THE KARAOKE KING

Carolyn and Claire burst into my "office" last Monday evening. "There's fierce excitment back the village, all day". I surmised to myself that Pauline and Liam were having their official opening but as I am to perform that duty it could not have been that either. "Not that " they said "Our local pin-up boy **Donal Acton**,came second in the final of the Karaoke contest in the Red Door in Ballinrobe last night".

I was on the blower to the great one straight away and indeed he did confirm that not alone did he come second but for his trouble he recieved £100 (with money like that, it has put me thinking, singing could be a good earner).Anyway I decided to inquire about the standard of competition, Donal assured me the standard was quite high, Helen Geraghty from Shrule was one of the finalists (so that's what all the Geraghty girls were doing in Ballinrobe last Sunday night). Mary (Murray) bowed to me in a Ballinrobe watering hole.
Donal told me that when Helen Geraghty sang the Rose he felt the game was up for him, but when the result was announced he was shocked,overcome with emotion and flabergasted to realise he was in second place. A young lady from the Ballinrobe area came first (home town decision, typical). I cant remember did Donal tell me he sang Take me home Country Roads by John Denver or was it Four Roads to Glencorib. Anyway what this means is that we have a new singing star in Ballycushion. There should be a major spin off for the area. I am considering a new line in T-shirts "**I had the loan of Donal Acton's trailer for the bog**" printed on the front.Of course on the road to Knock we're open to a bigger market. "**We waved to Donal's mother on the way to Knock**", would constitute another batch.Ivan Higgins will become my sole distributer. Up Carramore way Maisie Kelleghan and Teresa O'Dea will open a coffee shop. Christy Hughes will become his manager. Life will never be the same again. In the meantime Donal before you go on a tour of South Mayo and squander your £100. maybe you will call for me some evening and we'd amble back as far as Shrule, I'd like to check out this singing star Helen Geraghty. Aideneen has real competition at last.

"The Bridge" apoligises for the use of four letter words, words like "They, Hall, Song, That and Them".

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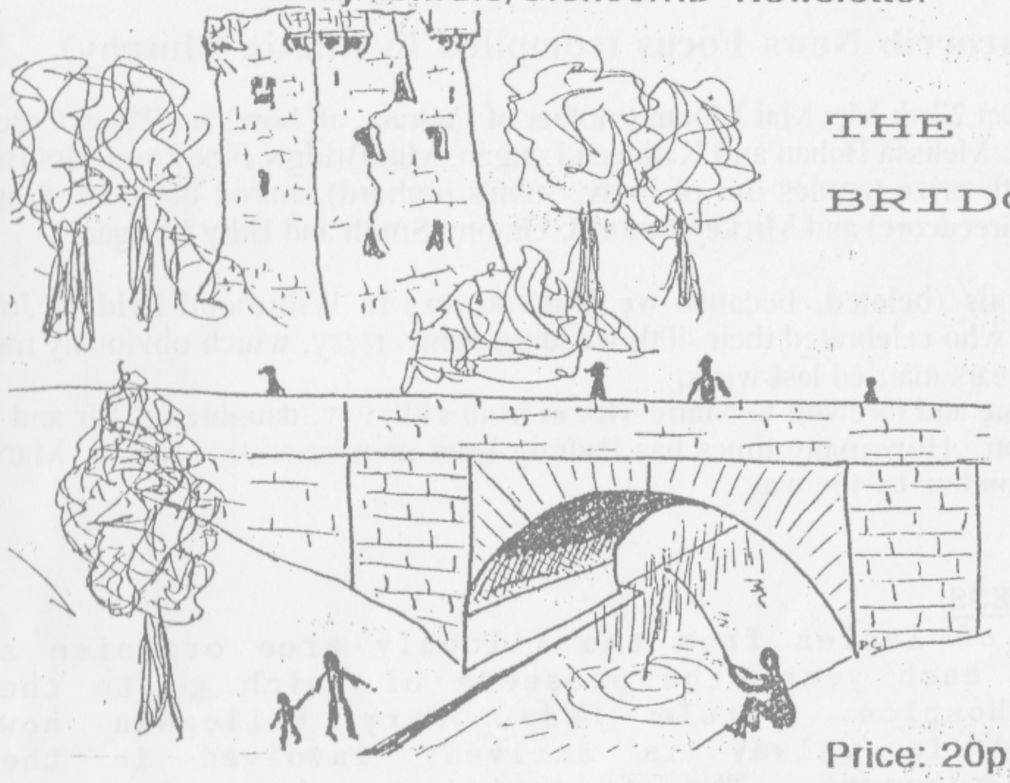

THE BRIDGE

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Maura on the Move (an occasional column by Maura Mullin)

ONE evening recently as I was watching television, I took special notice of an announcement made on RTE 2. This announcement precedes Home and Away on most evenings, and it is to inform deaf people that they can watch this programme on Aertel page ...However, there is no sign language or sub-titles to inform the deaf people. Surely it would be more logical to have these details written up on the screen, rather than giving oral details, considering that the message being coveyed is directed at deaf people. Even the people who have the extra bonus of being able to lip read are not beter off in this instance, because the Network 2 logo is the only picture to grace the screen while the announcement is being made.
This incident made me think of the plight of people who are deaf, or hard of hearing. There are so few programmes on television today that these people can fully avail of — on account of their disability, and it is very sad to think that the few that are available are not advertised successfully.

Fogra: Congratulations to the kids at Gortjordan National School on a project success last week. We hope to return to this matter in a future issue — I'd want to seeng as I claimed travelling expenses off The Bridge to go over and meet **Gerard Tiernan**, the Pride of Kilmacduah, **Pascal Hynes**, **Daniel Carey** and **Edel Mullin** herself.
Feature on Shrule Hall has been held over, because it deserves more space than we are to give it this week. Watch for a special supplement on the hall in coming weeks.

Maurice Dancers on Three

Glencorrib News Focus (compiled by Martin Murphy)

Card winners:
Wednesday Oct 23rd: Mrs Mai Moran (mother of Padraig, all bow) and Patsy Casey; 2 and 3 divided: Melissa Bohan and Kathleen Langan, Mrs Bridget Flood and Mrs Bridie Murphy; 99th prize (apples out of Petty, John's orchard) shared between: Christy Comerford (Greedcore) and Mickey Smurfit; Granny Smith and Billy Morgan.

Congratulations (belated, because we didn't know) to Willie and Bridget Joyce, Ballisnahina, who celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary, which obviously means they wre 40 years married last week.
Welcome home and farewell to Marie Moran from Hillview, daughter of Mr and Mrs Padraig Moran. How many times has Padraig been mentioned this week? Marie is home from London, by the way.

FANCY DRESS

A group of ladies from the Kilconly area organise a function each year, the proceeds of which go to the Galway Hospice. Shrule Lady, Mary Kelleghan now domiciled in Galway is actively involved in the Hospice Movement. The fundraising takes place in Tierneys Lounge, Foxhall on Monday night(Bank Holiday). The special feature is a fancy dress, music by the Double Deckers and admission is £1.00 whether you are in fancy or unfancy dress. Impersonators are most welcome. Support it, it's a worthy cause.

KARATE CLASSES IN SHRULE

Karate classes commence in Shrule Community Centre on Sunday (today) October 27th and not on Sunday October 26th as advertised on posterslocally. From 5 - 6p.m.there are classes for 6 - 12 year olds. From 6 - 7.30.pm. classes for 12 years and upwards, right up to adults in other words there is no upper age limit. Tuition is by local man Tom Joyce and if you bump into him he will give you all the details but make sure you say sorry, he is a qualified Karare instructor.
If Mrs. Acton gets a hold of me after she reads this weeks "Bridge" a bit of Karate could come in useful.

HALLOWEEN BINGO SPECIAL

Maisie Murphy was telling me the other evening she hopes she will be lucky at Shrule Bingo next Tuesday night because there is a massive Halloween game there. Lots of extra prizes , extra cash, and Jack Reynolds will be whizzing up and down the hall all night on his magic broom distributing those extra prizes.
Shrule Community Centre, Tuesday night 8.30pm.

Seeing as ye were all so smart knowing Eileen McCarthy, ye can figure these crowd of latchacos for yourselves. Up Skehana! Some of them never changed a bit, more's the pity.

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Hillview,
Glencorrib,
Tuesday.

Dear Ed,
I wish to inform you that you are in breach of regulations by allowing that gentleman fish at Shrule Bridge, as the fishing season is now closed.
However he appears on the cover of "The Bridge"each week when in fact he should have his fishing tackle put away. It amazes me that he is on the one part of the bank each week. Does he ever catch anything?
If he appears on the cover of "The Bridge" next week, I will be left with no alternative but to report the matter to the proper authorities.
Yours faithfully,
Padraic Moran.

This is his last week. He will be back in February. We apologise for any offence committed and he has thrown back his catch.