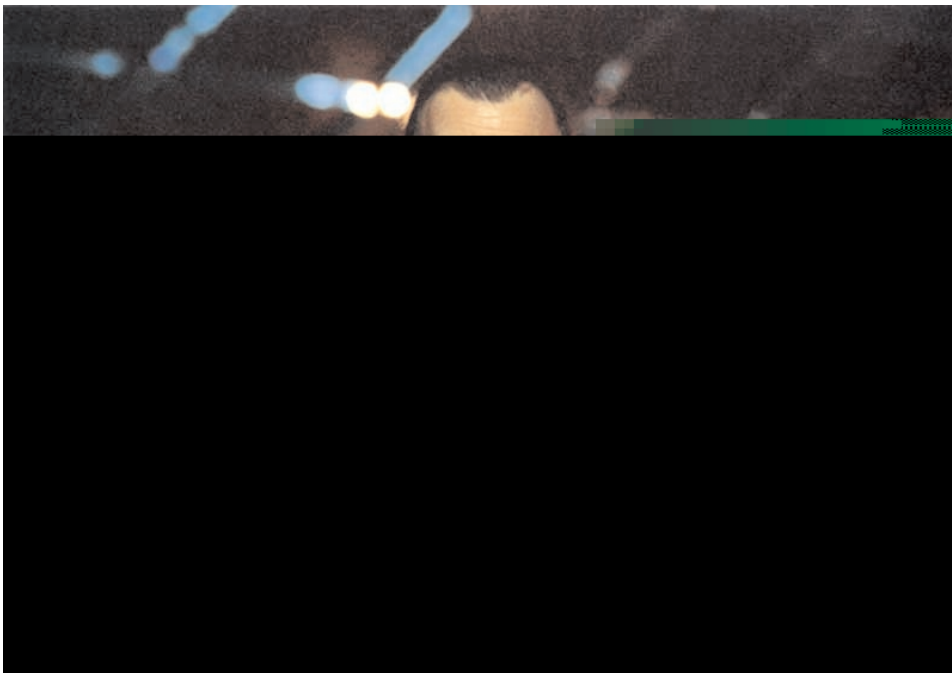




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DUDLEY DOOLITTLE - COMEDIAN



Life's a gag for comic Dudley Doolittle "If they forget the act, they'll not forget the name", jokes the jovial jester from the land of cowboys. Rochdale, Lancs that is:

While dotty Dud's zany recipe of real life comedy hasn't always been in vogue, he's now snowed under with work from admiring audiences all over the country.

"My gags come from what's happening around me. When I first started cracking jokes in the late '70's everyone was doing one-liners, like the T.V. show *The Comedians*", explains Dud, real name plain Stephen Pickering.

But I stuck to what I enjoyed, making observations on life. Now it's all the rage and to make it sound new they've even given it a new name *alternative comedy*", quips Dudley in his lovely Lancashire lilt.

"I'm never without something to write with. People often look at me I'm daft because if I see or hear something I write it down straight and that could be in the middle of the street or in the supermarket. If I haven't got a piece of paper I use my shirt cuff and the wife plays hell he jokes.

Dudley is a firm favourite with T.V. audiences all over the country. "When they get a studio full of zombies I'm the one that has to raise the dead," he says with a half moon grin that regularly reduces audiences to a heap of giggles. Sometimes it's slightly less painful than smashing your head against a brick wall, but that's the challenge of the job".

Dudley has been treading the floorboards for 20 years and says "I've had 20 years now doing exactly what I've wanted. There aren't many people who can say that!"