

Who does not recall one of Frankie's famous catchphrases? "Ooooh, no, missus", "Ladies and gentle-men", "This is very whimsical", "Please yourselves, then", "Oh, behave!" or "Titter ye not!" or, from his song, "Get your titters out!"

We have all laughed at him (or along with him) in his many episodes as Lurcio in "Up Pompeii" and in the film of the same name. Likewise, we admire his performances in the "Carry on ..." films. We might even have been lucky enough to have seen him as a stand-up comic on stage somewhere.

More than likely, those of a certain age will remember him on the radio doing "Variety Bandbox" (from December 1946), "The Frankie Howerd Show" (from November 1953) or, more recently, "The Frankie Howerd Variety Show" in 1978 and 1979. Or did you see him on TV in "What's My Line?", "Twenty Questions", "That Was The Week That Was" or "Does The Team Think?" or with other celebrities like Bruce Forsyth, David Frost, Michael Parkinson, Eric Sykes, Terry Wogan, Des O'Connor, Michael Aspel? The list is endless.

And we must never forget that Frankie Howerd himself was tireless in raising money for local charities and did a lot for the Forces. He travelled to Borneo, North Korea, the Suez and many other countries and performed for the troops. He often carried a hand-written letter from the Queen Mother which he would read out to her Regiments overseas.

The Frankie Howerd OBE Trust was formed to honour his name and work by accepting, administering and distributing donations to help those less fortunate, primarily in the South West of the country.

The Trust is based in "Wavering Down House" in Cross, near Cheddar, Somerset which was Frankie's home for many years. In fact, Frankie's manager and former partner, Dennis Heymer, still lives in this house.

Over the last four years, thousands of people have benefited from more than £100,000 raised by Open Days held in the house and gardens, and from money raised by the large, open-air events. Some recipients have been:

- The Children's Hospice South West
- Weston Hospice
- St John's Ambulance
- Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance
- National Gardens Scheme
- Local schools
- MS Therapy Centre
- The "Sword" fund (for war veterans)
- NSPCC

The Trust's objects are as follows:

- To distribute funds raised in recognition of the life and work of the late Frankie Howerd OBE;
- To provide financial support to groups and individuals to enable them to carry on with day-to-day activities, special or educational projects where they are prevented from doing so through disability, poverty or a lack of funding.

The Trust will manage funds donated to it from a variety of sources:

- ✓ from fund-raising activities organised by individuals and groups in support of Frankie Howerd's charitable works;
- ✓ from donations from fans of Frankie Howerd;
- ✓ from donations from organisations which continue to use and promote Frankie Howerd's work;
- ✓ from individuals, groups, businesses and charitable organisations sympathetic to its objectives.

We are delighted to have the support of four wonderful comedians/actors in their own right (**June Whitfield CBE, Griff Rhys Jones, David Walliams** and **Rafe Spall**) who are all Patrons of this Trust.

"My dear Dennis,
It would be a privilege and a pleasure to become a Patron of the Frankie Howerd Trust. Thanks for the invitation."
(June Whitfield)

"I have huge affection for the memory of Frank. Working with him was one of the formative experiences of my career."
(Griff Rhys Jones)

"I am a huge fan of Frankie's work. It is a dream come true to play him. [...] He was a true comic genius and I will treasure the day I spent with you [...] at Wavering Down House."
(David Walliams)

**Now is your chance to help us
help others in memory of one of our
greatest comedians ever.**

A little can go such a long way, so we ask you to “dig deep” and donate whatever you can afford to the Trust with the knowledge that your money will be spent wisely and carefully.

You can give money in either of these ways:

- 1) By sending a cheque, payable to
Frankie Howerd OBE Trust
to
The Treasurer
The Frankie Howerd OBE Trust
Wavering Down House
Webbington Road
Cross, Axbridge
Somerset BS26 2EL
- 2) By making a donation with your credit or debit card on the website:

www.frankiehowerdobetrust.org

If you wish to contact us you can:

- By phone: **01934 732013**
- By e-mail:
secretary@frankiehowerdobetrust.org
- By writing to:
The Secretary
The Frankie Howerd OBE Trust
Wavering Down House
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Thank you for your generosity.

Please come and visit the house and gardens during an open-day or large event. Information on these are on our website.



Frankie receiving the OBE with Dennis



“Wavering Down” – Frankie’s home



Frankie with the soothsayer in “Up Pompeii”

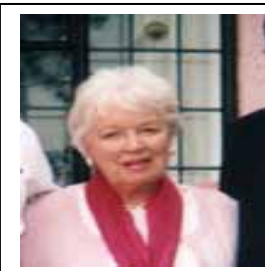


Frankie with Cilla Black and June Whitfield

The Frankie Howerd OBE Trust



Patrons:



June Whitfield CBE



Griff Rhys Jones



David Walliams



Rafe Spall

Celebrating the varied work of one of this country’s most respected comedians by providing financial help for needy groups and individuals.

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