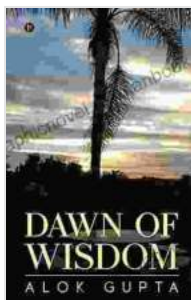


Dawn of Wisdom: John Challis, the Actor Who Brought Boycie to Life



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John Challis, the beloved actor best known for his iconic role as Boycie in the legendary sitcom 'Only Fools and Horses', passed away on September 19th, 2021, leaving behind a legacy of laughter and unforgettable moments.

Early Life and Career

Born on August 12th, 1942, in Bristol, England, John Challis initially pursued a career in teaching. However, his passion for acting eventually led him to leave the classroom and join the Bristol Old Vic Theatre School.

Challis' early acting years were marked by roles in stage productions and television shows. He made his screen debut in 1971 and went on to appear in numerous films and TV series, including 'The Sweeney' and 'Bergerac'.

Boycie: A Character for the Ages

It was in 1981 that Challis landed the role that would define his career: Boycie, the lovable, scheming, and eternally optimistic second-hand car dealer in 'Only Fools and Horses'.

Boycie's character was an instant hit with audiences, and Challis' portrayal was both hilarious and heartwarming. He brought to life a man who, despite his flaws, possessed a kind heart and an unyielding belief in his own abilities.

Challis played Boycie for over three decades, appearing in all seven series of 'Only Fools and Horses', as well as numerous spin-offs and specials. His performance became synonymous with the show and helped to make it one of the most beloved comedies in British television history.

Beyond Boycie

While Boycie may have been Challis' most famous role, he also enjoyed a successful career outside of the sitcom. He appeared in numerous other TV shows, including 'Last of the Summer Wine' and 'Benidorm', and starred in several films, including 'The Whoopee Boys' and 'Plunkett & Macleane'.

Challis also wrote several books, including his autobiography, 'Being Boycie', and a series of novels featuring the character.

A Legacy of Laughter

John Challis' passing has left a void in the world of comedy. He was a master of his craft, bringing joy and laughter to generations of viewers.

His portrayal of Boycie will forever be remembered as one of the most iconic characters in British television history. Challis' legacy is one of

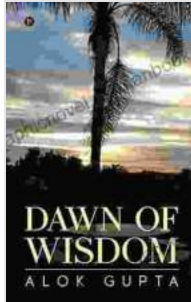
laughter, warmth, and the enduring power of a well-told story.

As we bid farewell to John Challis, let us celebrate his life and the countless moments of joy he brought us through his remarkable career.

Rest in peace, Boycie. You will be dearly missed.



John Challis as Boycie in 'Only Fools and Horses'



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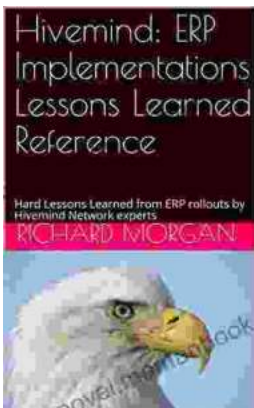
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