

Brian Weske

Titles: 9 Sources: 1 Stills: 11

Born: London; December 23rd 1932

In his two outings with William Graham he played Henry of William's "Outlaws" gang – Ginger was the sturdy right hand man, Douglas the woebegone counting his misfortunes, and Henry a diminutive blond contortionist. In "**FORTUNE LANE**" he was an Irish boy adrift in England.

The Moving Picture Boy entry:

"This fair, waifish boy, a favourite urchin of British films of the late Forties, was the son of the actor J Victor Weske. His first featured role was as "Limpy" in "**MEDAL FOR THE GENERAL**", but he was better known later as "Henry" in the **WILLIAM** films. He had minor parts in films for another twenty years or so, for instance in "**THE HIGH BRIGHT SUN**" (65) and "**A HOLE LOT OF TROUBLE**" (69)."

*Below and bottom right: with William Graham in the circus scenes of "**WILLIAM COMES TO TOWN**"*
Source: Boys' and Girls' Cinema Clubs Annual 1949



*Left, with Douglas Barr in "**FORTUNE LANE**"*
Source: Collins Film Yearbook c.1947





More scenes from "**WILLIAM COMES TO TOWN**".
 Above: Brian practices on the trapeze. Left to right in the foreground – Douglas (James Crabbe), Ginger (Brian Roper) and William (William Graham).
 Below: William's older brother is always on hand as a wet blanket. The Outlaws view him with withering pity.

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"JUST WILLIAM'S LUCK" and **"WILLIAM COMES TO TOWN"** were made on the cheap (Britain was still reeling from the ruinous cost of the war) to the extent that all the action scenes and location footage were shot without synchronised sound altogether and are accompanied by irritating "Coo, what larks!" slapstick music, as though we'd time-shifted back to the 1920s. This, and the crucial miscasting of William Graham in the lead, prevented the series from taking off as it was clearly intended to do.

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FILMOGRAPHY

Year	Age	Title	Role
44	11	MEDAL FOR THE GENERAL	as "Limp"
45	12	PERFECT STRANGERS	
46	13	HOSPITAL SERVICES	
46		QUIET WEEKEND	
47	14	FAME IS THE SPUR	
		with Anthony Wager	
47		FORTUNE LANE	as Tim
		with Douglas Barr	
47		JUST WILLIAM'S LUCK	as Henry
		with William Graham, Brian Roper, James Crabbe	
48	15	PEN PICTURE FROM RHODESIA	
48	15	WILLIAM COMES TO TOWN / WILLIAM AT THE CIRCUS	as Henry
		with William Graham, Brian Roper, James Crabbe, David Paige, David Hannaford	