

BARRY YORK

About Barry –

In a showbiz career spanning over 25 years, Barry has now earned the reputation as one of the country's very best after dinner comedians. Barry first ventured into comedy as the lead guitarist of the hugely successful show group "Fools Paradise."

It soon became apparent that the group relied heavily on Barry's comical timing and as such he took the decision to become a professional comedian – that was over 20 years ago, and it's a decision he has never looked back on.

Today, Barry splits his work between the after dinner sector and cabaret world – happy to adapt his act to suit whichever audience he is put in front of.

After Dinner Speaker / Comedian

Whether it's a formal dinner or a more relaxed cabaret setting, Barry's comedy act will appeal to all. His act never deviates from clean comedy – cheeky sometimes but never "blue." The one part of Barry's act that is regularly commented on is his ability to work in a completely politically correct manner no matter what the situation. Over the past years he has performed in front of politicians, senior government officials, the police, and clergymen.

Over the years, Barry has entertained alongside some of the country's best known and loved entertainers such as The Drifters, Bobby Davro, Gene Pitney, Lenny Henry, Bruce Forsyth, Jimmy Tarbuck, Madness and Jason Donovan. Almost every sporting speaker has had the pleasure of accompanying Barry on the top table of numerous dinner events.

Barry is ideally suited to speaking to corporate audiences, whether as keynote speaker at conferences, or to provide light relief after a days training.

Corporate Host / Compere / Auctioneer

Barry's ability to host is second to none. In a formal situation, Barry will work off script and maintain efficiency and professionalism at all times. As a comedian he is well placed to inject humour where appropriate, or simply keep things as official as is required.

In a more relaxed environment, Barry will work off cuff, whether it's a wedding, charity dinner or corporate event, working from either the top table, lectern or stage, Barry is at ease in all environments and happy to work to any given brief.

As a host, Barry is there to relieve the stress from the event organiser and the moment he arrives on site, you realise why it was so important to book a professional. He will run the event from start to finish, and where fundraising is key, he will take care of raffles, auctions and fun games but also come up with his own ideas to raise extra

funds on the evening – more often covering the costs of his hire on this alone. As an auctioneer he is respected as one of the best – able to squeeze that extra few pounds out of event the most restrained of audiences!

Golf Days / Clubs

Barry is fast becoming the preferred choice for golf events. His style of humour and references to the game of Golf are appreciated by such audiences, and he instantly grabs the attention of any slowly tiring audience following a full day's golfing! Again confirming he is "The right man for the job"



Barry York Testimonials

"I was very impressed with Barry York from start to finish. He took over from his first arrival at 7.20pm. He listened to my ideas and the basic agenda, including the raffle and auction prizes we had acquired. He worked tirelessly, keeping the audience of 240 entertained throughout. His act was clean and very funny especially when we had 10 ladies in the audience. He grafted during all aspects of the evening." **Barry Oldham, Blackpool Referees Society**

"May I also ask you to pass on my personal thanks to Barry York who made the evening's organisation run very smoothly, his professionalism was outstanding, as well as his routine, as he took complete control taking the pressure from ourselves allowing us to enjoy the evening with our 180 guests, and I would highly recommend him for future events." **Keith Garrity, Hazel Grove Utd FC**

"Faced with the prospects of an awards evening with a procession of winners, coming on stage to be presented, we needed someone to give the evening a lift. Barry York was an inspired choice as MC – he guided us through the proceedings with excitement and humour. The evening was fun and enjoyed by everyone. I would have no hesitation in recommending Barry for future events." **Graham Fletcher – CHSA – Cleaning and Hygiene Suppliers Association.**

"I am pleased to announce that our group dinner was a great success with Barry York providing a finale of wonderful entertainment. His humour is just superb, with immaculate timing. He is a true professional providing much laughter without unacceptable language, making the evening as enjoyable for the ladies present as it was for the majority male audience. Please pass on our sincere thanks to Barry and particularly for travelling such a long distance in one evening!" **Nick Utting, National Farmers Union, Cumbria**

"We held our National Retail Conference in Barnsley last week. Mr Barry York was our comedian for the evening. Mr York's contribution to the evening added to its success and I would have no hesitation in recommending him for any future functions." **Ash Limbacheya, Sales Director, Maplin Electronics**

"We were fortunate enough to have Barry for a client entertainment evening in Wolverhampton. We were very pleased with Barry's performance. Our clients comprised a mixture of senior trade union officials and local MPs. There were also a significant number of females present. Barry was received very well and we were particularly pleased with his sensitive choice of material which included no racist humour or bad language. Barry produced a repertoire of politically correct but extremely humorous stand up comedy." **Rowley Ashworth Solicitors, Wolverhampton**

"Red Monkey PR Ltd – Event organisers in the North East – was thrilled to have had the pleasure of engaging Barry York for their fund raising cabaret evening who acted as compere, comedian and auctioneer. He followed a schedule provided and had the timing perfect. He was humorous - whilst keeping the tone of the evening correct, friendly – giving a welcoming feeling to the event, and last but not least – professional to the end." **Karen Fullerton, Managing Director**

"I am writing to express my thanks in particular to Barry York for the overall success of our charity auction dinner. Mr York was very professional in attitude and appearance towards the event and impressively kept the audience amused and interested throughout the evening. I would highly recommend Mr York to any company event and would have no hesitation in using him again." **Mr Pete DeFrank, Director, Enterprise Rent A Car**

"On behalf of the committee I would like to thank you very much for your performance at this year's charity dinner. You took to the challenge of entertaining our industry and did a fabulous job! I have been asked by many to pass on their appreciation for your work on the night – you helped make this one of the most successful for many years. I have no hesitation in recommending you to anyone that need a very professional and entertaining MC for their function." **Jason Roberts, Birmingham Society of Refrigeration and Air Conditioning**

Just a quick note, we (Rossendale Valle JFC) booked Barry York for our sportsmans dinner on the 8th Febuary 2008, from the moment he arrived he was very professional, and after a quick briefing controled the night and left us at ease. A fantastic guy who had the audiance in stitches and was very clean but funny with his jokes. Barry would be welcomed back with open arms to any further dinners that we have. Very friendly and very funny as well as running our dinner. Thank's for supplying Barry to us and marks out of 10 would be 10/10. **Rossington Fc**