions before Mass)
Weekdays: 7.p.m. (not Saturdays).

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THE BOYS BAND: Band Classes will resume on Sunday October 6th 1974 at 12 noon in the John F. Kennedy Hall.