

Johnnie Casson

If you're down in the mouth for any reason, this is the ideal tonic. Johnnie takes on the trials and tribulations of everday life with inimitable Yorkshire style and humour. Nothing is sacred but there's none of the harsh offence of Bernard Manning or Chubby Brown. This is a lot more subtle and Johnnie's feigned innocence and naivete make it all the more funny. Word has gone round and our friends are queuing up to borrow the video. Sit back and enjoy... but have the oxygen tank on hand just in case!

From your first encounter with JOHNNIE CASSON you soon realise he not only tells funny stories, based on his situations in life, he is a genuine funny man with a natural asset, "like-ability". Johnnie has appeared on five ITV Des O'Connor Shows, two shows for ITV from the London Palladium, with Bruce Forsyth, many guest spots on Game Shows, Chat shows and appearances on many entertainment shows for all major television channels, his own half hour show on Sky One & guest appearances on Channel 4's Countdown

A master joke-teller, his material takes everyday situations and makes them funny. He is a tonic – he really does cheer people up. What a gift that is he should given as treatment on the NHS

Johnnie Casson hails from Halifax, West Yorkshire, now living in Brighouse for tax reasons, as he will tell you. He commenced his showbiz career as drummer with "The Cresters", one of the country's favourite comedy show groups. It wasn't long before Johnnie took over the lead comic role, a role to which he was perfectly suited and one to which he was committed for the 21 years with the band. As well as touring with The Beatles, the band topped the bill in the then thriving cabaret clubs and found success on many television shows such as "Cliff Richard & Friends".

To cabaret fans in the north, it is always puzzling that the brilliant master comedian and storyteller Johnnie Casson is so rarely seen on our television screens these days. Rampant ageism in television-land? In any event, Casson quickly reduced an early evening audience to a creased up, moist-eyed bunch of laughter stricken victims and soon everyone in the room was vibrating with unrestrained and uncontrollable mirth. In my view a modern day Al Read, Casson has to be one of the funniest men this country has ever produced. In short, a comedy one-off.. (The Stage 22 February 2010)

If you need a master of his craft, who also happens to be television celebrity, then