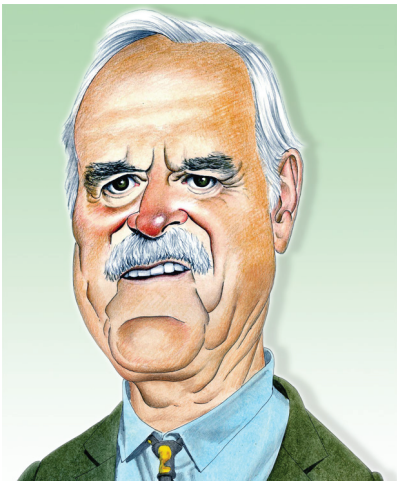


John Cleese hits 70



■ **1939:** Born October 27, in Weston-super-Mare, England

■ **1963:** Launches comedy career with ***Footlights*** team while reading law at Cambridge University

■ **1969-74:** ***Monty Python's Flying Circus*** attracts cult following and spawns several movies, including controversial ***Life of Brian*** (1979)

■ **1975-79:** Stars as neurotic hotelier Basil Fawlty in ***Fawlty Towers***, co-written with wife Connie Booth

■ **1988:** Writes and stars in ***A Fish Called Wanda***, a commercial and critical success

■ **2000s:** Movies include ***James Bond***, ***Harry Potter*** and ***Shrek*** series

■ **2009:** Launches new one-man show, ***Alimony Tour, Year One***, in wake of acrimonious £12m divorce from third wife Alyce Faye Eichelberger