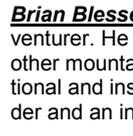


## Professional and Celebrity Entertaining / Interesting Speakers (PRICE GUIDE £5000-£10,000)



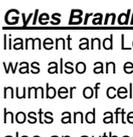
**Dame Joan Blackwell** is a writer, media commentator, tv presenter, author and veteran, as well as being a fantastic and inspiring speaker and host. She was appointed a Dame Commander of the British Empire in the Queen's 2008 birthday honours and in January 2011 she was formally introduced to the House of Lords as the Right Honourable The Baroness Bakewell, DBE. Dame Blackwell's main interests and focuses in her speaking are the arts, religion and the subject of old age. A well respected and elegant speaker and personality.



**Brian Blessed** has taken his acting career far, from Star Wars to Robin Hood, he is also an adventurer. He has in total been on three expeditions to Mount Everest along with a vast range of other mountaineering expeditions. Brian is also the author of five published books, with motivational and inspirational connotations. Brian Blessed is an anecdotal story teller of the highest order and an interesting speaker to any audience.



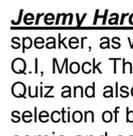
**Martin Bayfield's** 6'10" stance made him one of England's most potent rugby players of his time, with an impressive international career of 31 England Caps and 2 Grand Slams. His structure has since his retirement helped him land the role of Robbie Coltrane's body double as the role of Hagrid in the famous Harry Potter films. He is also now a co-presenter on Crimewatch as well as being member of the BBC commentary team. Martin is an impressive after dinner speaker, re-counting tales of his rugby career, prior careers and everything else. Interesting and entertaining.



**Gyles Brandreth** has had a career of many colours and paths over it's time. From panto's to parliament and Lord Commissioner of the Treasury in the Major Government, Gyles has done it all. He was also an editor and journalist on the Sunday Telegraph Review, where he interviewed a large number of celebrities and well know names. One of Britain's most sought-after award ceremony hosts and after-dinner speakers Gyles is currently a reporter on The One Show on BBC1 and is also an author, the Oscar Wilde Murder Mysteries are now being published around the world.



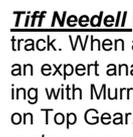
**Loyd Grossman** was the presenter of well know television programme MasterChef and now has his own large brand of sauces, sold in all major supermarkets which is produced by Premier Foods. Prior to his television career Loyd was a contributing editor for the Sunday Times and restaurant critic for Harpers & Queen, however he began his career in showbiz as a singer in a punk band. Loyd also was commissioned by the Health Secretary under Blair's government to improve hospital food. A well experienced speaker with a vast knowledge of food and other areas.



**Jeremy Hardy** is a fantastic stand-up comedian, radio broadcaster, author and after-dinner speaker, as well as having a number of television appearance credits, including Grumpy Old Me, Q.I, Mock The Week and many more. Jeremy is an essential member of the BBC radio 4 News Quiz and also a regular columnist for London's ES Magazine and The Guardian, along with a selection of books he has had published. Jeremy Hardy is a well established and extremely funny comic and could make any audience laugh!



**Ann Widdecombe** is the former MP for Maidstone, Ann is an author, writer, broadcaster and outstanding speaker who is also extremely well known for her many TV appearances and strong opinions. Her impressive and extensive political and television career make Miss Widdecombe a highly interesting and well experienced public speaker and allowing her to be at ease with any audience and any event, corporate or private. Ann is also happy to take any questions post-speech, dealing with them as a true politician.



**Tiff Needell** is a well respected legend in motor racing, with an impressive record on and off the track. When a case of being in the right place at the right time resulted in Tiff being invited to be an expert analyst on a race, who would have known that would be the start of his 21 career working with Murray on BBC1, covering the Grandstand. Tiff ended up landing the role as a presenter on Top Gear, but when it's future became uncertain in 2002 he switched to Fifth Gear, another motor programme. Tiff is an exciting and confident speaker.



**Matthew Parris** is best known as the parliamentary sketch writer for The Times. He has had a long running career in British politics, Matthew was a member of staff in Margaret Thatcher's government and went on to take a seat as MP for West Derbyshire. Along with politics Matthew has a passion for travel and adventure. He has conquered expeditions such as Kilimanjaro, the Sahara and has completed the London Marathon a number of times. He has also published a number of articles and compilations. Parris is an inspirational and in demand after-dinner speaker.

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**Rt Hon. Michael Portillo** is a former high profile Conservative politician, television presenter and author. He was Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer February 2000 - September 2001 to the Labour Party's Gordon Brown. Michael was also minister of State when the poll tax was abolished. Michael is a strong and opinionated speaker and is not afraid to discuss his views on particular issues during his speeches. He offers any audience great insights into current affairs and topics, in a highly entertaining manner.

**Steve Rider** spent 20 years presenting and broadcasting for the BBC before moving to the commercial network to present both the Formula One and the Rugby World Cup. Steve has twice won the Royal Television Society's Sports Presenter of the Year award and collected two BAFTA's in his years of broadcasting. He is now the most experienced and one of the best known sports presenters on British Television and has presented Grandstand, Sportsnight and Sports Personality of the Year. Steve is an experienced and entertaining after dinner speaker, right for any event.



**John Seargent** is probably most well known for an incident not of his own doing, Margaret Thatcher's explosive interruption during one of his broadcast's where she declared her participation in the Conservative leadership ballot. This was only one of the controversial happenings during John's time in the public eye although it did mark him in the history of broadcasting. John became Chief Political Correspondent and as a war reporter covered numerous events from Northern Ireland to Vietnam. S speeches cover his writing, his political experiences and generally his wit.

**Bill Turnbull** is now firmly established as the face of BBC breakfast after joining the BBC in 1988. Along with being highly recognisable for his time as a contestant on Strictly Come dancing and also showing his charitable nature when he went participated in Around the World in 80 days, for Children in Need. During Bill's time as a correspondent he went on to be the BBC's Washington Correspondent during the time of the famous OJ Simpson trial and the Monica Lewinsky scandal. Bill also reported on the horrendous Hurricane Katrina and the July 7th London bombings.



**Michael Buerk** has won more international awards than any other British journalist. Michael was named "Television Journalist of the Year" by the Royal Television Society in 1984 and won a second RTS award that year for foreign reporting. He has also collected a BAFTA award for factual broadcasting. Alongside these, he has been given two of the most honourable awards in America the 'National Headliner' and 'George Polk' awards. Apart from broadcasting, he lectures on international and environmental matters and chairs conferences on current affairs and political questions.

**Sir Ranulph Fiennes** is a World Famous adventurer and explorer. Well known for his three attempts to reach the Summit of Mount Everest, finally conquering it on his third attempt in 2009, becoming the oldest Briton to reach the Summit and making a total of 6.2m for Marie Curie. Amongst many other attributes he completed the first 7x7x7 (Seven marathons in seven consecutive days on all seven continents) and was winner of ITV Greatest Britons 2007 Sport Award. Ranulph is an extremely engaging and interesting speaker with mountains of experience.



**Sir Chris Bonington** the mountaineer, writer, photographer and lecturer, started climbing at the age of 16 in 1951. Since that day, this has been his sole passion and focus in life. Even now Chris still has the same enthusiasm for it as he did over 60 years ago and is still active in his mountaineering. Nowadays Chris is also a highly experienced, outstanding motivational speaker and has established himself well on the after dinner circuit. As a result of his passion and commitment to it, Chris has been awarded CBE and knighthood.

**Ken Livingstone's** commitment to politics is paralleled with his equal commitment to his after dinner speaking, tailoring his speech to suit any particular client or event. In the true style of a politician, Ken plans ahead and develops a strategy to ensure his every speech is welcomed and well received by his audience. Ken's unforgettable span as Labour Mayor of London finally came to an end in 2008, after the many initiatives he had put in place. Amongst others Ken improved living conditions and attempted to reduce diversity in London. An authoritative and amusing speaker.



**Esther Rantzen** after presenting a number of television programmes, turned her focus to the horrific topic of child abuse. After presenting several programmes on the matter, Esther was led to found the honourable charity, Childline. Esther still remains the President of the charity which has been invaluable to the safety of many children in danger. Aswell as this, Esther produced and hosted the popular consumer programme "That's Life!" which was aired for over 20 years. Esther is a compassionate and highly respected after dinner speaker.

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**Jeremy Vine** is these days most well recognised for his daily radio show on BBC2. During his position as a political correspondent under John Sergeant, Jeremy covered the 2001 political campaign and was part of many controversial incidents, including a interview storm out by Peter Mandelson, a beach race with Jeffery Archer and a clash with John Major. Jeremy really knows how to leave his mark. During his career Jeremy has tackled many issues, including reporting on the Mafia and police brutality in South Africa. Jeremy is a confident, knowledgeable and entertaining speaker.

**Roger Black MBE** is a former athlete and one of the countries best sportsmen, representing the country for 14 years. He uses his after dinner speaking to inform about the Olympics 2012 and also related the sporting world to the business industry. Roger points out how the qualities that make a good athlete and the hurdles they face are very similar to those in a work place, determination, management to name a few. Roger has also made a number of television appearances, including coverage of the Olympics. Roger is a well established and highly sought after speaker.



**Lord Jeffrey Archer** has had an impressive career in both politics and publishing. Being the author of the well know Kane and Able amongst many other books including First Among Equals, containing attributes of his knowledge and past experience as a member of parliament. Lord Archer served 5 years in the House of Commons and 16 years in the House of Lords and was also Deputy Chairman for the Conservative party 1985-86. Lord Archer has been the centre of many controversies and his speeches are of the highest quality reflecting his days as a politician and scandal focus.

**Andrew Neil** is a well known publisher, write and broadcaster. Being the current Chairman and Editor-in-Chief of Press Holdings Media Group and presenter of Daily Politics on BBC2, Andrew is also the previous Executive Chairman of Sky and Executive Editor of Fox Television News. Andrew is extremely knowledgeable about current and international affairs and politics. His experience in the field means that he can discuss, evaluate and give opinion on current affairs and matters which the audience will want addressing. Andrew is an engaging and experienced speaker.



**Lord Charles Falconer** began his career as a barrister and QC practicing commercial law and was involved in many high profile cases at the time such as the Maxwell case. He then became a solicitor general for the government. This was the beginning of his parliamentary career where he became the last Lord Chancellor and the first ever Secretary of State for Justice. Lord Falconer's after dinner speeches are both thought provoking and insightful, along with his light humour to keep his audience interested and engaged in his speaking.

**Kate Adie** is one the UK's leading Chief News Correspondents for the BBC. Having been shot 3 times during conflict, Kate is certainly not afraid of a challenge and built up her reputation reporting from war zones across the world. She has reported everywhere from Yugoslavia, to China, to Sierra Leone. As well as being a renowned reporter, Kate is also an author of not only her autobiography, but also a number of other publications. Kate has been given a number of award for journalism, along with a BAFTA and many more. A truly inspiring and engaging after dinner speaker.



**Lord Paddy Ashdown** is now one of the UK's most respected politicians and is Nick Clegg's mentor. After a mere 6 years in the House of Commons, Lord Ashdown was elected leader of the Liberal Democrat party. He held this position for 11 years and was also a leading advocate for decisive action during the Balkans crisis. Alongside his political career, Lord Ashdown is also the President for UNICEF in the UK. Lord Ashdown is a captivating and interactive speaker, discussing the global power struggle and Cameron and Clegg's political relationship.

**Peter Alliss** is a world famous and world class golfer. Peter has taken part in the coverage of a number of golf opens and was the Chief Golf Commentator for the BBC. Peter has twice been captain of the Professional Golfers' Association and was the first president of the European Women's Professional Golfers Association, as well as past president of the British Greenkeepers' Association. Peter is also recognisable around the world for his television commentaries, having travelled with his career from Hong Kong to Australia and everywhere in between.



**Kevin Keegan** is a Liverpool and footballing legend. With his crazy hair styles and fantastic football, Kevin is never without something to talk about in his after dinner speeches. Kevin has been both England Player of the Year and European Player of the Year. He is also one of the very few players who has both captained for and managed England. After an impressive football career and taking manager position at both Newcastle and England, Kevin retired from management. He now shares his enthusiasms and experience through his coaching and his after dinner speaking.

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**Dame Stella Rimington** was formerly Director General of the UK's Security Service MI5, she was the first female director and the first to be publicly named. Stella Rimington was made a Dame Commander of the Bath in the 1996 New Year Honours List. Following her retirement from the service Dame Stella became a non-executive of Marks and Spencers plc and is also now a novelist and best selling author of spy fiction, based on her own experiences in MI5. Dame Stella is a highly intelligent speaker, full of interesting and exciting stories.

**Tony Robinson** appears to have a real fascination for history, from his span on Time Team and The Worst Jobs in History, Tony delves into British history. Talking of history, Tony played a part in the hit series Blackadder, as 'good old' Baldrick. Perhaps not part of British heritage, but a fantastic programme all the same. Tony is also a children's author of a number of books, mainly based on light hearted history. Tony is also active in charity work, being part of the Make Poverty History Campaign along with campaigning for the Labour Party. A man with many hidden talents!



**Sir Christopher Meyer** was sent to Washington as British Ambassador. Whilst there he found himself amongst some of the times most critical moments, including the aftermath of 9/11 and the subsequent war on terrorism. He formally introduced Prime Minister Tony Blair to President George W Bush and afterwards wrote a hugely controversial book 'DC Confidential', which delved into behind the scenes information from his time in DC. He was appointed Knight Commander of the Order by Her Majesty the Queen in 1998. Sir Christopher is an engaging and authoritative speaker.

**Austin Healey** is a successful sportsman in the field of rugby. Austin was equally as successful in the hit TV show Strictly Come Dancing, which he then took part in the tour for. Austin represented England, as well as the British & Irish Lions and capped 51 times in total for his country. He is never afraid of a challenge and bases much of his after dinner speech on the tactic and mind set to be a winner, in life as well as on the pitch. He also tells amusing anecdotes of his time on the rugby scene. An inspiring and motivational speaker and fantastic and amusing sportsman.



**Karren Brady** is best known as Alan Sugar's female side kick on the TV show The Apprentice, she is also widely known in the sports world as the 'first lady of football'. By the age of 23 Karren was the MD of Birmingham City after accepting a job offer from David Sullivan and persuading him to buy the club. With her feet firmly on the field, she is now Vice Chairman of West Ham, although being an Arsenal supporter herself. Karren is an ambitious character and business woman with a witty sense of humour and impressive drive. She is both entertaining and highly inspiring.

**Michelle Mone** is one of the UK's most successful female entrepreneurs and founder of international lingerie brand, Ultimo. Michelle was awarded an OBE by the Queen in 2010 for her services and influence on business. When her Ultimo range was launched in Selfridges it was a complete sell out within 24 hours and her successes continue with her branching out into different stores and countries. Michelle has a down to earth and personal approach making her a real life leadership figure with a shining personality to go with it.



**Dame Tanni Grey-Thompson** is possibly the greatest and most successful Paralympic athlete ever. Tanni has taken part in a range of distances from the 100m to the marathon and has won 15 Paralympic medals, 11 of those being gold. She has been given a number of awards including BBC Wales Sports Personality of the Year and was awarded an OBE in the Millennium New Years honours list. Tanni is an inspiring character and is proof that one should never give up on their dreams, her speech concentrates on her achievements and her aspirations.

**Sahar Hashemi** founded Coffee Republic, the UK's first US style coffee bar chain with her brother and built it into one of the UK's most recognised high street brands. Since then Sahar has published her own book 'Anyone Can Do It' and named "Pioneer to the life of the nation" by Her Majesty The Queen and Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum. Sahar has been deemed and voted a highly influential and successful figure by many polls and continues to hold her entrepreneurial attitude to her future and life, which is apparent in her after dinner speaking.



**Janet Street Porter** is a British media personality, journalist and television presenter. Janet after a short span studying architecture switched to journalism and by the young age of 21 was a Fleet Street columnist. She then went on to host a daily radio show and present a wide range of shows on prime time television. Janet is the winner of a BAFTA award and is responsible for over 35 series with the BBC. Janet is also well known for her participation in ITV's 'I'm a Celeb' as well as writing for everyone from the Independent to Vogue. Janet is a well known and enthusiastic speaker.

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**Angela Rippon** has improved and increased her television and radio portfolio no end since her first broadcast in 1966. Angela is now an award winning journalist and has impressive selection of both television and radio appearances, on both commercial and BBC television across the globe. The scope and quality of her work has been recognised by the Royal Television Society who entered her into their Hall of Fame in 1996 and Angela was also awarded an OBE in the Queen's birthday list of 2004 for her contributions to broadcasting, arts and charity.

**Lawrence Dallaglio** is everything any rugby player would aspire to be and have achieved. He was part of the impressive rugby squad who led England to victory in the 2003 Rugby Union World Cup. His highly skilled performance and contribution helped secure the much needed win and title for England. Lawrence won a total of 70 caps for England and has been quoted to be "one of the world's greatest back-row players." He played for the London Wasps and never for another team. Lawrence speaks about the pressures in sport and pushing for success no matter what the odds.



**Pat Cash** was a member of Australia's winning Davis Cup team. Four years later he won Wimbledon and famously climbed the seats to celebrate with his ever supporting family. After his retirement from the game, Pat kept his focus on tennis coaching the likes of Mark Philippoussis and Greg Rusedski. He is also involved in commentary for the BBC and developed a device called the 'Intonet' which works in picking up balls from the back of the net. Pat is also part of a band which allows him to exercise his other passion which is music. Pat is a friendly and interesting speaker.

**Sir Stirling Moss** is one of Britain's and the Worlds most famous racing car drivers. He competed in 494 races between 1947 and 1962, winning an impressive 222. His successes include the Italian Mille Miglia in 1955, Sir Stirling was the only Englishman ever to win this event. He won the British Grand Prix in 1955 and 1957, and had 31 other Grand Prix victories. Stirling was voted Driver of the Year twice in 1954 and 1961. He appeared in the 1999 New Years Honours list and was subsequently awarded a knighthood. Sir Stirling is an impressive and entertaining speaker.



**Will Carling OBE** is the former captain of England's Rugby Union team. He was England's youngest, longest-serving and most successful skipper ever taking on the position at the tender age of 22. Will capped a total of 72 times for the national team, 59 of which being as captain. His impressive performance on the pitch and his dashing good looks made him a household name and a media sweetheart. Will's after dinner speeches are aimed at inspiring a sense of motivation and achieving peak performance.

**Gareth Edwards** was in his day a Welsh rugby giant, throughout his career the national side won three Grand Slams and five Triple Crowns. Gareth was the youngest player to ever captain for Wales. In 2007 Gareth was named the greatest rugby player ever by 'Rugby World' magazine and was acclaimed by England rugby legend Will Carling to be his greatest player ever. In the 2007 New Years Honours list Gareth was awarded CBE for his services to sport. He is a fantastic motivational speaker and it is an honour just to be in the same room as such a sporting legend.



**Kriss Akabusi** is a former British sprint and hurdling athlete. He began his career in Her Majesty's armed forces. It was here he realised his athletic ability which eventually made him a world famous athlete, winning gold in the Olympics. In 1992 Kriss was awarded the MBE by Her Majesty The Queen in her Birthday Honours List, in recognition of his services to the country through athletics. Since retiring Kriss has concentrated on after dinner speaking and inspiring others with his amusing stories of his success. He is a personable and endearing speaker.

**Nick Leeson** is the famous 'rogue trader' who is claimed to have single-handedly brought down the trusted Barings Bank through a series of risks and gambles. His speech and presentation delves into the truths of the collapse and his personal experiences thereafter such as his time in a Singapore jail, contracting cancer of the colon and the break down of his marriage. Nick is prepared to answer any questions about the events and many say that post listening to him their opinion of this risk taking 'rogue trader' had completely changed. One not to be missed!



**Justin Urquhart Stewart** after training as a barrister became a financial wizz and Marketing Director and Co-founder of Seven Investment Management. Justin is now also one of the most well known and trusted market commentators. He is keen on developing the investment and stock broking markets. His experience in the field and knowledge on the investment market gives his audience a real insight into the financial scene.

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**Sir Max Hastings** is a journalist, author, broadcaster, military historian and now an enthusiastic keynote speaker. During his early years Max spent his time as a foreign correspondent, reporting from more than 60 countries on 11 different conflicts, notably the Falklands and Vietnam. Max has also presented many TV documentaries on different historical issues and still contributes to The Daily Mail and The Sunday Telegraph. He was awarded a knighthood in June of 2002 by Her Majesty the Queen.

**Simon Woodroffe** is the founder of the food brand and restaurant chain YO! Sushi, which is now a well known Japanese sushi chain. From his days as an investor on BBC's Dragon's Den Simon has appeared on a large range of television programmes, notably Question Time. The basis of his after dinner speaking is about brand building and the ability to win and break into new markets in different industries. In July 2006 Simon was awarded an OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours list in recognition of his outstanding business career.



**Jeremy Bowen** took the position as the BBC's Middle East Editor in 2005 and has been there ever since. Previous to this he has covered many stories from the tsunami in Sri Lanka to war correspondence across the world from the Gulf to Afghanistan and Rwanda. Jeremy was also the face of BBC Breakfast which he launched in 200 and presented the well known programme 'Son of God' and 'Moses'. His after dinner speeches are both engaging and interesting, his reporting manner gives a real insight into foreign affairs.

**Sean Fitzpatrick** is a New Zealand All Blacks rugby legend and one of the most successful modern sportsmen. Holding the record for the most consecutive test matches, totalling 63 and 51 of these being as captain. Sean's rugby debut came in 1986 and since then has become one of the greatest all time rugby players, playing more test match victories than any other player, totally 74 appearances. Having captained of on the main international rugby teams, Sean understands the importance of team work, competition and success. He brings these experiences to his speeches.



**Sir Chay Blyth** is an ocean adventurer and in 1971 was the first person to sail non-stop around the world in the 69ft ketch British Steel. For this he was awarded a CBE and later in 1997 was created a Knight Bachelor by Her Majesty the Queen for his services in sailing. Sir Chay is fully recognised to have opened up the world of yachting to a wider range of audience. Sir Chay's after dinner speeches are based around his adventures and the challenges he faced. His story is one of an inspiring nature and anyone would fail not to find him encapsulating.

**Ben Ainslie** is a world famous, three time Gold Olympic medal winning sailor. He began sailing at the young age of eight and by the age of twelve was impressively competing in the world championships, then leading to him winning his first gold medal at the age of only eighteen. Notably after a defeat in Atlanta he went on to beat Rival Robert Scheidt in Sydney and then won in Athens and Beijing. In his speeches Ben discusses his rivals, comparative sailors and the skills and endurance required to be the best at what you do.



**Nick Hewer** is notable as Alan Sugar's right-hand man and host of countdown. His time on the apprentice had made him a highly recognisable name as well as exploiting his diverse and impressive business persona and tactics. Nick started out in a PR firm which eventually led him to connect firm ties with Alan Sugar and his business and broadcasting ventures. Nick's dry sense of humour and intelligent wit make him an amusing and entertaining speaker as well as an informative and knowledgeable character. Nick's after dinner speech is one for everyone, even including a Q&A.

**Lord John Prescott** was the longest serving British Deputy Prime Minister in political history. He is well known for his lead in a conference including 120 countries to sign the first treaty on climate change. Something which he still pursues in discussions with the Chinese as regards the creation of sustainable cities. Since his resignation from the Cabinet John has become active in the Council of Europe, particularly on environmental issues. He has also been the focus of many controversial issues, such as punching a farmer during an election... Never a dull moment with Lord Prescott.

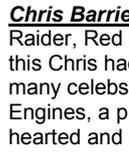


**Clarissa Dickinson Wright** (one of her 11 forenames) is one half of the hit TV show Two Fat Ladies, trained barrister, cook, author and broadcaster. Clarissa spent most of her early career in the bar before moving onto cookery and subsequently being approached to present Two Fat Ladies. She is now a well recognised name and face in television, media and reading. Clarissa is the proud author of a number of books and along with her other many talents is Lord Rector of the University of Aberdeen and is guaranteed to entertain any audience, corporate or private.

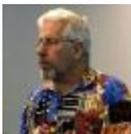
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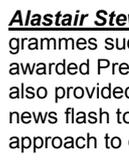
**Uri Gellar**, is well known as the man who mastered spoon bending but unbeknown to some, also has an impressive CV as an inspirational and motivational speaker. Uri is the author of 14 books and is a regular contributor to a range of newspapers and magazines. Uri gives a mind-boggling and captivating after dinner speech, never failing to keep the audience focused on his every move. In the States, Uri was voted most motivational speaker by YPO and has coached a wide range of celebrities, from footballers to F1 racers and many more. A truly fascinating character.



**Chris Barrie** has a number of acting spectacles under his belt, making appearances in Tomb Raider, Red Dwarf and many more, Chris has now moved onto the after dinner circuit. To add to this Chris had an early career as a comedy impressionist which led to him doing the voices of many celebs including HRH Prince Harry in Spitting Image. He was also the presenter of Massive Engines, a programme on inventions and mechanics, his very own passion. Chris is a light hearted and entertaining speaker, guaranteed to lift spirits at any event.



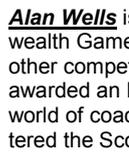
**Adam Hart-Davis** is a science enthusiast, the man explaining and presenting the history and primary ideas behind the technology we now see today. Adam delves into the past and looks at why and how many areas of our lives are as they are now. Having researched and produced many scientific and educational series' such as Scientific Eye he has received his reputation also through participation in programmes such as Live From Dinosaur Island and has made numerous historical series as well as publishing over 27 books. A fascinating and captivating speaker.



**Alastair Stewart** is a well known current affairs reporter and broadcaster, working on programmes such as the ITV's Evening and Lunchtime News and News at Ten. Alastair has been awarded Presenter of the Year as well as receiving an OBE from Her Majesty the Queen. Alastair also provided the live commentary on the Space Shuttle Challenge, which turned from a 2 minute news flash to an hour long, non-scripted commentary on the disaster. His confident and fluent approach to commentating has transferred to his entertaining after dinner speaking.



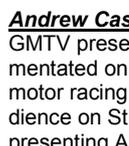
**Aldo Zilli** has many talents, from running numerous restaurants around the capital, to fronting and appearing on adverts and cookery programmes, to advising leading supermarkets. Amongst all this Aldo also executes small corporate activity days where he takes the clients on a journey from start (at the fish markets) to the finish of creating a divine meal. Aldo has taken part in many TV appearances such as Celebrity Fit Club (where he lost 15.5 kilo's) to the X Factor's: Battle of the Stars. He also, in his speeches, talks about his world record of flipping a pancake 117 times in 1 minute!



**Alan Wells** is recognised as Scotland's greatest athlete and Olympian. In the 1978 Commonwealth Games he won 2 Gold medals and 1 Silver medal. After winning a number of medals in other competitions including a double Gold in the 1982 Commonwealth games, Allan was awarded an MBE for his services to sport. Allan retired in 1988 at the age of 36 and went into the world of coaching where he was extremely successful in all matters of sports. Allan has now entered the Scottish Wall of Fame and was ambassador for the 2012 Olympic bid.



**Andrea Mclean** has become a household name as the anchor of the Loose Women team. She joined the daytime programme after her 11 year stint with GMTV in 2008, starting with ITV originally as the weather presenter. Andrea also took part in Dancing On Ice, which then lead to her presenting the shows Dancing On Ice Extra, as well as keeping her writing skills alive by being a regular contributor to the Daily Record, Women's Weekly and Star Magazine. Having started off as a freelance writer Andrea is well experienced in writing. Andrea is a bright and interesting speaker.



**Andrew Castle** is a former tennis champion, being British number one for seven years, turned GMTV presenter and also starred on the gruelling TV show 71 Degrees North. Andrew has commented on and fronted a number of sporting events such as Wimbledon, Basketball, golf and motor racing. As well as facing danger on Celebrity Fear Factor and facing the ever daunting audience on Strictly Come Dancing with partner Ola Jordan. With an impressive CV in sport and presenting Andrew can deliver a superb speech to any audience.



**Andy McNab** is a former SAS soldier, the British Army's most decorated war hero of his time and best-selling author. During his military career he was awarded both an MM (Military Medal) and a DCM (Distinguished Conduct Medal) for his contribution to the SAS services, which he finally left in 1993. He worked as an instructor on the SAS selection and training team and instructed foreign Special Forces in counter terrorism, hostage rescue and survival training. He recounts his experiences in his best selling books and in his gripping after dinner speeches.

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**Anna Ford's** BBC career began in 1976 for Man Alive; in 1977 she joined Tomorrow's World and from 1986 until 1988 she worked on Network. She joined the BBC ONE Six O'Clock News team in 1989 and then became a presenter of the BBC's One O'Clock news when it was re-launched in 1999. Having studied at the University of Manchester gaining a BA Honours in economics along with a number of other higher education certificates, she is now Chancellor of the University. Anna is a fantastic speaker and inspirational character.

**Anna Ryder-Richardson** is a well loved former model and fitness instructor turned interior designer and is mainly recognised for her time on Changing Rooms, as well as her stint in the jungle for I'm a Celeb Get Me Out Of Here! Her flamboyant and bold personality is experimented with and apparent through her designs, using bold and modern themes and patterns in the homes of people across the country. As well as her bold design her bold personality makes her an ideal after dinner speaker, entertaining audiences all over the country (maybe she decorated their living room!)



**Ben Fogle** has captured the British public's hearts in more ways than one. He first appeared on the BBC project Castaway and has since then become a well recognisable name in adventure and television. His dashing looks, gentle personality and sheer endurance to complete any task make Ben stand out from the rest. He has set records for some of the most gruelling challenges such as the Woodvale Atlantic Rowing Race and many more. Ben is a determined yet easy going character and speaker. Perfect to charm any audience.

**Bernard Gallacher** is a golfing legend, appearing in every Ryder Cup between 1961-83 and in the late 1980's took over the captaincy. He managed to uphold his ability to win countless titles whilst remaining club professional at Wentworth. Bernard has commentated on Johnnie Walker Ryder Cup for Sky and has developed an after dinner speech from his experience. His Ryder Cup speech gives a real insight into the world of golf, through the eyes and opinions of one of the greatest players. Bernard was awarded an OBE for his services to the sport.



**Brent Hoberman's** rise to fame is a result of his co-founding the travel website lastminute.com, which subsequently survived the economic crisis and is going from strength to strength. Brent and his co-founder sold the company to Sabre for a massive \$1.1bn. Brent has created and run a number of preceding businesses of an online based nature, these include mydeco.com, imagini.net and many more. Brent is an intelligent and motivational speaker, addressing the online market and what it takes to succeed.

**Charlie Dimmock** is the unforgettable female face of Garden Force, through her 11 series' on the show she transformed countless gardens including that of Nelson Mandela's. Charlie has since then appeared in her own shows, Charlie's Garden Army, Charlie's Wildlife Gardens, Charlie's River Walks, which have all been successful. Charlie is a regular contributor to The Mail on Sunday and has published her own book. As well as her own ventures, Charlie is also committed too and does various work for charity. A truly special and impressive speaker.



**Colin Jackson** is one of the most recognised British athletes of all time, he was ranked in the top ten of hurdlers for a total of sixteen years for which he held the world record for almost thirteen years. Since his retirement from the sport Colin has become a key member in the BBC Sport team and an experienced broadcaster, along with being an important figure in Sport Relief and the 2012 Olympic bid. Along with his many television appearances Colin also took part in Strictly Come Dancing. Colin is a fantastic motivational and sporting speaker.

**Daley Thompson** is the nine year undefeated decathlete, one of the best in the game. He was the first person to simultaneously hold the Olympic, World, European and Commonwealth titles and broke the world record a total of four times, always pushing further and striving for more. Daley was awarded the MBE in 1982; an OBE in 1986 and the CBE in 2000. He was voted BBC Sports Personality of the Year in 1982 and took retirement in 1992. In his presentations Daley speaks about what it takes to be the best, an extremely inspiring and focused speech.



**Darren Campbell** is a fantastic athlete and champion. Darren has won a number of gold and silver medals in the Commonwealth, European and Olympic games. Darren trained with Linford Christie and managed to shave a massive and impressive 0.29 seconds in Sydney. Daren also spent two successful seasons away from athletics playing professional football, he has since retiring from athletics given sprint training to the likes of Manchester United and Everton. In his speeches Darren talks about the rush of the highs outweighing the endurance of training and

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**David Hempleman-Adams** is arguably Britain's greatest living explorer, being the first person to reach the Geographic and Magnetic North and South Poles as well as climb the highest peaks in all seven continents, known as the Adventurers' Grand Slam. David has also taken part in a number of other adventures and activities including hosting the world highest dinner party and crossing the Atlantic in a hot air basket. David was awarded an MBE by the Queen in 1994 for his service to polar exploration and awarded an OBE in 1998. You will hang on his every word!

**Denise Lewis** is an outstanding athlete and heptathlon champion. Denise was the 6th woman to win an Olympic gold in track and field. In 1999 Denise was awarded an OBE by Her Majesty the Queen for her services to sport. Outside of her impressive athletics career Denise has also taken part in the BBC's Strictly Come Dancing, where she was runner up in the series. She is also currently a judge for BA's Great Britain's bursary scheme for sport and an ambassador for Youth Sports Trust and International Inspiration. Denise is a passionate and enthusiastic speaker.



**Dermot Murnaghan** is a television presenter and a key member and Anchor of Sky News Today. He moved from the BBC Breakfast in 2008 after spending 6 years with them and previously had a stint at fronting ITV's national bulletins and Channel 4's World News. Dermot was the man who executed the revelatory interview with Peter Mandelson which led to Mandelson resigning from government the very next day, Dermot himself won a Royal Television Society award for this interview. Dermot is an impressive host and engaging speaker for any event.

**Donal MacIntyre** is an adventurer and journalist and is Europe's well known investigative reporter. Having done work for all the UK's main broadcasters and won the nation's heart as a finalist on Dancing On Ice. Donal's work is extensive in area, from war zone coverage to adventure programmes on the Discovery Channel and live radio. He has won numerous awards for his work and adding to his extensive CV is the ambassador of Free Born and Mencap. In his speeches Donal expresses how important it is to think outside of your comfort zone and oppress fear.



Baron Douglas Hurd of Westwell

**Eamonn Holmes** was asked to launch GMTV in 1993 after his experience in presenting with UTV and the BBC, he is one of the best known and longest serving anchormen. Eamonn held his position at GMTV for a total of 13 years before going solo as the presenter of Sunrise for Sky News and Sky One. He now fronts Friday's edition of This Morning and Sunrise as well as following his passion with Manchester United. Eamonn's vast sporting knowledge only adds to his appeal as an after dinner speaker along with his confident and personable approach at any event.



**Emma Crosby** is the key presenter of Channel Five News and also fronts the channel's news and current affairs programme, along with many other attributes to add to her CV Emma had previously been a part of GMTV and the Sky News team. Emma was on-air when Glasgow Airport was bombed and her anchoring of the reporting of the event helped win her a coveted BAFTA News Award. Emma is one to light up any event, with her vast knowledge and bright personality and mannerisms she is ideal for any event.

**Frank Dick** is the former British Athletics Federation Director of Coaching and currently is President of the European Athletics Coaches Association. He served as Chief Coach to the British team at four Olympic Games, seven European Cups, three European Championships and three World Championships and has also helped individual athletes such as Daley Thompson and Sebastian Coe to Olympic, European and Commonwealth level. Frank's experience in inspiring athletes is interlinked with his inspiring business speeches and also personal and individual motivation.



**Fred MacAulay** after 10 years in the business took a massive risk from his day job as an accountant and took the plunge into the world of comedy. He is now a successful stand-up comedian, keeping up his profile in programmes such as Mock The Week, Have I Got News For You and QI, along with many other television appearances. Along with his many talents Fred was also the first ever Scottish compere at the London Comedy Store and now presents Fred MacAulay and Co on BBC Radio Scotland. A very funny and amusing speaker and comedian.

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**Geoff Hurst** is (without need to mention) the infamous hat-trick scorer in the 1966 England World Cup victory. An achievement which to this day has never been matched by an Englishman. Geoff won a total of 49 caps and scored 24 goals for England and in retirement had a brief stint in coaching. Nowadays Geoff actively takes part in regimes to encourage children to take an interest and a role in football at a young age, as well as Geoff still being the Director of Football for McDonald's. An impressive and inspiring speaker for everyone, not just football fans!

**Graeme Le Saux** is a one of very few footballers, having attended university and being talented as well as intelligent. In his time on the pitch, Graeme was the highest paid defender in the game. Unfortunately after appearing with Blackburn Rovers and Chelsea he received an injury which brought his football career to a halt. Since his retirement Graeme has taken part in commentary roles for Match of The Day 2 and BBC Radio 5 Live along with his non-football ventures in business. Graeme is a strong and interesting character and would engage any audience.



**Greg Dyke** has one of the most impressive CV's in the area of media and technology. Greg also created Freeview along with a number of digital television and radio channels, he also cut output costs for the BBC whilst being Director General and is currently Executive Chairman of Ambassador Theatres Group and the BFI. Greg's own business strategy is phenomenal and he shares insights into this in his after dinner speeches, having guided the creation of Channel 5 and building the largest production company outside of America he is certainly one to take note on.

**Hugh Dennis** made up one half of the cheeky duo Punt & Dennis, but is now best known as being a team captain on the popular comedy show Mock The Week and (partly improvised) television series, Outnumbered. Hugh started his initial career as a brand manager but soon learned that his impressions were extremely popular which then led him to providing voices for Spitting Image. Hugh's comedy career has grown from there and he is now a well known, household name. Hugh is a highly amusing man with a witty sense of humour.



**Jacqueline Gold** is CEO of Ann Summers and Knickerbox, having joined the company at the age of nineteen on work experience she has transformed the company and as a result now runs the feminine sex shop chain. Jacqueline was the initiator of the idea of Ann Summers parties in the comfort of your own home, where women can view and buy the risqué products in private with friends. Jacqueline has published 2 of her own books, as well as having a number of television appearances. A highly inspiring and bold speaker, one for the ladies (or men!)

**Jenny Éclair** was the first woman to win the Perrier Award and still to this day is one of only two females to win. Jenny has many television credits to her name, from appearances on I'm a Celeb... to her spot on Loose Women and her star role in Grumpy Old Women, Jenny is well known in the home and on the comedy circuit. Jenny is the author of a number of books and hosted different events such as the Eurovision and the Perrier Awards, she also hosts her own show on LBC Radio. Jenny is a friendly, very amusing speaker capable of holding any event.



**Meera Syal** is the star of the fantastic show The Kumars at No.42 and Beautiful People. She found her fame in the hit show Goodness Gracious Me and also wrote the famous Anita & Me, as well as Life Isn't All Ha Ha Hee Hee. Meera's other tv credits include, Have I Got News For You, Doctor Who, Holby City, Who Do You Think You Are?, 8 Out Of 10 Cats, Absolutely Fabulous and many more. Meera is a comedienne, actress and award winning author, she simply has something for everybody and any occasion.

**Marcus Brigstocke** is a largely talented British comic, writer and presenter. Marcus has an extensive CV in radio, television and even work on the big screen. He is a regular panellist on hit shows such as Have I Got News For You, QI, Question Time and This Week and was team captain on Arguemental. Marcus also had the amusing hit single- Don't Smoke the Reefa... Marcus is a highly entertaining, good spirited character, able to lift and entertain any audience at any event.



**Paul Daniels** is a world wide accomplished magician and tv personality. In addition to his magic he is also an extremely funny man and entertainer. Paul has also been called 'the most successful tv magician of the 20th Century.' He has also taken part in radio shows and hosted his own hit game shows, as well as presenting and performing in a variety of genres. Through his motivational speaking, Paul is able to reach out and teach to a corporate audience, skills required to be successful in business, he will also bring a touch of magic to any room, any audience and any event.

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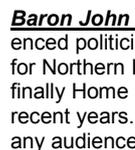


**Richard Wilson** is an award winning actor and director. Richard is most well known for his part in 'One Foot in the Grave', with his fantastic portrayal of Victor Meldrew. He has received 3 BAFTA awards and a British Comedy Award, along with receiving an OBE in 1994 for his services as a director and actor to drama. He has directed a number of different productions by the likes of Peter Ransley, Dusty Hughes along with many more impressive writers. Richard has now stepped into the after dinner circuit and is a sought after speaker, host and conference facilitator.

**Rick Wakeman** is a keyboard player, composer and song writer and rock legend. Rick is most well known for being a member of the outstanding British rock band, Yes. In 1970 Rick joined the Strawbs and stayed with them through 2 album releases, he then went on to be the keyboard player for the progressive rock band Yes, until 1974 when he left to pursue his solo career. Rick's other television spots have led him to appear in the hit tv show, Grumpy Old Men. Rick Wakeman is a man of many talents, now notably his talent to engage with and entertain an audience.



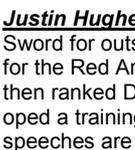
**John McCarthy** was a journalist and broadcaster until his own life was the headline story on the news. John was captured in Lebanon and held hostage in captivity for a total of 1,943 gruelling days where he endured both physical and mental torture. Since his release John has written a best selling book about his days in captivity, called 'Some Other Rainbow', John is also the author of a number of other books. He also has taken part in a number of television and radio appearances. His speeches are of an inspiring and motivational nature about survival and the will to win.



**Baron John Reid** served in parliament for over 2 decades and is one of Britain's most experienced politicians. John has been Minister of defence, Minister for Transport, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Secretary of State for Scotland, Health Secretary, Defence Secretary and finally Home Secretary, holding more ministerial positions at Cabinet level than anyone else in recent years. Baron John is a well respected and interesting character, he is bound to engage any audience, even one without a political background.



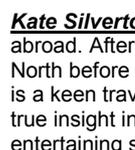
**Julie Meyer** is one of the most influential females across Europe, with a whole range of business ventures, she is a determined and inspirational character. Julie is the founder and CEO of Ariadne Capital, founder of Entrepreneur Country and co founder of First Tuesday and has now also expanded into being the online Dragon for the BBC. Along with a number of business and media commitments, Julie also is a regular contributor to Business Week, Spectator Business etc. Julie is a powerful and inspiring female speaker, able to handle any event and suitable for any audience.



**Justin Hughes** flew an RAF Tornado 3 for 6 years, for his services he was awarded the Wilkinson Sword for outstanding leadership and in turn became a commander. Justin was then selected to fly for the Red Arrows, during his 3 year term he took part in over 250 displays worldwide. He was then ranked Deputy Team Leader and Executive Officer. On retirement from the RAF Justin developed a training scheme for pilots, to help with their performance using transferable skills. Justin's speeches are based on strong leadership and successful teamwork, an engaging speaker.



**Karen Darby** set up her first business at the young age of 22 as one of the first telemarketing companies. Karen has a fantastic rags to riches story of how hard work and determination can get you where you want to be. In 1990 Karen decided she needed a new challenge, she sold her share in the company and set up Karen Darby Direct, a firm providing training to all centre staff. In 2003 she then launched her most successful venture, SimplySwith which she then sold to The Daily Mail in 2006 for a staggering £22m. Karen is an inspirational and entertaining businesswoman.



**Kate Silvertown** is an experienced and well travelled journalist, having reported both at home and abroad. After a short spell in corporate finance, Kate took up journalism and appeared on Look North before moving to Tyne Tees. She has also been named the BT Journalist of the Year. Kate is a keen traveller and has stayed in any of the environments which she has reported on, to get a true insight into the lives of people. Kate is an engaging journalist in any situation and a highly entertaining speaker at any event.



**Katie Derham** has a long list of attributes on her CV, from being Senior anchor on ITV News, to hosting the arts programming for the BBC, to being co-presenter of London tonight and many more. Katie became the youngest newscaster for ITV, presenting all the channels news programmes. Katie then returned to the BBC as well as presenting her own show on Classical FM and regularly hosting the Classical Brit awards at the Royal Albert Hall. Katie is a knowledgeable and interesting speaker, capable of engaging any audience.

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**Kelvin Mackenzie** is a media executive, CEO of the Wireless Group and former editor of The Sun newspaper. Whilst at The Sun between 1981 and 1993 Kelvin was witness to some of the most controversial cases and headlines including the 'Gotcha' front page headline when the Argentinian battleship was sunk, which gave Kelvin his fearsome reputation. Kelvin was also a party to the TalkCo Holdings purchase of Talk Radio and the later renaming as the Wireless Group and Talk Sport. Kelvin is a fiery character, bound to enthuse and entertain an audience.

**Rt. Hon. Lord Michael Heseltine** is the former Deputy Prime Minister and is one of Britain's most recognisable faces in politics. Lord Heseltine has had a number of political roles and ranks within the government, from MP for Tavistock, to challenging Margaret Thatcher for leadership of the Conservative Party, to eventually Deputy Prime Minister under John Major. He now owns his founded company Haymarket, one of the leading independent magazine distributors in the UK and overseas. Lord Heseltine is an inspiring and charismatic speaker, executing high profile talks.



**Rt. Hon. Lord Norman Lamont** was the chancellor of the exchequer during the last recession, he spent 25 years in the House of Commons after originally being an investment banker with NM Rothschild. It was Lord Lamont who appointed a young David Cameron as his special advisor, Lamont spent a total of 25 years in the cabinet under both Margaret Thatcher and John Major. Since retiring from politics he has been involved in RAB Capital, Balli and Phorm and has broken into the after dinner circuit, basing his speeches on the recession, the way out, the decision to join the Euro.

**Oz Clarke's** wine career began at university as captain of Oxford's wine tasting team. Oz is now one of the world's leading wine experts and is especially known for his no nonsense, enthusiastic approach. Before returning to his passion for wine, Oz had a short spell as an actor where he was involved in a number of West End productions. Oz has had a telegraph column, released a number of books, taken part in a BBC show about food and drink and is co-star in Oz and James' Big Wine Adventure. Oz now does after dinner speaking as well as wine tasting sessions.



**Johnny Herbert** is an ex- Formula One Motor sport driver and is now a highly entertaining after dinner speaker and accomplished presenter. Although Johnny's success was in the lower level motor racing, he was a fantastic driver and charismatic personality in the sport all the same. Winning many championships at his level, Johnny was named the coming man of motor racing. In his after dinner speeches Johnny looks back on his fantastic and enjoyable career as a racing driver, he can relate to any audience with his accounts of ambition and dreams.

**Steve Backley OBE** is the former javelin World Record Holder, Backley was a member of the British athletics team for over 15 years and is the only track and field competitor to win medals at 3 different Olympic games and won a total of 9 gold medals overall. Steve was awarded an MBE in 1995 and later awarded an OBE in the 2003 Queen's honours list for his contribution to sport. He is also recognisable from his 2008 participation in the BBC's Dancing On Ice. In his after dinner speeches he talks about how to deal with immense pressure and relates this to business.



**Roger Bootle** is one of the current best-known and most well respected economists of the country. His speeches and work are particularly relevant in the countries current economic crisis and as Managing Director of Capital Economics he is certainly in the know where the economy is concerned. He has works with Citibank, HSBC, Lloyds and even served as an advisor to the House of Commons Treasury Committee. Roger was part of the famous 'Seven Wise Men' and has written numerous books about the economy and his predictions (most of which came true!)

**Colonel Tim Collins** is a former British army and SAS veteran, he attracted mass attention when he executed a speech to the British troops in Iraq. Tim led an impressive military career and led many troops to victory, fighting for their country. Tim speaks about what it takes to be a strong leader but also the importance of trusting and working with your team, in any situation. He motivates commitment and dedication in any path of life and speaks about how to handle even the most unmanageable of situations, as he had to whilst on tour with the British army.



**Steve Cram** is a renowned star on the track alongside the likes of Seb Coe and stars alike. He was a Silver Olympic athlete, winning Gold on numerous occasions in the Commonwealth and European Games, where Steve also broke a number of world records. Steve is now the BBC's Chief athletics administrator and has turned to journalism since his retirement from sport. Steve was also a key player in the bid for the London 2012 Olympics as the athletics representative. His speeches are based on his thoughts on the formula for success, an inspiring speaker.

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**Monty Don** took over from the famous Alan Titchmarsh as the presenter of Gardener's World, he is now the UK's leading Horticulturist. Apart from his break through as a household name on Gardener's World, Monty had written a number of books, presented Lost Gardens and Real Gardens for Channel 4, as well as garden based programmes Monty has also taken part in a project to rehabilitate offenders and drug addicts through the use of nature and farming. Monty is an in the know expert in his area and id also an extremely friendly and interesting speaker.

**Barry Gibbons** spent five years as the CEO of Burger King in the US, his time there was seen as a 'turnaround' for the company. He has also received international acclaim for his consulting work with client companies. Since retiring from the business world Greg is now a renowned author and speaker, having written six books on business and one on public speaking, of which he is highly experienced in both areas. In his speeches, Greg explains how to lead not manage, he believes that this is the key to success. His wit and humour make for a fantastic speech.



**Will Greenwood** is most certainly one of England's greatest former rugby players, having been a key player in the victorious World Cup in Australia. During his 9 year sporting career, Will capped a total of 55 times and scored an impressive 30 tries. As well as the World Cup, Will also played in the British Lions tours of South Africa, Australia and New Zealand. In his presentations, Will compares his early career with HSBC, which he refers to as his transformation from 'Good to Great'. He compares and highlights the similarities in business and sport and the guide to success in both.

**Tim Harford** is one of Britain's most well known and characteristic economists. Tim has a unique way of conveying his knowledge in a highly accessible way to any audience. He has written a number of books focusing on the economy and the successes and failures, Tim also writes a column for the Financial Times which focuses more on day to day life and the effect economics has on ordinary people in daily life. Not only does Tim concentrate on the economy, he also talks in his speeches about the logics of human behaviour and misbehaviour.



**Will Hutton** is one of the main and influential characters on work and employment issues in the UK. He is the executive vice chair and former chief executive of The Work Foundation an independent, research based consultancy on employment issues. Will started his career as a stockbroker in the City, before moving to the BBC TV and radio and becoming the economics correspondent for Newsnight and spent four years as the editor in chief for the Observer, for which he still holds a column for. As well as being a talented author, Will also does fantastically on the after dinner circuit.

**Sir Howard Davies** is the former director of The London School of Economics and Political Science and was also the Chairman of the Financial Services Authority. Sir Howard has also previously been the special advisor for the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Deputy Governor of the Bank of England, Director General of the Confederation of British Industry and Controller of the Audit Commission. In his speeches he discusses Europe's economy and it's drive to be the most competitive. His speeches are both educational and engaging.



**Jean-Christophe Novelli** is a world renowned and Michelin star chef. He came to England as a young man with a talent and now owns numerous restaurants around the world, as well as a cookery school ranked in the top 25 in the world and is one of the best known and most talented in his area. As well as a Michelin star status he is the winner of the Egon Ronay dessert of the year award. As well as taking part in his own reality shows he also took over Gordon Ramsay's part as co-host in Hell's Kitchen. Jean is an extremely talented on stage as well in the kitchen.

**Karen Pickering** is arguably Britain's most successful swimmer, her number of medals would suggest so. Karen has won a number of titles, an array of medals and has twice held the world record. She has since retirement opened up her own swim school across the country to encourage people of all ages to take part in something which she is so passionate about. She is also incredibly in demand on the after dinner circuit, her intense career has allowed her to have an insight into what it takes to be successful in sport, business or any area. A highly inspirational woman and speaker.



**Doug Richard** is a successful entrepreneur with 20 years experience in the development and leadership of technology and software. He took part in the first 2 series' of Dragon's Den and invested on fewer occasions that any other Dragon. In his speeches he speaks out to inventors and hopeful entrepreneurs, grilling 'what's the benefit', Doug is a difficult man to please. On the reverse however, he seems to thoroughly please and engage with any audience with his dry sense of humour and vast business knowledge.

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**Levi Roots** is the man behind the Reggae Reggae sauce. Previous to the BBC's Dragon's Den, where he landed himself a £50,000 investment for a 40% share in his company. Levi was a musician, playing alongside the likes of James Brown and Maxi Priest. His investment from the Dragon's Den made his brand a worldwide label, shortly after gaining a contract from Sainsbury's to stock his famous sauce in 600 of their stores. Since then Levi's brand has gone from strength to strength now branching into other areas of the food market. Levi is a truly fantastic speaker for any event.

**Joe Simpson** is one of the world's most respected and successful mountaineers, he is also an author and in demand motivational speaker. He is best known for his book *Touching the Void*, which was adapted into a film and is now the basis of his after dinner speeches. The film won a BAFTA award, it is based on his near fatal accident whilst climbing in The Andes. The account of the 2 friends' terrifying expedition is a gripping story, reaching out to even the most inexperienced in the art of mountaineering. Joe is a touching and inspirational speaker with light-hearted anecdotes.



Lord John Stevens QPM

