

BARRY ROBERTS

After almost twenty years as an after dinner speaker Barry has spoken to numerous organisations including Business Conferences, Ladies Lunches, Sportsman's Dinners, Round Table, Rotary and Golf Days. A highlight was a speech delivered to the Oxford University Union Debating Society where he pitted his wits against Ian Hislop of Private Eye and actor/comedian Stephen Fry.

The speech includes topical news, a light hearted look at the world of entertainment.

He has spoken alongside many politicians including Enoch Powell, Stephen Norris and the Speaker of the House of Commons. Also Royalty including H.R.H. Princess Anne. (Who assured him his knighthood was in the post.)

His corporate clients have included Ford Motor Company, Pendragon, Vauxhall, Rothschilds (Good wine), McDonalds (Nice burger), McCains European, (Tasty chips), Dibb Lipton Alsop, Ernst & Young, (Nice tax bill) The Scottish oil industry, B.T. Law Societies and Banking Institutes.

His largest audience was a thousand Europeans at the Dutch shipbrokers dinner in Rotterdam. The smallest was thirteen for Microsoft.

Company dinners can be tailored to a product, sales drive or mock sales talks. Barry has also given bogus lectures to companies like Manpower and Toshiba as under the guise of Professor Horrocks.

He began his career in TV as a scriptwriter in the 1970's and contributed to shows including Dave Allen, 2 Ronnies, Spitting Image and the legendary Bob Monkhouse.

During his early years as a struggling writer he did a proper job by working as a Fire Fighter and part time Hearse driver. (A good grounding for comedy)

During the 1980's he won a BBC drama award and ghosted books for many sportsmen including Ian St John, Jimmy Greaves and Tommy Docherty.

He went on to work in the 1990's as a programme consultant for Central TV, ITV Sport and hosted a commercial radio show as well as appearing on Sky TV, Yorkshire TV and LWT.

He has written speeches for many sportsmen and celebrities.

His latest book, "Travhell", was described by the Times Literary Critic as "The type of book that once you put it down it's hard to pick up again."

The speech is suitable for mixed audiences as Barry never resorts to foul language.

SOME TESTIMONIALS

'Thank you most sincerely for an excellent after dinner talk, from which I have received nothing but compliments to pass on to yourself.'

THE ROTARY CLUB OF HEREFORD

'Thank you for providing us with a most funny and professional after dinner speech. Our guests enjoyed your friendly rapport you provided'

ARMY RUGBY UNION REFEREES SOCIETY

'Thank you for speaking at our conference. What can I say? Simply hilarious! You were fast, funny and read the audience like a book.'

DALKIA ENERGY & TECHNICAL SERVICES.

'Your performance was splendid and went down extremely well, especially with the ladies and not a swear word to be heard.'

MANAGING DIRECTOR. JCB.

'The evening proved a great success and you provided us with some wonderful entertainment. I have no hesitation in recommending you to other parties.'

SENIORS OPEN PRO AM GALA.

'All of our civic dignitaries and American guests said they thoroughly enjoyed your humour. I am sure it wasn't the easiest task given the nature of the conference.'

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