

Living legend



Illustration: Bob Hoare

DOLLY PARTON

- ▶ **Born:** Jan 19, 1946, **Sevierville, Tennessee**, fourth of 12 children
- ▶ **Appears at *Grand Ole Opry* in Nashville at age 13**
- ▶ Career takes off on country music TV show with ***Porter Wagoner***
- ▶ ***Here You Come Again* (1977) is her first million-selling solo album**
- ▶ Appears in movie ***9 to 5*** – title song earns Parton an Oscar nomination
- ▶ Her song ***I Will Always Love You***, as performed by ***Whitney Houston*** in 1992 movie ***The Bodyguard***, is all-time best-selling hit by a female vocalist, with sales of 12,000,000
- ▶ Parton has notched up 24 No. 1 songs on Billboard country charts – record sales worldwide exceed 100m. She has won seven ***Grammy Awards***
- ▶ ***Odd fact:*** The first cloned mammal, ***Dolly the sheep***, cloned from a mammary cell, was named in honour of Parton's famously large bosom