

THE BRO-KEN STRING

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Hi it's **Enrico de Bolica**, your 'axe-man' reporting from the NI Shadows Club for the Bro-ken String.

Turner And Tully In Trouble

Mr Arpeggio Turner and *Mr Rhythm Tully* are to be reprimanded by *The Godfather* for time wasting. The pair spent a good twenty five minutes fiddling about trying to get a sound suitable for *The Enforcer's* set in the second half of the programme. The said offence took place after *The Enforcer* had called the meeting to order and introduced the opening act

Simon and Mike opened up once again this month, looking remarkably like our new Boy Band sensation *Old Spice*. With the backing of Hall on drums Chris on keyboards and Dave T on bass they managed to *Guitar Tango, Gonzales* into *Geronimo* the famous *Apache*. For their last two tunes Brian Tuohy took over on keyboards.

Jim Bennett was up next and managed to keep his *Theme For Young Lovers* under control long enough to stop them sinking into the undersea world of *Atlantis*.

Guitar Phil took the next lesson with Eric replacing Mike on rhythm guitar. Our aging teacher then lit up his *Peace Pipe* for a gentle puff before heading down to the Assembly Hall for the latest after school activity known as *Dance On*.

Chris Braniff, decided to join *The Boys* at the after school *Shindig* and even asked Hall to play a louder, (*as he was used to having his uncle Cyril behind him*). Hall, with a huge smile on his face readily obliged and they gave us one of the best *Flingel Bunt's* we have heard up to this date.

Fashion Show Turns Up At Club Meeting

It was around this time that John '*Dinger*' Bell and his entourage arrived with the very disturbing news that a fashion show wanted to oust us from the dwelling so as they could strut, sorry I mean strut their stuff on our stage. *The Godfather* quickly sorted things out by, first of all offering to supply the music, before sending them packing clothes, make up, wigs and all.

The *Shadow Hunters* were next to display their ever growing talents. Paul played the year he was born *1861* and then *The Miracle*, a true statement considering his date of birth. Sam then managed to get *Windjammed* in *Parisienne Walkways* (*Roy for goodness sake buy him a Les Paul and a sustain pedal so as he can play PW with the right sound etc*).

Bernard then managed to get himself sorted out after forgetting his directions at *Midnight* in *The Lost City*.

Jim *Mr Rhythm* Tully, backed by George *Mr Arpeggio* Turner, Chris, Hall and Des *The Godfather*, was up next and he delightfully got *The Stranger* back to the safety of the kitchen by using a new life raft called *Kon-Tiki*.

John *Dinger* Bell lead his entourage *Round And Round* looking for a *Blue Star* said to be shinning bright in *September Time* while playing a very good *Scarlett O'Hara*, many believing this to be his best performance to date.

Old Spice Return To Play YFC.

It was about this time that the ladies once again began to get a little more excited than usual. As they watched the mike stands go up and the guys from *Old Spice* take to the floor.

The boys, this time, singing two tracks from their up- coming album. *Travelling Light* and their signature tune (they say) *The Young Ones*. The girls once again going mad screaming their names and whirling scarves above their heads as the place really rocked.

Kitchen Under New Management

While the ladies calmed down the men headed to the kitchen (now trading under the name of *Turner's Takeaway*). Some say Maggie was bought out of her shares in the kitchen, while the majority believe it has changed names for Tax evasive purposes.

Mark kicked of the second half with two classics *Atlantis* and *The Theme For Young Lovers*, which he says he hopes to be himself someday (a young lover that is). A tune which he had learnt especially for the day.

The Enforcer, backed by *Arpeggio* on rhythm the *Godfather* on bass *Fingers Johnston* on keyboards and *Sticks Smyth* on drums, then gave us a swell time travelling with *Cavatina* down to *Argentina* before getting blown slightly of course by a wind known as *Londonderry Air* before ending up *Somewhere* around the early sixties looking to see if P J Proby was still singing this big hit from West Side Story. This once again was a new tune for the club to sink its teeth in to.

Stanley once again showed his skills as he masterfully *Guitar Boogied* his *Mustang* into the well known and beautiful sounds from the *True Love Ways* that he managed to get out of his bare-knuckle guitar as he let us all know that *Spring Is Nearly Here*.

Jim B was then very forcefully told that *Geronimo* wasn't allowed to *Foottapper* his feet on the unclean floor as it kicked up too much dust.

Guitar Phil then took us on a journey looking for a *Golden Street* in the *Frightened City*. I don't think he found it either but seemed to enjoy the trip.

Brian, once again, visiting from Dublin, let us all know that it is *A Man's World* after downing *3 Galleons* of brew before heading of back

along his lonely trip home. Safe journey home Brian.

One half of The Shadowhunters was next up on stage, Sam had the *FBI* looking all over the North and *South Of The Border* to find out if he had managed to give a good enough performance to get a spot on the play list of the Anniversary gig.

The other half of the Hunters, the very talented Paul, then managed to get himself out of a *Blue Sky, Blue Sea, Blue Me* by casually playing his way through his tunes. When questioned about his smooth easy going style he replied its better if you *Walk Don't Run*.

Bernard back from his escapades in the Lost City and with a new addition to the band, Terry on bass, then masterfully led the *Genie With The Light Brown Lamp* into a toe tapping up beat tune called *Shadoogie*.

Mr Rhythm was up next got *The Giant* to cause a bit of a *Rumble* before Bernard came back to calm him down by telling him that he was *Goin' Home*.

A big thank you must be said here to Hall 'Sticks' Smyth, Chris 'Fingers' Johnston and our club 'Godfather' Des McNeil for providing a sturdy rhythm unit for all performers to play with.

We must also thank the staff of Turner's Takeaway who manages to keep us fed and watered at each monthly meeting.

Don't forget to order your tickets for the Anniversary Concert as they are selling quickly and you won't want to miss it. Contact Eric at ericboal@hotmail.co.uk or phone 0775 241 9290.

Finally for the anoraks here's this month's facts and figures:-

52 tunes, 16 band variations
With only two tunes played more than once.

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