

# History—Year 2—Who was George Formby and why do we remember him?

## Key Knowledge



George Formby was an entertainer from Wigan. He was born in **1904**.

During his lifetime he was the highest paid entertainer in Britain.

He was an actor and a musician, he played the ukulele.

During World War two he went to France to entertain the troops.

There is now a George Formby Society.



## Key People



George Formby, OBE, was an English actor, singer, songwriter and comedian who became known to a worldwide audience through his films of the 1930s and 1940s. He was born in our local area (Wigan) and known as one of Britain's first home-grown screen comedians and performers who shaped future comedians.



## Key Places



George Formby was born in Wigan. There is a statue of him in the Grand Arcade shopping Centre in Wigan.

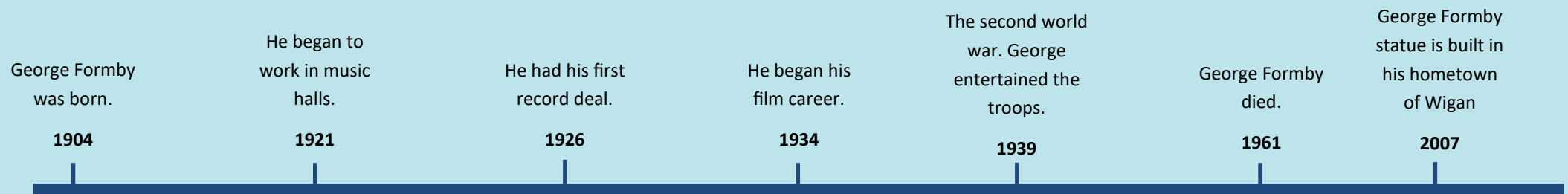


## Vocabulary



|             |               |
|-------------|---------------|
| old         | information   |
| new         | legacy        |
| past        | decade        |
| present     | era           |
| sequence    | George Formby |
| timeline    | performer     |
| same        | entertainer   |
| different   | ukulele       |
| famous      | troops        |
| reliable    | war           |
| source      |               |
| cause       |               |
| consequence |               |

## Timeline of Key Events



## Themes— Legacy and Change.