

' INCREDIBLE OPTIMIST '

**TO CELEBRATE OUR
FREEDOM YOU ARE
INVITED TO AN EVENING
OF FUN AND LAUGHTER**

**Paul
Mayhew - Archer
MBE**

**(WRITER OF VICAR OF
DIBLEY AND MANY MORE)**

**23RD JULY
6.45pm**

VENUE

Harrogate

Masonic Hall

HG1 5NE

**WHY NOT JOIN IN THE FUN ON THE EVENING AND
ENTER OUR FUNNIEST VICAR FANCY DRESS COMPETITION**

**PARKINSON'S^{UK}
CHANGE ATTITUDES.
FIND A CURE.
JOIN US.**

**HARROGATE & DISTRICT BRANCH OF
PARKINSON'S UK**

**INVITE YOU TO AN EVENING OF LAUGHTER
MEMBERS FREE—NON MEMBERS £10**

PLEASE PREBOOK TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

Laughter

Is the best

medicine

PAUL MAYHEW—ARCHER

Following a brief career in teaching, during which he organised a school trip and got left behind, Paul Mayhew-Archer has spent the last 40 years trying to make us laugh.

He is a multi-award-winning writer whose credits include 'The Vicar of Dibley', 'Mrs Brown's Boys' and the screen version of 'Roald Dahl's 'Esio Trot' starring Judi Dench and Dustin Hoffman. He also produced the much loved Radio 4 shows 'I'm Sorry I haven't A Clue' and 'Old Harry's Game', and as a script editor he has worked on everything from 'Spitting Image' to 'Miranda'.

In 2011 he was diagnosed with Parkinson's. It's an incurable illness that gets progressively worse and has over 50 symptoms. It is also - as Paul quickly found out - funny.

In 2016 he made a documentary, 'Parkinson's: The funny Side', and won the Grierson Award for Best Documentary Presenter.

In 2017 he started doing stand-up about Parkinson's, first at the Royal Albert Hall then at The Comedy Store in London.

In 2018 he took part in his first podcast, sitting next to The Archbishop of Canterbury, and performed his first ever One-Man show, 'Incurable Optimist', at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

In 2019, he took the show on a thirty date tour around the UK and

In 2020 he was awarded an MBE for services to Parkinson's and Cancer charities. "Mostly", he said, "I've been given the award for services to myself, which is a pretty neat trick if you can pull it off."

'Incurable Optimist' is an inspiring show about the therapeutic power of comedy and laughter from a man who is not contagious but is well worth catching.

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Paul has generously offered his services free of charge. We as a committee felt such generosity allowed us to offer the same to our members as we welcome you back to normality. But please come armed with money to support our funds by way of a raffle.

I can tell you from experience that Paul's show is an hilarious look at life with Parkinson's and I encourage you to attend and laugh along. Remember laughter is the best medicine

TICKETS AVAILABLE From JOHN SHEEPY ON 07811 126534 OR

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