

## **Biography**

Charles Garland

Charles grew up and went to school in Bury St Edmunds in Suffolk, where he currently resides. He previously lived in Guildford from where he commuted to the BBC in Shepherd's Bush.

He has enjoyed a diverse career so far, including working as an actor; writer; composer; BBC TV producer / director and speaker.

Writing has always been an important part of his life, having written the book (script) and lyrics for five full length stage musicals, and much of the music for four of them. All have been produced, although none have reached the West End or Broadway. Yet.

He was on the staff of the BBC Television for fifteen years, and is best remembered as assistant to David Croft OBE, (Dad's Army et al) and producer of his last sitcom series, Oh, Doctor Beeching! During his years at the BBC he also wrote everything from a single joke for a Royal Variety Performance to an entire sitcom episode, and from jingles and trailers to the signature tune of a BBC1 series.

When he left the BBC, Charles studied for an MA at the University of East Anglia. His first novel 'Painted Angel' was published on 28<sup>th</sup> May, available online from all the usual outlets.