



Claire Sweeney



Claire Sweeney (born April 17, 1972 in Walton, Liverpool) is an English actress, singer, television personality and presenter who is best known for her role as Lindsey Corkhill in the Channel 4 soap opera *"Brookside"*.

Sweeney trained at the Elliott-Clarke Stage School in Liverpool, and went on to the Italia Conti Academy in London. After leaving the stage school, Sweeney had many singing engagements before landing the part of Lindsey Corkhill in *"Brookside"* for a brief spell in 1991. She entertained cruise ships for P&O as a singer for four years before returning to England. On her return, Sweeney reprised her role of Lindsey and remained on the show as a leading character until its demise in 2003.

The utterly lovable Claire Sweeney, who has a lengthy string of stage and screen credits, is enjoying having her name back in lights. The multitasking performer played Miss Adelaide opposite American heartthrob Patrick Swayze in Michael Grandage's acclaimed production of *"Guys and Dolls"* at the Piccadilly Theatre. When Swayze left the role in 2006 she went on a UK tour, and on her return to London she continued the role alongside her new co-star, American Don Johnson.

Sweeney's previous musical roles include a run as Roxie Hart in *"Chicago"* and starring in the tour of *"Fosse"*. Screen credits include *"Clocking Off"* and *"Merseybeat"*. She has also presented BBC1's Saturday night show *"Here Comes the Sun"* and ITV's Saturday Night show *"Challenge of a Lifetime"*.

Sweeney was invited into Channel 4's *"Celebrity Big Brother House"* to be part of the show's most successful run in 2001. She has presented her own Daytime one hour Lifestyle Programme for ITV called *"60 Minute Makeover"*, which was immediately re-commissioned for a second series due to its great. Her list of credits, charity work and appearances goes on and on.

In 2004, Sweeney appeared as a contestant on the first series of the BBC One pro-celebrity ballroom dancing competition *"Strictly Come Dancing"*. She has most recently been seen as the host of the television series *"Chef Vs Britain"* and as a regular panellist on *"Loose Women"*, both for ITV.