

PETER MOORE – OBITUARY

Peter Moore, who died in December 2009, was a founder member of *Murderetc* when we were first known as *Just Desserts* (as pictured right with Jacky Davis, c. 1994). Without his help and advice we would not have achieved as much as we have. A marvellous, mischievous character, our audiences always warmed to his performances and he always judged a crowd well.



By his own admission, Peter Moore, London's Town Crier and Royal Toastmaster, was a very complicated individual. I would not claim to have been Peter's best friend, but in the last 22 years I spent more time with him than anyone else.

We first met in September 1987 on the set of a corporate video. Peter introduced himself and, as soon as he found that I had just started out in the Industry, he immediately took me under his wing by offering advice and contact details. Most importantly, when he heard of anything on the grapevine, he would let me know.

I learned that this was Peter's very generous nature. In 1989 he asked me to deputise for him as Town Crier. He paid for my bell and provided a couple of outfits, and over the years I would cover for him. More often than not we would go out as a double, travelling the length and breadth of the UK, attending various functions from Shop Openings to Master of Ceremonies at Trade Shows.

Wherever we went, I would hear from people of all walks of life who told me similar stories of his kindness and generosity. Those of us who got to know Peter found he could be cussed, gruff, rude and at times unbearable—but he always seemed to win us round.

On our travels, Peter would talk about his dogs, his son Jamie, whom he adored, his childhood in Dr. Barnardo's homes (which might help explain his character) and also of a Cousin Lillian—he wasn't sure if he should contact her again or not.

He would talk about his professional experiences, some of which sounded most grandiose, but all true. He has appeared on television all over the world, including David Letterman in America, Japan, India (where he appeared in several Bollywood movies) and most of Europe. Peter spoke French fluently and could get by in German and Italian.

He was a marvellous raconteur. Many of us have spent hysterical evenings with Peter, both professionally and socially. He was very helpful when people were having cash flow problems. He would not hesitate to help anyone out, and to many he was known as The Bank of Peter.



Alas the bank is now closed, and many of us have to thank Peter for the work he has put our way, but especially for the help he gave us at the beginning of our careers.

Peter has left me a letter stating that if I wished to take on his role of London's Town Crier, I have his blessing. Much as I would like to do this, it is up to others to decide, since I would need to be appointed. I will, however, continue Peter's charity work.

Thank you Peter. Your bell will continue to ring in many hearts.

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