

NINE LIVES

Nine (or up to 12!) laughter-filled 45-minute presentations, many including still photographs and video clips



Bob “the Cat” Bevan MBE

UK’s Leading After Dinner Speaker & Comedian

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CELEBRITY AMBASSADOR VARIETY – MEMBER GRAND ORDER OF WATER RATS**

*After Dinner – Comedian – Speechwriter – Awards Host & MC
TV and Radio Presenter and Interviewer – Auctioneer - Poet – Author – Journalist*

BUSINESS OF COMEDY



"I love the atmosphere of bonhomie you create" – Sir Richard Stilgoe, Sydney, 2018

It's a serious business

Talks about it being a job like any other – health benefits of laughter – marketing yourself - memory - structuring an act - art of timing - observing others - topicality – political correctness – hecklers - copyright of material - favourite comics and jokes – “dying a death” how to cope – working abroad

BROADCASTING



"I hope you know what a success you've been? Failures don't get asked back."

– Lizz Loxam, Producer, BBC Radio 5

How an appearance at the Penarth Motor Yacht Club's "Men Only Tripe Supper" led to appearing with Diana Dors, Russell Grant and Donald Sinden on an astrological game show on HTV

Talks about following Danny Baker as presenter on 6-0-6 on Radio 5 - was on Sky's early editions of "Monday Night Live" - "Trivia Test Match" with Brian Johnston, Tim Rice and Willie Rushton on Radio 4– on BBC-1 "Jim Davidson Presents," "Wogan," "Aunties Sporting Bloomers" – "A Whole New Ball Game" his own show on TVS – Recorded LP of football gags "One Flew Over the Bar"

Includes a feature of funny football scores as broadcast on 6-0-6 (ie Real Madrid – 1 Surreal Madrid – 2; Motherwell – 4 Fatherdead – 0). Audience invited to bring entries to next event for a prize of bubbles and his book.

FASCINATING FACT – He has worked in Australia since 1986 - twice at the Aussie Rules Final in 2008 and 2018 and is already booked for the Ashes in 2022. Appeared twice at the Hong Kong Rugby 7s, Hong Kong Soccer Sixes, Abu Dhabi, Canada, Dubai, Kenya, India, USA, throughout Europe and on several cruise ships

COUNTDOWN



Find out if it really is the Queen's favourite programme

Tells stories and jokes from his 25 appearances - how Richard Whiteley and he were on the same Honours List – the largely unknown story of the shock the Queen had in store for Richard

COMIC POEMS



When the Duke of Edinburgh wrote one about him

Talks about writing and performing poems for the famous and not so famous - two with and about the Duke of Edinburgh (who also wrote one verse about him) – Ronnie Corbett - Roy Hudd - Jimmy Tarbuck - William Hague - David Gower - Gary Lineker - Seb Coe and others – writing and performing a parody of “*Summer Holiday*” accompanied by Mike D’Abo on board a cruise ship. ***Clips of Duke of Edinburgh and Ronnie Corbett (on You tube)***

Session ends by inviting the audience to write their own comic poems (maximum three verses) to be judged at a future session with a prize of bubbles and Bob’s book

FASCINATING FACT – He is the only person to be honoured by HM The Queen for after dinner speaking. He was awarded the MBE in 2004 for charity and sports fund-raising

WRITING FOR OTHERS



“Bevan is such an accomplished joke writer and orator” – `Sunday Times article about William (now Lord) Hague’s speeches and jokes

When the Archbishop of Canterbury called him for jokes

Talks about script and joke writing for William Hague - Archbishop of Canterbury, the late Robert Runcie - Sir David Frost – Kevin Keegan - speeches and poems for corporates - British Airways (one was published in the *Sunday Times*) - Rolls Royce - P & O etc – and for the not so famous including a few dogs such as former Home Secretary David Blunkett’s guide dog!

INTERVIEWING



“Best interview I’ve ever heard with Fergie” – Bob Cass, *Mail on Sunday*

Tells of interviewing Sir John Major - Jimmy Tarbuck - Sir Alex Ferguson (with clips) - Harry Redknapp (with clips) – Sir Bobby Robson - legends of Middlesex County Cricket Club, including Mike Brearley, at their 150th anniversary (with clips), Sir Ian Botham - Australian Ashes team 2019 - plus an embarrassment with Sir David Frost

FASCINATING FACT – He was taken to Stockholm to entertain at the 70th Birthday of the Governor of the Bank of Sweden (he loved English comics when he worked in London) and his wife, the President of the Swedish Supreme Court. His opening line: *“I am an exchange prisoner for Julian Assange”*

TRAVEL INDUSTRY & MEDIA



One man show on board a cruise liner

**How he stayed overnight with Catherin Zeta-Jones in the Holiday Inn, Dover.
He said “how she must long for those days!”**

Tales of his journalism and PR career - living on a ship with Arthur Lowe – attending the launch of the QE2 – organising 16 ship launchings - handling fall out of air crash - how the Zeebrugge disaster was totally avoidable – PR stunts that went wrong – partnership with a Marquess - Chairman embarrassing him with Princess Anne – Northern Ireland before, during and after “The Troubles” – Qatar and how Saddam Hussein cost him the PR account – plus an “off the wall” story about editing six editions of the Dairy Shorthorn Journal

FASCINATING FACT 1 – He is the only after dinner speaker to appear in *Who’s Who* which includes “*only those who have reached the pinnacle of achievement in their chosen field.*”

FASCINATING FACT 2 – Appeared at the Variety Club’s 90th Birthday Tribute to the Duke of Edinburgh with Frank Carson (his last performance), Al Murray “the Pub Landlord” and Barry Humphries

FOOTBALL



"In all my experience Bob "the Cat" Bevan is the funniest speaker on football I've ever heard"
– the late Sir Bobby Robson

How he upset Brian Clough

How he got the world's most expensive 'keeper on a "Beat the Goalie" stand at the Old Wilsonians' Donkey Derby

Talks about playing at Wembley – being hired to relax and amuse at various FA Cup Finals including one travelling with Brighton and being in the dressing room and on the pitch – launching the Great Goalkeeper Shows with Gordon Banks and Pat Jennings – Jimmy Hill – Footballer of the Year Dinners (six - a record) – how he became friends with the Boys of '66 for 40 years and played at Wembley with them – Jimmy Greaves – Kevin Keegan – Billy Wright – Johnny Haynes – Sir Bobby Robson - George Best – Gazza

Session ends by inviting the audience to come up with their own funny football scores as heard on BBC Radio 5's 6-0-6 and in Bob's book "Nearly Famous" (such as Real Madrid -1 Surreal Madrid -2) to be judged at a future session with a prize of bubbles and Bob's book

FASCINATING FACT 1 – He played around 700 games as an amateur and only took up goalkeeping in his late 20s. Before that he played on the field and once scored six goals in a game against Unilever. He played for the last time in a charity match at Dulwich Hamlet FC and achieved a life-long ambition. "I drew a pension in the morning and played football in the afternoon." Six months later he needed knee surgery.

FASCINATING FACT 2 – He made an LP of football humour called "One Flew Over the Bar" (mimicking "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest") clips of which were frequently played on BBC Radio and British Airways Comedy Channel

CRICKET



"One of the best cricket speeches I heard was in Los Angeles delivered by Bob "the Cat" Bevan" – Sir Tim Rice writing in the Daily Telegraph

How he got Viv Richards to speak at his cricket club's centenary lunch for a handful of Debenhams vouchers.....and why he and Bob Willis went to the pictures in Canberra to watch "*Fatal Attraction*"

Tells why he became only the second entertainer in history to be President of a County Cricket Club (Kent) - why he has been a guest of Cricket Australia at the last two Ashes Series Down Under - playing cricket around the world (including France, Hong Kong, Kenya and Los Angeles) with the Lord's Taverners charity team which he occasionally captained - meeting his wife (Pan's People dancer Laura Collins) playing in Florida – meeting legends of the game – Dennis Lillee - Fred Trueman – Jeff Thomson - Terry Jenner (coach to Shane Warne) – Colin Cowdrey – Mark Ramprakash and Strictly – Rachel Heyhoe-Flint - Andrew Strauss – his highly-acclaimed two-man show with Sir Alistair Cook



At the Ashes Dinner at the Ageas Bowl, Hampshire with Australian Captain, Tim Paine and Coach, Justin Langer in 2019

FASCINATING FACT 1 - In "A Cricketing Life" by the late and sorely-missed Chris Martin-Jenkins, he wrote: *"Jokes are invariably variations of old ones. I admire those who keep coming up with their original stories, often with the help of professional comedy writers, like the always funny favourite of many a Lord's Taverners occasion, Bob 'The Cat' Bevan."*

FASCINATING FACT 2 – He has played cricket at Lord's and once took 7 wickets for 49 runs for a Mark Benson Kent XI. Best batting was 39 against the MCC – the Menorca Cricket Club. It took him an hour and a half.

NAME DROPPING – A-M



Cricket with Sir Sam Mendes

How Billy Connolly died a death after following him and refused to speak to him ever again

Appeared at a surprise dinner for Eric Clapton (who loves Bob's football routines) with Barry Humphries, Billy Connolly, Bob Hoskins, George Harrison, Elton John and the Bee Gees

Stories of all the people he has worked with (A-M) including – John Alderton – Muhammad Ali – Jimmy Anderson – Prince Andrew – Eamonn Andrews – Jeffrey Archer – Max Boyce – Rory Bremner – Alistair Campbell - Tommy Cannon – Jimmy Carr – Jasper Carrott – Frank Carson – Jim Carter – Tony Christie – Sir Henry Cooper – Jim Davidson – Steve Davies – Sir Ken Dodd – Diana Dors – Anton du Beke – Duke of Edinburgh – Sir Bruce Forsyth - Len Goodman – Rhod Gilbert – Russell Grant – Harry Hill – Jethro – Roy Kinnear - Arthur Lowe – Vera Lynn - Bernard Manning – Paul Merton - Ron Moody – Moody Blues - Eric Morecambe – Piers Morgan – John Motson - Colin Moynihan - Pete Murray

FASCINATING FACT 1 – He appeared at Vera Lynn's 95th Birthday Lunch

FASCINATING FACT 2 – Harry Secombe proposed Bob for the Lord's Taverners writing on his form "This man is magic. We must get him into the charity."

NAME DROPPING N-Z



"Confrontation" with Chris Tarrant

How he came to do Rod Stewart's Dad's 80th birthday party

Stories of all the people he has worked with (N-Z) including – Ronnie O'Sullivan – Elaine Paige – Nicholas Parsons – Fred Perry – Robert Powell – Gordon Ramsey – Ted Ray – Sir Tim Rice – Bryan Robson – Willie Rushton – Harry Secombe – Alan Simpson – Gladstone Small - John Stapleton – Ed Stewart – Rod Stewart – Micky Stewart - Richard Stilgoe – Daley Thompson - Sandi Tosvig – Frankie Vaughn – Rick Wakeman – Catherine Zeta-Jones

NAME DROPPING A-Z



Hand the audience the full A-Z attached list and get them to shout out a name. either on the list, or anyone else, such as "Barry Cryer!" for stories.

FASCINATING FACT – His best-selling book *"Nearly Famous"* went into two reprints in hardback and then into paperback. He gave his book launch lunch to the Lord's Taverners. Over 600 people attended to listen to William Hague, Seb Coe, David Gower, Jimmy Hill and Bob "the Cat". Some £25,000 was raised to buy a special bus for disadvantaged kids.

AMONG THOSE HE HAS APPEARED WITH

Russ Abbott
Jonathan Agnew
Jenny Agutter
John Alderton
Muhammed Ali
Peter Allis
Stephen K Amos
Jimmy Anderson
HRH Prince Andrew
Eamonn Andrews
Lord Archer
Ossie Ardilles
Richard Arnold
Mike Atherton
Mark Austin
Cheryl Baker
Alan Ball
Gordon Banks
John Bardon
Jeremy Beadle
Bee Gees
Richie Benaud
John Bercow
George Best
Danny Blanchflower
Jackie Blanchflower
Tony Blackburn
Lionel Blair
Henry Blofeld
Erin Boag
Peter Bonetti
Sir Ian Botham
Max Boyce
Sir Geoffrey Boycott
Liam Brady
Gyles Brandreth
Mike Brearley
Rory Bremner
Stephen Bridges
Chris Broad
Stuart Broad
Tim Brooke-Taylor
Sir Trevor Brooking
Frank Bruno
Rob Brydon
Kay Burley
Sir Matt Busby
Max Bygraves

David Cameron
Eric Cantona
Will Carling
Harry Carpenter
Jimmy Carr
Jasper Carrott
Frank Carson
Willie Carson
Jim Carter
Mick Channon
Jack Charlton
Sir Bobby Charlton
Chas & Dave
Lorraine Chase
Gareth Chilcot
Tony Christie
Eric Clapton
Brian Clough
Lord Seb Coe
George Cohen
Chris Coleman
David Coleman
Dennis Compton
Billy Connolly
John Conte
Sir Alistair Cook
Sir Henry Cooper
Lord Colin Cowdrey
Steve Cram
Bernard Cribbins
Jimmy Cricket
Leslie Crowther
Barry Cryer
Jon Culshaw
Jill Dando
Paul Daniels
Jim Davidson
Alan Davies
Dickie Davies
Steve Davies
Bobby Davro
Les Dawsom
Roger de Courcey
Phil de Freitas
Fred Dinneage
Sir Ken Dodd
Diana Dors
Anton du Beke

Adrian Dunbar
Clive Dunn
HRH Duke of Edinburgh
Bella Emberg
Sven Goran Erikson
David Essex
Godfrey Evans
Chris Evans
Sir Nick Faldo
Nigel Farage
Sir Alex Ferguson
Bryan Ferry
Sir Ranulph Fiennes
Sir Tom Finney
Matthew Fleming
Andrew Flintoff
Sir Bruce Forsyth
Brendan Foster
Liz Fraser
Sir Clement Freud
Sir David Frost
Stephen Fry
Ray Galton
Lesley Garrett
Rhod Gilbert
Len Goodman
Darren Gough
David Gower
Lord Michael Grade
Russell Grant
Jimmy Greaves
Dr Will Greenwood
Ron Greenwood
Tony Hadley
Lord William Hague
Hale & Pace
David Hamilton
George Harrison
Anita Harris
Stephen Hendry
Baroness Rachel Heyhoe-Flint
Harry Hill
Jimmy Hill
Dame Thora Hird
Dame Kelly Holmes
Eamon Holmes
Bob Hoskins
John Howard

Roy Hudd
Barry Humphries
John Humphrys
Gloria Hunniford
Roger Hunt
Sir Geoff Hurst
Hugh Jackman
Pat Jennings
Jethro
Sir Elton John
Brian Johnston
Milton Jones
Vinnie Jones
Natasha Kaplinski
Ronan Keating
Kevin Keegan
Henry Kelly
HRH Prince Michael of Kent
Rob Key
Richard Keys
Ross King
Roy Kinnear
Burt Kwouk
Ian Lavendar
Denis Law
Sophie Lawrence
Matt Le Tissier
Jason Leonard
Dennis Lillee
Gary Lineker
David Lloyd
Sean Lock
Gabby Logan
Arthur Lowe
Des Lynam
Dame Vera Lynn
Sir John Major
Jason Manford
Bernard Manning
Laurence Marks & Maurice Gran
Rod Marsh
Rodney Marsh
Sir Stanley Matthews
Peter May
Sir AP McCoy
John McCririck
Sir Trevor McDonald
Debbie McGhee
Sir Sam Mendes
Paul Merson
Paul Merton
Cliff Michelmore
Keith Miller

Warren Mitchell
Ron Moody
Moody Blues
Bobby Moore
Eric Morecambe
Peirs Morgan
John Motson
DamPeggy Mount
Brian Murphy
Al Murray
Pete Murray
Terry Neill
Barry Norman
Des O'Connor
Tom O'Connor
Ronnie O'Sullivan
Elaine Paige
Sir Michael Parkinson
Nicholas Parsons
Joe Pascale
Fred Perry
Billy Pertwee
Martin Petera
Ron Pickering
Tim Piggott-Smith
Sir Matthew Pinsent
Robert Powell
Mark Ramprakash
Gordon Ramsey
Ted Ray
Sir Steve Redgrave
Sir Tim Rice
Sir Viv Richards
Angela Rippon
Lord Brian Rix
Bryan Robson
Sir Bobby Robson
Jim Rosenthal
HRH Princess Royal
Very Rev Lord (Robert) Runcie
Willie Rushton
Selina Scott
Sir Harry Secombe
Alan Shearer
Peter Shilton
Alan Simpson
John Simpson
Sir Donald Sinden
Gladstone Small
Matt Smith
Sir Garfield Sobers
Gareth Southgate
Ian St John

John Stapleton
Status Quo
Jock Stein
Alex Stepney
Alec Stewart
Ed Stewart
Sir Jackie Stewart
Micky Stewart
Moir Stewart
Sir Rod Stewart
Nobby Stiles
Sir Richard Stilgoe
Ben Stokes
Gordon Strachan
Andrew Strauss
Graeme Swann
Jimmy Tarbuck
Chris Tarrant
Dennis Taylor
Graham Taylor
Daley Thompson
Jeff Thomson
Jayne Torvill
Sandi Tosvig
Phil Tufnell
Martin Tyler
Frankie Vaughn
Terry Venables
Ricky Villa
Tim Vine
Carole Vorderman
Rick Wakeman
Bradley Walsh
Shane Warne
Dennis Waterman
Alan Wells
Arsene Wenger
HRH Duke of Wessex
Richard Whiteley
Dame June Whitfield
Ray Wilkins
JPR Williams
Bob Willis
Bob Wilson
Ray Wilson
Dame Barbara Windsor
Sir Terry Wogan
Kenneth Wolstenholme
Ronnie Wood
Ian Woosnam
Matthew Wright
Ian Wright
Catherine Zeta Jones