

Comedy from Paul Mayhew-Archer

co-writer of *The Vicar of Dibley*

INCURABLE OPTIMIST



2.30pm, Saturday 28 June 2025

Doors open at 2.00pm. Disabled access available.

Wycliffe Rooms, George Street,
Lutterworth LE17 4ED

Tickets £18 per person

Proceeds in aid of the Lutterworth support group of Parkinson's UK

To get your tickets, contact lutterworthpsgpma@gmail.com

Paul Mayhew-Archer has been making audiences laugh for 45 years. He produced many series of the Radio 4 classic "I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue" and co-wrote with Richard Curtis the multi-award-winning and much-loved sitcom "The Vicar Of Dibley". He also worked with Richard again to adapt Roald Dahl's "Esio Trot" starring Judi Dench and Dustin Hoffman

Fifteen years ago, Paul was told he had Parkinson's and he decided to carry on laughing. He started doing jokes about his condition at fundraising events at The Royal Albert Hall and London's Comedy Store. Later he made a BBC Documentary "Parkinson's: The Funny Side" and won the Grierson Award for Best Documentary Presenter of The Year. Then in 2023 he and five friends with Parkinson's – the presenters Jeremy Paxman, Mark Mardell, Rory Cellan-Jones and Gillian Lacey-Solymar, and the Judge Nick Mostyn – got together to make a podcast called "Movers and Shakers" which has become more popular and influential than any of them thought possible and won the Broadcasting Press Guild's Podcast of The Year Award.

Paul also travels around the country performing his one-man show "The Incurable Optimist". It's a show that is full of funny stories about his career and his condition and he does it to raise awareness of Parkinson's, to raise money for local Parkinson's groups and because he absolutely loves hearing people laugh.

*Paul isn't just one of the country's funniest writers.
It turns out he's also a brilliant performer.*

Josh Widdicombe

So funny... and true in the way only comedy can express.

Rory Bremner

Here are a few audience comments from recent sellout performances:

'One of the most special, funny and poignant evenings I can recall.'

'A really funny and inspiring evening.'

'Really funny and equally informative. I think everyone will have taken home something to think about but equally will have had a lot of laughs in the process.'

'Struck the perfect balance between making us laugh and making us think.'

'My jaw is aching from laughing so much!'



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