

# **BREFFNI RADIO AWARDS**

in the

**HOTEL KILMORE, CAVAN**

*Tuesday, 15th October, 1985*

**EILEEN DONAGHY  
LARRY CUNNINGHAM**

**PHILOMENA BEGLEY  
NA FIANNA**

**BIRDY SWEENEY  
BRIDIE GALLAGHER**

**MICHAEL O'BRIEN  
SHEILA BARRY**

**EDDIE & BRIGHT LIGHTS  
PAT WOODS**

**BIG TOM  
CHUCK & JUNE  
FIDDLERS GREEN**



## Programme

BIRDY SWEENEY

FIDDLERS GREEN

BRIDIE GALLAGHER

CHUCK, JUNE & THE GAMBLERS

LARRY CUNNINGHAM

MICHAEL O'BRIEN

## Interval

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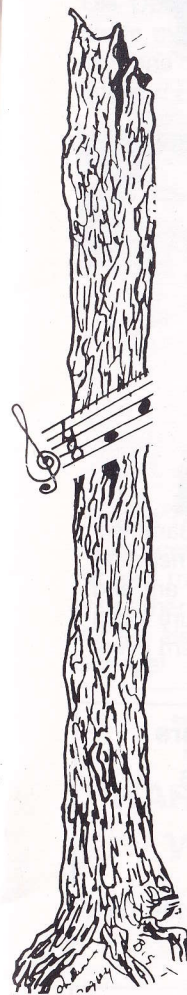
BREFFNI RADIO, in its first year on the air, has proved far more successful than we could have hoped for when, back in December, we first switched on to bring you "music from the heart of Breffni".

Undoubtedly all of this success is due to the choice of music—Country and Irish. The decision to play that type of music was an easy one for two reasons: number one was the fact that BREFFNI broadcasts from the heart of rural Cavan in an area where Irish music has always been very popular; secondly, our national broadcasting services have sadly neglected that type of music down through the years.

Once on the air, Breffni soon established itself not only with its listeners but also with advertisers who found us an excellent medium for putting their messages across. The disc jockeys are the people everyone knows at the station—all are locals and nearly all are spinning discs for the first time. Another big event in the history of BREFFNI came back in May when our second station, BREFFNI CENTRAL, started in Longford town to serve the Midlands and West. It too is now a thriving local station. Back here in Cavan, further expansion is underway at the station. We plan in the very near future to introduce a full news service, also for all the bad sleepers among you we plan to broadcast twenty four hours a day right round the clock. This along with broadcasting on FM should keep us busy over the coming months.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank three very important groups of people without whom there would be no BREFFNI RADIO. Firstly, the recording artistes who have been more than helpful to us, and especially those who join us here tonight at our awards concerts. We hope they continue to turn out first class records, and we look forward to playing them. Secondly, we would like to thank all our advertisers around the country. Thanks for having faith in BREFFNI as an advertising medium, and we are as happy as they are that advertising with us does indeed get results. And then we come to our thousands of friends around the country, our listeners. We would like to thank each and every one of you for all your requests, dedications and all your good wishes and we hope that we at least in some small way made your days a little brighter and that you will continue to allow us to come into your homes in the future. To the Hotel Kilmore we extend our thanks for sponsoring the beautiful trophies which were hand-made locally. P.S.—I suppose we should thank our DJs, but it might go to their heads.

*In conclusion, may we wish you a most enjoyable night's entertainment and remember, "Ireland's Best are with BREFFNI".*





## BRIDIE GALLAGHER

A legend in the Irish music industry is a title which befits the "Girl from Donegal", Bridie Gallagher. Born in the foothills of the Muskish mountains at Creeslough, Bridie has entertained all over the world from London to Vancouver, New Zealand to Australia, in fact everywhere you will find an Irish exile. To list all her hit songs would take pages, but who doesn't know "A Mother's Love's A Blessing", "The Boys from the County Armagh" and many more. Bridie has thankfully fully recovered from major heart surgery and is back singing the songs we all love. Breffni Radio is more than happy to have the "Girl from Donegal" with us tonight.



## CHUCK & JUNE



From Granard, Co. Longford, Chuck and June with their band The Gamblers have established themselves as one of the top bands in the country. Their first album, "Chuck and June Country" shows just how good a duet they are and there is no one in Ireland to match Chuck's steel guitar playing. The future looks very bright indeed for this very likeable group and we at Breffni wish them every success and are delighted, as you will be, that they came along tonight.

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## LARRY CUNNINGHAM

It's a few years since Larry headed off to the gigs on his push bike with his fiddle tied to the carrier, but "Tribute to Jim Reeves" changed all that. Then came the song most associated with Larry, "Lovely Leitrim", and since then Larry has appeared with some of the greatest names in Country Music and has appeared several times on the Grande Ole Oprey. Larry has had more hit records than any other Irish singer and is still one of the biggest attractions in England and in America.



## FIDDLERS GREEN

Fiddlers Green are one of the most promising new folk acts to emerge on the ballad scene in recent years and are currently taking the cabaret venues by storm. All four members of the band are no newcomers to the stage—all have played with other groups over the years and all four are not only accomplished musicians but are also very fine singers as well. Three of the lads hail from Bundoran, Co. Donegal, and one from Gort, Co. Galway.

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## BIG TOM

Well, what can you say about this man? To have a show like this without him would be unthinkable—he is Mr. Country and Irish. Since his first Lp, "A Little Bit of Country and Irish", was released back in 1969 he has remained the top attraction in this country. To list all his hits would probably fill this page and I am sure you know them all anyway. So just sit back and listen to the gentle giant from 'Blaney singing as only he can. Thanks to Tom and his band, The Travellers, for coming along—it wouldn't be the same without them.



## SANDY KELLY



She came top out of the representatives of eleven other countries to take the award to Ireland for the third time. Susan McCann won it in its inaugural year and another of our winners appearing tonight, Philomena Begley, won it in 1983. So the future of the young Sligo girl is assured for a very long time to come. **Message from Sandy Kelly:** "I would like to thank the listeners of Breffni Radio to voting for me. Thank you for helping me to make 1985 my most successful year in Show business. Sorry I could not be with you all tonight as we are on tour in Norway. Hoping to see all my friends soon, and that your night is a great success. Best wishes to all from SANDY."

Sadly Sandy cannot be with us tonight as she is busy entertaining her many overseas fans and she picked up many more of them by winning the European Golden Star award for 1985 in Belgium.

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## EILEEN DONAGHY

The blonde Eileen from Moy, Co. Tyrone, has been charming audiences around the world with songs such as "Oul Lamas Fair", "Boys from the Co. Mayo" and many more and as our listeners are aware her records are as popular as ever. She is in great demand both at home and abroad for her shows and personal appearances. We thank Eileen for coming along tonight.



## NA FIANNA

Na Fianna, who hit the top with their first single release, "The Cliffs of Baccalieu", have gone on to become one of the top folk groups in the country and the release of their new recording, a very fine album called "Musical Travels" which features a very fine selection of songs, should further enhance their already very good reputation. We are sure that this fine foursome from Granard will be around as long as they want to be.

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JOHNNY CASH has come a long way from his Arkansas birthplace, when he bought his first guitar in the mid-fifties. He was serving with the United States Air Force in Germany as a cryptographer. It was while he was in Germany that he wrote one of his most important and enduringly popular songs, "Folsom Prison Blues".

Returning from Germany, he got married, approached the Sun Recording Company several times, only to be turned down each time. His music was too slow for their Rock-orientated label. Eventually his persistence paid off. Sam Phillips of Sun Records agreed to record him and his group, "The Tennessee Two" (Marshall Grant and Luther Perkins). The rest is well known in history.

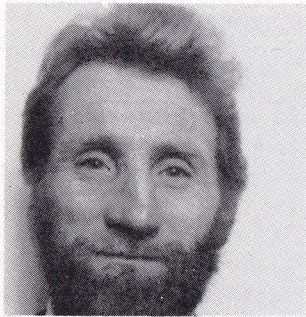
His most requested records on the station are "Chicken in Black", "Sunday Morning Coming Down" and "The One on the Left is on the Right".

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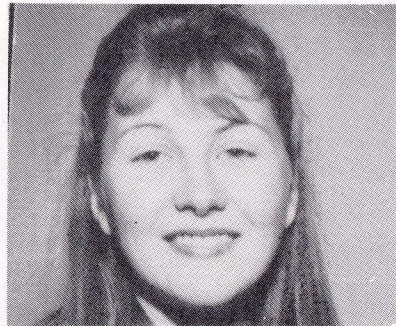


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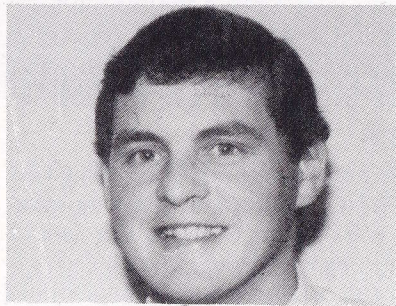
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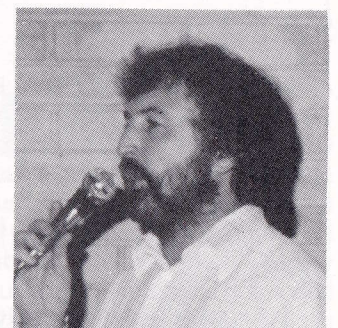


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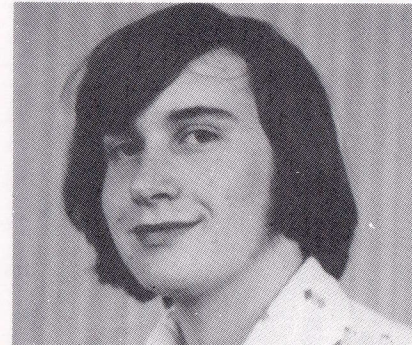


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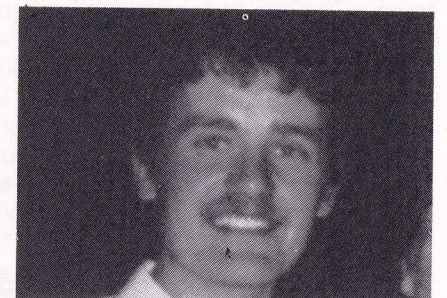
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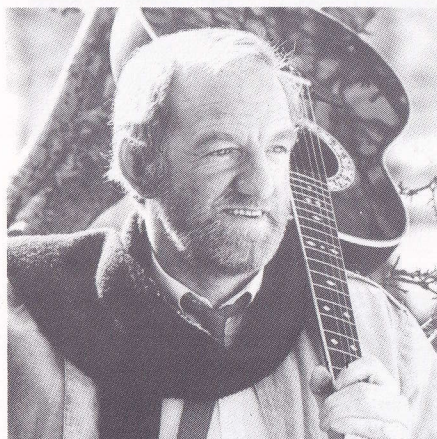
## **SHEILA BARRY**

A beautiful young lady from Banbridge, Co. Down, Sheila Barry is one of the best of the new talent to come along in recent years in Country music. Sheila has been singing Country music all her life, thankfully an interest that never waned, though she never dreamed of becoming a recording star. But a recording star she is. Sheila has a very bright future in front of her in Country music and we at Breffni wish every success to this young lady who is a pushover for a Country song.



## **PAT WOODS**

Pat Woods has in recent years become one of Ireland's top attractions on the ballad scene and this led to him being the deserving winner of the 1982 Benson & Hedges Entertainer of the Year award. Pat started singing in his native Keady, Co. Armagh, at a very early age and won his first singing competition at the age of twelve. There is no sole entertainer in the country who can put on a show like Pat. His show captures all the tragedy, humour, fervour, zeal and feeling of life and you will be enthralled by his absorbing and impressive repertoire. Pat's reputation will be further enhanced by the release of his new album, "The Wild



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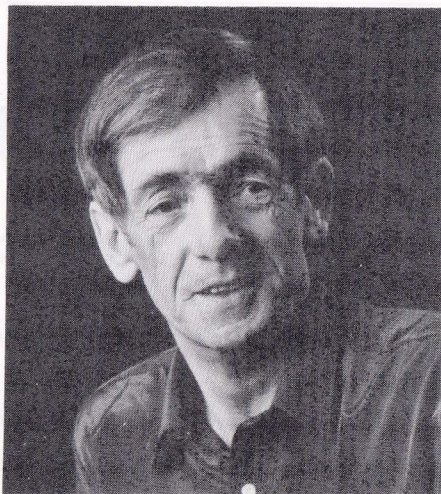
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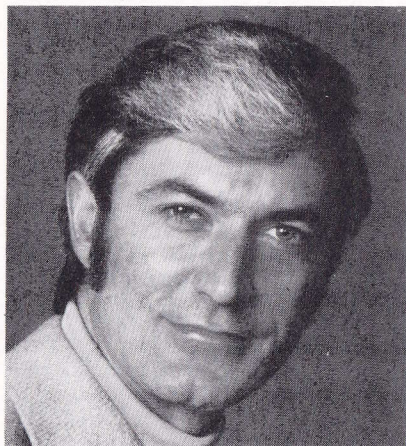
## BIRDY SWEENEY

Birdy Sweeney's imaginative sense of comedy has been rewarded with the sound of laughter from audiences throughout the British Isles, Canada and the United States. Over the years his inimitable style of humour and characterisations has won the applause and appreciation of both the general public and his fellow artistes in the world of entertainment. His timing and expression, in the true tradition of comedy, are a creative artform. Birdy's comedy album, "Radio Moonshine", has received high praise from our listeners and presenters.



## DERMOT HEGARTY

Longford man Dermot is no stranger to the charts. He has had some of the biggest selling records here in Ireland. Who doesn't remember hits like "Shores of Amerikay", the phenomenally successful "Twenty-One Years", also "Four Green Fields" "Nineteen Men" and all the rest. Dermot now spends most of his time touring in England where he is very popular and unfortunately this is the reason Dermot cannot be with us tonight as he is in England on tour.



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## PHILOMENA BEGLEY

Ireland's First Lady of Country Music, Philomena Begley is not only a star attraction at home but has also won the hearts of audiences around the world. She is a past winner of the coveted Golden Star award and is surely Europe's First Lady of Country Music. Philomena, who hails from Arboe, Co. Tyrone, first made the charts with "Here Today, Gone Tomorrow". We're glad to say that song didn't apply to Phil, who has won over the crowds several times at Europe's top Country event, the annual festival at Wembley. She has also won Ireland's Top Country Singer award many times and we are delighted she could be here at our awards tonight.



## EDDIE FITZSIMONS

One of the most popular DJs on Breffni, Eddie and the Bright Lights are a very popular local band who are very much in demand for lounge and concert entertainment. Their newly released tape, "Roads and Other Reasons" is selling like hot cakes and will be released in album form very shortly. A gentleman if there ever was one, Eddie, we hope, will be spinning the records with us at Breffni for a long time to come.



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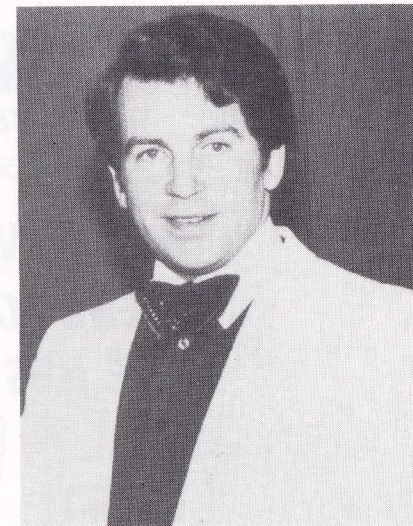
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## **MICHAEL O'BRIEN**

Michael O'Brien has been involved in the music business since he was a teenager when he formed his own band, The Coasters. Michael is a multi-instrumentalist and is a very fine songwriter. His first album, "The Cliffs of Moher", is a national best seller and, of course, contains the most popular song ever on Breffni, "The Veil of White Lace", which took off like no other record has ever done on the station. Michael, from Ennis, Co. Clare, will be releasing another LP in the near future and we look forward to playing it for you, and there's no doubt that it will be every bit as popular as his first offering.



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