

Billy Connolly

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Early Life

- Billy Connolly was christened William Connolly Jr.
- He was named after his father, William Connolly Sr.
- He was born on 24th November 1942 at 65 Dover Street, Anderston, Glasgow

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Poor, wee Willie

- William was sexually abused by his father
- This happened when he was ten
- This lasted for five or six years

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School Life

- Billy went to St. Peter's Primary School, in Glasgow
- He then went to St. Gerard's Secondary School, in Govan
- At the age of 12, he decided he wanted to become a comedian
- He did not feel he fitted the mould to be a comedian and had to become more "windswept and interesting"
- At the age of 15 he left school to become a welder (boilermaker)
- Around the same time, he joined the Territorial Army Reserve

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Jobs before fame & fortune

- At the age of 15 Billy left school to become a welder (boilermaker)
- Around the same time, he joined the Territorial Army Reserve
- After a 5-year apprenticeship as a boilermaker, William accepted a ten-week job, building an oil rig in Nigeria

I'm nicknamed 'The Big Yell'

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Achievements

- Billy produced breakthrough albums in late 1973, that hinted what was to come
- Billy went onto the BBC's TV talk show, *Parkinson* and made a hilarious joke about a man murdering his wife
- His success spread to Australia, New Zealand and Canada

What was I like for my next act?

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- Billy Connolly is now 65 and has had 2 wives
- Thank you for watching...

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Websites I used
en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Billy_Connolly

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