

Mark Allen's Quite Good Britain

Edinburgh Fringe Festival 2006

Venue: Laughing Horse @ Lindsay's, 15 Brunswick St (venue 56)

Dates: 5-26 Aug (not 15th or 23rd)

Time: 15.15 (1 hour)

Price: Utterly FREE!

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Did you know that in 2007, Great Britain will be exactly 300 years old? It's true, but there are no official plans to celebrate this and Mark Allen feels slightly cheated. Last year, the government spent thousands of pounds commemorating the 200th anniversary of the battle of Waterloo, so how does the birth of a nation not warrant at least a bit of low-level bunting?

In his debut solo stand up show, Mark looks at whether the lack of a national birthday party is yet another symptom of the current British identity crisis. So far, he's been willing to overlook the fact that our monarchy is German, our national motto is French and our national animal is from Africa – that's just quirky – but when the people of Great Britain are denied a legitimate excuse for a party, the identity crisis has gone too far.

Since Great Britain was formed, there have been 12 monarchs, 120 colonies and 49 Eurovision entries, so surely it's time for a review. Mark Allen presents the evidence and asks the audience to decide for themselves – is Britain indeed still 'Great' or would 'Quite Good' be more appropriate?



Mark Allen has been writing and performing comedy for over seven years. He performs regularly on the UK comedy circuit and appeared in the final of London Comedy Festival Allstars competition, just by being funny. Mark's tv writing credits include pilots for Talkback Productions and the BBC, as well as having several comedy sketches screened on the last two series of ITV1's 'Shoot the Writers'. Bully for him.

Mark has variously been described on www.chortle.co.uk as "very funny and a pure gent", "a really good act" and "a byword for brilliant" – all by people that barely know him and without financial incentive.

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