World Renowned

Colonel John Blashford-Snell is one of the world's most renowned and highly respected explorers. He has been involved in and led some of the most impressive and toughest expeditions in history.

In 1968 he trained and headed a team of 60 from the British Army on the first ever descent of the infamous Blue Nile. More difficult assignments included the first vehicle crossing of the complete Darien Gap in 1971/2 and, in 1974/5, navigating almost all of the 2,700 miles of the great Zaire River.

In 1984 the Colonel launched Operation Raleigh and by 1992 over 10,000 young men and women from 50 nations had taken part in challenges and worthwhile expeditions all over the world. Raleigh International, as it is now known, inspires people from all backgrounds and nationalities to discover their full potential by working together on challenging environmental and community projects around the world.

With his indefatigable energy, John has found time to write 13 books, including his autobiography 'Something Lost Behind the Ranges' and 'Mammoth Hunt' on the quest for the giant elephants of Nepal. He also broadcasts and appears on a variety of wildlife and entertainment programmes.

No doubt the Colonel will have an enthralled and intrigued audience hanging on his every insightful word at Harrogate.

Back with the Pack

The Rat Pack's Back has taken the concert world by storm in a tight, polished cabaret act evoking the style of the infamous American Rat Pack. Starring some of the UK's brightest talents the performers sing some of the world's most loved songs made famous by the likes of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis Jr.

Dressed to the nines, the Rat Pack's Back recreates the sound of the Big Band era in a dazzling show. Each of the singers in the Rat Pack's Back has worked extensively all over the world in major musical productions, concerts and corporate events, television and film, including The Phantom of the Opera, Les Miserables and Grease.

Terry Alderton

A former Southend United goalkeeper and holiday camp entertainer Terry Alderton has burst on to the comedy scene in recent years. His act is a riot of exuberant, loose-limbed physical comedy, extraordinary caricatures and stunningly acute impressions. Terry leaves his audience exhilarated and exhausted with laughter.

The stand up will be familiar to many, as he starred in ITV1's London Burning in 2002 and has also hosted his own radio show, Terry's Turnstiles, on London's Capital Radio FM. Terry has hosted the National Lottery programme on BBC 1 and has made appearances on various TV shows, including Holby City, Ian Wright's Friday Night's All Wright, Stupid Punts and The Stand Up Show.