

## ARDAL O'HANLON

Perhaps best known on TV for his much loved role **Father Dougal Maguire** in Channel 4's BAFTA winning series **FATHER TED**, the highly acclaimed stand up, **Ardal** has toured to sell out audiences internationally and continues to be one of the most sought after comedians working.

King George's Hall  
4 November  
8pm  
Tickets: £18



## GEORGE'S 'FESTIVAL SPECIAL'

MC John Warburton, Chris McCausland and Mike Newell. Headlining this comedy bonanza is 'Boy with Tape on his Face' - 'Best Established Comedian' Adelaide Fringe 2009



5 November 8pm  
Tickets: £9 Advance

## JASON MANFORD

'GUARANTEED TO DELIVER LAUGHS... INCREDIBLY FUNNY' - Chortle

King George's Hall  
6 Sold Out  
Extra Date 7 Nov  
7.30pm  
Tickets: £20



King George's Hall  
9 November  
7.30pm  
Tickets: £16.50

## MARK WATSON

The multi-award winning comedian and host of BBC's **We Need Answers**, **Never Mind The Buzzcocks**, and a **Mock The Week** regular, **Mark Watson** finally returns to the road in the UK, with his most personal, most surprising, and funniest show yet.

'THE HIGHEST ACHIEVER THE EDINBURGH FESTIVAL HAS SEEN THIS DECADE' - Times

## THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES

As sharp as **Sex and the City** and as unmissable as **Friends** - bring your mum, your best friend, your sister or even your granny - this is the ultimate girls' night out... **trust us!**  
Line up: **Sue Jenkins, Roxanne Pallet and Nikki Sanderson**

King George's Hall  
10 November  
7.30pm  
Tickets: £18.50  
Concessions £15.50



Darwen Library Theatre  
11 November 7.30pm  
Tickets: £12 Concessions/Groups £10

## JIMMY CRICKET

### WITH SPECIAL GUEST DON BANKS

If your tonic is an evening of fun and frivolity, sprinkled with giggles galore, then don't miss this local chance to see one of the UK's finest exponents of family comedy, which will appeal to all the generations.

## DAVE SPIKEY

**Spikey's** easy patter, affable demeanour and assured stage-craft acts as the perfect foil for his astute eye for detail in the everyday absurdities of life, sprinkled with a few well-placed flights of fancy.

Thwaites Empire Theatre  
11 November 7.30pm  
Tickets: £12



King George's Hall  
11 November  
8pm  
Tickets: £25



## AL MURRAY

Britain's best-known Pub Philosopher will be serving up his own special brew of bar room banter at venues across the UK this autumn.

'THE WAY HE INTEGRATES THE CROWD INTO THE SHOW IS AWE-INSPIRING' - Times

# BLACKBURN & DARWEN COMEDY FESTIVAL

4TH NOV TO 22ND NOV 2010

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## LANCASHIRE TELEGRAPH

We are proud to announce the fourth annual award for the best festival comedian, sponsored by The Lancashire Telegraph. Watch out for your chance to vote for your Favourite comedian during the festival via [www.lancashiretelegraph.co.uk](http://www.lancashiretelegraph.co.uk)

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Thwaites Empire Theatre  
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Darwen Library Theatre  
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## JOHN BISHOP

**'FRANKLY HILARIOUS'**  
- The Telegraph



King George's Hall  
**13 Sold Out**  
Extra Date 14 Nov  
8pm  
Tickets: £20



Celebrating over 40 years in Showbiz, **The Grumbleweeds** are not an act to rest on their laurels. With hit TV and radio series behind them they've drawn on all their years of experience and know-how to develop a brand-new, exciting, fast moving act still firmly based on music, comedy and impressions.

Thwaites  
Empire Theatre  
**14 November**  
7.30pm  
Tickets: £10  
Family Ticket: £36

## THE GRUMBLEWEEDS

## GERVASE PHINN

SPEND A HEART-WARMING EVENING WITH ONE OF BRITAIN'S GREATEST COMIC WRITERS AND RACONTEURS.

Share with him hilarious and sometimes poignant stories, anecdotes, poems and readings around the theme of Christmas.



King George's Hall  
**15 November**  
7.30pm  
Tickets: £15.50



## THE END (PART 1)

Are you happy in life? Truly happy? What happens at "the End"? This year, it's a show of two parts; part two will be performed at next year's fringe!

**'MORE FUNNY IN HIS MIDDLE TOE THAN MOST COMICS DO IN THEIR WHOLE BODY'** -Chortle

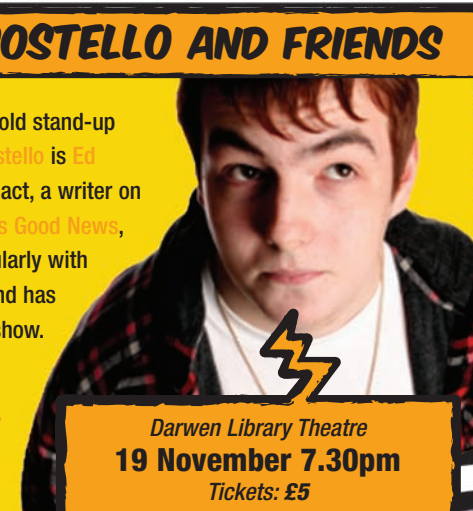
King George's Hall  
**16 November**  
7.30pm  
Tickets: £12  
Concessions £10

## JASON COOK

## LEWIS COSTELLO AND FRIENDS

Seventeen year old stand-up comic **Lewis Costello** is **Ed Byrne's** support act, a writer on **Russell Howard's Good News**, is featuring regularly with **Johnny Vegas** and has toured his first show.

**NOT FOR THE EASILY OFFENDED!**



Darwen Library Theatre  
**19 November 7.30pm**  
Tickets: £5



**'YOU CAN FORGIVE FRANKIE BOYLE'S CONFIDENCE AND HIS APPARENT BELIEF THAT HE IS REALLY THAT GOOD. THAT IS SIMPLY, BECAUSE HE IS.'**

- Edinburgh Evening News

King George's Hall  
**19 & 22 November 8pm**  
**SOLD OUT**

## FRANKIE BOYLE

## HAL CRUTTENDEN

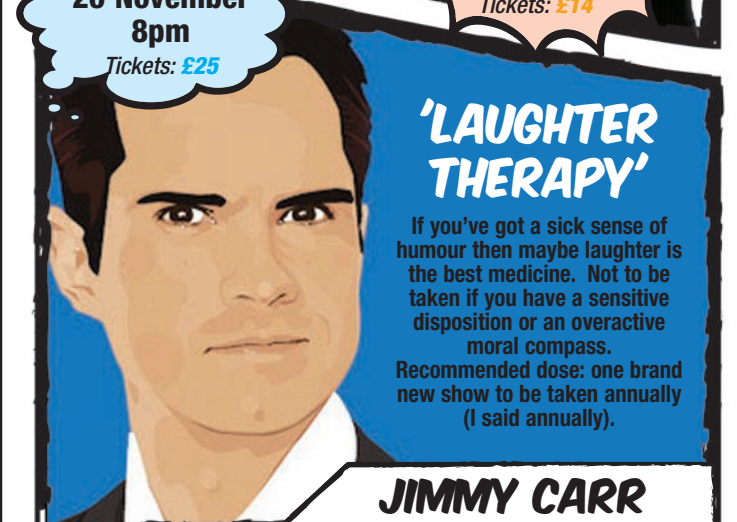
After an extremely busy 2009 supporting **Rob Brydon** on his sold out UK tour and a critically acclaimed performance on **The Royal Variety Show** Hal Cruttenden is one of the UK's fastest rising comedy stars and he is here to present his own unique comic vision.

**HUGELY TALENTED**  
- The Times



King George's Hall  
Windsor Suite  
**20 November**  
7.30pm  
Tickets: £14

King George's Hall  
**20 November**  
8pm  
Tickets: £25



## 'LAUGHTER THERAPY'

If you've got a sick sense of humour then maybe laughter is the best medicine. Not to be taken if you have a sensitive disposition or an overactive moral compass. Recommended dose: one brand new show to be taken annually (I said annually).

## JIMMY CARR

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