

HP0629 Harry Fowler

Synopsis of Harry Fowler BECTU interview with David McGillivray. Notes by David Sharp 2011

[Interview is roughly chronological but jumps back and forth as things occur to HF. Also tends to be non-critical: lots of “he was a splendid fellow”].

CD1

Born Henry James Fowler 1926, brought up in Lambeth Walk by “Granny”. Talks about growing up in a poor but happy family. Anecdote about Wendell Wilkie, US presidential candidate visiting pub and being pick-pocketed.

Talks about the “tallyman” (door-to-door instalment payment salesmen).

Leaves school gets job on newspaper as a vendor, but wants to be a crime reporter  
Cinema-going; war; air-raids. Broadcasting House, interview on Radio, also refers to Edward Rigby, Formby (at Islington) Bevan Boy down mines; airforce, (typing) based at Bush House

Harry Alan Towers; Diana Dors; George Brent

CD2

She Shall Have Murder (Riverside)

Estimates he has been in 200+ films

Peter Noble and Marianne Stone

Love of Hollywood and character actors.- Oliver Twist.

Stork Club; Amateur Night intro'd Ronnie Corbett

Fire Maidens from Outer Space/Sydney Tafler/ Anthony Dexter (Valentino)

Blue Peter (Kieron Moore/Don Sharp)-Singapore/ Run Run Shaw

Lawrence of Arabia – Peter O’Toole/David Lean/

Flight to Seville via Madrid (plane caught fire)

Spielberg’s favourite scene is the one HF is in. Young Indiana Jones (for TV)

John Huston

TV Prog: “April the 8<sup>th</sup> Show, Seven Days Early”. Goons/Sellers.TV Prog “The Melting Pot”

“Start the Revolution Without me”

Queen’s Elm pub, Chelsea. Love of Tennis. Talks about wife Kay, a designer, married in 1961.-Claude Raines, Brian Blessed, “Little World of Don Camillo”-Peter Hammond

CD3

Army Game/Mario Fabrizi- Ken Annakin Crooks Anonymous – Julie Christie

Jackanory/MBE/ Kenny Lynch “Get This”/ James Villiers

Sir Henry at Rawlinson’s End

Brief discussion about possibly moving from Chelsea

CD4

Patrick Magee

Elkan Allen “Don’t Say a Word” (4 years)

Dr Who/ Simon Williams/Hugh Lloyd

Stand-ins: Frank Howard; Robert Shaw and Sean Lynch’s father.

More or less retired since 2004 apart from celebrity auctions and nostalgia shows as interviewee.

Witzend Productions; “Dead Ernest” Views on “Dad’s Army” Edward Judd, Gerald Champion Voiceover work. PG Tips adverts.

His collecting passion: film books Picturegoer, Picture Show.

