



GOAL: Deaf comic John

## STAND-UP SIGNS UP

A DEAF man has realised his life-long dream of becoming a stand-up comic.

**John Smith**, 43, who will perform in The Mill Theatre, Dundrum, on September 10 in the Bulmers Comedy Festival, tells jokes using SIGN LANGUAGE.

He said: "I make jokes because I'm funny, not because I'm deaf.

"Most audiences on my tour have various levels of deafness, but I do have hearing people attend too."

Childhood meningitis left the Nottingham comic profoundly deaf.