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Camilla Long

● I can't stop thinking about the solar system – I've just finished hoovering up Brian Cox's engrossing new series, *Solar System*, which showers you with weird facts. Did you know that Titan, Saturn's largest moon, looks the same as Earth, with lovely huge lakes, rivers, snow and clouds?

● I'm about to plunge into *The American No* by Rupert Everett, a collection of short stories. Everett is a brilliant writer – funny, waspish, warm and seductive. If you haven't read him, you must begin with *Red Carpets and Other Banana Skins*, his memoir, in which he memorably called Madonna an "old, whiny barmaid". He told me that the reviews for their film together turned his pubic hair white.

● *My Neighbour Totoro* returns to the West End next year (Gillian Lynne Theatre, from Mar 8), so I've snapped up tickets. I wish I could say I had children that would buy into the whole pretentious chicness of it, want to talk about spirits/forests/Shinto gods and also decide to learn Japanese, but they'll probably enjoy it and then go straight back to killer badgers and bums.

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Inside Out 2 The fastest film to reach \$1 billion



The Wild Robot Five stars from our critic

# This year's biggest film? It's anim

Superheroes won't save Hollywood – but a new generation of cartoons led by *Inside Out 2* is coming to the rescue. By Jonathan Dean

For years it was the superheroes who were saving Hollywood. From Spider-Man to Batman to, belatedly, a few women – the comic-book movie became a multibillion-dollar ballast for a business struggling to make money in a world of streaming and smartphones. But then, like Superman faced with kryptonite, said superheroes started to weaken and their fickle audiences moved on as studio execs started to panic. Who, they gasped, would save Hollywood now?

Well, step forward ... cartoons. Lots of them. In a previous life the top of the box-office charts would be full of Oscar-worthy adult movies – but the days of cinema being dominated by serious dramatic fare are long gone. Five of the top 20 highest-grossing films worldwide this year were animated – and three of those five were among the top six money-makers.

Such is the domination that the biggest film this year is *Inside Out 2*, the sequel starring new emotions in the teenager Riley's brain. It was the fastest film to date to reach \$1 billion (from box offices around the world) and that's with half the publicity of a film like, say, *Barbie*, which made far less money. Meanwhile, *Despicable Me 4* was the third-highest earner of the year and *Kung Fu Panda 4* landed at No 6.

"Entering the summer, the marketplace was suffering a malaise – a year-to-date downturn with films not living up to expectations," says Paul

Dergarabedian, an analyst for the global media company Comscore. "Then family movies became the saviour of box office."

This is glorious for Hollywood. In 2020, when *Trolls World Tour* became the first film of the pandemic to be released at home at the same time as in cinemas, entire pricing structures fell into jeopardy. A family of four gathered around a TV would pay £20 to stream *Trolls World Tour* instead of north of £50 for four multiplex tickets and some overpriced popcorn and drinks. Losing that income for ever would have been fatal for the industry, but the success of *Inside Out 2* and its ilk has brought back multigenerational family entertainment – something Marvel and DC superhero franchises never pulled off – when studios needed it most.

Dave Holstein, a writer on *Inside Out 2*, describes the film as "many movies in one. My six-year-old thinks it's the funniest he's seen. My mum thinks it's the saddest. And when my son sees it again in ten years he'll have a whole different movie to watch."

By the end of this year the blockbusters with actual actors in them – *The Fall Guy*, *Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga*, *Dune: Part Two* – will be further sidelined by the arrival of *Moana 2* (the first *Moana* earned \$600 million) and *Mufasa: The Lion King* (the 2019 *Lion King* reboot took \$1.6 billion). Even the king of rom-coms Richard Curtis is getting in on the

**Drawing an audience** Below: Po in *Kung Fu Panda 4* and a Minion in *Despicable Me 4*

act with a cartoon, *That Christmas*. And *The Lord of the Rings: The War of the Rohirrim* has no A-listers in sight.

Yet this year's animation boom was not nearly as bright, gaudy and empty as the film posters tended to suggest. Yes, there was dross (*The Garfield Movie*), but more interestingly, more excitingly, it has brought a sense of creative expression and exuberance, as if animation is entering its baroque phase.

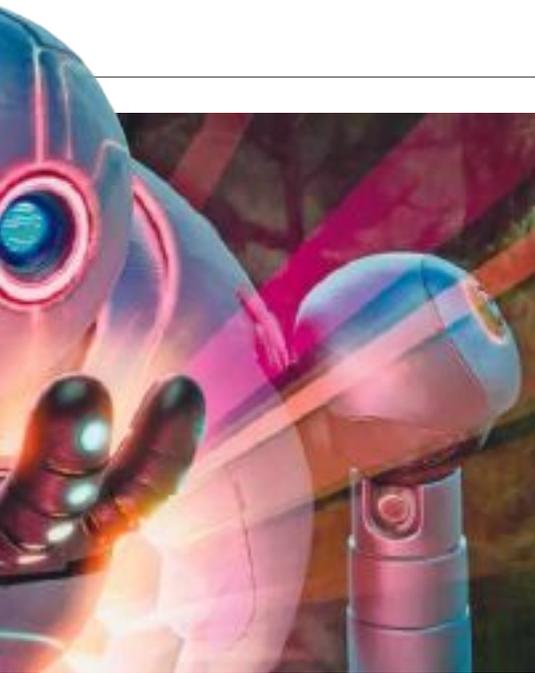
*Lord of the Rings: The War of the Rohirrim* is delivered in beautifully rendered anime, making the screen look like the best room in an art gallery; while the masterly and meaningful *The Wild Robot*, out this weekend, is like watching *ET*, *Finding Nemo* and *Bambi* as drawn by Claude Monet. *Inside Out 2* had equal quality, following the rich Pixar tradition of *Up*, *Wall-E* and *Soul* by tackling the biggest topics – such as loneliness and death – in a way that never felt patronising.

"One of my favourite films of the past 20 years is *Toy Story 3*," Miguel Gomes, the Portuguese arthouse film-maker who won best director at the Cannes Film Festival this year, told *The Film Stage*. "Pixar is closer to the idea of mainstream classical cinema than most of what is made today."

And Gomes's enthusiasm is the crux of the animation boom, explaining why the backbone of Hollywood profit shifting from superhero to cartoon will become less of a trend and more of an era. Comic-book films lost their

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The boom has brought a sense of creative expression and exuberance





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## ...AND OUR CRITICS' PICKS

### 20 **Fantastic Mr Fox** 2009, Disney+

This adaptation of Roald Dahl's novel comes from the mind of one of Hollywood's most idiosyncratic directors: Wes Anderson. The director, a Dahl fan who read the book as a child in Texas, teams up with the co-writer Noah Baumbach to dream up a story that extends beyond the poultry-stealing fox (George Clooney) and greedy farmers.

### 19 **Alice** 1988, Mubi

The Czech surrealist Jan Svankmajer's stop-motion version of Lewis Carroll's *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* is one to give even adults the jitters. Alice's transformations unfold with the logic of a bad dream in which everyday objects take on spooky significance. Sure, there is some live action there, but it's directed in a way that never distracts from the spectacular animation. Knocks the Disney version into a mad hatter's hat.

### 18 **My Neighbor Totoro** 1988, Netflix

Two sisters move to a creaky house near the hospital where their mother is being treated and explore a visually enchanting fantasy world. Its friendly characters delight children, but its themes of wonderment and the thrill of exploration are great enough to awaken anyone's inner child.

### 17 **Pinocchio** 1940, Disney+

Walt Disney didn't like the Pinocchio of Carlo Calodi's source novel very much and invented the character of Jiminy Cricket to give him a conscience, thus bequeathing

to the studio its theme song: *When You Wish Upon a Star*. The film remains one of the darker Disneys, and is all the more memorable for it.

### 16 **Waltz with Bashir** 2008, buy/rent

Think animation can't tackle challenging subject matter? Just watch this haunting movie, which brings to life the dreams and memories of the Israeli soldiers who fought with Lebanese forces against the Palestine Liberation Organisation and Syria in the 1982 Lebanon war. The Israeli director Ari Folman uses his recollections as a soldier during the conflict and interviews with others who were there to create a portrait of the horrors of war. Still as pertinent as ever, this is a stunning anti-war film.

### 15 **The Wild Robot** 2024 See review, page 15.

### 14 **Watership Down** 1978, in cinemas from Oct 25

This labour-of-love adaptation of Richard Adams's bestseller about a warren of rabbits forced into exile is not for those craving Disney cuteness. It's a tooth-and-claw survival epic, bristling with violent predators, aimed at old souls who can still hum the tune to Art Garfunkel's melancholy theme song, *Bright Eyes*.

### 13 **Up** 2009, Disney+

Is there a more traumatic scene than the first ten minutes of *Up*? It captures the life of Carl, the 78-year-old widower, from first love to the death of his wife. Then he goes on an adventure that proves you're never too old for an adventure.

### 12 **The Incredibles** 2004, Disney+

A retro-futurist hymn to space-age architecture, Bond villain lairs, couturiers inspired by the costume designer Edith Head and jetpacks – what more could you want? The zippiest Pixar, as well as the funniest, *The Incredibles* is executed with more craft and wit than most of the superhero movies it spoofs.

### 11 **The Nightmare Before Christmas** 1993, Disney+

This started life as a poem that Tim Burton wrote while working as a junior animator at Disney. It became a witty, dark fable about a takeover of Christmas by a village of spindly Halloween ghouls. Burton's Edward Gorey-style designs receive cantering accompaniment in Danny Elfman's antic score so that the production at times seems possessed by some mischievous spirit.

### 10 **Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse** 2018, Sky/Now

After a torrent of half-baked superhero films, this felt refreshing. At the centre is Miles Morales, a Brooklyn schoolboy who teams up with all sorts of heroes, including a radioactive pig. It's zippy, entertaining – and proved there was life yet in capped crusaders.

### 9 **Wallace & Gromit: The Wrong Trousers** 1993, iPlayer

Before Nick Park's work acquired the scale and spectacle of Hollywood features, *The Wrong Trousers* with its penguin arch-villain

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audience in the 2020s due to creative stagnation and a dwindling interest in periphery characters (The Flash? Ant-Man?), yet animation is a sandbox where artists can draw what they want.

Such endless ideas will always have a chance of welcoming new fans, especially those who grew up with gaming culture.

This is a key factor in why animation is having a moment – because the future of cinema depends on convincing Gen Z and Gen Alpha that a multiplex remains as appealing as it did before various devices littered the home. The signs are encouraging: 37 per cent of the audience at *Inside Out 2*'s opening weekend was made up of 18 to 34-year-olds, an age group who go to the cinema without parents but, crucially, without kids. Why are they watching a cartoon? Because for younger fans animation is serious storytelling, with their most beloved yarns in gaming on Xbox and PlayStation spun via that medium.

Studios know this. They have been trying and failing to bring video games to the big screen for at least 20 years, since before Angelina Jolie played Lara Croft in 2001. But rather than mimic stories, what if they tried for the essence of a video game instead? The feel and the look – the myriad possibilities? That is what we have seen in animation this year, because if studios were able to transpose what people enjoy about consoles on to the big screen, then Hollywood will own the next generation. It will save itself.





► continued from previous page got the balance with the more homespun elements of the series exactly right. The film may be just 30 minutes long, but it took eight months to make. And the death-defying run round a train set is an unimprovable mixture of thrills and slapstick. Buster Keaton would be proud.

### 8 **Beauty and the Beast** 1991, Disney+

Howard Ashman was dying of Aids when he wrote the lyrics for this film with the composer Alan Menken. The duo had resurrected Disney's fortunes in the 1980s with *The Little Mermaid*, but this was their magnum opus, a tale of a headstrong bibliophile who is held captive by a beast. It earned the first best picture Oscar nomination for an animated movie.

### 7 **Wall-E** 2008, Disney+

One small step for a robot, one giant leap for animation. Pixar's epic space adventure about the last robot left on Earth proved that animation could make you forget what you're watching isn't real.

### 1 **Toy Story 3** 2010, Disney+

The first *Toy Story*, the first computer-generated feature film, was a mix of groundbreaking tech, narrative ingenuity and heart – the space ranger Buzz proving he's the real deal by soaring around the bedroom, or as he calls it “falling with style” – but it was *Toy Story 3* that had us reaching for the tissues. There is an escape from Colditz, a great Barbie-Ken subplot (with voice work from Michael Keaton and Jodie Benson) and a backstory for Ned Beatty's Lots-o'-Huggin' Bear that is a small masterpiece of storytelling and heart-tugging pathos. It became the second Pixar film (after *Up*) to receive an Oscar nomination for best picture. Don't bother with the mediocre fourth film – this goodbye is the equal of the one in *Brief Encounter*. Pixar has taken us on a journey with these toys, and this film was a flawless conclusion.

Reviews by Tom Shone and Jake Helm

### 6 **Snow White** 1937, Disney+

The *Citizen Kane* of animated features, the one that proved the doubters wrong, showing that a full-length animated feature was even possible, swept along by the obsession and storytelling verve of Walt Disney. While making it, he could practically run the entire film – every cut, fade-out, line of dialogue – in his sleep. Adriana Caselotti, who was the voice of Snow White, was not credited for her role. She went on to have a small part in *It's a Wonderful Life*.

### 5 **The Lion King** 1994, Disney+

Of all the more recent Disney's *The Lion King* is the one with the simplicity of old. So dedicated were the animators that lions were brought into the studio to study. And Jeremy Irons's Scar was the most seductive Disney bad guy since Shere Khan.

### 4 **Spirited Away** 2001, Netflix

This film, which won the director Hayao Miyazaki his first Oscar, centres on ten-year-old Chihiro, whose family's move to a new town takes a fantastical

turn. It knows that it's weird – but that doesn't stop us from admiring its beauty and brashness.

### 3 **Bambi** 1942, Disney+

Completed in the aftermath of the death of Walt Disney's mother, *Bambi* is the most poetic of all the Disney's. It was the first Disney feature to do without humans, except as a threat. Originally there was a shot in the scene where Bambi's mother dies, but the screenwriter felt that it was more powerful to have it happen off screen.

### 2 **The Iron Giant** 1999, buy/rent

The characters of Ted Hughes's *The Iron Man* are transplanted from 1950s England to rural Maine with barely a scratch, unlike the crash-landed robot. Really, it's the simplest of love stories – boy finds robot, boy loses robot, robot slowly reassembles himself screw by screw – told with such charm you could forget there's a cold war going on. It began as a musical with the Who guitarist Pete Townshend involved.



Sophie Kinsella remembers what happened to her in snippets. “It began with a lot of tripping and stumbling,” the novelist says. “I'd try to walk upstairs and my legs wouldn't work.” She didn't think it was anything serious, but her husband, Henry, suggested she have a brain scan. By the time they arrived at the hospital she couldn't walk.

There Kinsella says her mind goes blank. The next thing she knew she was waking up in a hospital bed, asking Henry: “Is this real?”

Kinsella, 54, whose novels include the *Shopaholic* series (which became a hit film, starring Isla Fisher), had been planning to spend the next few months editing her latest book. Instead she was recovering from an eight-hour operation to remove a grade 4 cancerous tumour on her brain and learning to walk again. She had memory loss, so Henry had to keep repeating what had happened to her – and reassuring her that their five children, aged between 10 and 25, were safe.

She didn't come across the word glioblastoma, the name for her tumour, until later, when she eventually decided to google her symptoms. “I was in a state of shock, there were all these scary statistics.” Glioblastoma is rare, with about 3,200 cases diagnosed each year in the UK, but it is also the most common brain tumour in adults, fast-growing and incurable.

The operation was on November 25, 2022, and Kinsella spent the next month in hospital – “It being Britain they don't let you go home until you can show them you can make a cup of tea,” she says, laughing. Afterwards she had radiotherapy and takes chemotherapy pills for a week every six weeks. “They make me tired and I can't remember anything,” she says. “It's been a very long, gradual path and we don't know what the future looks like.”

Her new book, *What Does It Feel Like?*, is loosely based on what happened. Its main character, Eve, like Kinsella, is a novelist and has glioblastoma.

It has all the warm humour and honesty of Kinsella's other 33 novels, which have sold approximately 48 million

# I woke up in a hospital bed with no memory

The novelist Sophie Kinsella has an incurable brain tumour. She explains how she told her five children and coped by escaping to a fictional world. By *Susannah Butter*



copies worldwide, including seven she wrote under her given name, Madeleine Wickham. But this is her most personal book. It rings true in its depiction of everything from anxious and frustrating hospital waits to wanting to still be seen as yourself instead of a walking cancer diagnosis.

"I didn't want to write a gloomy book, but I did want to write about my experience," she says. The first section she worked on was about Eve and her husband on a walk. He has to keep telling her what has happened, as he has done on every walk, thinking: "You have incurable cancer, my beautiful Eve. But you keep forgetting and I have to keep reminding you and these are the hardest moments of my life." She remembers it is Christmas and becomes adamant that she has to relearn all her favourite carols in time.

The title was inspired by a friend asking Henry what he and Kinsella spoke about, she says: "People are interested to know what it's like day to day going through something so seismic. The details are what makes it."

After the operation the idea of writing again felt impossible. "I tried to write my own name

and it was just a jagged trail of ink," she says. "But I've always processed my life through writing, so I dictated notes in hospital because it all felt strange. Then I thought I'd write a romantic comedy to cheer myself up, but it didn't work – I had this bigger story I had to get out before I could tell any other story again."

A counsellor advised Kinsella not to tell her children every detail of her diagnosis. "You can't tell them what it means because nobody knows, even the doctors," Kinsella says.

She and Henry, a former headmaster who has joined us, "lurch from having everyday conversations running the family to sometimes quite deep conversations about death. It runs the gamut and is

**A book about love** Sophie Kinsella. Below: with her husband, Henry; Isla Fisher in *Confessions of a Shopaholic*

**“After the operation I tried to write my name and it was just a jagged trail of ink**

unpredictable. We laugh but there's an underlying tension in us that we're living under this cloud. We don't know when it's going to hit us."

The night before we meet Kinsella went out with her friends to *Abba Voyage* and forgot all about cancer. "There are days when I feel invincible and it almost seems like this thing that happened to somebody else. Then I'll see my pills and get a cascade of negative thoughts or think about how I can't bear that I might not be around for my children and I'll be in tears.

It turns on a dime. Escaping to a fictional world helps."

She reaches for a tissue and worries that her

eyes welling up with tears have wrecked her make-up, adding: "Now I'm being flippant."

In the months after the operation she kept the news private from her friends and readers, partly to protect her children. "I didn't want someone coming up to them in the playground and saying, 'I'm sorry your mum has incurable cancer,'" but in April this year she wrote a statement on Facebook.

"Keeping it secret became a strain," she says. "I lost a lot of weight from my face and we started getting texts from friends saying I was thin. I've always felt close to my readers and I've had nothing but goodwill."

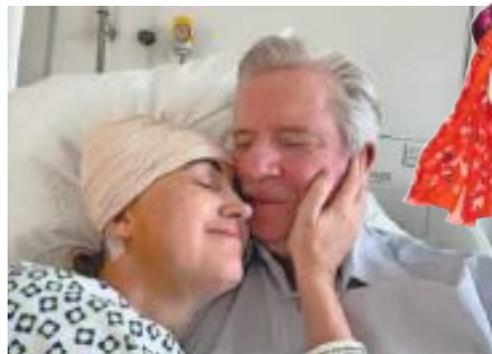
Are there things people shouldn't say? "They often don't know what to say – I wouldn't. But I feel they are coming from a good place."

More research is needed into glioblastoma. "The treatments haven't improved for 20 years," Henry says. Siobhain McDonagh, the Labour MP for Mitcham, whose sister died of glioblastoma last year, is trying to get a private members' bill to try to increase clinical trials for treatment in this country and Henry tells me the amount of cancer research money that goes into brain tumours is small. "As I understand it, drug companies would like to put their money into cancers that show more promise."

Kinsella says Henry has "devoted himself to looking after me, getting his head around complicated drug regimes. He gets up much earlier than I do and by the time I'm awake he's basically read the entire internet. What is lovely is that he often will say, 'I've just read about a breakthrough,' or, 'I've read about somebody who lasted this long.' He's always got these stories of optimism." This comes through in the novel, which Kinsella says "is most of all a book about love".

As a novelist she likes to know what will happen. "But I can't know here," she says. "We can't have a happy ending but we can have a happy now and that's my new philosophy."

*What Does It Feel Like?* by Sophie Kinsella (Dial £12.99). Buy from [timesbookshop.co.uk](http://timesbookshop.co.uk) or call 020 3176 2935. Discount for Times+ members





# When art isn't what it seems

The artist Marcel Duchamp bought a urinal in a hardware shop, signed it 'R. Mutt' – and invented conceptual art. The mystery is why



**Waldemar Januszczak**

**A**rt is full of secrets. It's one of the best things about it. However well you know a work of art, something in its story will always remain hidden. It doesn't matter how famous you are – the *Mona Lisa*, the Sistine Chapel ceiling – it doesn't matter what you are – Leonardo's *The Last Supper*, Van Gogh's *Sunflowers* – lurking at the centre will always be a truth, a reason, a motivation, that is whispery and private.

Strange things happen in the studios of artists: transformations, shifts in meaning, descents into darkness. Art often looks like one thing on the outside but turns out to be something else on the inside. Without understanding those shifts and descents we end up

misunderstanding the whole caboodle.

It's important as well to recognise that this has always gone on. Ever since the first caveman left his spooky handprints on the walls of a cavern, human beings have communicated with the future in the mysterious Esperanto of art. We can't help it. We're hardwired to scratch, smudge and scribble.

Take Marcel Duchamp's *Fountain*, the upturned urinal, created in 1917, that many argue is the most influential artwork of the 20th century because it invented conceptual art. *Fountain* changed everything. And it's still changing it today.

On the outside it looks like some plumbing from a men's public lavatory that has been turned on its side and lifted on to a pedestal. To make it even more complex – even worse! – the artist has signed it and dated it. But he hasn't signed it "Marcel Duchamp". That would be too easy, no. Duchamp has signed his urinal

"R. Mutt", causing an entire century of art critics and historians to scratch their skulls to the bone wondering why he did it. Who was R. Mutt? Why take his name? Questions, questions, questions. But no answers, answers, answers.

I can vouch for the continuing impact of this enigma wrapped in a conundrum because I recently reviewed the Michael Craig-Martin retrospective at the Royal Academy in which the opening work – the tone setter for the whole event – was a glass of water on a shelf that the artist insisted was really an oak tree. When you looked at it, you saw a glass of water. But conceptual art is an art of ideas and propositions,

**Showered in mystery**  
Fountain, 1917 by Marcel Duchamp. Above left: the artist with his work *The Bride Stripped Bare* by Her Bachelors

so here was Craig-Martin, a knight of the realm, a CBE, insisting at the Royal Academy that his glass of water was an oak tree. The reason he was doing it, the direct ancestor of this kind of thinking, was Duchamp's *Fountain*.

We are talking, therefore, not just about an artwork that is mysterious, but about one that has led – or perhaps misled – an entire century of artists. *Fountain* started a revolution, a craze, that continues to have a powerful impact on art. But just like the spooky handprints from the beginning of human time there is still so much we don't know about it. Or rather, we didn't know about it. Until Sherlock Januszczak got on the case, in a new series I've made called *The Art Mysteries*. Art is full of secrets, yes. But secrets are there to be uncovered.

I started my voyage to the heart of Duchamp's darkness in the village where he was born, Blainville-Crevon, as typical a French village in Normandy as you can



**Is the fact that it shares its outline with the Virgin Mary a complete coincidence?**





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**Fountain changed everything. And it's still changing it today**

imagine – tidy houses, a river, a few shops, a church. It's the kind of place where everyone you pass in the street says “bonjour”, although they've never seen you before. Not that you pass many people. They're there somewhere, lurking in their neat interiors, but only venture out rarely. In Normandy there's a lot to bottle up.

Amazingly Duchamp lived next door to the church, so close to its porch he can never have missed a single whiff of its incense or a choral note of its liturgy. The church was so near it was practically on top of him. His mother, who was fiercely religious, made him turn up at every Mass, where he was joined by five siblings, four of whom went on to become artists. Here, therefore, is a

question: when four out of six kids are subjected to a fierce religious childhood, what happens to the religion? Does it evaporate? Is the fact that Duchamp's upturned urinal shares its outline with the outlines of the Virgin Mary in prayer a complete coincidence?

Man Ray, the American surrealist who was with Duchamp the day he happened on the urinal for sale in a hardware shop in New York, described *Fountain* once as “the Buddha of the bathroom”. Was it just a joke? And that's it?

Duchamp's religion is also there to be delved into. But not much. Because it soon became apparent that something even bigger than religion was niggling at him when he made *Fountain*: something creepy and unsettling. I won't reveal it all here. You need to watch the film. But I can spell out this key motivational force. It's just three letters: S.E.X.

*The Art Mysteries is on Sky Arts, Tuesday at 9pm*

# ‘The Archers are like family to me’

Emma Freud is sharing her Ambridge addiction. She talks farms and feuds with *Patricia Nicol*

Emma Freud's four children know not to telephone, or try to talk to her, on weeknights between 7.02pm and 7.15pm. This is when, ideally, she will be on her own, in her kitchen, listening to *The Archers* on the radio. “Normally while cooking supper, so I'm occupied but not distracted. It's my treat; a very quiet and private joy to me – at least it was until I got this job.”

That job is as the host of the enjoyable new *The Archers Podcast*, which will air on BBC Sounds after each Friday's episode. It launched on October 11, the day after 19-year-old George Grundy was sentenced to two years for perverting the course of justice and dangerous driving. This has been the rural radio soap's strongest storyline in years – and Grundy has plummeted from hero to zero in his community's standing.

Freud's first guests on *The Archers Podcast* were the TV judge Rob Rinder, to survey the sentencing, and the actresses Susie Riddell (George's great-aunt Tracy Horrobin) and Emerald O'Hanrahan, a tour de force as George's mother, Emma Grundy.

Is George “epigenetically” more Horrobin than Grundy, O'Hanrahan speculated? “One of the most staggering things about George's storyline,” Freud agreed, “is it has had a 30-year arc.” In 1993 Susan Carter – Emma's mother, George's grandmother – went to prison for harbouring her criminally intent brother, Clive Horrobin.

*The Archers* began in 1951, 11 years before Freud, 62, was born. The producer and script editor lives in Suffolk with her husband, Richard Curtis. Since she got this new gig he has loyally started listening to the Sunday omnibuses. “He says it's a bit like Sudoku, trying to work out

how they're all connected. I don't know if he loves it yet, but he will – or we'll have to divorce.”

Freud was always familiar with *The Archers* but it was the Helen and Rob plot in 2013 that drew her in. “Its power to show five million listeners, over two and a half years, what coercive control is meant that when Helen took a kitchen knife to Rob and was sent down, her behaviour had been so fully understood that by the time she came out of prison the law had been changed in real life. What apart from *The Archers* could do that?”

Might George's story have a similar impact? Due to penal overcrowding, George has been sent to an adult facility instead of a young offender institution.

There were grumbles on social media when on the podcast's launch day Freud discussed George's sentencing on Radio 4's *Today* programme, with cheery disregard for listeners waiting for the Sunday omnibus. But it is hoped that fans can forgive first-day enthusiasm.

Among Ambridge's cast, Freud has some favourites. “I'm fond of Chelsea and Brad [Horrobin], I adore Ruth [Archer] and think Eddie Grundy has become a noble patriarch during the George affair. Lynda Snell is a national treasure.” In her mind, Harrison, the police

officer, “looks like a cross between Brad Pitt and George Clooney”.

Might she love *The Archers* partly because she comes from one of Britain's best-known families? One with feuds too. Her father, Clement, and uncle Lucian were estranged. “I know most of the villagers in Ambridge so much better than I know my own family,” she says. Then adds mischievously: “But unlike anyone's own family, it's perfectly acceptable to talk about the ones you don't like in public.”



**Ambridge fan**  
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**A** good idea,” David Brent said, “is a good idea – for ever.” And so, this week, the Australian version of *The Office* becomes the 14th take on the era-defining sitcom; the one that started out in Slough in 2001 and has now reached the suburb of Rydalmere in Sydney.

So far we have had a version in France (*Le Bureau*), Chile (*La Ofis*) and Canada (*La Job*), to name but three, all sharing the same crucial DNA as the original – why is it that we have to spend more time with our colleagues than with people we actually like?

Ricky Gervais and Stephen Merchant’s sitcom is, to many, the greatest ever. The funniest? Well, *Fawlty Towers*, *Only Fools and Horses* and *Blackadder* would challenge that claim, but none of those classics made viewers re-evaluate their lives.

*The Office* was about making the most of what we are given and that simple premise is why the setting continues to be translated. And nothing unites people more than bitching about a boss.

Or fancying somebody you should not (Tim and Dawn). Or winding up the pernicky irritant (Gareth). Or dreading your conversations with the weirdo (Keith) and enforced workplace fun. Or, of course, fearing redundancy...

In a world of cultural differences, *The Office* contains universal truths. The actor and writer Jesse Eisenberg, the star of *The Social Network*, sums up the original well – it has inspired much of his work. “Brent,” he says, “is just such an unbelievably rendered presentation of this man who was not just comedically offensive but also deeply pained.”

Germany, in 2004, was the first to import Gervais and Merchant’s franchise with the show *Stromberg* (and we’re not even meant to share a sense of humour with the Germans). It ran for five series. While the American take, which made Steve Carell a star, ran for eight years from 2005 and became



# Slough to Saudi Arabia – The Office goes global

Australia is the 13th country to remake the sitcom –  
but *Jonathan Dean* argues David Brent is still the best

better viewed and, to some, even better loved than the original. The secret? Carell – and the fact that it ran for so long that it was able to break free from Slough and do its own thing.

*The Office*’s licensing deal insists on the first three episodes sticking to the plot of the British version before allowing free rein. There are offices in Israel, India, Saudi Arabia; a global expansion to rival the Olympics. The Canadian boss is called David Gervais.

And now, Australia. While some things are the same – Nick and Greta, for instance, are very much the down under answer to Tim and Dawn and they, like Wernham Hogg, flog paper – some characters and elements are new. There was no HR department in Slough; there is one here – and the central conceit is fresh. It is about post-Covid employees being forced back to the commute and cubicles.

Oh, and there is a female boss – Hannah, played by Felicity Ward. A section of the internet, in their mothers’

**Boss class**  
Ricky Gervais as David Brent, and some of his successors. Below: the Australian version of the sitcom



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**The Australian Office has a female boss**

basements, vented against this without seeing an episode, but honestly who cares. What is crucial is the writing and the first episode felt flat. The problem was too much familiarity in Nick and Greta, with glances and rumours done better by Martin Freeman and Lucy Davis, or, should you be so inclined, their US mimics, Jim (John Krasinski) and Pam (Jenna Fischer).

Still, perhaps we are only meant to watch the version of *The Office* made for us – which allows the jokes to be kept fresh and also provides room for culturally specific nods, like Comic Relief in the BBC episodes. To western eyes, Saudi Arabia’s version – *Al Maktab* – might raise more questions than it answers about the role of women in their society, or if any of the characters, such as Oscar in the US version of *The Office*, are gay. To Saudi locals, however, the show would simply be another sitcom, judged on if the jokes land.

The Israeli show, meanwhile, *HaMisrad*, ended in 2013 and would probably be different now. The Gareth character

boasts about being a veteran of a secret branch of the Israeli army. But when it was made, the writer Uzi Weil said that while the series was set in a place of work, there were key differences between his interpretation and ones with Gervais and Carell.

“In an English or American office, you keep views to yourself,” Weil said. “But here, all racial and religious aspects of our lives are out in the open. Our show is not based on, ‘What would happen if I say this really horrible thing?’ Instead, we think, ‘What will happen after I say it?’”

OK, but really these international takes are all the same. They are about the floorspace we share for hours with people we barely know and the awkwardness that brings. And this is the problem for every spin-off – the challenge of

living up to the original. Canada, Chile, Czech Republic, France, India, Saudi Arabia? All lasted one series. Most others only eked into a second. The shadow of Brent, and Carell’s Michael Scott, are too long and, indeed, too available.

How, though, has the BBC blueprint aged? Mostly very well. Some of the rampant, very open misogyny seems overdone, even for 20 years ago; while homophobic jokes are told by characters (such as Tim) whose side we are meant to be on. Maybe this is a result of Wernham Hogg not having an HR department. But, more often than not, the series remains bright, hilarious and moving – partly because very little in the work environment has changed, but largely because the writing is still so sharp.

The jokes, straight or surreal, just keep on coming. For me – on a rewatch – I totally lost it when Brent was asked to name his biggest disappointment and immediately said: “Alton Towers.” As the boss, Gervais had the knack for telling perfect jokes for Brits – jokes that clearly also took off in Australia.



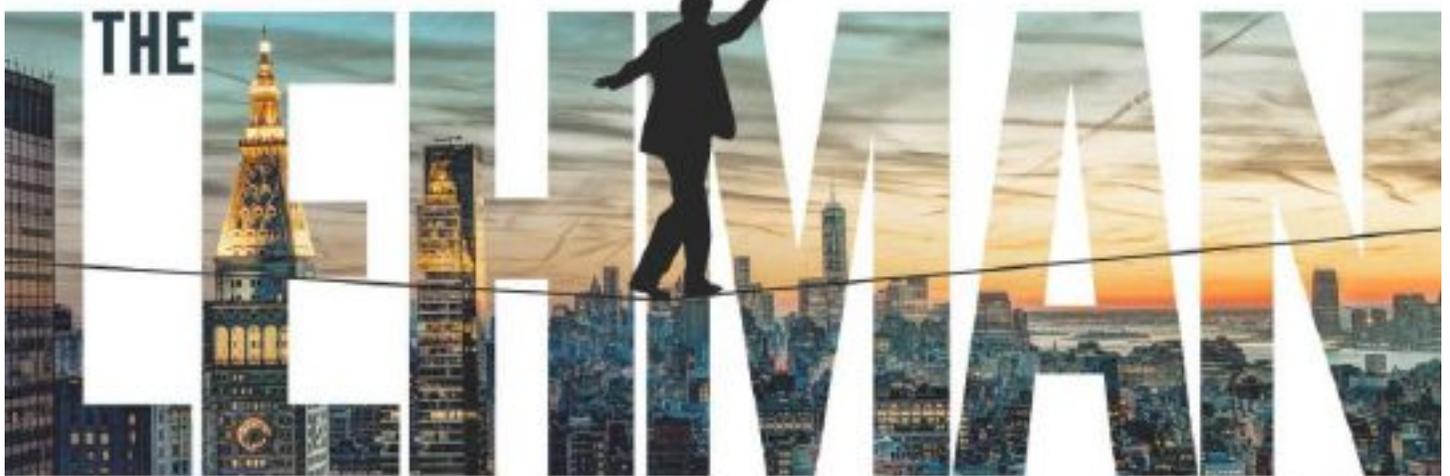
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# The Critics



Camilla Long



## Two fingers up to the puritans

Jilly Cooper's *Rivals* has found an unlikely home on Disney — this hammy bonkbuster is a delight

If you read Jilly Cooper, the first thing you notice (beyond the shagging) is the scenery. Rutshire – the fictional county where her books are set – is a voluptuous, fantasy playpen. It is filled with rutting animals, beautiful, emerald, cleavage-like hills, lovely houses and hot, horny men.

So I guess it was only a matter of time before some steamed-up, panting, myopic old hairy-fingered exec at an American streamer, in search of the next bit of gorgeous period nonsense, screamed: "I'll have me some of that DOWNTON-ADJACENT BRITISH COUNTRY HOUSE PORN."

Only, have they read Jilly?

Cooper, the author of *Riders* and *Rivals*, is the filthiest person we have. Hers is a driving, Musk-level obsession: people (women) are constantly being hauled into bogs, bent over gates, ridden mercilessly in four-poster beds. In an interview with *The Oldie* recently, Cooper (87) found time to ask: "Is the bum the bonus hole?"

I don't really associate Disney with naked, thrusting buttocks, or orgies, or nude tennis, or dinner parties where the hosts stop rowing only to slope "upstairs for a shag between courses".

But let's just say, having watched the first three screaming episodes, I bloody do now.

This is an absolute bra-off, knickers-down production, wonderful in its

**Rivals**  
Disney+

**I Cut Off His Penis: The Truth Behind the Headlines**  
ITV, Tue

**Ancient Apocalypse**  
Netflix

recreation of Eighties detail. It is played, out-and-out, as a comedy by a team of perfectly hamming actors who cannot believe the pay packet, including Aidan Turner and David Tennant.

As I watched them screaming at each other, scowling, actually gnashing their teeth, before shagging the typing girl – who, mid-bonk in the stationery cupboard, refuses some booze because "I'm working" – I just thought: well, my God, panto season has come early. It's hardly perfect, but amid so many gloomy, torrid, ugly, sad, sluglike, whispering, earnest, slow, dark television programmes, it's a relief to find one that actively sticks two fingers up at today's sexless puritanism.

I'd imagine the goggle-eyed Ritalined moms of the Midwest will watch them as if they were complete bonking aliens.

If you don't know the plot, it's simple: a rivalry between Tennant's Botoxed, vampiric television boss, Tony Baddingham, and the "handsomest man in England", Rupert Campbell-Black (Alex Hassell). The whole point of all of Cooper's oeuvre is that we should be fainting with lust for RCB, a bugles-at-dawn apex shagger who falls in love with Taggie, played rather pathetically here by Bella Maclean.

And this is the first problem (apart from the fact that some of the aerial shots obviously aren't the Cotswolds – they look more like Northampton):

**Tit fault** David Tennant and some of the cast of *Rivals*

Hassell isn't a heart-throb, isn't close. He looks like a weird, small Nutcracker doll. Why isn't he blond? As a friend pointed out: Oliver Chris, as a breakfast television twat, looks more like it. But I guess in today's snitty climate there are few actors who will stoop to throwing themselves naked across a tennis court, shouting, "Tit fault," while Emily Atack (excellent as a local politician's mistress), muff also out, shouts, "Cock fault!"

Anyway, it's the minor characters that carry it – Danny Dyer, perfectly cast as the vulgar entrepreneur Freddie Jones; Lisa McGrillis as his effervescent Hyacinth Bouquet-style wife. The script is a treat: "Come on, Mummy, if you had to have sex with one of them, who would it be? Jesus, Judas or Pontius Pilate?" (Pilate: "much better at parties".)

As for the sets, well, someone's had a five-star orgasm over acres of chintz, taffeta and crushed velvet – no effort has, thankfully, been made to make the Eighties look tasteful or subtle or even very nice (it's almost *Last of the Summer Wine*). Is Rupert's house right? Again, I'm not sure – it's a Palladian pile, whereas I had him down for some dilapidated, sprawling priory with

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stables, where he could dream about rogering the nuns.

What was it that drew me to the ITV show **I Cut Off His Penis**? Apart from it being the perfect companion-watch for *Rivals*? Well, for one, the appearance of Lorena Bobbitt, the woman who sliced, as Jilly Cooper would say, her husband's "thingy" in 1993. I had forgotten about her.

We watched as this silky little Latina, now in her fifties, told us she couldn't remember doing it: one minute she was fighting with her husband after he had tried to have sex with her, the next she was driving "with his organ in one hand. I got scared and I throw it out of the window."

It ended up in a field before being put on ice by the police "in a hot dog box". "Who would plan this?" she asked.

How to describe this gripping bit of tabloid flummery? In fact it was deceptive – wild hard-left activism dressed up as true crime pap.

You could tell because, amid tales of horrific crimes – a woman in Ukraine fed one to a dog – every so often a lawyer or an academic ("I specialise in psychopathy") was wheeled out to tell us it was perfectly understandable that women cut off penises, with them being subjected to rape, abuse and violence in their lives. Normal, even. Actually: why don't they do it more? It was "an act of self-defence", really. Hmm.

I promised myself I wouldn't do **Ancient Apocalypse** – I like to think that this column has standards, and pseudohistory on Netflix is beneath it.

But I also thought I had better just have a look, better know what we're up against. And suddenly I was four episodes in to the second series.

It's one of those shows in which the presenter, in this case the paleo conspiracist Graham Hancock, flies to some far-off place and is filmed striding round prehistoric sculptures, drones whirring over his head, music tearing his face off, telling us that everything we have learnt in history to this point is "wrong – very wrong". Occasionally, a celebrity will pop up and congratulate him on his tenacity, wisdom and huge dedication to peddling absolute hokum. In this case, Keanu Reeves.

Reeves appeared from behind a rock to discuss Hancock's main theory, which is that a "cataclysm" wiped out a sophisticated global civilisation nearly 13,000 years ago. Hancock found some footprints that some random woman in beads (I think) had told him were very ancient.

"So, Keanu." "Graham." "Let's talk about the past. My feeling is that 23,000 years ago is just the beginning." "I have that feeling too," Reeves said. He disappeared. I laughed out loud: who cares what John Wick thinks?

# The mother of all plays

Lesley Manville is dazzling, breathing new life into Oedipus

**Dominic Maxwell**



## Oedipus

Wyndham's Theatre, London WC2

★★★★

## The Duchess [of Malfi]

Trafalgar Theatre, London SW1

★★

"I'll see you all in about two hours," Mark Strong's smooth-talking **Oedipus** announces. It's election night. The voting has just closed and cameras are following this would-be ruler's progress to power.

To anyone who already knows that Oedipus's evening will end with him being unable to see anybody or anything, it's one of a slew of smart ironies in Robert Icke's riveting modern-day rejig. To anyone who doesn't know their Sophocles ... well, Icke toys with tragic inevitability and a thrillerish sense of suspense. And best of all he's got Lesley Manville as Jocasta, aka Mrs Oedipus, aka ... well, let's not mess with the mother of all twists.

This writer-director has form breathing new life into old texts: *Oresteia*, 1984, *Hamlet* and *Mary Stuart* are among his past hits. He's dramatising the story of the police killer Raoul Moat at the Royal Court soon too. If his stories tend to end unhappily, they also tend to send you reeling out into the night in the best sort of way. So too here, after a start that needs its audience to play along a bit. Can anyone modern keep secrets like this lot do? For a while, as Oedipus mixes statesmanlike cool with alpha-male heat, it comes across a bit "written". The war room setting, with its screens and Post-it Notes, is an

## Mamma mia

Lesley Manville plays Jocasta in Oedipus

uneasy fit with the stubbornly ancient Greek presence of the prophet Tiresias.

But after an artfully argumentative family meal this slides into tragedy at its best. A digital clock upstage counts down the minutes until election result time. The events on stage show Oedipus's sure sense of himself running out of time. "What's the utility of living in the past?" Manville's jaunty Jocasta reasons after chortling at the unlikely prophecy that her earnest husband is about to sleep with his mother (June Watson, exceptional, as the sidelined, undauntable Merope).

Strong is tremendous as a man whose eagerness to make a difference gets him labelled Captain Exceptional by his brother-in-law Creon. Wisdom galore gets spoken in a relentlessly resonant second hour as Oedipus's "honesty fetish" (Creon again) comes home to haunt him. Yet it's Manville who dazzles most. How does she make it look so easy, so natural, whether teasing her husband or chiding her daughter Antigone or delving vividly into the most awful memories? This couple's intimacy convinces, a curious moment of onstage cunnilingus

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**There's both tragic inevitability and a thrillerish sense of surprise**



interruptus notwithstanding. And then so does the indelible moment in which, the truth out, they modestly get dressed together, like a post-apple Adam and Eve.

Icke's *Oedipus* was first seen in Britain in Edinburgh in 2019 (Helen Mirren had been due to star opposite Strong in the West End the next year until Covid intervened). The same year also brought the Edinburgh premiere of Zinnie Harris's modern-language tweak on John Webster's Jacobean revenge tragedy, **The Duchess [of Malfi]**. Now it's in the West End, starring Jodie Whittaker, not seen on stage since 2012.

Yet while it's Whittaker's name and image that dominate the publicity, this *Duchess* is no star vehicle. She plays the incarcerated royal widow of the title, but it's very much an ensemble piece. Paul Ready is one of her brothers, the sex-hungry Cardinal. Rory Fleck Byrne is his nuttier twin, who patrols the prison-style gangway above her bed. Joel Fry is the nice-guy bookkeeper Antonio, who secretly fathers her children.

Good cast. Yet whatever favours to clarity Harris the playwright does by stripping back Webster's poetry and prolixity, Harris the director takes away by failing to give the action any atmosphere (in the preview I saw, at least). The first half is flat. The second half is desolate to the point of ludicrous, culminating in a subpar, sub-Tarantino gunfight. The *Duchess* is a spectral presence in her own story.

Here and there the black comedy scores, but the script strips away subtext. Nobody can doubt its ideas about misogyny: the word is even spoken. Yet there's little sense of place or context. You don't question the patriarchal system so much as these rotten individuals. It all adds up to less than the sum of its updated parts.

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Tom Shone



**The Apprentice**  
Ali Abbasi, 15, 122min  
★★★

Everything about Donald Trump is so transparently fraudulent – from the spray tan to that helmet of hair – that you may find yourself wondering who are the poor shmucks for whom the illusion holds? Is it like American wrestling, where you know it's all fake, but like the colourful characters anyway? For any drama, things get doubly tricky, because any impersonation risks becoming a forgery of a fake.

The cleverest thing about *The Apprentice*, Ali Abbasi's biopic of this improbable man, is that it's not until the movie's final scenes, as Trump (Sebastian Stan) comes out from under the surgeon's knife with his belly fat suctioned off, that Stan allows himself anything like an impersonation of the Trump we know: lips pouting, hands carving out great blocks of air, the property developer expounds in a penthouse office on the "art of the deal" to his ghostwriter. It's a little like the reveal in a villain origin story – when the Joker first slaps a grin on his face, or Hannibal Lecter first invites a friend over for dinner. Come see how the killer came by his instincts.

He learnt them at the heels of the Roy Cohn (Jeremy Strong), the crooked lawyer who counted Nixon among his closest pals, and whom Trump meets at a



# 'Fake'? 'Classless'? You decide...

Donald Trump has gone on a rant about a movie that tells his origin story in unflattering detail

darkly lit members' club in Manhattan in 1973. "You're gorgeous, you're one of a kind," Cohn tells him, cradling Trump's face fondly. In addition to being a Mob-affiliated lawyer, Cohn is also a closeted gay man, a fact hidden from Trump until an orgiastic party at the lawyer's mansion, where every room is wired to collect kompromat on the famous guests.

"I got Onassis, I got Cardinal Cooke, I got everybody," boasts Cohn, who is soon using those tapes to win the \$160 million tax rebate from City Hall that allows Trump to turn upper Manhattan into the architectural equivalent of a casino lounge.

**Bling king**  
Maria Bakalova and Sebastian Stan as Ivana and Donald Trump

Trump went on a lam rant about the film on the social network Truth Social, calling it "fake and classless".

The big surprise of the film is how much the film-makers allow Stan's Trump to be overshadowed by Strong, who gives a masterly performance as this reptilian Mephistopheles with his leathery tan and soft, insinuating mobster's diction.

Trump, by contrast, is unsure of himself, a wannabe slumlord going door to door for the rent, who has to beg Cohn to represent him. If there's a theme here it is his fear of humiliation: we see his

★★★★★ KO  
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★★★ OK  
★★ So-so  
★ No-no

cruel father berating Trump's younger brother at the dinner table, and Trump going arse over tit on the ski slopes as he seeks to peel the Czech model Ivana Zelnickova away from her boyfriend.

Later, as Ivana's fame begins to eclipse Trump's, he rapes her in a fit of pique on the floor of his penthouse. The real Trump objects to this and says: "My former wife, Ivana, was a kind and wonderful person, and I had a great relationship with her until the day she died."

The Trump presidential campaign has sent a cease-and-desist letter to block the film's release ahead of the November election, although you have to wonder ... if 88 criminal charges, two impeachments and an attempted coup aren't going to move the electoral needle, what hope does a mere movie have?

Most of its scoops are well known. The rape allegation comes from a court deposition that Ivana gave under oath during her 1990 divorce, yet it's the one scene that doesn't fit in the film, partly because women are so redundant to the story, partly because Trump's misogyny runs deeper than his business instincts, and partly because the film shies free of any analysis or rational explanation. "Don't give me any of that depth bullshit," he tells a biographer in one scene.

Abbasi's film is happy to comply: it's as flashy and superficial as its subject, deliberately so, but it does mean the film's emotional core is easily stolen. In the final moments, abandoned by his protégé, Cohn is heartbroken by what he has spawned.

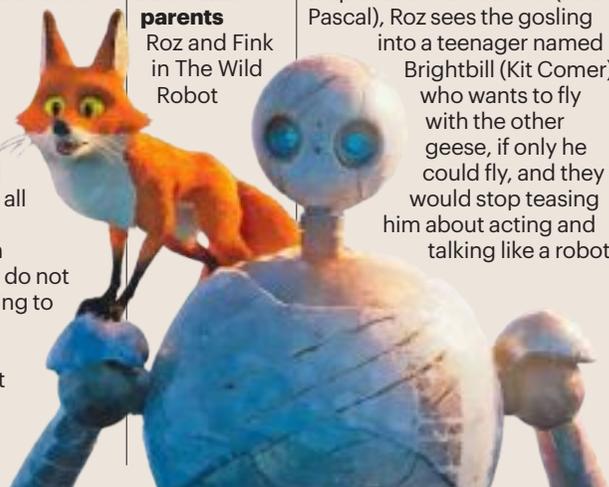
## ALSO RELEASED

**The Wild Robot**  
Chris Sanders, U, 102min  
★★★★★

When critics say "a movie for all the family" they mean a movie working on two levels: children get the slapstick, parents get the pop-culture references and everyone goes home happy. But when a classic like Chris Sanders's *The Wild Robot* comes along, your kids' best bits and yours are more or less the same.

Washing up on the shore of an island is a robot, fresh out of its box, named Rozzum (Lupita Nyong'o). "Did anyone order me?" she asks the curious beavers and racoons before they all flee. Only one egg remains, from which hatches a gosling. "I do not have the programming to be a mother," Roz protests. "Nobody does, we just make it up," a possum (Catherine O' Hara) says. So, with the

**First-time parents**  
Roz and Fink in *The Wild Robot*



help of a fox named Fink (Pedro Pascal), Roz sees the gosling into a teenager named Brightbill (Kit Comer), who wants to fly with the other geese, if only he could fly, and they would stop teasing him about acting and talking like a robot.

From such simple elements Sanders has crafted a joyous film about oddball parenting. Peter Brown's book was more about Roz's survival on the island, but Sanders, as with his previous film, the underrated *Lilo & Stitch*, has focused his movie on the emotions of parenthood, particularly when those parents happen to be slightly different. Anybody who has found themselves thrust into parenthood without a user's manual, which is to say just about everybody, will feel understood. Knockouts don't come much cleaner than this.

# The honeytrap, the spy and me

A tale of gender-swapping seduction drives Fleur Barron's new show, she tells *Neil Fisher*

The story sounds, the British-Singaporean mezzo-soprano Fleur Barron says, "almost too cooked-up to be true ... and yet it is". In China in 1964 a young French diplomat, Bernard Boursicot, met the Peking opera singer Shi Pei Pu – a man who performed female roles – and began a decade-long affair with him, amazingly believing him all the while to be a woman. In perhaps worse news for Boursicot, the singer was also part of a honeytrap, drawing out information from the diplomat that Shi passed to the Chinese secret service. Only after the pair were arrested in France for spying in the 1980s was Boursicot told the truth about his lover, when a French judge ordered Shi to have a medical examination – and sent him to a man's prison.

This bizarre cause célèbre then became a hit play – David Henry Hwang's *M. Butterfly* (whether M stands for Monsieur is ambiguous) and, five years later, a movie with Jeremy Irons as the Boursicot character. As Hwang's title suggested, the playwright was also inspired by the (rather twisted) resonance of the story of east-west betrayal with Puccini's celebrated opera about a Japanese geisha, and in 2022 things came full circle with Santa Fe Opera's premiere of Huang Ruo's opera *M. Butterfly*. Now Barron stars in the UK premiere of *M. Butterfly*, at the Barbican, where I meet her. "I'm playing a manipulative commie bitch called Comrade Chin, who has blind loyalty to the Chinese Communist Party, looks down at the 'decadent' West and treats people as pawns to advance party goals."

It's Chin – probably based on a real-life Chinese agent – who blackmails the opera singer, saying if he doesn't extract documents from the diplomat he'll be outed as a homosexual or a degenerate. Times have changed since Hwang's play, and the nuance of this opera attracted Barron. The singer grew up mostly in Hong Kong (her father was the



**Cause célèbre** Fleur Barron. Below: Fleur's father, Brian

BBC foreign correspondent Brian Barron, her mother is a Singaporean-Chinese artist) but was living in New York during the pandemic when debate around race among classical singers blew up. To become a spokeswoman on these kind of issues initially felt odd to her. "I'd never been denied an opportunity because of the way I look."

With opera-makers now, like Huang, often wanting casts of specific ethnicities for specific roles, Barron sees drawbacks as well as positives. "I've had this conversation with my agent – if I'm going to be offered an Asian-specific role with a big company and the only reason they're inquiring is because I am Asian, then ... can we also talk about some other part that's not Asian-identifying?"

Opera is only one thread of Barron's ambitious, unusual career. Inspired by her mentor, the soprano and conductor Barbara Hannigan, she's less interested in being a "pawn" in the world of opera than a creative artist. "Barbara is now in a position

where she has carte blanche. That's an incredible position to be in."

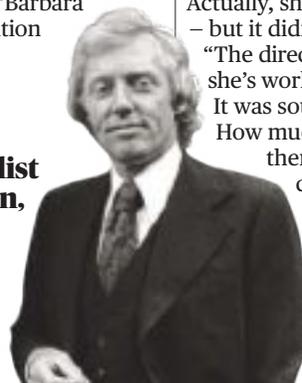
Growing up Fleur was very aware of her father's buccaneering job. She and her mother once joined him and his cameraman Eric Thirer on a covert trip to North Korea. "The cover story was that we were a British delegation scoping out Pyongyang for tourism. Eric had a camera sewn into his bag."

Brian Barron, who died in 2009, and Thirer had plenty of adventures. "It was very James Bondy. Idi Amin loved my dad, and often gave him exclusive interviews – because he was Scottish."

There is plenty more to come from Barron, including a project with Bryce Dessner (of the band the National), and *Spring Snow*, a mash-up of Schubert's *Winterreise* with a traditional Japanese kabuki drama. All of which sounds more interesting than the operatic heroines that your common or garden mezzo-soprano travels around the world with. Could Barron ever warm to the most celebrated one – Carmen? Actually, she has done the role – but it didn't go brilliantly. "The director said, 'Imagine she's working at Hooters.' It was soul-crushing."

How much more refreshing, then, to play a commie bitch.

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Her journalist father, Brian, took her to North Korea



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Rory Graham hit it big in 2017 with *Human* — a modern take on vintage soul and blues that made the most of his throaty baritone, impassioned delivery and air of bashed, bruised experience. *Human* became the decade's fastest-selling album by a male solo artist and established Graham as a new kind of star; a tough, troubled, boy-next-door type. But the sense of authenticity at the heart

of Rag'n'Bone Man's appeal seems to have become a costume in itself. "What do you think love is?" a voice asks on *The Right Way*, an ersatz slice of would-be classic soul that never takes off. His third album's title track tackles trying to explain loss to a child — but the handclap rhythms, gospel backing vocals and sad piano parts are so familiar that all meaning is lost. Graham is a great singer, as displayed on *Hope You Felt Loved at the End*, but on this overly earnest album there are no surprises; just a lot of songs that sound as though they're tailor-made for *Later ... with Jools Holland*.  
**Will Hodgkinson**



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**NEWS** British rappers hardly ever crack America. How, then, has Central Cee done it? Duets with Lil Baby and Ice Spice have helped; now a Grammys buzz is growing. With his debut album, *Can't Rush Greatness*, out this year, the 26-year-old former drug dealer from west London looks set to be that rare thing: a British rapper Americans can actually understand. **WH**

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**Neil Fisher**

**ADHD's funny side**

Paul Whitehouse and his neuroscientist wife tackle the 'defining diagnosis of our time'

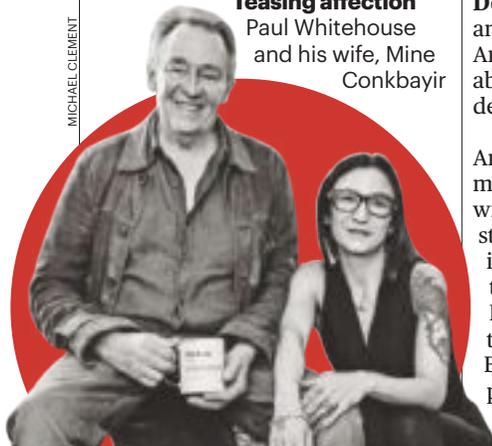
**Patricia Nicol**



The world does not need another husband-and-wife podcast involving a famous male comedian. But at least **I'm ADHD! No You're Not** offers a new spin, and some chewier domestic insight. Dr Mine Conkbayir is a neuroscientist specialising in education, diagnosed with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). Her husband is the comedy actor Paul Whitehouse, star of *The Fast Show* and *Mortimer and Whitehouse: Gone Fishing*. He's sceptical about the growing numbers of people claiming to have ADHD (whether officially diagnosed or not) and the potential wideness of its spectrum — while not entirely ruling out that he might have it himself. Conkbayir is a true believer; for her, a diagnosis has been validating and galvanising. They present initially as an odd pairing. He is 22 years her senior and gently teasing ("I don't flip my lid") whereas she can initially seem disproportionately combative ("He's working my last nerve"). But listen to a few episodes and you realise that her robustness is often defensiveness masking insecurity. Her chaotic childhood in a Hackney council flat, with a violent Turkish drug-dealing father who called cocaine "Superman powder" and beat up her mother, sounds traumatising. As she becomes more confident as an interviewer — a better listener, instead of a butting-in deliverer of stats — this becomes a more enjoyable listen.

**Teasing affection**

Paul Whitehouse and his wife, Mine Conkbayir



The couple's first thoughtful guest is Rory Bremner, patron of the ADHD Foundation. ADHD sounds rampant among stand-ups — Whitehouse recalls a recent comedy night where most acts delivered ADHD material. Bremner sees his late-identified neurodivergence as a kind of quick-firing superpower; when he briefly took Ritalin (a stimulant with a stabilising impact on those with ADHD) he felt the punchlines came too slow.

Other guests are *Loose Women's* Denise Welch, who is funny, forthcoming and sympathetic about postpartum depression, ADHD and addiction, and the mental wellbeing influencer Gemma Styles, whose famous brother, the pop star Harry, dropped her off so that he could meet Whitehouse.

There is a pragmatic aspect to all successful partnerships. ("No one will want me on my own," Conkbayir says — quite rightly — of her professional podcast pairing with Whitehouse.) To her personal and academic insight he adds celebrity pull and silly voices. What they have here mostly works; the teasing affection between them creates a safe space for guests. I like their *Buttons of Banishment* game, when they ask guests if they would keep their ADHD if they had a choice. Most have decided to keep it, feeling it's part of their make-up.

This is one of dozens of podcasts discussing ADHD, a condition that is conservatively said to affect only 5 per cent of children and 2.5 per cent of adults worldwide. How a diagnosis once predominantly associated with high-energy boys went viral — and how that has put pressure on medication — is the subject of **Backfired: Attention Deficit** (Audible), Leon Neyfakh and Arielle Pardes's engaging American documentary series about how ADHD became "the defining diagnosis of our time".

"More than 10 per cent of American children (that's 7.1 million kids) have been diagnosed with ADHD. And the number of stimulant prescriptions for adults in their thirties has shot up nearly threefold since 2012," they reveal. Not everything in the US translates to the UK's healthcare system. But this series offers a thought-provoking historical survey of the debates around diagnosis and treatment of this disorder.



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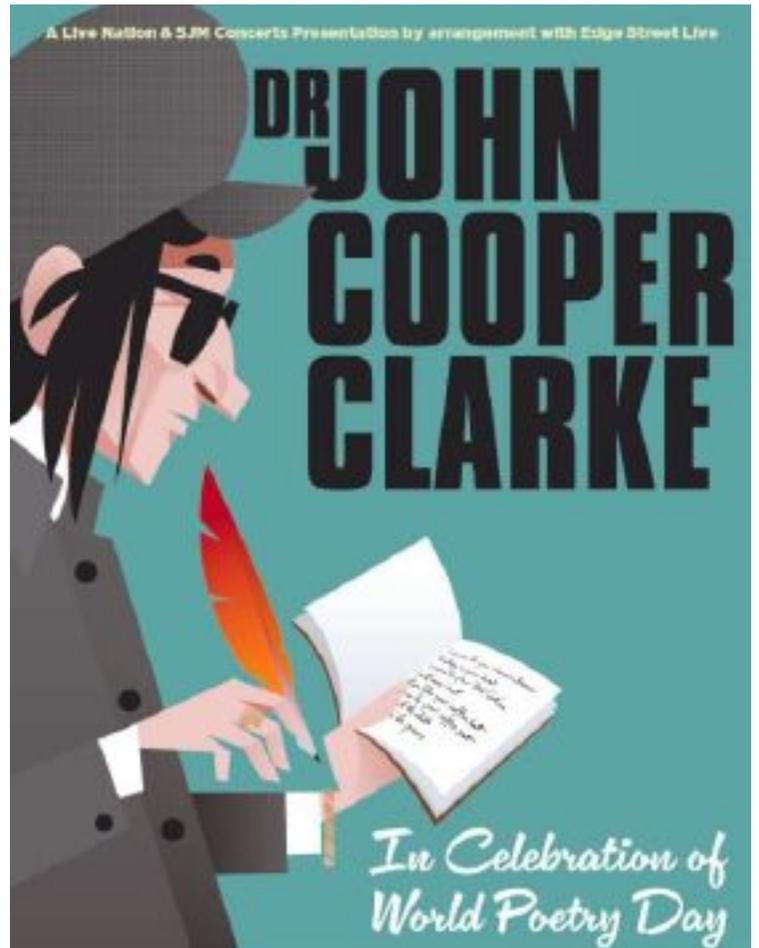
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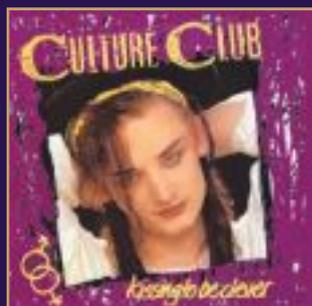
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# Books



## George Smiley is back

John le Carré's son has written a spy novel that breathes new life into the dark world of the Circus

### Book of the week

**Karla's Choice**  
by Nick Harkaway  
Viking £22 pp298

### David Mills

George Smiley's back. Again. The master spy, constantly returning from retirement in the John le Carré originals, has now been resurrected by le Carré's son, Nick Harkaway. Given the exalted status the original novels have, you can't help but raise an eyebrow. Kerchingeroo! as a former prime minister likes to say. Ian Fleming's estate keeps popping new James Bond novels out, up to nearly 40 now, so why not more Smiley, the anti-Bond, the quiet genius who has come to define the way we imagine the Secret Intelligence Service really operates?

In fact, as Harkaway explains in an author's note, "there were always supposed to be more Smiley books". Early on le Carré projected a longer sequence of novels than the nine he managed. The problem was Alec Guinness. His television Smiley in 1979 was a slightly different character from the one that le Carré had in his head, but it was so good that the novelist found his imagination hampered.

In many ways Harkaway has a greater burden: Smiley is now public property, played since by many other actors, from Denholm Elliott to Gary Oldman, a character, he admits, "we collectively inherit". But actually that seems to have made the writing of a new novel easier: it was, Harkaway writes, as if Smiley was waiting for him, saying: "If you're

**Genre defining** Alec Guinness's George Smiley, 1979. Below: Nick Harkaway

quite prepared, Nicholas, we may begin." As the author of seven thrillers, Harkaway felt he was good to go – and I'll say here, it's mission accomplished. This is a Smiley novel that could slip seamlessly into the sequence.

Dad did put down some very useful groundwork in his original novels, which feature many tantalising asides about underexplored episodes in Smiley's long career, from being an undercover field agent in Germany during the war to travelling around signing up defecting Russians. Harkaway has chosen to slide a new story "into that ten-year gap between *The Spy Who Came in from the Cold* and *Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy*".

So, it's 1963, not long after Alec Leamas clambered up the Berlin Wall.

A Russian agent has turned up to kill a publisher in Primrose Hill, a Hungarian called Laszlo Banati, except he decides he cannot go through with it, telling Banati's young assistant, Susanna: "God has told me I will not be a murderer any more." Susanna discovers that Banati has already vanished anyway.

Because Susanna is 23 and a Hungarian émigré, it is decided that only Smiley can debrief her sensitively and "make sure ... she can sleep nights and not look over her shoulder for the rest of her days". The retired Smiley is about to leave on a European tour with his wife, but, told it will require only 48 hours, he agrees to take the matter on. Of course, it takes much longer, unfolding to point to a consolidation of power by Karla, the Russian spy chief who becomes Smiley's brilliant opponent.

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All the Smiley novels begin with a small thread that unravels a great plot. At the centre, collecting and making sense of all the threads, is Smiley. Typically he talks and waits, while dispatching others (apart from in *Smiley's People*). Harkaway puts him into action, making use of his legendary "fieldcraft", so much talked about in the other books, to lose shadows and even to drive a getaway car. It works well. Less comfortable is his intermittent, sentimental pursuit of his errant wife, Lady Ann. At one point he buys her a silk scarf and takes it round to her hotel, only to be humiliated by the concierge telling him that Lady Ann regrets she cannot see him as "she and her husband are engaged".

Smiley does not operate alone, of course, and the Circus gang is here, from his admirers Peter Guillam and Jim Prideaux to his protégé Toby Esterhase and the bibulous Connie Sachs. There are some good additions too: the restless Tom Lake from special forces, and Jessica in research, who "picked up languages the way others do postcards" and came over to Britain from Jamaica. The Circus of 1963 is – funnily enough – much more diverse than it becomes later, with women playing active roles rather than hampering the chaps.

Harkaway has tried with period detail. There's a Hillman, Austin A110, Renault Dauphine, even a reference to "Welbeck Motors", the ill-fated minicab firm that took on the London taxi monopoly in 1961. So it's disconcerting to read "Heathrow", when it was London Airport until 1966; no one was "as bent as a thrupenny bit", although they might have been as a nine-bob note; telephone answering machines would not be widespread for another 20 years; and it would be another 40 years before smokers congregated outside.

At just under 300 pages, *Karla's Choice* is significantly shorter than any of the trilogy and its pace is quicker. Le Carré took his time, seemingly irrelevant meetings and conversations

spun out into an accumulation of coded social details that made a particular world: Oxford sweaters, Trumper's hair oils, Lord's, "a son who went to Westminster". The melancholy poetry of le Carré's ambivalent attitude to England – "the autumn witching hour, when the smells of every wet and leaf-blown country cricket field in England were wafted up river with the damp shreds of dusk" – is laced through the novels and in part it is what they are about. But Harkaway, while paying lip service to expressions of Britain's diminished status, seems not to feel it in the same way as his father and indulges in none of these flights.

Harkaway does pull off the acute pinning down of character that makes le Carré a rewarding read, though. He describes Smiley as having "a wit so dry you could mistake it ... for dullness".

Importantly, too, Harkaway understands the moral burdens that le Carré loads on to his character, and gives us some of that, as when Control leads the conversation down paths of decency and duty, and a reluctant Smiley walks into a moral obligation of his

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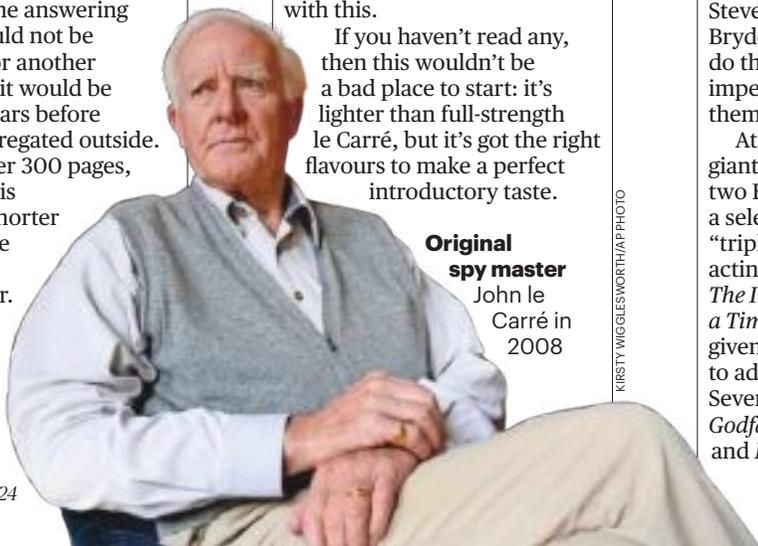
**Harkaway's Smiley has 'a wit so dry you could mistake it for dullness'**

own making. The novel also has that authentic le Carré feature of it being difficult to explain to yourself exactly what is going on – until Smiley reaches the answer.

So, if you've read all the Smiley books and want more, even if it annoys in places you'll probably still be pleased with this.

If you haven't read any, then this wouldn't be a bad place to start: it's lighter than full-strength le Carré, but it's got the right flavours to make a perfect introductory taste.

**Original spy master**  
John le Carré in 2008



KIRSTY WIGLESWORTH/AFPHOTO

# Al Pacino, the 5ft 7in giant of Hollywood

The Godfather star is both a luvvie (actors are 'prophets and seers') and bracingly candid: he opens up about never getting married and becoming a father again at 83

## Memoir

**Sonny Boy A Memoir**  
by Al Pacino  
Century £25 pp384

## Ed Potton

Al Pacino's readably eccentric memoir really preserves his Bronx-reared turn of phrase. On being lectured as a boy for delinquency by a greengrocer, Pacino writes: "All I wanted to do was shove an apple in his mouth." On why he turned down a Billy the Kid film, he insists: "I'm not getting on any horses. They're too big." On visiting Legoland, he raves: "You haven't lived til you've seen the Mona Lisa made out of Legos." Not only can you imagine those lines coming out of Pacino's mouth, you can imagine them coming out of Steve Coogan and Rob Brydon's mouths when they do their gravelly Pacino impersonations. Somebody get them to do the audiobook.

At 84, Pacino is a 5ft 7in giant, his Oscar, two Tonys and two Emmys making him one of a select group to have won the "triple crown" of American acting. Recent movies such as *The Irishman* and *Once Upon a Time ... in Hollywood* have given him an Indian summer to add to his remarkable Seventies spring of *The Godfather* Parts 1 and 2, *Serpico* and *Dog Day Afternoon*.

He's noticeably happier talking about theatre, though – you forget what an incurable luvvie he is. Actors are "prophets and seers" and "the greatest humans", while the Living Theatre, a New York company he joined with his friend Martin Sheen in the Sixties, "did the kind of shows that made you go home afterward and lock yourself in your room and just cry for two days". When Jackie Onassis congratulated Pacino for his Richard III on Broadway, he stayed in his seat and raised his hand for her to kiss.

No such delusions about his film performances – making *The Godfather*, Francis Ford Coppola told him that he "was not cutting it" as Michael Corleone. The director brought forward the shooting of the scene in which Michael whacks a rival gangster and a police chief to prove to the studio that Pacino could act.

He has been labelled difficult and no wonder – his childhood sounds bleak. Sixty pages in, his father has left and his mother and three best friends are all dead from drugs. Connecting with roles was a problem – he admits to turning down Ingmar Bergman and Federico Fellini, plus an offer to play Han Solo in *Star Wars*. "I can't make anything out of this," he said of the part that went to Harrison Ford. Relating his umpteenth falling-out with a director,



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pioneered a gruff, publicity-shy, latently macho style of Method acting. “There was competition,” Pacino admits, when there were roles that “either of us could have played”. When they finally shared the screen in *Heat*, however, De Niro’s thief was “contained and low-key” whereas Pacino’s cop went “in the other direction”.

Their fiercest rivalry appears to be over geriatric procreation. Pacino was 83 when his girlfriend at the time, Noor Alfallah (more than 50 years his junior), gave birth to his fourth child last year, making him one of the oldest fathers on record and trouncing De Niro, who was a pathetic 79 when he last sired a prog. You can’t imagine either doing many night feeds, although, as Frank Skinner once pointed out, being a senior dad at least means you don’t have to worry about those difficult teenage years.

One shouldn’t joke because it turns out that Pacino almost died of Covid in 2020. Nurses came to his home and everything went black; he didn’t have a pulse. He woke up to find the house full of paramedics. “I believe I explained death that day,” he writes. “And I can tell you there’s nothing out there.”

The gripes and gushing do come with dollops of self-awareness. “There are few things more boring than a famous person complaining about fame,” Pacino correctly observes. He admits that he “did go overboard” with his emotional eruptions

(“hoo-ha!”) as a blind soldier in *Scent of a Woman* (1992), although he was still nominated for an Oscar – for the eighth time, having yet to win. “Go on Barbara Walters and they’ll give you an Oscar,” his publicist advised, referring to the grande dame of American TV interviews. He did and they did.

Pacino says: “You may be sensing a pattern.”

His romances have been no less turbulent. He and Diane Keaton, his *Godfather* co-star and former girlfriend, went together “like two straws and a Coke”, while Beverly D’Angelo, another actress and the mother of two of his children, doesn’t even merit an introduction. Pacino has never married, referring to it as the “pain train”, and you can see why. Just picture the domestic angst: I don’t feel a connection to this nappy. I have problems with the shopping list. What is the dishwasher? I don’t know what it is.

Thankfully Pacino is quick to laugh at himself. “What I lack

**Gangster**  
Al Pacino in *Scarface* and, right, with his ex-girlfriend Diane Keaton

**Francis Ford Coppola told him he wasn’t cutting it as Michael Corleone**

in intelligence I make up for in energy.” Elizabeth Taylor once told a mutual friend that he “needs all the help he can get”, while Keaton told his lawyer: “He’s an ignoramus. You’ve got to take care of him.” He recalls slipping off a fence aged ten, landing on his crotch. His mother, aunt and grandmother “poked and prodded at my penis in a semi panic”.

Money, Pacino admits, is a particular blind spot, and he seems to have been taken for a long ride by one accountant. He owned two cars but was paying for 16, employed a landscaper at \$400,000 a year for a house he wasn’t living in and burnt all the way though a \$50 million fortune. Things

only turned around when he signed up with a straight-shooting accountant called, fabulously, Shelby Goldgrab.

Pacino touches on his rivalry with “Bob” De Niro, although he thinks they were only compared because they emerged at the same time and their names “end with a vowel”. That’s not quite true – both



# Marie Curie's 'laboratory daughters'

She won the Nobel prize twice, but couldn't have done it without her army of young women

**Science**

**The Elements of Marie Curie** How the Glow of Radium Lit a Path for Women in Science  
by Dava Sobel

4th Estate £22 pp336

**Kathryn Hughes**

Even in these Stem-aware times, many of us would find it hard to name any female scientist apart from Marie Curie. Her discovery of radium, and its radioactivity, won her the Nobel prize in 1903 and again in 1911, making her the only woman to have pulled off a double. When in 1921 the US president Warren Harding presented the Polish-

French physicist with a gram of radium as a gift from the women of America, he described his honoured guest as having accomplished "an immortal work for humanity".

Dava Sobel, best known for her 1995 bestseller *Longitude*, makes no claim to using fresh sources for this retelling of Curie's well-documented life. Rather, she brings a new perspective, one that rhymes with contemporary understandings about how scientific discoveries are made. Biographers have traditionally written up Curie's story as that of a lone genius dedicating every hour of the day and night to continuing the work of her husband, Pierre, who died in 1906. Sobel, by contrast, introduces us to the legion of

people, many of them women, who worked alongside Curie throughout her career, supporting, expanding and translating her work so that its significance and reputation was carried round the world. The picture that emerges of Curie is less of a remote superstar than a generous enabler and mentor to the scores of young women who flocked to Paris to work in her laboratory. All this at a time when any career for women was an obstacle race with outrageously poor odds.

Curie was born Maria Sklodowska in Warsaw in 1867, and her comfortable middle-class life collapsed when her father lost his teaching job after his outspoken criticism of the Russian authorities that

**Illuminating** Marie Curie in her Paris laboratory, in 1925

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**The aching irony is that Curie was handing her lab assistants a death sentence**

ruled this part of Poland. The Sklodowski siblings were obliged to pool their meagre resources. For six miserable years Maria worked as a governess in Poland so that her sister, Bronya, could qualify as a doctor in Paris. Only once the elder girl was bringing in an income was it possible for Maria to make the journey in a fourth-class train carriage to study science at the Sorbonne.

Marriage to the physicist Pierre Curie in 1895 involved Maria embarking on a new kind of teamwork. While the scientific establishment initially assumed that she was her husband's laboratory assistant, Pierre made it clear that the newly dubbed Marie was his esteemed colleague and intellectual partner. When

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## The Sunday Times Bestsellers

Boris Johnson's memoir, *Unleashed*, is the bestselling book this week – and the 12th fastest-selling memoir since records began. Sitting above him at No 11? Katie Price, for her third memoir, *Jordan: Pushed to the Limit* (2008).

It's all change in the charts this week because it counts sales from Super Thursday, the busiest publishing day of the year. A grand total of 1,900 books came out on October 10.

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1	 <b>Unleashed</b> Boris Johnson (William Collins £30) The former prime minister recounts his 15 turbulent years in UK politics (42,530)	—	1
2	<b>I Haven't Been Entirely Honest with You</b> Miranda Hart (Michael Joseph £25) The comedian shares lessons learnt on her journey from illness to recovery (16,550)	—	1
3	<b>What I Ate in One Year</b> Stanley Tucci (Fig Tree £20) A year of meals, taken on film sets, in kitchens and in restaurants, memorialised (11,805)	—	1
4	<b>Never</b> Rick Astley (Macmillan £25) Autobiography by the singer-songwriter catapulted to fame aged just 19 (11,200)	—	1
5	<b>From Here to the Great Unknown</b> Lisa Marie Presley and Riley Keough (Macmillan £25) Memoir by the only child of Elvis and Priscilla Presley, completed by her daughter (11,110)	—	1
6	<b>Women Living Deliciously</b> Florence Given (Brazen £20) Uncover your sense of joy, hitherto buried under shame and self-objectification (9,195)	—	1
7	<b>This Time Next Year</b> David Jason (Century £22) The latest volume of memoirs from the star of the BBC sitcom <i>Only Fools and Horses</i> (5,240)	—	1
8	<b>Unfiltered</b> Guenther Steiner (Bantam £22) Reflections on a decade at Team Haas from the former Formula 1 team boss (5,220)	—	1
9	<b>Nexus</b> Yuval Noah Harari (Fern £28) Exploring the past, present and possible futures of information networks (5,095)	8	5
10	<b>A History of Britain in Ten Enemies</b> Terry Deary (Bantam £20) How Britain's enemies made what it is today (4,710)	—	1

### General paperbacks

		Last week	Weeks in top 10
1	 <b>Shakespeare: The Man Who Pays the Rent</b> Judi Dench (Penguin £10.99) Intimate and informal conversations on the English playwright (2,765)	1	2
2	<b>Joan</b> Joan Hannington (Ebury Spotlight £10.99) A notorious female figure in London's criminal underground in the 1980s reveals all (2,750)	7	2
3	<b>Politics on the Edge</b> Rory Stewart (Vintage £10.99) The challenges and absurdities of political life are revealed by the former MP (2,630)	4	19
4	<b>Atomic Habits</b> James Clear (Random House Business £17.99) The minuscule changes that can result in life-altering outcomes (2,555)	3	157
5	<b>Ultra-Processed People</b> Chris van Tulleken (Penguin £10.99) Investigating the science and economics of highly processed food (2,500)	5	24
6	<b>Normal Women</b> Philippa Gregory (William Collins £10.99) The story of our nation over 900 years, but with women no longer invisible (2,285)	2	3
7	<b>Unruly</b> David Mitchell (Penguin £10.99) Tales of England's monarchs from the Cambridge history alumna (1,995)	6	21
8	<b>Surrounded by Idiots</b> Thomas Erikson (Vermilion £10.99) How understanding personality types can improve human interaction (1,890)	8	107
9	<b>The Courage to Be Disliked</b> Ichiro Kishimi and Fumitake Koga (Allen & Unwin £10.99) A philosopher and a student discuss the means to achieve lasting happiness (1,755)	10	4
10	<b>The Psychology of Stupidity</b> Jean-François Marmion (Pan £10.99) Understand idiocy with help from psychologists and thinkers (1,645)	12	1



he was awarded the Nobel prize for physics in 1903 he would only accept the honour if his wife was named as a recipient too.

The most original part of Sobel's book is the attention she gives to the remarkable young women from all over the world who worked with Curie. These "laboratory daughters" included Ellen Gleditsch, a pharmacist from Norway who was put to work measuring the half-life of radium. Despite her winning a scholarship to America, Harvard and Yale refused Gleditsch a place in their laboratories on account of her sex (Yale eventually relented). Then there is Sybil Leslie, a working-class lass from Yorkshire who, armed with what she had learnt under Curie, returned home to become the first woman to earn a PhD from Leeds University.

It wasn't always plain sailing. Harriet Brooks from Canada

had clocked up degrees and fellowships from McGill, Cambridge, Bryn Mawr and Barnard before arriving in Paris in 1906 to work at the Curie laboratory. Yet the next year the promising young woman returned home and gave up physics for life as a well-heeled housewife. More than that, she wrote articles suggesting that women were unsuited to careers in science.

It is a useful reminder of the prevailing social attitudes, attitudes that Curie continued to encounter. In 1910 Curie's affair with a married physicist became public knowledge and she was catcalled in the streets as a home-wrecker. So widespread was the outrage that the organisers of the Nobel prize begged Curie not to collect her second award – this time for chemistry – in 1911 because it might lead to public unpleasantness. She turned up in Stockholm anyway.

The aching irony of Curie's generosity towards her

"laboratory daughters" was that she was in effect handing them a death sentence. While in the early days radium seemed like a health-giving wonder – it had a remarkable ability to shrink tumours – its damaging effects were emerging too. Reports began to trickle in of former assistants losing their hair. Two died at the age of 35 and 41, while Curie's daughter Irène, also a renowned physicist, developed what the doctors diagnosed as "aplastic anaemia".

Curie died aged 66 in 1934 of the same thing and by this point there was no need to be coy about the cause: The New York Times gave its obituary the shrieking headline "MME CURIE IS DEAD; MARTYR TO SCIENCE". When Curie's younger daughter, Ève, set out to write a posthumous biography she discovered that her mother's notebooks were still radioactive and, indeed, would remain so for another 1,500 years at least.

## Fiction hardbacks

		Last week	Weeks in top 10
1	 <b>Midnight and Blue</b> Ian Rankin (Orion £25) In prison for murder, John Rebus probes the death of an inmate in a locked cell (19,360)	—	1
2	<b>We Solve Murders</b> Richard Osman (Viking £22) A private security officer calls her father-in-law for help when framed for murder (17,520)	1	5
3	<b>Intermezzo</b> Sally Rooney (Faber £20) In the wake of their father's death, two brothers grapple with their grief (13,130)	2	3
4	<b>Guilty</b> Martina Cole and Jacqui Rose (Headline £25) A mother who runs a shelter for sex workers investigates when residents disappear (8,330)	—	1
5	<b>The Map of Bones</b> Kate Mosse (Pan £22) The fourth and final novel in the bestselling novelist's <i>Joubert Family Chronicles</i> (5,365)	—	1
6	<b>The Hotel Avocado</b> Bob Mortimer (Simon & Schuster £22) Gary Thorn is tempted to help his girlfriend to open a hotel in Brighton (4,545)	3	7
7	<b>What Does It Feel Like?</b> Sophie Kinsella (Bantam £12.99) A successful novelist facing a devastating diagnosis learns to live and love anew (4,280)	—	1
8	<b>Friends of Dorothy</b> Sandi Toksvig (Virago £22) A couple buy a house off an eccentric old lady who decides she's not going to leave (3,810)	7	3
9	<b>Odyssey</b> Stephen Fry (Michael Joseph £25) The Greek god Poseidon curses Odysseus to wander the seas for ten long years (3,585)	8	3
10	<b>The Blue Hour</b> Paula Hawkins (Doubleday £22) A bone, believed to be human, is found in a sculpture by a reclusive artist (3,185)	—	1

## Fiction paperbacks

		Last week	Weeks in top 10
1	 <b>The Christmas Tree Farm</b> Laurie Gilmore (One More Chapter £9.99) Sparks fly between the stubborn owner of a Christmas tree farm and a tourist in town (14,720)	—	1
2	<b>The Snow Angel</b> Dilly Court (HarperCollins £8.99) In the manger of a town's Nativity display a destitute child is discovered (13,095)	—	1
3	<b>The Pumpkin Spice Café</b> Laurie Gilmore (One More Chapter £9.99) Fresh beginnings beckon when a city girl inherits a small-town café (10,865)	2	9
4	<b>The Boyfriend</b> Freida McFadden (Poisoned Pen £8.99) A New Yorker's new, perfect boyfriend may not be as perfect as he seems (9,980)	3	2
5	<b>It Ends with Us</b> Colleen Hoover (Simon & Schuster £9.99) A first love's reappearance threatens a woman's relationship (7,810)	4	118
6	<b>The Wrong Sister</b> Claire Douglas (Penguin £9.99) A death occurs after two sisters leading very different lives decide to swap places (7,675)	6	15
7	<b>Home</b> Harlan Coben (Arrow £9.99) A boy kidnapped from a New Jersey home is found wandering London's streets (7,420)	1	5
8	<b>The Housemaid</b> Freida McFadden (Little, Brown £9.99) Hired as a live-in maid, an ex-con finds her employers difficult to work for (6,965)	11	24
9	<b>The Cinnamon Bun Book Store</b> Laurie Gilmore (One More Chapter £9.99) A bookseller discovers clues scattered in books on the shelves of her shop (6,680)	7	2
10	<b>A Court of Thorns and Roses</b> Sarah J Maas (Bloomsbury £8.99) After a huntress kills a wolf, a creature demands retribution (6,515)	9	18

## Manuals

1	<b>The Food for Life Cookbook</b> Tim Spector (Jonathan Cape £28) Recipes created in collaboration with the nutrition science company Zoe (29,730)	Last week —	Weeks in top 10 1
2	<b>Simply Jamie</b> Jamie Oliver (Michael Joseph £30) A collection of fast and simple recipes that will slot into the rhythm of your week (12,210)	Last week 1	Weeks in top 10 3
3	<b>Guinness World Records 2025</b> (Guinness £22) The 70th-anniversary edition of the fact book honours iconic record breakers through the decades (6,955)	Last week 2	Weeks in top 10 5
4	<b>Murder</b> GT Karber (Souvenir £14.99) A collection of 100 original murder mystery logic puzzles for armchair detectives (6,115)	Last week 8	Weeks in top 10 67
5	<b>Spooky Cutie</b> (Coco Wyo £7.99) Hand-drawn spooky scenes ready for colouring, to help to relieve stress and encourage relaxation (4,410)	Last week 6	Weeks in top 10 3

Fiction

**The Party**  
by Tessa Hadley  
Jonathan Cape £12.99 ppi28

**Laura Hackett**

You read Tessa Hadley for the details. The 68-year-old is alternately beloved and criticised for her novels and short stories about the particularities of middle-class life in 20th and 21st-century Britain. In *The Past* a three-week-long family holiday in a newly inherited house goes wrong. In *Free Love* a 1960s housewife swaps pork terrines for a young lover in Ladbrooke Grove. In *Late in the Day* (my favourite Hadley – new readers, start here) the bonds between two married couples are shaken when one of the men dies. From sexual habits to silverware and objects to olive oil (extra virgin), the bourgeois domesticity of Hadley’s fictional worlds is defiantly unfashionable. But what she offers to the reader is a luxurious descriptive carefulness.

Anyone could write, as Hadley does in her new novella, *The Party*, that the “savoury fatty fragrance of dinner, hanging everywhere in the house for hours afterwards, was part of the atmosphere of Sunday afternoons”. But few could also conjure up the pleasant claustrophobia such a dinner entails: “the windows dripped with steam”; “boiling fat slopped onto the floor when the potatoes were basted”; “gravy is made with “browning from a crusted, ancient bottle”. And even fewer writers would devote, as Hadley does, as much attention to the clean-up operation as to the conversation over dinner.

This just-too-heavy Sunday roast sits right at the centre of *The Party*, steadying, with its sense of family tradition, a story that is all about change. This is Bristol in the early 1950s and for the sisters Moira and Evelyn the world is full of



# Sex, class and Sunday roasts

In a novella set in 1950s Bristol, Tessa Hadley shows her gift for capturing the minutiae of middle-class life

**Happy campus**  
Student life in postwar Bristol. Below: Tessa Hadley

possibilities. Evelyn has just started studying French at university; Moira, a few years older, is training to be a dressmaker at art school, where she has amassed a collection of exciting bohemian friends. So when Evelyn, still carrying her innocence round like a dowdy handbag, is invited along to a party hosted by Moira’s friend Vincent she is filled with “agitated happiness”.

Evelyn heads to the Steam Packet, “a half-derelict old pub with a terrible reputation”. She is desperate, she tells her nice but NPA (“Non-Physically Attractive”) friend Donald, to be a “succès fou”.

At the party, middle-class art students try to make conversation with “taxi drivers and bookies and chip-shop owners”, with varying levels of success. Moira and Evelyn, by contrast, meet two slightly older men, Paul and Sinden, who are the bourgeoisie to their

petit bourgeoisie. The men smell of public school and Oxbridge, while the sisters hail from the upwardly mobile lower-middle classes: “Moira and Evelyn’s maternal grandfather was a coal miner – and yet their father was petitioning to join the Masons.” Paul and Sinden’s “sneering demeanour” sets the girls on edge, in a way that might be upsetting or titillating – they aren’t quite sure.

Moira and Evelyn later discover that the pub has no ladies’ loo and, in desperation, are forced to pee on the floor in a dark room upstairs. Together, they jump to safety from the fire escape.

So concludes chapter one of *The Party*, which was previously a self-contained short story. Hadley said in an interview: “Those two girls jumping off the bottom of the fire escape seemed a conclusion in itself, the kind of last word you’re always looking for to end a story.” But she was convinced by her publisher (one wonders, cynically, if profitability played a role) to transform the story into a novella.

Chapter two, when Evelyn teaches at Sunday school and comes home for that roast dinner is admittedly a bit of a trudge. But thank God for the thrilling final third of the book, set a few days later, when Paul and Sinden have the girls round to their terribly grand home for a second party (“It’s an awful stuffy old place,” Paul apologises). The night culminates in an act of shocking sexual caddery that threatens to drive a wedge between the two sisters.

The novella is a difficult form to get perfect, but even though *The Party* is inconsistent, there are flashes of Hadley’s usual brilliance right until the end. Having escaped again, the sisters take refuge in a café and drink bitter coffee, simultaneously ashamed and thrilled by their behaviour. Hadley’s power here, as ever, is in the details: “spoons chinked against white china cups”, Moira’s coat is “unbuttoned warily”. And most striking of all, Evelyn, who has left her little leather-bound New Testament behind her, now sits “with her elbows on the table, talking animatedly, gesturing with her cigarette for emphasis”. She has come of age.

## COMING-OF-AGE NOVELS OF NOTE

**Absolutely & Forever**  
by Rose Tremain

Marianne’s middle-class life changes for ever when she loses her virginity to Simon in the back of his Morris Minor. Tremain brings 1960s Britain to glorious life.

**The Country Girls**  
by Edna O’Brien

Cait and Baba abandon their convent school for sex and freedom in Dublin. Watching them stumble towards maturity is pure joy.

**The Pursuit of Love**  
by Nancy Mitford

Sensible Fanny and lovestruck Linda are unlikely best friends, but their adventures in love, war and motherhood have enchanted generations.

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**The night concludes with a shocking act of sexual caddery**



# The man who thought he was a cat

Caleb Carr has written a love letter to the cats who saved him from his demons – most of all the golden-haired Masha

## Memoir

**My Beloved Monster**  
Masha, the Half-Wild Rescue Cat Who Rescued Me  
by Caleb Carr

Allen Lane £25 pp352

## Francesca Angelini

Caleb Carr grew up certain that he had once been a cat. He first expressed the concept as a five-year-old, when he presented his mother with a self-portrait. It showed a boy's body, dressed in trainers, jeans and a shirt, and a huge cat's head with bright green eyes on top of his neck. "This is me before I was born," he told her.

The conviction never left him. For all his life the American military historian and author was sure he had been "imperfectly or incompletely reincarnated" human. How else to explain his intense connection with cats?

And boy, is it intense. For the final two decades of his life Carr lived in a big stone house on a 1,400-acre property on a foothill of Misery Mountain in upstate New York. Winters were long and savage, while for the rest of the year bears, giant weasels, coyotes and men up to no good roamed outside.

His only housemate was Masha, a half-wild Siberian forest rescue cat. For anyone who dared to ask the question, "How could you live for such a long time, alone on a mountain with just a cat?", Carr had a terse rebuke. Masha was very much not "just a cat". This memoir, *My Beloved Monster*, is there to prove so.

Carr, who died in May aged 68, came to fame with his bestselling 1994 novel *The*

*Alienist*, a whodunnit about a serial killer in 1890s Manhattan. He wrote further murder mysteries as well as military history. *My Beloved Monster* is a different beast. It is a love letter to Masha and her feline predecessors. There's no shortage of writers extolling the life-altering bonds they forged with animals, but Carr's relationship is more extreme. Like much of his work, questions about violence and its enduring repercussions are its backbone.

Carr was the middle son of Lucien Carr, a member of the Beat Generation who was convicted of manslaughter for killing his predatory former scoutmaster, who was obsessed with him, and rolling his body into the Hudson when he was a 19-year-old student at Columbia. Until his parents' divorce, Carr grew up in a seedy neighbourhood of Manhattan. Jack Kerouac, Allen Ginsberg and William S Burroughs were regular visitors to the house. The parties were raucous, the arguments passionate. If that sounds cool, it very much was not. "Unbearable" is how Carr puts it. His childhood was defined by abuse and alcoholic parents. His father was violent, pushing his son down flights of stairs. "I began to understand that he was trying to kill me," Carr writes.

Throughout all this Carr's cat Zorro, a superlative mouser who once stole an entire roast chicken, remains his only faithful companion, his "defiant model and heroine". It is no exaggeration, Carr insists, to say that she saved his young life, as other cats would later do too, by teaching him "not simply a talent for survival but compassion, affection, love,



## Soul mates

Masha the Siberian forest cat

and joy". None of which Carr was getting from the humans around him.

Later he resolves that he will break the legacy of abuse and never have children. That explains why so little of *My Beloved Monster* is given over to humans. Indeed it is only his cats (Carr never stoops to calling them "pets") who are given names. And there are many of them, colourfully captured in all their idiosyncrasies. But it's Masha, with her long white whiskers, magnificent tail and walnut-shaped amber eyes, in whom Carr believes he has found his "alter ego".

Masha, in Carr's telling, chooses him when he visits an animal rescue centre in Vermont. She holds out one of her enormous paws to his hand and doles out "affectionate" bites. Staff are shocked. Since Masha was rescued from an abandoned locked apartment, she had pretty much exclusively attacked handlers and potential adopters. "You have to take the cat," one staff member implores Carr.

He takes her home to Misery Mountain. Unlike dogs, a cat's trust is earned, Carr explains, and in a lifetime a cat will usually form just one special bond. Carr is well versed in cat language (he has, remember, "all the qualities that I had taken from members of the species in the first place") and soon wins Masha's trust. They become a pair, in tune with one another, their rhythms aligning. They share a love

for the Romantics – "nothing soothed her like the deep strains of a Wagnerian orchestra" – and enjoy being alone in each other's company. It all feels frightfully human.

Problems come from the outside world, from the danger posed by the predators that lurk in the surroundings to which Masha is drawn. She earns her mantle of "warrior queen", impressing even the hardened vet with her fights with weasels and bears. Her habits can mean that Carr seems to spend a lot of time searching for her outside.

Carr is a voracious researcher and tries to back up his pronouncements with science. But there are points when it gets a bit much. I just couldn't swallow the idea that Masha "saw something in the sunset that surmounted the enormous, uninhabited expanse of countryside to the west: time itself, I came to believe, was a fascination of hers".

He knows he must not overidentify with her yet the parallels are there – and poignantly told. She develops neuropathy, which vets believe came from her being kicked as a kitten. Carr is likewise beset by chronic health problems that stemmed from his father's abuse. Their health declines in tandem. And by the point at which Masha is dying and Carr is whispering, "Be where I can find you," the idea that she is his spirit animal and he was once a cat remarkably makes sense.

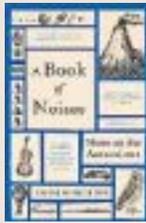
“Masha is a ‘warrior queen’ who fights with weasels and bears”



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PAPERBACKS OF THE WEEK



**A Book of Noises**  
by Casper Henderson  
Granta £10.99 pp368

The best way to read this compendium of 48 essays on wonderful sounds is to dip in. It ranges from the medieval notion of the heavenly “music of the spheres” to the value of silence, by way of the noises made by volcanoes, bizarre musical instruments and the pond-plopping frogs in the work of the Japanese haiku master Matsuo Basho. You could read the book for the sheer cascade of facts it offers, but it has a tender, lyrical quality, which at points makes the writing sing.

James McConnachie

**The Gutenberg Parenthesis**

by Jeff Jarvis  
Bloomsbury £14.99 pp336

The title of this fascinating book refers to a theory that the print era was a historical anomaly, now being eclipsed by the internet. Print-era ideas around authority, privacy and intellectual property are being eroded. Memory and knowledge are returning to a collective, collaborative endeavour. But given the hours I can lose online in a soup of headlines, cat videos, memes and manufactured moral outrage, I wonder: is this our golden future? Sophie McBain



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# Murder in an avalanche, intrigue in the art world

CRIME FICTION ROUND-UP

Joan Smith

**The Clues in the Fjord**  
by Satu Ramo,  
trans. Kristian London

Zaffre £9.99 pp352  
A few years ago Icelandic authors burst on to the bestseller lists, introducing millions of readers to a country with a population of just under 400,000. Now a new name has been added to the roll call, hiding a stellar debut under a deceptively generic title. Its author, Satu Ramo, is Finnish but she has lived in the Westfjords, a sparsely populated area of northwest Iceland, for two decades.

Her first novel is atmospheric and startlingly original, set in an isolated town overlooked by flat-topped mountains.

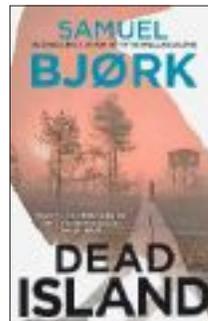
When an avalanche buries several abandoned houses, the sole casualty is an elderly man who turns out to have been murdered. The case is investigated by the area’s only detective, Hildur Runarsdottir, who discovers similarities with the killing of an unscrupulous lawyer in Reykjavik. Ramo brings an outsider’s eye to a novel steeped in Icelandic history, and the effect is mesmerising.

**Sleeping Dogs**  
by Russ Thomas

Simon & Schuster £9.99 pp496  
The fourth novel in Russ Thomas’s unflinching series set in Sheffield begins with his detective, DS Adam Tyler, fighting for his life in hospital. Tyler’s colleague at the cold case review unit, DC Mina Rabbani, begins retracing his steps, trying to work out why he was in a derelict cinema when he fell or was pushed from a gantry. Tyler didn’t confide in her beforehand and the only clue is an unsigned letter about the unsolved disappearance of an MP’s wife 24 years earlier. The woman was abducted in front of her young son and never seen again, even though her husband paid a £250,000 ransom.

It’s not much to go on, but one of Thomas’s intentions in the novel

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is to explore Rabbani’s character out of the shadow of her boss. It’s cleverly structured, presenting two parallel investigations into the old case, and contains a stunning twist that even the most attentive reader is unlikely to see coming.

**The Blue Hour**  
by Paula Hawkins

Doubleday £22 pp336  
An explosive email from a visitor to an exhibition at the Tate Modern kicks off this haunting tale. The visitor is a forensic anthropologist and he’s noticed that a small bone in one of the sculptures, by a recently deceased artist called Vanessa Chapman, appears to be human. Chapman’s husband disappeared in unexplained circumstances 20 years ago and the owner of the gallery that has acquired her estate immediately fears that the two things might be connected. James Becker, an expert on Chapman’s work, is dispatched to the tidal Scottish island where she used to live and where her husband was last seen alive. Her house is now inhabited by Grace Haswell, a retired GP who was Chapman’s companion and carer in the final years of her life, and Becker discovers she is fiercely protective of Chapman’s reputation.

The author of *The Girl on the Train* combines a murder mystery with an exploration of an artist’s troubled inner life in this elegiac novel.

**Dead Island**  
by Samuel Bjork,  
trans. Charlotte Barlund

Bantam £20 pp432  
The homicide unit in Oslo is being wound up for financial reasons, to the fury of Norway’s most successful detective, Holger Munch. He’s distracted by a request for help from a police force on an island off the west coast, where a teenage girl has been murdered. Three years earlier an eight-year-old boy disappeared from the island and his body has never been found. Munch’s idiosyncratic colleague, Mia Kruger, is convinced the two cases are connected. Bjork specialises in psychological mysteries and his novel forensically exposes the secret lives of an apparently upstanding community.



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# TV & Radio

## The best of the week ahead

### THE FRANCHISE

Monday, Sky Comedy/Now, from 10pm

Armando Iannucci, Sam Mendes and Jon Brown (*Succession*) combined forces to create this very funny satire that documents the filming of a lacklustre Hollywood superhero movie – “a scrotum resting on a razor’s edge” – as economic, political and personal tensions threaten to explode.

The brilliant *West Wing*-style one-take walk-and-talk that opens the

**Lights, camera...** and an action-packed satirical comedy is set to fly

show, guided by Himesh Patel’s stressed-out first assistant director, Daniel, introduces viewers not only to the film’s ludicrous universe of fish people and moss men, but also the equally baroque human cast.

There’s the deliciously poisonous thespian Peter (Richard E Grant), simmering away in a supporting role; the “auteur” director Eric (Daniel Brühl) and his weirdly maternal script adviser, Steph (Jessica Hynes); Billy Magnussen’s insecure lead superhero, Adam; and Lolly Adefope’s cynical third assistant director, Dag. Superpowered by killer lines and a formidable cast, it’s something of a marvel.

*Victoria Segal*



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OF THE  
WEEK

### DOCUMENTARY CHOICE

**Dogs Of War**  
(Tue, BBC4, 10pm)

This film, which is an extraordinary addition to the *Storyville* documentary strand, tells the story of Dave Tomkins, a petty thief based in Basingstoke who craved adventure

and found it with a career as an international mercenary. What began in Africa took him across the world, to Afghanistan, Croatia and Colombia, where he led a team to hunt down Pablo Escobar.

### ON DEMAND CHOICE

**Before**  
(Fri, Apple TV+)

Billy Crystal stars as Dr Eli Adler, a widowed child psychiatrist who encounters a troubled young boy with a haunting connection to his dead wife and their family’s past.

A dark and twisting psychological thriller, this drama is a suitably chilling Halloween warm-up act.



### MUSIC CHOICE

**Electric Lady Studios**  
— **A Jimi Hendrix Vision**  
(Fri, Sky Arts/Now, 9.15pm)

Rising from the rubble of a bankrupt nightclub in Greenwich Village, Electric

Ladyland Studios became the first artist-owned commercial recording studio. Featuring interviews and archive footage of Jimi Hendrix, left, performing, this is a fascinating film.

**BBC 1**

- 6.00 **Breakfast** Headlines.
- 7.35 **Match Of The Day (R)**
- 9.00 **Sunday With Laura Kuenssberg** Interviews.
- 10.00 **Politics** Discussion.
- 10.30 **Sunday Morning Live**
- 11.30 **Scotland's Sacred Islands** Ben Fogle explores Catholic island life. (R)
- 12.30 **Bargain Hunt** Curios. (R)
- 1.00 **News; Weather** Reports.
- 1.15 **Songs Of Praise** Laura Wright celebrates the faith of young people.
- 1.50 **Points Of View** Opinions.
- 2.05 **Money For Nothing (R)**
- 2.50 **Escape To The Country (R)**
- 3.35 **FILM: The Secret Life Of Pets 2** With the voice of Patton Oswalt. Max the terrier encounters cows, foxes and a scary turkey when he visits the countryside. Cuddly family animation. (2019, U)
- 4.55 **Spy In The Ocean (R)**
- 5.55 **News; Weather** Reports.
- 6.20 **Countryfile** Joe Crowley visits an Essex potato farm at the height of the harvest, following the crop from field to the onsite factory production line that is making crisps.
- 7.20 **Strictly Come Dancing** The two couples with the lowest combined scores take part in the dance-off.
- 8.00 **Antiques Roadshow** Fiona Bruce and the team return to Cromford Mills in Derbyshire, where items include a collection of rare football shirts, a brooch found in a sock drawer and a quirky bird clock.
- 9.00 **Showtrial** Struggling with Justin's volatile personality, his own insomnia and an absence of medication, Sam reaches breaking point as the trial approaches. (S2, ep 3)
- 10.00 **News; Weather** Reports.
- 10.30 **Match Of The Day 2** Premier League action.
- 11.35 **The Women's Football Show** Highlights.
- 12.20 **The Graham Norton Show** With Bruce Springsteen. (R)
- 1.15-6.00 **Joins BBC News**

**SCOTLAND 10.00** The Sunday Show. **11.35** SportsScene — Premiership Highlights. **12.20** The Women's Football Show. **1.05** The Graham Norton Show. **2.00** BBC News.

**BBC 2**

- 6.35 **Countryfile** Rural life. (R)
- 7.35 **Breakfast** Headlines.
- 9.00 **Landward** Rural issues.
- 9.30 **Weatherman Walking** New series. Derek Brockway takes a walk along the Anglesey coast.
- 10.00 **Saturday Kitchen Best Bites** Recipes from Sabrina Ghayour Nadiya Hussain and Gennaro Contaldo.
- 11.30 **Indian Food Made Easy (R)**
- 12.00 **MOTD — Women's Super League: Manchester City v Aston Villa.** Live at Joie Stadium. Kickoff at 12.15.
- 2.25 **Cycling** The final day of the track world championships, live in Denmark.
- 5.00 **Flog It!** Selling items. (R)
- 5.30 **Amazing Hotels — Life Beyond The Lobby (R)**
- 6.30 **CHOICE BBC Young Musician** Highlights of the final, with the three soloists performing a concerto with the BBC National Orchestra of Wales at Bristol Beacon. (See Critics' choice)
- 8.00 **CHOICE Scotland — The New Wild** Life in the Lowlands, an intensely managed place, dominated by cities, woods and farmland, where nature has often been pushed to the fringes. (See Critics' choice)
- 9.00 **Mortimer & Whitehouse — Gone Fishing** Bob, Paul and Ted travel to Blakeney Point, an important nesting ground for terns and gulls, for a sea-fishing adventure off the north Norfolk coast.
- 9.30 **Charlie Cooper's Myth Country** The actor travels to Wales to discover if King Arthur was a real man or just a myth. (Last in series, R)
- 10.00 **Hauntings** Stories about the ghost of 17th-century Edinburgh executioner George Mackenzie. (3/4)
- 10.45 **Hauntings** Reports of mysterious deaths at a lake in the US state of Georgia. (Last in series)
- 11.35 **CHOICE Housebound** Stars Morgana O'Reilly. A young woman is placed under house arrest, but quickly suspects the place is haunted. (2014, 18; see Film choice)
- 1.20 **Question Time** (Signed, R)
- 2.20 **Life And Death In Gaza** Documentary. (Signed, R)
- 3.50-4.50 **Industry** (Signed, R)

**ITV 1**

- 6.00 **John And Lisa's Weekend Kitchen** Indulgent food. (R)
- 7.00 **M&S — Dress The Nation** Designing menswear. (R)
- 8.00 **Ainsley's Good Mood Food** Grains and pulses. (R)
- 8.25 **Ainsley's Taste Of Malta** In central Malta, Ainsley explores Mdina. (R)
- 9.25 **News; Weather** Reports.
- 9.30 **Love Your Weekend** With guests Brian Conley and Thelma Barlow.
- 11.40 **News; Weather** Update.
- 11.55 **The Voice** Contest. (R)
- 2.00 **NFL: New England Patriots v Jacksonville Jaguars.** Live coverage of the match in week seven between the AFC teams, at Wembley Stadium. Kickoff 2.30.
- 6.00 **For The Love Of Dogs A** police van full of dogs arrives at Battersea Dogs and Cats Home. (R)
- 6.30 **News; Weather** Update.
- 6.45 **Regional News** Headlines.
- 7.00 **Tipping Point — Lucky Stars** Ben Shephard asks the questions as Keith Duffy, Gok Wan and Lesley Garrett take part.
- 8.00 **Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?** Quiz show.
- 9.00 **CHOICE DI Ray** Return of the crime drama, with Parminder Nagra. The drive-by shooting of the head of a crime syndicate threatens to erupt into a gang war. (Series 2, ep 1; see Critics' choice)
- 10.00 **News; Weather** Update.
- 10.15 **CHOICE The Tomorrow War** Stars Chris Pratt. A family man is one of the people conscripted to travel into the future to fight a war against a deadly alien species. (2021, 15; see Film choice)
- 1.00 **Teleshopping** Goods.
- 3.00 **Motorsport UK** (R)
- 3.50 **Unwind** Daily relaxation.
- 5.05-6.00 **Love Your Friday (R)**



Michael Socha (BBC1, 9pm)

**Channel 4**

- 6.20 **Frasier** Sitcom. (R)
- 6.45 **The Simpsons** Cartoon. (R)
- 8.00 **Formula 1** Action from the sprint race and qualifying for the United States Grand Prix, in Austin, Texas.
- 9.30 **Sunday Brunch** With guests David Baddiel, Lisa McGrillis, Nikesh Patel and Jake Quickenden.
- 12.30 **The Simpsons** Cartoon. (R)
- 2.30 **FILM: Hotel Transylvania 3 — A Monster Vacation** With the voice of Adam Sandler. Dracula goes on a cruise for monsters, unaware that their boat is being commandeered by a monster-hating family. Fair. (2018, U)
- 4.20 **News; Weather** Reports.
- 4.50 **Love It Or List It — Brilliant Builds** Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer take a look back at cluttered homes. (R)
- 5.50 **The Great British Bake Off** Alison Hammond and Noel Fielding host as the bakers take on the challenges of caramel week, crafting biscuits and mousse cakes to impress Prue Leith and Paul Hollywood. (R)
- 7.00 **Dispatches** A Dispatches special investigation.
- 8.00 **The Dog House** A girl with Tourette's needs a special pup to stand by her side; and it is love at first sight for a seven-year-old girl and a cockapoo puppy. (R)
- 9.00 **CHOICE Love Cheats** New series charting stories of romance fraud, starting with the experiences of Megan, who was swept off her feet by a charmer who bought her luxury gifts. (1/4; see Critics' choice)
- 10.00 **Gogglebox** Instant reactions to the past week's television shows. (R) **11.00 Gogglebox** Made in Chelsea, and Line of Duty are appraised. (R)
- 12.00 **Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA** Gordon Ramsay heads Max's Bar & Grill in New Jersey. (R)
- 12.50 **Formula 1** Action from the United States Grand Prix.
- 2.05 **Iris Prize Best British Shorts** Selection of films.
- 3.30 **The Simpsons** (R)
- 4.20 **Frasier** Sitcom. (R)
- 5.35 **Find It, Fix It, Flog It (R)**
- 5.45-6.25 **Countdown (R)**

**Channel 5**

- 6.00 **Milkshake!** Children's fun.
- 8.50 **Spongebob** Animation.
- 9.05 **Entertainment News**
- 9.10 **NFL — End Zone**
- 9.35 **Cruising With Jane McDonald (R)**
- 9.50 **Michael Portillo's Pyrenees Adventure (R)**
- 11.45 **Dorset — Country And Coast** Two editions. (R)
- 1.45 **A Very Merry Christmas** Drama, with Nikki Deloach. A widowed artist loses her faith, until a support group helps her to recover what she has lost at Christmas
- 3.30 **Open For Christmas** Drama, with Alison Sweeney. A woman discovers a Christmas card from a secret admirer in high school, and tries to find out who sent it.
- 5.25 **Jason Manford's Funniest Ads** The comedian takes a look at more commercials from around the world. (R)
- 7.00 **CHOICE TK Maxx — How To Bag The Best Bargain** Experts and retail insiders shed light on the tricks of finding real bargains in the stores. (See Critics' choice)
- 8.00 **Rich Holiday, Poor Holiday** Three wealthy friends from London swap vacations with three less well-off women from Essex who like to let their hair down once a year. (R)
- 9.00 **Rich House, Poor House** New series. Two property millionaires swap their country house for a small two-bedroom flat, the home of a tree surgeon Luke and a carer who are £6,000 in debt.
- 10.00 **Grace Kelly — Where Did All The Money Go?** Gemma Godfrey sifts through documents and crunches the numbers to find out the millions made and lost by the actress, revealing where Princess Grace's fortune ultimately went. (R)
- 10.50 **Most Shocking Celebrity Moments** Infamous incidents from the 1990s. (R)
- 12.50 **Entertainment News**
- 1.00 **Casino Show** Gambling.
- 3.00 **New Lives In The Wild (R)**
- 3.50 **The Wonderful World Of Chocolate (R)**
- 4.40 **House Doctor** Advice. (R)
- 5.05 **Divine Designs (R)**
- 5.30 **Entertainment News**
- 5.35-6.00 **Children's Shows**

**Variations**

**BBC1 WALES 4.55** The Hairy Bikers' Asian Adventure **5.25** Weatherman Walking **BBC2 WALES 8.00** Rick Stein's Food Stories **9.30** Rewind — 60 Years Of Welsh Pop **BBC SCOTLAND 7.00** The Seven **7.15** SportsScene — Premiership Highlights **8.00** Paramedics On Scene **9.00** Still Game **9.30** Breaking The News **10.00** Storyville: Dogs Of War. Dave Tomkin's rise to power in the criminal world **11.30-12.00** Sunday Show. Political updates

**STV 6.00** John And Lisa's Weekend Kitchen **7.00** M&S — Dress The Nation **8.00** Ainsley's Good Mood Food **8.25** Ainsley's Taste Of Malta **9.25** News; Weather **9.30** Love Your Weekend **11.40** News; Weather **11.55** The Voice **2.00** NFL. Live **6.00** For The Love Of Dogs **6.30** News; Weather **6.45** Regional News **7.00** Tipping Point — Lucky Stars **8.00** Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? **9.00** DI Ray **10.00** News; Weather **10.15** FILM: The Tomorrow War **1.00** Teleshopping **3.00-6.00** Unwind **S4C 6.00** Cyw **7.40** Ein Byd Bach

**7.50** Sam Tan **8.00** Patrol Pawennau **8.15** Oli Wyn **8.25** Cwrcw A'i Ffrindiau **8.35** Ahoi! **8.50** Penblwyddi Cyw **9.00** Y Fets **10.00** Wil Ac Aeron — Taith Yr Alban **10.30** Dechrau Canu Dechrau Canmol **11.00** Triathlon Cymru — Triathlon Llandudno **12.00** Ralio+ **1.30** Pobol Y Cwm — Y Cymeriadau **2.05** Clwb Rygbi **5.35** Pobol Y Cwm Omnibws **7.15** Newyddion **7.30** Dechrau Canu Dechrau Canmol **8.00** IaitH Ar Daith **9.00** Cleddau **10.00** Goglebocs Cymru **11.00-11.35** Sgwrs Dan Y Lloer

**You say**

In **All Creatures Great And Small**, when everyone grabbed every medical text book in the library to see if brucellosis was contagious to humans, it made me realise how much our lives have changed since Google.

**Kay Bagon**

Dave Arch and his orchestra are vital to the success of **Strictly** and yet only receive the briefest of recognition. To see the faces of the musicians and the vocalists would be great!

**Sue Evetts**

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## Critics' choice

### DI Ray (ITV1, 9pm)

Grimly forking through a microwave meal has long been a TV drama signifier of a troubled personal life – especially when accompanied by a bottle of wine. Fans of Parminder Nagra's DI Rachita Ray will already know that the police officer has a lot on her plate. As series two of this crime drama begins, she's returning to work after her suspension, battling her colleagues, her demons and (thankfully, for a police procedural) a raft of criminals. The tightly wound Ray leads an investigation into a drive-by shooting outside a hospital that kills a young nurse and an old crime boss ("even stone cold you wouldn't cross him"), an event that threatens to trigger a gangland rampage in Birmingham. It turns into a sour story of revenge and family ties, with Michael Socha (*Showtrial*) adding malevolent flair as the scion of a crime family.

Victoria Segal



It's a tough call: Parminder Nagra is back in action as DI Rachita Ray

## Seeking love – finding a trail of broken hearts

### Love Cheats (C4, 9pm)

This series might initially seem similar to shows that warn against falling victim to scams, but it unfolds like a true-crime podcast. The first episode features Megan, a bar manager on the Isle of Wight who fell in love with an aristocratic horologist who had just moved into an island mansion. If that description sets your alarm bells ringing, you are already a few steps ahead of Megan – and the rest of those caught up in this tangled web. VS

Victim:  
Megan



### Joan Bakewell At The BBC (BBC4, from 8pm)

Joan Bakewell started working at the BBC in the early 1960s, so no wonder that the presenter, 91, has a rich archive of material to fuel this celebration. At 8pm she discusses her career, sharing thoughts on how "being nosy" made her a better journalist, and on the drive required to prevail as a woman working in a male-dominated TV industry. In *Joan Bakewell Remembers ... Nelson Mandela* at 8.30pm, she then introduces a key 1990 interview from her current affairs strand, *Nelson Mandela in His Own Words – Heart Of The Matter* (8.40pm). Via *Joan Bakewell Remembers ... Marcel Duchamp* at 9.20pm, Bakewell gets an opportunity to showcase her wide interviewing reach, which is followed by her 1968 conversation with a father of dada in *Marcel Duchamp – Late Night Line-Up* (9.30pm). VS

### Young Musician (BBC2, 6.30pm)

It's the grand final at Bristol Beacon, and a competition dominated by string players and pianists is down to the final three. Their challenge is performing concertos with the BBC National Orchestra of Wales, and under the new format introduced this year (axing the previous large, one-off final juries) the judges are the same as in every round: Alison Balsom, Alexis Ffrench and Hannah Catherine Jones. The grand final full concert is on BBC4 at 11pm.



Mandela, Bakewell (BBC4, 8.40pm)

### TK Maxx — How To Bag The Best Bargain (C5, 7pm)

TK Maxx, best known for discount clothing, has been in the UK since 1994. Its homeware gets as much attention as the apparel in this guide for savvy shoppers. As in Channel 5's programmes on other retailers, consumers are asked to spot the difference between own-brand products and high-end goods, and former staffers reveal the methods used to encourage us to spend more time in store and put more in our baskets.

### Scotland — The New Wild (BBC2, 8pm)

After an opening film about Scotland's islands, this episode is devoted to the Lowlands, which stretch from the northeast to the Borders. As well as segments on wildlife in cities, there are glimpses of beavers, bearded tits and marsh harriers in the countryside.

John Dugdale

## Film choice

### The Tomorrow War (ITV1, 10.15pm)

Chris Pratt plays Dan Forester, an Iraq war veteran turned schoolteacher who begins the film (set in 2022) in the doldrums. Luckily for Dan the Earth is soon visited by soldiers from 2051, who reveal that the human race is on the verge of extinction because of carnivorous insectoid aliens. More soldiers are needed to fight the beasts. Cue Dan. (2021)

### Housebound (BBC2, 11.35pm)

In this fresh comedy-horror a sulky delinquent, Kylie (Morgana O'Reilly), is under house arrest in her haunted family home in New Zealand. Worse than the ghosts, bloodstained evidence, icy draughts and disembodied hands is Kylie's nightmarishly chatty mother, whose inanities give rise to hilariously misguided parenting. (2014)

### Amulet (Film4, 11.45pm)

The actress Romola Garai proves herself an assured director of "elevated horror" – think of *Hereditary*, *Get Out* or *The Witch* – with her feature debut, which she also wrote. Set in London, it concerns an eastern European war veteran called Tomaz (Alec Secareanu) who becomes a handyman in a seemingly haunted house where, he is told, a dying woman in the attic and her daughter live. (2020)

## On demand

### ● Peter Sellers — A State Of Comic Ecstasy (BBC iPlayer)

Part career overview, part psychological analysis – John O'Rourke's 2020 documentary makes the argument that this great British comic actor may possibly have been a sociopath. Of course, no one says it outright, but the evidence is there: the lies, the self-deception, the lack of any sense of a true self. O'Rourke draws

heavily from the three-part 1995 *Arena* documentary *The Peter Sellers Story*, but incorporates new interviews with the women in his life, most notably his second wife, Britt Ekland, who surmises that "Peter had no 'own personality'. There was no Peter Sellers as a human being."

### ● Mrs Fletcher (Sky/Now)

Underwhelmed by Marvel's *WandaVision* spin-off *Agatha All Along* and in need of some quality

Kathryn Hahn content? Try this bold, brassy and bracingly candid miniseries. Hahn stars as a divorcée, Eve Fletcher, coming to terms with freedom, loneliness and sexual liberation while her troubled son Brendan (Jackson White) is at college. It's intelligent, funny, often disturbing and dares to believe that an audience can watch a show about female freedom and toxic masculinity without having its hand held.

Andrew Male

BBC 3

- 7.00pm EastEnders** Soap.
- 8.00 Waterloo Road** Steve and Billy face the consequences of their actions. (Series 14, ep 6)
- 9.00 FILM: If Beale Street Could Talk** Stars KiKi Layne. A couple's plans are derailed when the fiancé is arrested for a crime they did not commit. Superb. (2018, 15)
- 10.50 RuPaul's Drag Race UK** The Girl Group Challenge.
- 12.00 Ginger's House**
- 12.10 Charlotte In Sunderland**
- 1.10 Paranormal — The Girl, The Ghost And The Gravestone** Investigation.
- 2.10 Dubai Hustle** Reality.
- 2.40 Lazy Susan** Sitcom. (2/4)
- 2.55-3.55 Paranormal — The Girl, The Ghost And The Gravestone** Insights.

U&Drama

- 4.35pm Catherine Cookson's Tilly Trotter** Tilly and Katie Drew begin working at Sopwith's mine.
- 6.40 Last Tango In Halifax** Caroline panics when Kate is rushed to hospital. (Series 2, ep 6)
- 8.00 Recipes For Love And Murder** Maria focuses on a letter writer in search of her father; and Martine's cousin Candy arrives. (4/10)
- 9.00 Silent Witness** The murder of a prominent anti-fundamentalist Muslim drags the Lyell team into the murky world of hate-crime and counter-terrorism. (Series 19, ep 2)
- 11.15-1.15 The Brokenwood Mysteries** An avid cyclist suffers a massive coronary at the top of a local mountain. (Series 5, ep 3)

Films

- SKY CINEMA PREMIERE**
- 4.35pm Drive-Away Dolls** (2024, 15)
  - 6.15 Caddo Lake** (2024, 12) **8.00** The Radleys. A seemingly ordinary family hide a dark secret. (2024, 15)
  - 10.00 One Life.** A stockbroker tries to rescue children from Nazi-occupied Czechoslovakia. (2023, 12) **11.55-1.50** Freud's Last Session. Stars Anthony Hopkins. (2023, 12)
- SKY CINEMA THRILLER**
- 5.50pm** Ocean's Twelve (2004, 12)
  - 8.00** Ocean's Thirteen. Thieves need the help of an enemy in order to get even with a casino boss. (2007, PG) **10.15-12.05** A Sacrifice. A social psychologist investigates a local cult. (2024, 15)
- SKY CINEMA GREATS**
- 5.15pm** Blade Runner (1982, 15)
  - 7.15** Mad Max. A cop in the future sets out to avenge his family's murder at the hands of a biker gang. (1979, 18) **9.00** Midnight Run. A bounty hunter escorts a crooked accountant from New York to Los Angeles. (1988, 18) **11.10-1.00** King Of New York (1990, 18)

BBC 4

- 7.00pm The Complete Victor Borge — Show Of The Week** (Last in series)
- 7.30 Concerto At The Proms**
- 8.00 CHOICE Joan Bakewell At The BBC** Interviews. (See Critics' choice)
- 8.30 Joan Bakewell Remembers ... Nelson Mandela In Heart Of The Matter** Interview.
- 8.40 Heart Of The Matter**
- 9.20 Joan Bakewell Remembers ... Marcel Duchamp In Late Night Line-Up** Interview.
- 9.30 Late Night Line-Up**
- 9.55 Joan Bakewell — Flowering In Autumn**
- 10.25 Heart Of The Matter**
- 11.00 BBC Young Musician**
- 1.30 As 7pm**
- 2.00 Face The Music**
- 2.35 As 8.40pm**
- 3.15-3.45 As 10.25pm**

Sky Arts

- 5.20pm Laurel And Hardy — Their Lives And Magic**
- 7.00 Discovering Ben Kingsley**
- 8.00 FILM: The Thomas Crown Affair** Stars Steve McQueen and Faye Dunaway. A bored millionaire masterminds a bank robbery, only to be pursued by a glamorous investigator. Stylish heist movie. (1968, PG)
- 9.55 The Warhol Effect** Documentary lifting the lid on the last decade of Andy Warhol's life and the artistic legacy he left, featuring previously unseen footage and interviews with insiders.
- 11.55 FILM: The Reptile** Stars Noel Willman. Horror. (1966, 15; ends at **1.40**)

- SKY CINEMA SELECT**
- 5.00pm** Interstellar (2014, 12) **8.00** The Matrix. A hacker joins with rebels to free humans from a virtual-reality fantasy. (1999, 15)
  - 10.20-12.50** Inception. A hi-tech thief enters a corporate heir's mind to implant an idea. (2010, 12)
- SKY CINEMA DRAMA**
- 4.05pm** Terms Of Endearment (1983, 15) **6.20** Lady Bird (2017, 15)
  - 8.00** Meet Joe Black. Death takes on human form to claim a tycoon's life. (1998, 12) **11.05-1.30** Far And Away. Period drama (1992, 15)
- FILM 4**
- 4.40pm** Enemy Mine (1985, 12)
  - 6.45** Instant Family. A couple decide to adopt a rebellious teenager. (2018, 12) **9.00** Bohemian Rhapsody. Biopic. (2018, 12)
  - 11.45-1.40 CHOICE** Amulet (2020, 15; see Film choice)
- Entertainment**
- ITV 4**
- 5.50pm** FILM: Police Academy 6 — City Under Siege **7.30 LIVE** LaLiga: Barcelona v Sevilla. Kickoff 8.00
  - 10.20** FILM: Rocky III. Boxing drama

ITV 2

- 5.05pm FILM: Johnny English Strikes Again** Stars Rowan Atkinson, Ben Miller and Olga Kurylenko. Fun ppy comedy. (2018, 12; includes FYI Daily)
- 6.55 FILM: Dolittle** Stars Robert Downey Jr and Antonio Banderas. Eccentric physician Dr John Dolittle is drawn into a mission to save Queen Victoria's life. Discombobulated. (2020, PG; includes FYI Daily)
- 9.00 Big Brother** Daily roundup.
- 10.00 Big Brother — Late & Live** Companion show.
- 11.05 Family Guy** Lois takes Meg on holiday after winning a contest. (Series 22, ep 7)
- 11.35-12.00 Family Guy** Joe's soldier son returns from Iraq. (Series 10, ep 6)

Sky Max

- 6.00pm The Walking Dead** The origins of Alpha and Beta are revealed. (S10, ep 2, R)
- 7.00 FILM: RoboCop** Stars Peter Weller. A murdered police officer is rebuilt as a cyborg, but memories of his human life lead him to turn on his corrupt creators. Satisfying sci-fi thriller. (1987, 18)
- 9.00 Seal Team** Bravo team targets a factory in Myanmar that the DEA has tied to China and fentanyl production. (S7, ep 4, R)
- 10.00 Brassic** The gang tries to rescue Gideon from a cult. (Series 6, ep 4, R)
- 11.00-12.05 The Walking Dead: Daryl Dixon — The Book Of Carol** Daryl and Isabelle rush to rescue one of their group. (Series 2, ep 3, R)

- 12.25-2.15** FILM: Renegades. Stars Kiefer Sutherland. Action adventure
- MORE 4**
- 5.50pm** Come Dine With Me **8.00** 24 Hours In A&E. A man arrives after collapsing **9.00** The Emergency Ward **10.00** 24 Hours In Police Custody **11.05** Emergency Helicopter Medics **12.10** The Emergency Ward **1.15-2.20** 24 Hours In Police Custody
- GOLD**
- 5.00pm** Only Fools And Horses **8.05** Dad's Army **8.40** Only Fools And Horses **10.00** Ghosts **12.00** Billy Connolly Does ... **1.00-2.45** Ghosts
- SKY COMEDY**
- 6.00pm** Will & Grace **6.30** The US Office **9.00** Saturday Night Live. Michael Keaton hosts, with music by Billie Eilish **10.30** Divorce **11.50** Sex And The City **12.30** Saturday Night Live **2.00-2.45** The Franchise
- 5 STAR**
- 6.00pm** Police Interceptors **9.00** Belmarsh — Serial Killers & High Security **10.00** HMP Wakefield — Evil Behind Bars **11.20** 999 — Criminals Caught On Camera **12.15** Adults Only: Cam Girls Get Rich **1.15-2.15** I Escaped A Murderer

ITV 3

- 6.00pm Poirot** The detective investigates a double poisoning, aiming to prove the innocence of the chief suspect Elinor Carlisle. (Series 9, ep 2)
- 8.00 The Larkins** Ma's sister Bertha comes to visit; and Tom's plans for Bluff Court are speeding ahead. (Series 1, ep 5) **9.00 The Larkins** The family goes to extreme lengths to persuade Mariette not to leave for France; and Angela Snow arrives and sets tongues wagging.
- 10.00-12.00 Foyle's War** The son of a high-profile Jewish businessman is attacked in the grounds of a university, leaving Foyle to consider the possibility that the attack was racially motivated. (Series 8, ep 2)

Sky Atlantic

- 5.55pm Billions** Chuck faces a dilemma when he is given a perverse directive. (Series 3, ep 3) **6.55 Billions** Axe explores the new arena of venture philanthropy while Chuck tries to reconcile with his father.
- 7.55 The Wire** Proposition Joe discusses a deal with Stringer. (Series 2, ep 7)
- 9.00 Sweetpea** Rhiannon's victim is found, so she is on a mission to find out who he was and whether or not he deserved it. (2/6)
- 10.00 The Penguin** Sofia makes plans for a more hopeful future as she confronts the events that turned her into the Hangman. (4/8)
- 11.10-12.15 American Rust** Harris races the clock in his search for the anonymous eyewitness. (Series 1, ep 5)

- 5 USA**
- 6.00pm** NCIS **9.00** NCIS: Hawai'i **10.00** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit **12.55-3.35** Blindspot
- SKY WITNESS**
- 6.00pm** Nothing To Declare **8.00** Border Security — Canada's Front Line. Documentary **9.00** Blue Bloods. Jamie investigates scammers who are defrauding the elderly **10.00** The Cleaning Lady **11.00** Fire Country **12.00** FBI — International **1.00** New Amsterdam **2.00-3.00** The Cleaning Lady
- U&W**
- 5.40pm** Outnumbered **7.00** Inside The Operating Theatre **9.00** Emergency — First Time Medics **11.00** One Born — What Happened Next? **1.00** One Born Every Minute **2.00-3.00** The Undateables
- COMEDY CENTRAL**
- 5.35pm** Friends **6.00** FILM: Paul Blart — Mall Cop. Stars Kevin James **8.00** FILM: Groundhog Day. Stars Bill Murray **10.00** FILM: The Change-Up. Stars Jason Bateman and Ryan Reynolds **12.20** Lee Evans — Live In Scotland. Stand-up **1.50-2.50** Michael McIntyre — Live & Laughing

E4

- 5.15pm Lego Masters Australia** The seven remaining teams make mechanisms to lift their creations up a six-metre vertical wire.
- 6.35 FILM: Sahara** Stars Matthew McConaughey. An explorer searches for a treasure-laden American Civil War battleship believed to be somewhere in the Sahara. Breezy action thriller. (2005, 12)
- 9.00 FILM: Mission: Impossible — Fallout** Stars Tom Cruise and Henry Cavill. Ethan Hunt, the IMF team and a CIA assassin try to prevent a disaster caused by a group of terrorists. Action masterpiece. (2018, 12)
- 11.55-1.00 Gogglebox** Opinions.

TPTV

- 6.00pm Look At Life** A look at the River Thames from its source in Gloucestershire to the Port of London.
- 6.10 FILM: This Happy Breed** Stars Robert Newton. A working-class family moves to suburbia after the First World War, but struggles to adapt to rising up the social ladder. Interesting drama. (1944, U)
- 8.25 A Lifetime Ago With The Baim Collection** Footage of the SS France from 1973.
- 9.00 Victorian Scandals** Drama anthology from 1976, exploring events that shocked Victorian society.
- 10.05-12.10 Black Velvet Band** Historical drama about five criminals transported to Australia. With Nick Berry and Todd Carty.

- U&YESTERDAY**
- 6.00pm** Canal Boat Diaries **8.00** 'Allo 'Allo! **10.00** Bangers & Cash **12.00-1.00** Guy's Garage
- U&DAVE**
- 6.00pm** Cornwall With Simon Reeve **7.00** Border Force — America's Gatekeepers **8.00** World's Most Dangerous Roads. Rhod Gilbert and Angela Barnes tackle Italy **9.00** Have I Got A Bit More News For You **10.00** QI XL **11.00** Mock The Week **11.40** Live At The Apollo **12.40** Red Dwarf **2.00-2.50** QI XL
- Factual**
- NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC**
- 6.00pm** Eyewitness — D-Day **7.00** Nazi Sunken Sub **8.00** Lost Treasures Of Egypt **9.00** Titanic — Case Closed. Documentary **11.00** Drain The Oceans — Deep Dive **12.00-2.00** Atlas Of Cursed Places
- DISCOVERY**
- 6.00pm** Scrap Kings **7.00** Alaska: Homestead Rescue **9.00** Alaska — The Last Frontier **10.00** Kindig Customs **11.00** Goblin Works Garage. A turbo-charged Porsche 944 **12.00-4.00** Shorty's Dream Shop

# 5 Great shows... BBC iPlayer

**1 Lost Boys & Fairies (2024)** **Leila Farzad as Lou Slack**  
The writer Daf James's drama is partly a dramatised guide to the adoption process, seen through the eyes of a gay couple.

**2 Wild Scandinavia (2023)**  
Rebecca Ferguson narrates this breathtaking guide to "the realm of Thor and Odin".

**3 Better (2023)**  
Leila Farzad plays Lou, a Leeds detective connected to Col, Andrew Buchan's Ulster-accented Mr Big.

**4 Staged (2020-23)**  
Actorly egos come with no expiration date, so it makes sense that this Zoom-based comedy, originally conceived as a lockdown project, should keep delivering series after series.

**5 The Thick Of It (2005-12)**  
With Armando Iannucci's latest satire, *The Franchise*, now on Sky, why not go back and enjoy his political comedy?

Tim Glanfield



## PBS AMERICA

**5.20pm** WW2 — Battle Of Crete  
**7.40** The Ghetts & The Holocaust  
**8.50** Auschwitz — The Inside Man.  
The story of Witold Pilecki **9.55-12.00** Women Under Hitler's Flag

## SKY DOCUMENTARIES

**5.00pm** Ice On Fire **7.00** Nothing Compares. The story of Sinéad O'Connor's rise to worldwide fame  
**9.00** Chimp Crazy. Alan Cumming doubles the reward for news of Tonka's whereabouts **10.00** Fatboy Slim — Right Here, Right Now  
**11.50-1.40** Who Killed The KLF?

## SKY NATURE

**6.00pm** The Hungry Games — Alaska Big Bear Challenge **7.00** Super Shark Highway. The southern team test new migration tech **8.00** David Attenborough's First Life. Double bill **10.30** Micro Monsters. Courtship in the bug world  
**11.00-12.00** The Hungry Games — Alaska Big Bear Challenge

## DISCOVERY HISTORY

**6.00pm** Greatest Events Of World War II. Double bill **8.00** Salvage Hunters — The Restorers  
**10.00-12.00** Shed And Buried

## Sport

### SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT

**6.00am** LIVE **LPGA** Tour Golf **8.00** Good Morning Sports Fans **10.00** Super Sunday Matchday **11.00** LIVE **SPFL 2.00** LIVE Super Sunday: Wolverhampton Wanderers v Manchester City **4.00** LIVE Super Sunday: Liverpool v Chelsea **7.15** LIVE Formula 1. The United States Grand Prix **10.00** LIVE NFL **12.30** NBC's **FNIA 1.10** LIVE NFL **4.30-6.00** LIVE Tennis

### TNT SPORTS 1

**6.00am** LIVE Test Cricket **1.00** Uefa Champions League Magazine  
**1.30** Premiership Rugby Union **2.30** LIVE Premiership Rugby Union: Leicester Tigers v Gloucester Rugby  
**5.15** The Rugby Review **6.00** Tom Aspinall's Fight Lab **6.45** Sign Up — Into Football **7.30** LIVE Serie A: AS Roma v Inter Milan **9.45** What I Wore **10.00** Uefa Europa League & Conference League Magazine **11.00** America's Cup **11.30** Premiership Rugby Union **12.30** LIVE MLB **3.45** Premiership Women's Rugby **4.45** Badminton Weekly **5.00** WRC **5.30-6.00** America's Cup

## Radio & Podcasts

### ● Open Book — AI And The Novel (Radio 4, 4pm)

Recorded at the Southbank Centre's London Literature Festival, this special edition of the show presented by Elizabeth Day and Johnny Pitts explores artificial intelligence and the novel. The novelists Naomi Alderman, Adam Thirlwell and Julianne Pachico discuss the role of AI in fiction and the ways it could change the way we write. Alderman's novel *The Future* tells the story of a daring heist to save the world from tech giants, while Pachico's novel, *The Jungle*, is about a girl raised by AI.



Adam Thirlwell's latest novel is *The Future*

### ● Choosing Race (Radio 4, 1.30pm)

When Donald Trump claimed that Kamala Harris "happened to turn black" it opened a debate about racial identity. Ellie House travels around America, meeting Lianna Costantino of the Tribal Alliance

Against Fraud, which exposes people claiming to have Native American heritage; the author Erika Wurth, who has been accused of profiting from tribal stories; and Dr Ronnie Gladden, who describes himself as having a "transracial" (transgender and transracial) identity.

### ● BBC Trending (BBC World Service, 11.30am)

This programme examines another level of social media scamming. *Yami baito* is Japanese for "dark part-time jobs", which are posted on social media or encrypted messaging services but are a front for get-rich-quick schemes or even extreme crimes. *Clair Woodward*

## TIMES RADIO

**10.00** Sunday Morning With Kate McCann And Adam Boulton  
**1.00** Alexis Conran **4.00** Ayesha Hazarika With Times Radio Drive  
**7.00** The Best Of Times Podcasts  
**8.00** The Story **8.30** Highlights From Times Radio **10.00** Darryl Morris **1.00** The Story **1.30** The Best Of Times Radio

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## RADIO 4

**10.00** Desert Island Discs (R)  
**10.45** More Wow (R) **11.00** The Archers **12.15** Profile (R) **12.30** Just A Minute (R) **1.00** The World This Weekend **1.30** Choosing Race. Ellie House explores issues of racial identity in America **2.00** Gardeners' Question Time (R)  
**2.45** Opening Lines. John Yorke continues his exploration of Charles Dickens' Little Dorrit **3.00** Drama: Dickensian — Little Dorrit. Mike Walker's adaptation of Charles Dickens' novel **4.00** Open Book (R) **4.30** Brain Of Britain. With contestants from St Helens, Leeds, Oldham and Chesterfield **5.00** Witness History (R) **5.10** The Verb. Ian McMillan is joined by Paul Farley, Malika Booker, Rob Drummond and Kate Fox for the best in poetry, new writing and performance **5.54** Shipping **6.00** News **6.15** Pick Of The Week **7.00** The Archers **7.15** Rebirth **7.45** Buried (R) **8.00** Rage Against The Regime — The Revolutionary Power Of Metal Music. Danni Leivers explores how metal musicians have existed under oppressive regimes in the Middle East over the last two decades (R) **8.30** Last Word (R) **9.00** Money Box (R) **9.25** Appeal (R) **9.30** From Our Own Correspondent (R) **10.00** The Westminster Hour **11.00** In Our Time (R) **11.45** Short Works (R) **12.00** News **12.15** World Of Secrets — AIayed, Predator At Harrods (R) **12.45** Bells (R) **12.48** Shipping **1.00** As World Service

## RADIO 4 EXTRA

**10.00** Beyond Our Ken **10.30** The Enchanting World Of Hinge And Bracket **11.00** Desert Island Discs Revisited **11.45** David Attenborough's Life Stories **12.00** Poetry Extra **12.30** Piranesi **1.40** Inheritance Tracks **1.50** Les Misérables **3.00** Beyond Our Ken **3.30** The Enchanting World Of Hinge And Bracket **4.00** The Weirstone Of Brisngamen **4.30** Catch My Breath **5.00** Desert Island Discs Revisited **5.45** David Attenborough's Life Stories **6.00** Poetry Extra **6.30** Piranesi **7.40** Inheritance Tracks **7.50** Les Misérables **9.00** Beyond Our Ken **9.30** The Enchanting World Of Hinge And Bracket **10.00** On The Town With The League Of Gentlemen **10.30** Electric Ink **11.00** Old Harry's Game **11.30** Twenty Players **11.45-12.00** Electric Ink

## LBC

**10.00** Lewis Goodall **12.00** Ali Miraj **3.00** Vanessa Feltz **6.00** Clare Foges **9.00** The Consumer Hour **10.00** Nick Abbot. Discussion **1.00** Richard Spurr **4.00** Ian Payne

## RADIO 3

**9.00** Sunday Morning **12.00** Private Passions. Michael Berkeley is joined by the novelist and poet Garth Greenwell **1.30** Music Map. The history and legacy of Sally Beamish's *Seavaigera* **3.00** Choral Evensong (R) **4.00** Jazz Record Requests **5.00** Nicola Benedetti. The violinist performs Glazunov's heartfelt Violin Concerto in A minor with Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Kirill Karabits **5.25** BBC Young Musician. Sarah Walker presents the final, as three soloists compete to win the prestigious prize, with each one performing a concerto with the BBC National Orchestra of Wales **8.00** Drama On 3: Venice Preserved, by Thomas Otway. The government of Venice is corrupt and self-serving and as rebels prepare for revolution a couple are caught between love and ideology. With Sandy Grierson and Paul Adeyefa (R)

## 9.30 New Generation Artists.

Geneva Lewis and Evra Ozel play Mozart's Violin Sonata in G; and Ryan Corbett explores an arrangement for accordion of Mendelssohn's Rondo Capriccioso **10.00** Night Tracks. Music by Hildegard von Bingen, Bach, Arthur Russell, Faure, Belbury Poly, the Four Freshmen, Ennio Morricone and Hildur Gudnadottir **11.30** Unclassified. Goldfrapp's Will Gregory is in the Listening Chair (R) **12.30** Through The Night

## CLASSIC FM

**10.00** Aled Jones **1.00** Joanna Gosling. Beethoven's 7th is Joanna's Sunday Symphony **4.00** Stephen Mangan **7.00** Zeb Soanes **10.00** Ritula Shah **1.00** Bill Overtun **4.00** Lucy Coward

## RADIO 2

**9.00** Love Songs With Michael Ball **11.00** Paddy McGuinness **1.00** Elaine Paige **3.00** Sounds Of The 70s **5.00** Rob Beckett **7.00** Tony Blackburn **8.00** Queens Of Soul. A celebration of Tina Turner, Whitney Houston and Aretha Franklin **10.00** Radio 2 Unwinds **12.00** Phil Williams **3.00** Alternative Sounds Of The 90s **4.00** Jason Mohammad

## VIRGIN RADIO

**10.00** Tom Allen **1.00** Dick & Dom **4.00** Graeme Smith **7.00** Bam **10.00** Olivia Jones **1.00** Sean Goldsmith **4.00** Steve Denyer

## TALKSPORT

**9.00** Sunday Edition **11.00** The Warm Up **1.30** Sunday Session **6.30** The Final Word **9.00** Trans Europe Express **12.00** A Talksport Special **1.00** Extra Time

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**BBC 1**

- 6.00 Breakfast** Headlines.
- 9.30 Morning Live** Magazine.
- 10.45 Crimewatch Caught** New series. How detectives cracked perplexing cases.
- 11.15 Homes Under The Hammer** Auctions. (R)
- 12.15 Bargain Hunt** Curios.
- 1.00 News; Weather** Reports.
- 2.00 Doctors** Rosie goes on a sustainability course.
- 2.30 Money For Nothing** (R)
- 3.00 Escape To The Country**
- 3.45 Garden Rescue** (R)
- 4.30 The Bidding Room**
- 5.15 Pointless** Quiz show. (R)
- 6.00 News; Weather** Reports.
- 6.30 Regional News** Update.
- 7.00 The One Show** Features.
- 7.30 EastEnders** Alfie arrives home from Birmingham and demands answers from Kat; and Jack has worrying information for Penny.
- 8.00 Panorama** Investigating questions raised about the child killer Lucy Letby.
- 8.30 CHOICE Just One Thing** Michael Mosley meets a woman looking for a way to help her memory and give her brainpower a boost, trying everything from learning languages to dancing and baking. (2/2; see Critics' choice)
- 9.00 Mr Loverman** Barry sets out to meet Morris and discuss their future, but his journey is haunted by memories from the past. (3/8)
- 9.30 Mr Loverman** Carmel returns to her father in Antigua, where she reflects on her own secrets, regrets and her side of the complicated marriage story.
- 10.00 News; Weather** Reports.
- 10.40 Have I Got A Bit More News For You** Hannah Fry hosts, with Phil Wang and Carol Vorderman. (R)
- 11.25 Bump** Vince has to think fast after Santi declares he does not want a stag party. (S4, ep 5)
- 12.00 Bump** Rosa faces unexpected motherhood challenges.
- 12.35 The Wheel** Game. (R)
- 1.40-6.00 Joins BBC News**

**SCOTLAND 6.30** Reporting Scotland; Weather. **10.40** Stevens & McCarthy. **11.10** Inside Barlinnie. **12.10** SportsScene — SWPL Highlights. **12.40** Have I Got A Bit More News For You. **1.25** Bump. **2.40** BBC News.

**BBC 2**

- 6.15 Homes Under The Hammer** Auctions. (R)
- 7.15 The Bidding Room** (R)
- 8.00 The Repair Shop** Restoring a painting. (Signed, R)
- 9.00 News; Weather** Headlines.
- 12.15 Politics Live** Discussion.
- 1.00 Impossible** Gameshow. (R)
- 1.45 Unbeatable** Quiz. (R)
- 2.30 The Boss** Quiz show. (R)
- 3.15 Tigers About The House** (R)
- 4.15 The Great British Countryside** Insights. (R)
- 5.15 Flog It!** Selling items. (R)
- 6.00 House Of Games** With Chris Bissón, Danielle Harold, Katharine Merry and Robert Webb.
- 6.30 Strictly — It Takes Two** Fleur East chats to the latest eliminated couple.
- 7.00 CHOICE The Interview** With Yulia Navalnaya the economist and widow of Alexei Navalny. (See Critics' choice)
- 7.30 Mastermind** The specialist subjects include Roman emperor Claudius, and Andrew Lloyd Webber's The Phantom of the Opera.
- 8.00 Only Connect** Victoria Coren Mitchell hosts another first-round match as the Pipe-Dreamers take on the Tea Totalers.
- 8.30 University Challenge** Amol Rajan asks the questions in another first-round match, the University of St Andrews takes on Cardiff University.
- 9.00 Solar System** Professor Brian Cox focuses on the storm worlds of the solar system, exploring the weird weather that plays out in the atmospheres of distant planets and moons.
- 10.00 Alma's Not Normal** Alma joins a stand-up comedy course run by her old acting teacher, Ian; and Joan's mum dies, so her estranged siblings gather to plan the funeral. (Series 2, ep 3)
- 10.30 Newsnight** Headlines.
- 11.05 CHOICE Harriet** Stars Cynthia Erivo. Biopic telling the story of Harriet Tubman, chronicling her escape from slavery and her transformation into a leading abolitionist. (2019, 12; see Film choice)
- 1.00 Countryfile** (Signed, R)
- 2.00 Waterloo Road** (Signed, R)
- 3.00-3.55 Industry** (Signed, R)

**10.30** Designing The Hebrides **11.00** Jules And Greg's Wild Swim **11.30-12.00** Burnistoun **STV 6.00** Good Morning Britain **9.00** Lorraine **10.00** This Morning **12.30** Loose Women **1.30** News; Weather **2.00** Family Fortunes **3.00** Lingo **4.00** Tipping Point **5.00** The Chase **6.00** Regional News **6.30** News; Weather **7.30** Emmerdale **8.00** Coronation Street **9.00** DI Ray **10.00** News At Ten **10.40** Scotland Tonight **11.05** Lenny Henry — One Of A Kind **12.00** Teleshopping **3.00** The Sinking Of A Superyacht — How Safe Is Your Voyage?

**ITV 1**

- 6.00 Good Morning Britain**
- 9.00 Lorraine** Lifestyle chat.
- 10.00 This Morning** Features.
- 12.30 Loose Women** Debate.
- 1.30 News; Weather** Reports.
- 2.00 Family Fortunes** (R)
- 3.00 Lingo** Twins, a married couple and a mother and daughter take part.
- 4.00 Tipping Point** Arcade-themed quiz show, hosted by Ben Shephard.
- 5.00 The Chase** Bradley Walsh presents, with contestants from Liverpool, Lincoln, Ilfracombe and Lowestoft.
- 6.00 Regional News** Update.
- 6.30 News; Weather** Reports.
- 7.30 Emmerdale** Caleb worries that his secret will be exposed; and Belle is upset to discover that Zak knew about her problems.
- 8.00 Coronation Street** Bethany encounters a masked intruder upon her return home from hospital; and Dee-Dee is overwhelmed during a meeting with Lauren's social worker.
- 9.00 DI Ray** Having lost trace of two kidnapers in a daring car chase, Rachita must team up with the serious organised crime unit to find her prime murder suspect before it is too late. (Series 2, ep 2)
- 10.00 News At Ten** Bulletin.
- 10.45 CHOICE The Great Erection Deception — The Stiff Nights Story** The inside story of a multimillion-dollar scam about a supposedly herbal equivalent of Viagra that promised to be a natural sex supplement. (See Critics' choice)
- 12.00 Teleshopping** Goods.
- 3.00 The Sinking Of A Superyacht — How Safe Is Your Voyage?** (R)
- 3.50 Unwind** Daily relaxation.
- 5.05-6.00 Lingo** Game. (R)



Sharon D Clarke (BBC1, 9pm)

**3.50-6.00** Unwind **S4C 6.00** Cyw **12.00** Newyddion A'r Tywydd **12.05** Anrhegion Melys Richard Holt **12.30** Heno **1.00** Y Fets **2.00** Newyddion A'r Tywydd **2.05** Prynawn Da **3.00** Newyddion A'r Tywydd **3.05** IaitH Ar Daith **4.00** Awr Fawr **5.00** Stwnsh **6.00** Arfordir Cymru — Llyn **6.30** Rownd A Rownd **6.57** Newyddion **7.00** Heno **7.30** Newyddion A'r Tywydd **8.00** Y Byd Ar Bedwar **8.25** Cymry Ar Gyfnas **8.55** Newyddion A'r Tywydd **9.00** Ffermio **9.30** Ralio+ **10.00** Sgorio **10.30-11.35** Marw Gyda Kris

**Channel 4**

- 6.25 Cheers** Comedy. (R)
- 7.45 The King Of Queens** (R)
- 8.40 Frasier** Sitcom. (R)
- 9.35 Formula 1** United States Grand Prix highlights. (R)
- 11.05 Come Dine With Me — The Professionals** (R)
- 12.05 News; Weather** Reports.
- 12.10 Renovation Nation** (R)
- 1.10 Find It, Fix It, Flog It** (R)
- 2.10 Countdown** Game.
- 3.00 A Place In The Sun — What Happened Next?** (R)
- 4.00 The Great House Giveaway** A home in Newport, south Wales. (R)
- 5.00 Four In A Bed** B&B contest.
- 5.30 Help! We Bought A Village** Featuring a Scottish lawyer of Italian origin. (R)
- 6.30 The Simpsons** Cartoon. (R)
- 7.00 News; Weather** Reports.
- 7.55 Stand Up To Cancer:** Kaiden's Story. (R)
- 8.00 Jamie — Fast And Simple** Jamie Oliver prepares a simple sesame and miso salmon in minutes, while his youngest son, River, helps him whip up a hot and crispy ice cream parcel.
- 9.00 Love Cheats** A woman shares her story of getting scammed by her fiancé, who went into business with her sister after claiming he was expecting £2m in inheritance.
- 10.00 CHOICE Undercover — Exposing The Far Right** Documentary following anti-fascist organisation Hope Not Hate as they undertake secret investigations with hidden cameras that reveal different aspects of the modern far right. (See Critics' choice)
- 12.00 The Great British Bake Off — An Extra Slice** (R)
- 12.55 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA** (R)
- 1.40 The Simpsons** Cartoon. (R)
- 2.25 FILM: The Gravedigger's Wife** Stars Omar Abdi and Yasmin Warsame. When his wife rapidly becomes ill, a gravedigger has to find a way to make the money for her surgery. Handsome fable. (2021, 12; Somali with subtitles)
- 3.50 Find It, Fix It, Flog It** (R)
- 4.00 Stand Up To Cancer:** Kaiden's Story. (R)
- 4.05 Frasier** Sitcom. (R)
- 5.45-6.25 Countdown** (R)

**Channel 5**

- 6.00 Milkshake!** Children's fun.
- 9.15 Jeremy Vine** Debate.
- 11.30 Storm Huntley** Opinions.
- 12.45 Friends** US sitcom. (R)
- 1.40 News; Weather** Reports.
- 1.45 Home And Away** Justin goes on a tense date. (R)
- 2.15 Dangerous Connections** Thriller, with Shiva Negar. A divorcee meets her perfect match on an online dating site, only to discover he is a scammer looking to destroy her life. (R)
- 4.00 Bargain-Loving Brits In The Sun** A horse charity fundraising quiz is a hit. (R)
- 5.00 News; Weather** Reports.
- 6.00 Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly** Graeme Hall helps a family deal with a hyperactive Staffie. (R)
- 6.55 News; Weather** Reports.
- 7.00 Traffic Cops** Officers clamp down on dangerous and illegal drivers, from those under the influence of drink or drugs to those without insurance. (R)
- 7.55 News; Weather** Reports.
- 8.00 Police Interceptors** Charting officers from Northamptonshire's roads policing and firearms units as they try to stop an Audi being driven at 100mph.
- 9.00 The Hardacres** The family mask their nerves as Harry sets off to a prestigious boarding school, but Mary quickly finds distraction in a proposition from Lady Emma and Adella. (3/6)
- 10.00 CHOICE Broadmoor** New series. Testimonies from former patients and staff reveal new insights about the high-security psychiatric hospital over its 160 years of its existence. (See Critics' choice)
- 11.05 999 — Critical Condition** A 52-year-old woman is rushed in after a head-on collision with a bus. (R)
- 12.05 Motorway Cops — Catching Britain's Speeders** Insights. (R)
- 1.00 NFL — Monday Night Football:** Tampa Bay Buccaneers v Baltimore Ravens. Live coverage from Raymond James Stadium. Kickoff at 1.15.
- 4.30 Entertainment News**
- 4.40 House Doctor** Advice. (R)
- 5.10 Divine Designs** (R)
- 5.35 Entertainment News**
- 5.40-6.00 Children's Shows**

**Variations**

**BBC1 WALES 8.00** Crimewatch Caught **8.30** Panorama **10.40** Scrum V Highlights **11.10** Paranormal — The Village That Saw Aliens **11.40** Have I Got A Bit More News For You **12.25** Bump **BBC SCOTLAND 2.00** Sign Zone: The Secret Lives Of Lighthouse Keepers **2.30** Landward **3.00-3.30** Scotland's Greatest Escape **7.00** SWPL Highlights **7.30** Food Fest Scotland **8.00** Life On The Bay **8.30** Crimewatch Caught **9.00** The Nine **10.00** River City

**You say**

I must applaud the bravado of Anna Foster and her colleagues reporting from Israel and Lebanon, and also previously those in Gaza and Ukraine. They are working in extremely dangerous environments and seem to cope, even when close to explosions or scenes of great distress. Many journalists have been injured or died in war zones and they are taking huge risks.  
**Peter Bellan**

Send your comments to [telly@sunday-times.co.uk](mailto:telly@sunday-times.co.uk)

## Critics' choice

### The Interview (BBC2, 7pm)

Yulia Navalnaya, Alexei Navalny's widow, first came to public attention outside Russia when she forced the authorities to allow him to be treated in Germany after his poisoning in 2020. When he returned to Russia in early 2021 and was arrested, the so-called "first lady of the opposition" was at his side, and then took on an increasingly high-profile role in leading the campaign against his incarceration on trumped-up charges. Since his death in February this year, Navalnaya has vowed to "continue Alexei Navalny's work", met Joe Biden and addressed the European parliament. This BBC interview with her was not available for preview, but she will surely be asked how her stated aims of "defeating Putin" and "building a free Russia" can be achieved. Likely to be on the agenda too is her new role as chairwoman of the Human Rights Foundation.

John Dugdale



Yulia Navalnaya has led the Human Rights Foundation since July

## Snuggle up on the sofa for Whitstable action

### Whitstable Pearl (Acorn TV)

Kerry Godliman returns for more sleuthing as the cosy crime show begins a third series. She plays Pearl, who combines private detective work with running the titular restaurant with her mother, Dolly (Frances Barber). Also back are Mike (Howard Charles), struggling to come to terms with his wife's death, and Tom (Robert Webb), who remains Pearl's boyfriend for as long as she denies her feelings for Mike. JD

### Howard Charles and Kerry Godliman



### Undercover — Exposing The Far Right (C4, 10pm)

Havana Marking is best known for films about Pussy Riot and Afghanistan's version of *Pop Idol*. Here she turns her attention to Britain's far right (a topical subject, in the wake of the summer riots) in a documentary drawing on hidden-camera investigations by the anti-racist organisation Hope Not Hate. Hope Not Hate has figured before on TV, as ITV's 2022 docudrama *The Walk-In* was based on its infiltration of a neo-Nazi group, which prevented a plan to assassinate an MP. Here its focus is a "new generation" of activists, and the footage exposes how they target particular communities and aim to shift the debate in mainstream politics towards their extreme views. Also revealed is how well-funded far-right influencers spread disinformation and use discredited notions of race to legitimise prejudice. JD

### Just One Thing (BBC1, 8.30pm)

The second and, sadly, final part of Michael Mosley's TV series finds the good doctor, who died in June, helping a businesswoman to make changes to her lifestyle to stay healthier for longer. Aly is a well-preserved 67, an active and engaging character, but increasingly aware of the fact that her brain power is not what it was. Mosley's advice? Start learning new things. Will cake decoration classes and a language app transform her grey matter?



Mosley with Aly (BBC1, 8.30pm)

### The Great Erection Deception — The Stiff Nights Story (ITV1, 10.45pm; not showing in Scotland; also on ITVX)

The "oo-er missus" tone of this documentary might meet the brief for a film about a supposedly herbal equivalent of Viagra, but if anything it undermines a fantastic shaggy dog tale. Zoë Wanamaker provides an arch narration to tell the story of Stiff Nights, a single-dose "gas station boner pill" sold to men who can't afford a regular prescription.

### Broadmoor (C5, 10pm)

"One of the worst things to go missing was a teaspoon," says a nurse recalling his time in Broadmoor. Checking cutlery in and out of the dining room was a key task. Best known for having housed the Yorkshire Ripper, it remains a place where a sharpened spoon might pose a deadly danger. Helen Stewart

## On demand

### ● Gyeongseong Creature (Netflix)

The first season of this South Korean historical drama defied categorisation – a Lovecraftian monster-movie detective drama and romance set in the Japanese-occupied Seoul of 1945. Relocated to the modern-day capital, 80 years on from that initial instalment, the second season is something of a step down in terms of visual

inventiveness and narrative logic. Season one's romantic leads, Han So-hee and Park Seo-joon, return – but in convoluted new guises. The noir intrigue they are shoehorned into is replete with standard K-drama tropes, jettisoning narrative invention for familiar romantic clichés.

### ● Cleddau/The One That Got Away (BBC iPlayer)

It is worth searching through the iPlayer regional links for shows that

don't appear on the homepage. This is a six-part Welsh-language drama from Cath Tregenna (*Lewis*, *DCI Banks*) that stars Elen Rhys (*The Mallorca Files*) and Richard Harrington (*Hinterland*) as DI Ffion Lloyd and DS Rick Sheldon, a pair of cops investigating a murder that bears similarities to a series of killings 12 years earlier. Set on the Pembrokeshire coast in the dank grey of winter, the mood is a sort of Scandi-noir *Vera*. Andrew Male

## Film choice

### Venom (Film4, 9pm)

Tom Hardy stars as Eddie Brock, a journalist who stumbles across naughty scientific nonsense involving alien "symbiotes" and Riz Ahmed's entrepreneur Carlton Drake. Inevitably Brock is bitten by a radioactive spid ... sorry, Brock is invaded by a symbiote, who gifts him a monstrous alter ego: the fanged villain Venom. Inevitably a sequel was made – 2021's *Venom – Let There Be Carnage*, which is showing tomorrow at 9pm. (2018)

### Harriet (BBC2, 11.05pm)

This stirring film is the first significant movie to be made about Harriet Tubman, a slave who escaped from her Maryland plantation in 1849. Tubman evaded her pursuers and travelled 100 miles alone on foot to Philadelphia. There she turned abolitionist, rescuing 70 slaves on 13 missions south via the network known as the Underground Railroad. (2019)

### In The Earth (Film4, 1.15am)

Like most lockdown films, this shoestrung horror foregrounds its limitations, which here involve four actors messing about in the woods with a couple of chairs, some tarpaulins and an axe. The axe belongs to a former scientist transformed into a homicidal maniac because humanity is destroying the environment and nature needs to return to its own rhythms. (2021)

BBC 3

- 7.00pm Phoenix Rise** New run. Coming-of-age drama.
- 7.55 The Catch Up** Roundup.
- 8.00 Gavin & Stacey** The happy couple return from their honeymoon. (Series 2, ep 1)
- 8.30 Gavin & Stacey** Gavin tries to help Smithy accept his responsibilities.
- 9.00 FILM: Scary Stories To Tell In The Dark** Stars Zoe Margaret Colletti. A woman turns her tortured life into scary stories. Creepy horror. (2019, 15)
- 10.40 Myth Country** Charlie Cooper goes in search of King Arthur's treasure.
- 11.10 This Country** Double bill.
- 12.00 Bad Education** Comedy.
- 1.00 Top Gear** Motoring.
- 2.10 Lazy Susan** (3/4)
- 2.25-3.55 BBC New Comedy Awards** Three editions.

BBC 4

- 7.00pm Frozen Planet** David Attenborough explores the polar regions.
- 8.00 Landscape And Memory** How mountains have been regarded as sacred places.
- 8.40 City Scapes** Documentary following developments in Berlin since the destruction of the Wall in 1989.
- 9.00 Call My Bluff** Gameshow.
- 9.25 Face The Music** Quiz.
- 10.00 The Wildest Weather In The Universe — Horizon** Weather on other planets.
- 11.00 Earth From Space** Footage of the Amazon river and Brazilian lagoons.
- 11.55 Nature And Us — A History Through Art** Understanding nature.
- 12.55 Frozen Planet** Insights.
- 1.55 The Wildest Weather In The Universe — Horizon**
- 2.55-3.55 Earth From Space**

ITV 2

- 6.00pm FILM: Harry Potter And The Philosopher's Stone** Stars Daniel Radcliffe and Emma Watson. An orphaned boy with magical powers enrolls at a special school for young wizards. Magical children's fantasy. (2001, PG; includes FYI Daily)
- 9.00 Big Brother** Daily roundup.
- 10.00 Big Brother — Late & Live** AJ Odudu and Will Best present a companion show.
- 11.05 Family Guy** Meg discovers her tears produce delicious cookies, and she enjoys a profit until the success makes her too happy to cry. (Series 22, ep 8)
- 11.35-12.00 American Dad!** Francine becomes an overnight sensation. (Series 18, ep 13)

ITV 3

- 5.55pm Heartbeat** A lay preacher is wounded in a shooting accident.
- 7.00 Heartbeat** Nick is pestered by the sister of Aidsensfield's landed gentry.
- 8.00 Grace** Crime drama, with John Simm. Det Supt Roy Grace believes a serial killer might be on the loose after a schoolteacher is found dead in Brighton and human remains are found in a field. (Series 2, ep 1)
- 10.00 Law & Order: UK** A former top-flight footballer is murdered in London, in what appears to be a robbery gone wrong. (Series 4, ep 1)
- 11.00-12.00 Law & Order: UK** A high-court judge is critically injured after being shot in the car park of her apartment by a hitman.

E4

- 6.00pm The Big Bang Theory** The guys consider investing in the comic-book shop. (Series 8, ep 4)
- 6.30 The Big Bang Theory** The girls go to Las Vegas.
- 7.00 Hollyoaks** Chester soap.
- 7.30 Modern Family** Phil threatens to spoil Jay's favourite place in the world. (Series 8, ep 6)
- 8.00 Hot Yachts — Miami** New series. Following brokers competing for commissions on the sales of luxury vessels.
- 9.00 Married At First Sight UK** The couples get together with the experts at the commitment ceremony.
- 10.35 Made In Chelsea** New series. Trouble brews when James sees a social media post by Miles.
- 11.40-12.45 Gogglebox**

U&Drama

- 5.30pm The Upper Hand** A widowed dad becomes a housekeeper. (S1, ep 1)
- 6.05 'Allo 'Allo!** René disguises himself as a vicar and sets off with Mimi in a pram, disguised as a baby to retrieve the paintings.
- 6.40 Last Of The Summer Wine** Compo decides to take up motorcycling.
- 7.20 Last Of The Summer Wine** Foggy Dewhurst arrives in town.
- 8.00 The Brokenwood Mysteries** New series. A palaeontologist is found dead. (Series 10, ep 1)
- 10.00 New Tricks** The future of the team is threatened. (Series 7, ep 10)
- 11.20-12.35 Murder In Mind** Drama, with David Suchet. A teacher is faced with blackmail after killing a rent boy. (Series 1, ep 1)

Sky Arts

- 6.00pm Tales Of The Unexpected** A woman persuades a naive writer to buy her lunch.
- 6.30 Tales Of The Unexpected** Three aristocratic ladies entertain a surprise guest.
- 7.00 The Alfred Hitchcock Hour** Five people witness a hit-and-run incident.
- 8.00 Backstage With The London Philharmonic Orchestra** Behind the scenes with the brass section during rehearsal.
- 9.00 André Rieu — Live In Brazil** A performance by the Dutch violinist in his first-ever concert in Sao Paulo, with the Johann Strauss Orchestra.
- 11.00-1.00 Classic FM Live — Classical Anthems** A concert from London's Royal Albert Hall.

Sky Max

- 6.00pm Stargate Atlantis** McKay plans to harness energy from a strange planet. (Series 1, ep 9, R)
- 7.00 Stargate Atlantis** A fierce storm forces the team out of Atlantis. (R)
- 8.00 Flintoff — From Lord's To The Ring** Former cricketer Andrew Flintoff pursues a new career as a boxer. (R)
- 9.00 Never Mind The Buzzcocks** Courtney Love, Joel Dommett, Abi Harding and Glen Matlock join Noel Fielding and Jamali Maddix for the quiz show. (R)
- 10.00 The Walking Dead** Daryl's rescue mission forces Alpha to unleash a group of her own. (Series 9, ep 13, R)
- 11.00-12.00 The Walking Dead** An outsider's arrival forces Alexandria to rehash devastating old wounds. (R)

Sky Atlantic

- 5.55pm Britannia** King Pellenc disowns Kerra, believing she has betrayed the Cantii clan. (Series 1, ep 4)
- 6.55 Britannia** Queen Antedia seals an alliance with Rome.
- 7.55 Game Of Thrones** As Westeros prepares for war, Robb Stark marches south to avenge his father; and Stannis Baratheon sets his sights on the Iron Throne. (Series 2, ep 1)
- 9.00 The Penguin** Oz makes a desperate move to turn the tables; and Sofia strives to build a new legacy for herself. (5/8)
- 10.10 Gangs Of London** Darren wrestles with the chaos he has unleashed. (S1, ep 5)
- 11.20-12.35 Succession** The Roy siblings spar over the outcome of the election. (Series 4, ep 8)

TPTV

- 6.00pm For The Love Of Ada** Walter is almost arrested for shoplifting. (S3, ep 3)
- 6.30 Out Of Town** Items given or lent by viewers are laid out on Jack's bench.
- 7.00 The Footage Detectives** Featuring footage of hovercraft races on land.
- 8.00 Enemy At The Door** A journalist from neutral Sweden reports on the occupation. Guest stars Kenneth Cranham.
- 9.05 Dead Man Out** With Danny Glover. A psychiatrist is assigned to determine if an unstable prisoner on death row is still mentally fit to be executed.
- 10.45 FILM: Harriet Craig** Stars Joan Crawford. Deliciously evil. (1950, B/W; ends at 12.40)

Films

- SKY CINEMA PREMIERE**
- 5.55pm** Restore Point (2023, 15)
  - 8.00** The Radleys. A seemingly ordinary family hides a dark secret. (2024, 15)
  - 10.00** Drive-Away Dolls. Two women cross paths with a group of inept criminals while on a road trip. (2024, 15)
  - 11.50-1.40** The Persian Version (2023, 15)
- SKY CINEMA THRILLER**
- 3.55pm** The Sum Of All Fears. Thriller. (2002, 12)
  - 6.05** The Good Neighbour (2022, 15)
  - 8.00** Hotel Mumbai. Terrorists take staff and residents hostage at the Taj Mahal Palace Hotel. (2018, 15)
  - 10.10-12.15** To Catch A Killer. A police officer is recruited by the FBI to track down a disturbed individual. (2023, 15)
- SKY CINEMA GREATS**
- 5.15pm** The Blackening (2023, 15)
  - 7.00** Celebrating Black Cinema
  - 8.00** Big George Foreman. The life of the former world heavyweight boxing champion. (2023, 12)
  - 10.15-12.15** Young Soul Rebels. Two pirate radio DJs in 1970s London find their friendship torn apart. (1991, 18)

- SKY CINEMA SELECT**
- 5.20pm** Inception (2010, 12)
  - 8.00** War Of The Worlds. A father tries to protect his two children as alien war machines target humankind. (2005, 12)
  - 10.00** Eternal Sunshine Of The Spotless Mind. A man's mind is erased of the memories of his ex-girlfriend. (2004, 15)
  - 11.55-2.35** 2012 (2009, 12)
- SKY CINEMA DRAMA**
- 5.40pm** Love Actually (2003, 15)
  - 8.00** The Danish Girl. An artist in 1920s Copenhagen undergoes gender-reassignment surgery. (2015, 15)
  - 10.05-12.10** Dallas Buyers Club. A man diagnosed with HIV sets up an organisation to smuggle drugs for the condition into the US. (2013, 15)
- FILM 4**
- 4.45pm** The Bravados (1958, PG)
  - 6.45** Cowboys & Aliens. A Wild West town tries to fight back against an invasion. (2011, 12)
  - 9.00 CHOICE** Venom. A man gains super powers when his body merges with an alien organism. (2018, 15; see Film choice)
  - 11.10-1.15** Jack Ryan — Shadow Recruit. A CIA analyst finds a plot to destroy the economy. (2014, 12)

Entertainment

- ITV 4**
- 5.55pm** BattleBots
  - 7.00** Beat The Chasers
  - 8.00** MotoGP Highlights
  - 9.00** Junk And Disorderly
  - 10.00** FILM: Alex Cross
  - 11.55** Motorsport UK
  - 12.55** Auto Mundial
  - 1.10** Motorsport Mundial
  - 1.45-2.40** Minder. Drama
- MORE 4**
- 5.50pm** Escape To The Chateau — DIY
  - 6.55** Car SOS
  - 7.55** Grand Designs
  - 9.00** Our Farm Next Door — Amanda, Clive And Kids
  - 10.00** Emergency
  - 11.05** 24 Hours In A&E
  - 12.10** Our Farm Next Door — Amanda, Clive And Kids
  - 1.15-2.15** Emergency
- GOLD**
- 6.20pm** The Green Green Grass
  - 7.00** Dad's Army
  - 8.20** The Good Life
  - 9.00** Absolutely Fabulous
  - 10.15** The Young Ones
  - 11.00** Inside No 9
  - 11.40** Blackadder II
  - 12.20** Absolutely Fabulous
  - 1.45-2.35** The Young Ones
- SKY COMEDY**
- 5.50pm** The US Office
  - 6.50** Young Rock
  - 7.50** Will & Grace
  - 9.00** Chris Ramsey — Live From London
  - 10.00 CHOICE** The Franchise (See Pick of the week)
  - 11.50** Veep

- 12.55** Real Time
  - 2.00-3.05** Lucy Beaumont — Live From The Royal Court Theatre. Stand-up comedy
- 5 STAR**
- 6.00pm** Home And Away
  - 7.00** GPs — Behind Closed Doors
  - 8.00** Babies 24/7 — The Maternity Ward
  - 9.00** Ambulance — Code Red
  - 10.00** Skin A&E
  - 11.00** The Railroad Killer — I Escaped A Murderer
  - 12.00** 999 — Critical Condition
  - 1.00** A Killer Makes A Call
  - 2.00-2.50** Casualty 24/7 — Every Second Counts
- 5 USA**
- 6.00pm** NCIS
  - 9.00** NCIS: Hawai'i
  - 10.00** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit
  - 12.55-3.35** Blindspot
- SKY WITNESS**
- 6.00pm** Nothing To Declare
  - 8.00** The Equalizer
  - 9.00** The Cleaning Lady
  - 10.00** Fire Country
  - 11.00** FBI
  - 12.00** The Good Doctor
  - 1.00-3.00** The Rookie — Feds
- U&W**
- 6.00pm** DIY SOS — Homes For Veterans
  - 7.00** MasterChef Australia
  - 8.15** Sort Your Life Out
  - 9.40** The Baby Daddy
  - 11.30** Bradford On Duty
  - 12.50** One Born Every Minute
  - 1.50-3.00** 16 Kids And Counting

- COMEDY CENTRAL**
- 5.55pm** Friends
  - 8.00** Whose Line Is It Anyway? USA
  - 9.00** Out Of Order
  - 10.00** Impractical Jokers
  - 10.35** Teachers
  - 11.30** South Park
  - 12.25** The Culture Capsule
  - 12.40** Most Ridiculous
  - 1.35-3.05** Reginald D Hunter Live. Stand-up performance
- U&YESTERDAY**
- 6.00pm** Antiques Roadshow
  - 7.00** Guy Martin's Great Escape
  - 9.00** Train Truckers
  - 10.00** Bangers & Cash
  - 11.00** Abandoned Engineering
  - 12.00-1.00** Continental Railway Journeys
- U&DAVE**
- 6.00pm** Rick Stein's Secret France
  - 7.00** Would I Lie To You?
  - 7.40** House Of Games
  - 9.00** QI
  - 10.00** Will & Ralf Should Know Better
  - 11.00** QI
  - 12.00** Mock The Week
  - 12.40** As Yet Untitled
  - 1.40-2.45** QI
- Factual**
- NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC**
- 6.00pm** World War II — Secrets From Above
  - 7.00** Air Crash Investigation
  - 8.00** Plane Crash Recreated
  - 9.00** Defending Europe
  - 10.00** Ice Road Rescue
  - 11.00** Air Crash Investigation
  - 1.00-2.00** Ultimate Airport Dubai

# 5 Great shows... Sky / Now

**1 Mare Of Easttown (2021)**  
Kate Winslet shines as a troubled small-town American cop with plenty of personal problems in this moreish detective drama.

**Louisa Jacobson as Marian Brook in The Gilded Age**

**2 The Gilded Age (2022-)**  
Julian Fellowes' US spiritual prequel to *Downton Abbey* has Manhattan's 1880s old-money elite at war with new-money arrivals.

**3 Breeders (2020-23)**  
Warts-and-all comedy starring Martin Freeman and Daisy Haggard as parents barely surviving a world of work, children and extended family.

**4 The Flight Attendant (2020-22)**  
A whirlwind crime comedy featuring Kaley Cuoco as an alcoholic cabin crew worker.

**5 Cobain — Montage Of Heck (2015)**  
This film uses previously unseen footage and unreleased recordings and sketches to tell the Nirvana frontman Kurt Cobain's story.

Tim Glanfield



## DISCOVERY

**6.00pm** How Do They Do It? **7.00** Gold Rush **8.00** Wheeler Dealers **9.00** Kindig Customs **10.00** Goblin Works Garage **11.00** Roadworthy Rescues **12.00** Expedition Unknown **1.00-2.00** Kindig Customs

## PBS AMERICA

**5.25pm** The Hidden Side Of World War II **6.35** The 100 Days That Defined Modern History **7.35** Lost World Of Angkor Wat **8.40** Amerigo Vespucci — Forgotten Namesake **9.50** Hidden Side Of WWII **10.55-12.00** Lost World Of Angkor Wat

## SKY DOCUMENTARIES

**5.55pm** The Vietnam War **7.00** Stax — Soulsville USA **8.05** The Russell Murders **9.00-1.50** The Zen Diaries

## SKY NATURE

**6.00pm** Islands **7.00** Monkey Life **8.00** Planet Shark **9.00** The Hungry Games — Big Bear Challenge **10.00** Islands **11.00-12.00** Uptown Otters

## DISCOVERY HISTORY

**6.00pm** Secrets Of The Arsenal **7.00** Nasa's Unexplained Files **8.00** Cooper's Treasure **9.00** Combat Dealers **10.00** Salvage Hunters **11.00-12.00** Salvage Hunters — Restorers

## Sport

### SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT

**6.00am LIVE** Tennis. The ATP Swiss Indoors, ATP Vienna Open, WTA Pan Pacific Open Tokyo, and WTA Guangzhou Open **6.30 LIVE** MNF: Nottingham Forest v Crystal Palace. Kickoff at 8.00 **11.00 News 1.00 LIVE** NFL: Tampa Bay Buccaneers v Baltimore Ravens. Kickoff at 1.15 **5.00-6.00 LIVE** Tennis

### TNT SPORTS 1

**6.00am** ODI **7.00** Uefa Champions League Magazine **7.30** Uefa Europa League & Conference League Magazine **8.30 PL 10.00 PL** — The Big Interview **10.30 Serie A 12.30** America's Cup **1.00 LIVE** America's Cup. The latest leg of the Match Race Final **3.00** Henley Royal Regatta **3.30** NWSL **4.30** NWSL **5.30 LIVE** Women's Bundesliga: Bayer Leverkusen v Bayern Munich **7.30** Uefa Champions League Magazine **8.00** WRC Review **9.00 LIVE** MLB. Coverage of a play-off match **12.15** What I Wore **12.30** America's Cup **1.00 LIVE** WWE Monday Night Raw **4.15** WNBA **5.15-6.00** The Rugby Review

## Radio & Podcasts

### ● Surviving Politics With Michael Gove (Radio 4, 1.45pm)

In Gove's post-political career he has been appointed editor of The Spectator, and now he hosts a five-part series talking candidly to guests from across the political spectrum about what it takes to survive the brutal life of a politician. As a man who served as an MP for 19 years and held six cabinet positions, there are few better qualified to discuss the subject. The **Politics Unpacked** daily podcast from The Times and The Sunday Times is hosted by Hugo Rifkind, who discusses the political events of the day with other journalists.



Michael Gove served as an MP from 2010 to May 2024

● **The Conversation (BBC World Service, 1.30pm)**  
Two female horror film directors talk about bringing traditional folklore into the genre and giving it their very personal twist. Ella Al-Shamahi's guests are the Iranian-American film-maker Ana Lily

Amirpour, best known for *A Girl Walks Home Alone at Night*, which features a chador-wearing skateboarding vampire, and the Mexican film-maker Gigi Saul Guerrero, aka "the horror babe".

### ● The Crime Next Door (BBC Sounds)

The latest season of the strand looks at the 2018 Salisbury poisonings that were designed to kill the Russian double agent Sergei Skripal but ended up taking the life of a local woman, Dawn Sturgess, who was accidentally given a vial of novichok nerve agent. Andy Howard and Marie Lennon, who reported on the story, look back at events. *Clair Woodward*

### TIMES RADIO

**5.00** Rosie Wright With Early Breakfast **6.00** Aasmah Mir And Stig Abell With Times Radio Breakfast **10.00** Hugo Rifkind **10.00** Andrew Neil **2.00** Jane Garvey And Fi Glover **4.00** John Pienaar With Times Radio Drive **7.00** The Evening Edition With Kait Borsary **10.00** Carole Walker **1.00** The Story **1.30** The Best Of Times Radio

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### RADIO 4

**5.30** News **5.43** Prayer **5.45** Farming Today **6.00** Today **9.00** Start The Week. Adam Rutherford leads a discussion on the care crisis **9.45** Cafe Hope **10.00** Woman's Hour **11.00** How Would We Know If Democracy Had Died? Phil Tinline invites young adults to form a fictional Cabinet **11.45** Book Of The Week: On Freedom, by Timothy Snyder **12.00** News **12.04** You And Yours **1.00** World At One **1.45** Surviving Politics With Michael Gove. New series. The former Conservative politician reflects on his experiences **2.00** The Archers (R) **2.15** Drama: Jack & Millie, by Jeremy Front. New run of the comedy **2.45** Bridget Jones's Diary (R) **3.00** A Good Read. With Ali Woods and Fee Mak **3.30** Lady Swindlers With Lucy Worsley. The 1909 disappearance of Edwardian heiress Violet Charlesworth **4.00** Choosing Race. Ellie House explores issues of racial identity in America (R) **4.30** Why Do You Hate Me? USA. Marianna Spring investigates the power of celebrity fandom **5.00** PM **6.00** News **6.30** Just A Minute **7.00** The Archers **7.15** Front Row **8.00** Rethink (R) **8.30** Inside Science (R) **9.00** Start The Week (R) **9.45** Cafe Hope (R) **10.00** The World Tonight **10.45** Book At Bedtime **11.00** Harland (R) **11.30** Today In Parliament **12.00** News **12.30** Book Of The Week (R) **12.48** Shipping **1.00** As World Service

### RADIO 4 EXTRA

**5.00** Beyond Our Ken **5.30** The Enchanting World Of Hinge And Bracket **6.00** Death May Surprise Us **6.30** Charles Paris: So Much Blood **7.00** The Emerald Green Show **7.30** The Navy Lark **8.00** North By Northamptonshire **8.30** I'm Here I Think, Where Are You? **8.45** Les Misérables **9.00** Yesterday In Parliament **9.30** Fungi — The Fifth Kingdom **9.45** Daily Service **10.00** Sounds Natural **10.30** Sweet Mother KD **11.00** Death May Surprise Us **11.30** Charles Paris: So Much Blood **12.00** The Emerald Green Show **12.30** The Navy Lark **1.00** North By Northamptonshire **1.30** I'm Here I Think, Where Are You? **1.45** Les Misérables **2.00** We've Been Here Before **2.30** Spending My Inheritance **3.00** The Moon And Sixpence **4.00** Sounds Natural **4.30** Sweet Mother KD **5.00** Death May Surprise Us **5.30** Charles Paris: So Much Blood **6.00** The Emerald Green Show **6.30** The Navy Lark **7.00** North By Northamptonshire **7.30** I'm Here I Think, Where Are You? **7.45** Les Misérables **8.00** We've Been Here Before **8.30** Spending My Inheritance **9.00** The Moon And Sixpence **10.00** Just A Minute **10.30** Alexei Sayle's Strangers On A Train **11.00** The News Quiz **11.30-12.00** Mark Watson Talks A Bit About Life

### LBC

**7.00** Nick Ferrari **10.00** James O'Brien **1.00** Shelagh Fogarty **4.00** Tom Swarbrick **6.00** Tonight With Andrew Marr. Discussion **7.00** Iain Dale. Debate **10.00** Ben Kentish **1.00** Richard Spurr **4.00** Ian Payne

### RADIO 3

**6.30** Breakfast **9.30** Essential Classics **1.00** Classical Live. A live recital from London's Wigmore Hall, with violinist Bomsori Kim and pianist Danny Driver playing pieces by Franck, Szymanowski and Wieniawski **4.00** Composer Of The Week: Margaret Bonds **5.00** In Tune. Music and arts news **7.00** Classical Mixtape. Classical favourites mixed with jazz and folk

**7.30** In Concert. At London's Barbican Centre, the LSO plays Nielsen's Helios Overture, Sibelius's Symphony No 1 and a new work by James MacMillan dedicated to LSO chief conductor, Antonio Pappano **9.45** The Essay. The first of five essays by Australians on the theme of place and belonging, with the actor Brendan Cowell musing on how people can learn a lot about themselves from where they store their belongings **10.00** Night Tracks. A soundtrack for late-night listening **11.30** 'Round Midnight. Brian Jackson is the guest in the 4/4 feature **12.30** Through The Night

### CLASSIC FM

**7.00** Dan Walker **9.00** The Hall Of Fame Hour **10.00** Alexander Armstrong **1.00** Anne-Marie Minhall **4.00** Margherita Taylor **7.00** Zeb Soanes **10.00** Ritula Shah **1.00** Bill Overton **4.00** Lucy Coward

### RADIO 2

**6.30** The Zoe Ball Breakfast Show **9.30** Gary Davies. Sitting in for Vernon Kay **12.00** Jeremy Vine **2.00** Scott Mills **4.00** OJ Borg **7.00** Jo Whaley **9.00** The Blues Show With Cerys Matthews **10.00** Trevor Nelson's Rhythm Nation **12.00** Phil Williams **3.00** Sounds Of The 80s Mega Mastermix **4.00** Owain Myster Evans

### VIRGIN RADIO

**6.30** The Chris Evans Breakfast Show **10.00** The Ryan Tubridy Show **1.00** Jayne Middlemiss **4.00** Ricky Wilson **7.00** Bam **10.00** Olivia Jones **1.00** Sean Goldsmith **4.00** Steve Denyer

### TALKSPORT

**5.00** Early Sports Breakfast **6.00** Breakfast With Jeff Stelling **10.00** Jim White And Simon Jordan **1.00** Hawksbee And Jacobs **4.00** Drive With Andy Goldstein And Darren Bent **7.00** Kick Off: Nottingham Forest v Crystal Palace. Live from The City Ground. Kickoff is at 8.00 **10.00** The Sports Bar **1.00** Extra Time With Paul Ross

**BBC 1**

- 6.00 Breakfast** Headlines.
- 9.30 Morning Live**
- 10.45 Crimewatch Caught**
- 11.15 Homes Under The Hammer** Featuring properties in Norfolk, South Yorkshire and Stoke.
- 12.15 Bargain Hunt** From the town of Leominster. (R)
- 1.00 News; Weather** Reports.
- 2.00 Doctors** Graham shows his true colours; and Bear has big news for the partners.
- 2.30 Money For Nothing** (R)
- 3.00 Escape To The Country** Denise Nurse helps a couple find a home by the sea in Hampshire or Dorset.
- 3.45 Garden Rescue** (R)
- 4.30 The Bidding Room** Dealers bid for a Welsh blanket, a brailler and an antique cot.
- 5.15 Pointless** Quiz show. (R)
- 6.00 News; Weather** Reports.
- 6.30 Regional News** Update.
- 7.00 The One Show** Live chat and topical reports with Alex Jones and Clara Amfo.
- 7.30 EastEnders** Teddy and Ravi come to blows when Ravi decides to make a spectacle of Barney; Kat tells Alfie the truth; and Penny confronts Harry.
- 8.00 Sort Your Life Out** Stacey Solomon and a team of experts help a family that have been hit hard by redundancy and the cost of living crisis declutter their home. (R)
- 9.00 Waterloo Road** Nisha's teaching is called into question by Shola's dad; and Billy struggles to cope when Steve crosses a serious line to protect his son. (Series 14, ep 7)
- 10.00 News; Weather** Reports.
- 10.40 Industry** The team work through the night to avert disaster as crisis interrupts Pierpoint's 150th anniversary. Meanwhile, Robert and Yasmin embark on a road trip. (Series 3, ep 7)
- 11.40 Industry A** visit to an old friend in the English countryside changes things between Robert and Yasmin forever; and after a long night, a new dawn rises on Pierpoint & Co. (Last in series)
- 1.00-6.00 Joins BBC News**

**SCOTLAND 6.30** Reporting Scotland; Weather. **7.00** River City. Tyler grows frustrated.

**BBC 2**

- 6.30 Bargain Hunt** Curios. (R)
- 7.15 The Bidding Room** (R)
- 8.00 Solar System** (Signed, R)
- 9.00 News; Weather** Headlines.
- 12.15 Politics Live** Discussion.
- 1.00 Impossible** Game. (R)
- 1.45 Unbeatable** (R)
- 2.30 The Boss** Quiz show. (R)
- 3.15 Tigers About The House — What Happened Next** Documentary. (1/2, R)
- 4.15 The Great British Countryside** The landscape of the Highlands. (Last in series, R)
- 5.15 Flog It!** Selling items. (R)
- 6.00 House Of Games** With Chris Bisson, Danielle Harold, Katharine Merry and Robert Webb.
- 6.30 Strictly — It Takes Two** Fleur East presents backstage gossip and behind-the-scenes action.
- 7.00 Designing The Hebrides** The team transforms an empty garage into a fully functioning shop for a pair of crofters. (Last in series)
- 7.30 Nadiya's Cook Once, Eat Twice** Recipes include a savoury peanut chicken traybake. (Last in series)
- 8.00 Digging For Britain** Alice Roberts sets off across Hadrian's Wall to reveal the forgotten story of the Roman Army's secret weapon in Britain — their cavalry. (R)
- 9.00 QI XI** New series. Sandi Toksvig hosts as QI goes voyaging with panellists Nabil Abdulrashid, Joe Lycett, Lou Sanders and Alan Davies.
- 9.45 CHOICE Unforgivable** Comedy show in which celebrities compete to convince Mel Giedroyc and Lou Sanders that they are the most Unforgivable person in the room. (See Critics' choice, R)
- 10.30 Newsnight** Headlines.
- 11.05 Have I Got News For You** US American version of the satirical panel show.
- 11.40 Parole** A woman with a life sentence hopes to be moved to an open prison. (Last in series, R)
- 12.40 Paddy And Chris — Road Tripping** In Switzerland. (Signed, Last in series, R)
- 1.40 Ludwig** (Signed, R)
- 2.40-3.40 A House Through Time — Two Cities At War** (Signed, R)

**ITV 1**

- 6.00 Good Morning Britain**
- 9.00 Lorraine** Lifestyle chat.
- 10.00 This Morning** Features.
- 12.30 Loose Women** Debate.
- 1.30 News; Weather** Reports.
- 2.00 Family Fortunes** (R)
- 3.00 Lingo** Gameshow
- 4.00 Tipping Point** Gameshow.
- 5.00 The Chase** Quiz show.
- 6.00 Regional News** Update.
- 6.30 News; Weather** Reports.
- 7.30 Emmerdale** Belle confronts Tom and makes matters worse; Will's conscience is pushed to the limit; and Jimmy prepares to sign.
- 8.00 M&S — Dress The Nation** The three finalists create their own full clothing collections and showcase their designs in a catwalk event. (Last in series)
- 9.00 DI Ray** Time is running out to track down an armed fugitive after a third murder victim is found and DI Ray is forced to face her past to uncover the next piece of the puzzle. (Series 2, ep 3)
- 10.00 News At Ten** Bulletin.
- 10.45 CHOICE Ash Holme — What Not To Do With Dad** TikTok star Ash Holme takes on a variety of outlandish challenges with her autistic dad, Phil. (See Critics' choice)
- 11.15 CHOICE Dogs Of Grime** The UK's biggest grime stars, including Nadia Rose and Snoochie Shy, answer questions and take part in challenges with their dogs. (See Critics' choice)
- 11.40 Junk And Disorderly** Henry Cole and the team uncover a vintage Chopper and a motorised bicycle from the early 1950s. (R)
- 12.25 Teleshopping** Goods.
- 3.00 Ninja Warrior** (R)
- 3.50 Unwind** Daily relaxation.
- 5.05-6.00 Lingo** Game. (R)



Mel Giedroyc (BBC2, 9.45pm)

**Channel 4**

- 6.25 Cheers** Comedy. (R)
- 7.45 The King Of Queens** (R)
- 9.10 Frasier** Sitcom. (R)
- 11.05 Come Dine With Me — The Professionals** (R)
- 12.05 News; Weather** Reports.
- 12.10 Renovation Nation** (R)
- 1.10 Find It, Fix It, Flog It** (R)
- 2.10 Countdown** Game.
- 3.00 A Place In The Sun — What Happened Next?** Revisits to northern Tenerife and Tarragona. (R)
- 4.00 The Great House Giveaway** A run-down three-bed semi in Derbyshire is renovated. (R)
- 5.00 Four In A Bed** B&B contest.
- 5.30 Help! We Bought A Village** A restored village in Italy prepares to host its first guests. (R)
- 6.30 The Simpsons** Cartoon. (R)
- 7.00 News; Weather** Reports.
- 7.55 Stand Up To Cancer: Glenn's Story.** Insights.
- 8.00 The Great British Bake Off** In pastry week, the remaining bakers make a frangipane tart, a flaky bake and a Paris-Brest with a freestanding podium.
- 9.15 Into The Jungle With Ed Stafford** Ed lets the children loose in the jungle to show the dads what they are capable of but one dad loses his cool when the kids are not back in camp after dark. (5/6)
- 10.15 Celebrity Gogglebox** Bridge of Lies, The Sky at Night, UK's Strongest Man and The World's Most Luxurious Retirement Homes are appraised. (R)
- 11.20 First Dates** An aspiring rapper presents a bouquet of flowers to his date; and a grandmother sets out to give a retired teacher's dating game a boost. (R)
- 12.20 Taskmaster** Jack Dee adopts a charismatic New York accent. (R)
- 1.15 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA** (R)
- 2.05 CHOICE Logan Stars** Hugh Jackman and Patrick Stewart. Wolverine and an ailing Professor X find their worlds turned upside down by a young mutant. (2017, 15; see Film choice)
- 4.25 Stand Up To Cancer: Glenn's Story.** Insights. (R)
- 4.30 Frasier** Sitcom. (R)
- 5.45-6.25 Countdown** (R)

**Channel 5**

- 6.00 Milkshake!** Children's fun.
- 9.15 Jeremy Vine** Debate.
- 11.30 Storm Huntley** Opinions.
- 12.45 Friends** US sitcom. (R)
- 1.40 News; Weather** Reports.
- 1.45 Home And Away** Justin checks in on Claudia. (R)
- 2.15 A Deadly Influence** Thriller, with Dylan Raine. (R)
- 4.00 Bargain-Loving Brits In The Sun** Reality show. (R)
- 5.00 News; Weather** Reports.
- 6.00 Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly** A nature-loving couple's hyper-reactive Doberman makes it impossible to enjoy walks in the countryside. (R)
- 6.55 News; Weather** Reports.
- 7.00 Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly Australia** Graeme Hall meets a border collie with a stop-start approach to walks and a habit of noisily vying for her owners' attention in public.
- 7.55 News; Weather** Reports.
- 8.00 The Yorkshire Vet** Matt Smith heads out during the night to deliver a calf; and a stray kitten is brought to the animal hospital.
- 9.00 New Lives In The Wild** Ben Fogle returns to mainland Europe to revisit an old friend who is living in the mountains of central Portugal.
- 10.00 CHOICE I Survived A Serial Killer — The Delia Balmer Story** New series. Hearing from people who have survived serial killers, beginning as Delia Balmer reveals what is was like to live with notorious serial killer John Sweeney. (See Critics' choice)
- 11.30 5 Mistakes That Caught A Killer** Examining the case of Harold Shipman, who in the year 2000 was convicted of murdering 15 of his patients, focusing on the string of mistakes that led to his arrest. (R)
- 12.35 Motorway Cops — Catching Britain's Speeders** A PC races to a hit-and-run that has left an elderly driver hurt. (R)
- 1.25 Casino Show** Gambling.
- 3.00 New Lives In The Wild** (R)
- 3.50 The Wonderful World Of Chocolate** York's Kit Kat factory. (Last in series, R)
- 4.40 House Doctor** Advice. (R)
- 5.30 Entertainment News**
- 5.40-6.00 Children's Shows**

**Variations**

**BBC1 WALES 8.00** Rookie Cops **8.30** Michael Mosley — Just One Thing **BBC2 WALES 1.45** First Minister's Questions **2.35** Unbeatable **3.20** The Boss **4.05** Tigers About The House — What Happened Next **5.05** Blue Planet II — Into The Blue **BBC SCOTLAND 7.00** Paramedics On Scene **8.00** The Town That Thread Built **9.00** The Nine **10.00** Inside Barlinnie **11.00-12.00** The Crime I Can't Forget **STV 6.00** Good Morning Britain

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**1.00** Wil Ac Aeron — Taith Yr Alban **1.30** Ffermio **2.00** Newyddion **2.05** Prynghawn Da **3.00** Newyddion **3.05** Triathlon Cymru — Triathlon Llandudno **4.00** Awr Fawr **5.00** Stwnsh: Mwy O Stwnsh Sadwrn **5.25** Byd Rwtsh Dai Potsh **5.35** Bwystfil **5.45** Li Ban **6.00** Ffasiwn Drefn **6.30** Sgorio **6.57** Newyddion **7.00** Heno **7.30** Newyddion **8.00** Pobol Y Cwm **8.25** Rownd A Rownd **8.55** Newyddion **9.00** Yr Hawl I Chwarae **10.00** Clwb Rygbi **10.30** Y Byd Ar Bedwar **11.00-11.35** Adre

**You say**

I know **Showtrial** (BBC1) is fiction, but a sailing route from Portsmouth to Calais? Really? This would be the longest crossing ever. Hants and the New Forest police? It is Hampshire and Isle of Wight. A bit of credibility please. **Sylvia Crabtree**

**Antiques Roadshow** — "Here's what's coming up ..." NO! Don't spoil it for me. I watch it because I don't know what is coming up. **Joe Kerrigan**

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## Critics' choice

### The Art Mysteries (Sky Arts/Now, 9pm)

There is so much to enjoy in this Waldemar Januszczak series that one almost doesn't have to appreciate art at all. As a presenter he's an artistic gumshoe, a Ludwig type worrying his way through the clues until lo, an answer. In the case of tonight's work, not one an audience would be expecting. Marcel Duchamp's 1917 *Fountain* has been voted the most influential artwork of the 20th century, an upturned urinal that created "conceptual art". Some thought it was reminiscent of the shape of the Virgin Mary. Januszczak can't stop thinking about the signature "R Mutt". Why did Duchamp not use his own name? This is laugh-out-loud TV, with Januszczak having a Rocky moment at the top of the Philadelphia Museum of Art steps. It finds an altogether darker and more misogynistic meaning in the work of the pun-loving artist.

Helen Stewart



Waldemar Januszczak explores *Fountain* (1917) by Marcel Duchamp

## Beaumont bounces into the public eye

### Lucy Beaumont — Live From The Royal Court Theatre (Sky Comedy/Now, 9pm)

"I've been doing quite a lot of telly recently," the comedian says. The TV world has certainly woken up to her talents – she's the natural inheritor of the much-missed Victoria Wood's mantle of dry northern wit and observation. This is a tight hour – gossipy and hilarious, featuring a slow, clever build-up to a joke that will give Richard Osman something to talk about on his podcast. *HS*

### Lucy Beaumont



### Dogs Of War (BBC4, 10pm)

"Peace does not generate money," says the former mercenary Dave Tomkins, seated in what, rather artlessly, appears to be an empty interrogation room, for this *Storyville* feature. "When there's war and chaos there are billions and billions of dollars to be made. I just wanted a little piece of the action." Now in his eighties, he accepts that his earning potential has diminished (we still see him hustling on the phone, another act of showmanship no doubt) and with cancer hastening the end of his life, it is time to tell his sordid tale. Attempted assassinations, notably of Pablo Escobar; arms dealing; Colonel Kurtz-like madness; and death in Angola, Afghanistan, Croatia and Colombia brought money and macho larks for Tomkins. There is no doubt he is an intriguing character, but at his age his stories feel studied, told too often and too little reflected on. *HS*

### Unforgivable (BBC2, 9.45pm)

Originally shown on Dave, this race-to-the-bottom panel show – a mean-spirited cross between *Would I Lie To You?*, *Taskmaster* and Graham Norton's red chair – encourages celebrities to spill the stories of their most appalling behaviour. Mel Giedroyc and her louche assistant Lou Sanders play up the Greg Davies/Little Alex Horne dynamic as they elicit confessions from tonight's shameless guests – Desiree Burch, Alex Brooker and Norton himself.



Dave Tomkins (BBC4, 10pm)

### I Survived A Serial Killer — The Delia Balmer Story (C5, 10pm)

In 1991 Delia Balmer was a nurse living in London when she was unfortunate enough to fall into the path of John Sweeney at a pub in Camden, a transient carpenter with a murderous past. In this sombre documentary she bravely tells the story of the terrifying violence she experienced during their relationship, while police officers fill in the wider context of Sweeney's brutal crimes in this new series.

### Ash Holme — What Not To Do With Dad/Dogs Of Grime (ITV1, 10.45pm/11.15pm)

This comedy strand showcases the TikTok star Ash Holme tackling challenges with her father, Phil. Japanese rope bondage is on the cards tonight. *Dogs of Grime* – grime stars and pets test their skills – follows.

Victoria Segal

## Film choice

### Snow White And The Huntsman (Great! Movies, 9pm)

Hollywood loves a fairytale. As usual, when confronted with a macabre flight of fancy, the only solution it comes up with is to turn it into an action extravaganza. This take on the story of Snow White is no exception. Kristen Stewart stars as Snow White, who is reimagined here as a warrior princess, and is the only one fairer than Charlize Theron's evil queen. (2012)

### Fremont (Film4, 10.55pm)

In this deadpan drama a lonely factory worker in San Francisco struggles with insomnia and existential dread. Donya is an Afghan immigrant who worked in Kabul as a translator for US forces and fled the country in 2021. This bleak backstory leaks out in tiny details during quietly absurd therapy sessions. Donya yearns for intimate human connection – step forward an equally adrift garage mechanic. (2023)

### Logan (C4, 2.05am)

It's 2029 in a world almost devoid of mutants. Our hero, Wolverine, aka Logan (Hugh Jackman), is an ageing alcoholic chauffeur with a habit of coughing up blood into handkerchiefs. Logan, like the best elegiac heroes, is dying. It soon introduces us to a new mutant girl, called Laura (Dafne Keen). One of the best of the comic-book blockbusters. (2017)

## On demand

### ● Picnic At Hanging Rock (Prime Video)

This is less a remake of Peter Weir's 1975 Australian horror movie than a reimagined adaptation of the 1967 Joan Lindsay novel about female boarding schoolers who vanished on Valentine's Day 1900 while picnicking at a sacred Aboriginal site. Natalie Dormer is suitably sinister as the school's founder, and the whole show feels weighted

with a dreamlike, narcotised strangeness. Don't try to follow the subplots; instead give in to the show's visual artistry, eerie menace and high-buttoned eroticism.

### ● Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy/Smiley's People (BBC iPlayer)

*Karla's Choice* is published this week – a new novel set in the universe of John le Carré's iconic spy George Smiley and written by the author's son, Nick Harkaway. That might be the reason why

these two perfect adaptations of Le Carré's earlier "Karla" novels are back on BBC iPlayer. Alec Guinness is deserving of all the accolades and awards he received as Smiley, but there isn't a bad performance in either series. It's that rare example of a TV show that was perfectly cast and expertly directed. It has aged like a fine wine, albeit one steeped in melancholy, mistrust, complexity, cynicism and failure.

Andrew Male

BBC 3

**7.00pm Phoenix Rise** Billy gets his day in court. (Series 4, ep 3) **7.30 Phoenix Rise** Leila goes through a family heartache. **8.00 Gavin & Stacey** Smithy and Nessa go for their first ultrasound scan. (Series 2, ep 3) **8.30 Gavin & Stacey** The newlyweds argue. **9.00 Leigh-Anne — Race, Pop & Power** Documentary exploring race in music. **10.00 FILM: Harriet** Stars Cynthia Erivo. Biopic telling the story of Harriet Tubman, chronicling her escape from slavery. Impassioned. (2019, 12) **11.55 Dreaming Whilst Black** **2.05 As 9pm** **3.05 Charlotte In Sunderland** **3.35-4.00 My Mate's A Bad Date** Disastrous daters.

BBC 4

**7.00pm Frozen Planet** A polar bear hunts with her cubs. **8.00 Porridge** Fletch sorts out Godber's torrid love life. **8.30 Hancock's Half Hour** Tony's new camera gives Sid a money-making idea. **9.00 She-Wolves — England's Early Queens** The role of queens in medieval and Tudor England. **10.00 CHOICE Dogs Of War** Storyville documentary telling the true story of Dave Tomkin's rise to power within the criminal world. (See Critics' choice) **11.30 Britain's Outlaws — Highwaymen, Pirates And Rogues** Piracy during the early 18th century. (2/3) **12.30 Frozen Planet** **1.30 She-Wolves — England's Early Queens** Insights. **2.30-3.30 As 11.30pm**

ITV 2

**5.50pm FILM: Harry Potter And The Chamber Of Secrets** Stars Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint and Emma Watson. The wizard returns for a second term at Hogwarts, where a strange serpentine power is attacking students. Spectacular fantasy. (2002, PG; includes FYI Daily) **9.00 Big Brother** Daily roundup. **10.00 Big Brother — Late & Live** AJ Odudu and Will Best present a companion show. **11.05 Family Guy** An old face from the past comes back into Brian's life after he becomes a local hero by catching a robber. (S18, ep 11) **11.35-12.00 Family Guy** Peter and Lois tell the kids how they met and fell in love. (Series 18, ep 6)

ITV 3

**5.50pm Heartbeat** Nick looks into the link between trespassers on the railway line and thefts from a fur factory. **6.55 Heartbeat** A gamekeeper is injured in a shooting incident. **8.00 Midsomer Murders** With John Nettles. A petty thief is impaled with a pitchfork in sleepy Midsomer Mallow, jeopardising the residents' chances of winning a 'perfect village' competition. **10.00 Law & Order: UK** A pregnant junior doctor is found beaten to death in a hospital car park. (Series 4, ep 3) **11.00-12.00 Law & Order: UK** Brooks and Devlin investigate when a teenager with severe learning difficulties is killed in a fire at his home.

E4

**6.00pm The Big Bang Theory** The gang re-creates a prom night. (Series 8, ep 8) **6.30 The Big Bang Theory** Leonard announces he has to have surgery. **7.00 Hollyoaks** Chester soap. **7.30 Modern Family** The Pritchett-Tuckers throw a huge Thanksgiving party. (Series 8, ep 7) **8.00 Hot Yachts — Miami** Vika is charmed by Nick, despite Katya's warnings. **9.00 Married At First Sight UK** The couples are asked to list what they like and do not like about each other. **10.05 Made In Chelsea** James is furious with his brother for his friendship with Miles. **11.15-12.20 Gogglebox** Opinions on shows including Family Fortunes, Ratched and Council House Britain.

U&Drama

**5.30pm The Upper Hand** Charlie makes a shocking discovery in the bathroom. **6.05 'Allo 'Allo!** Rene and Leclerc escape the Communist Resistance. **6.40 Last Of The Summer Wine** The trio help a friend with a medical problem. **7.20 Last Of The Summer Wine** Foggy organises a trip. **8.00 Jonathan Creek** A man appears to have defied the laws of time. (S2, ep 2) **9.05 New Tricks** The team reopens the case of a palaeontologist's murder. (Series 8, ep 1) **10.25 New Tricks** The team reopens a 15-year-old strangling case. **11.45-1.00 Murder In Mind** Thriller, with Steve McFadden. A man hires an assassin to murder his unfaithful wife. (S1, ep 2)

Sky Arts

**6.00pm Tales Of The Unexpected** A doctor's wife disappears. **6.30 Tales Of The Unexpected** Three close friends discover an elixir of youth. **7.00 The Alfred Hitchcock Hour** A writer appears to admit a murder to his publisher. **8.00 Art's Wildest Movement — Mannerism** A look at Giuseppe Arcimboldo's portrait of Holy Roman Emperor Rudolf II. **9.00 CHOICE The Art Mysteries** Waldemar Januszczak looks at Marcel Duchamp's Fountain. (See Critics' choice) **9.30 Borromini — The Dark Side Of Baroque** Profile of Francesco Borromini. **11.40-12.40 The Art Of Film** Ian Nathan takes a look at the early work of David Lean.

Sky Max

**6.00pm Stargate Atlantis** Sheppard tries to rescue Weir and McKay. (Series 1, ep 11, R) **7.00 Stargate Atlantis** The crew investigates a downed enemy ship. (R) **8.00 The Ultimate Action Movies** Clara Amfo, Russell Kane and Guz Khan go head-to-head. (R) **9.00 Last King Of The Cross** John makes a play for the biggest club on Oxford Street. (Series 2, ep 2) **10.10 The Walking Dead** All four communities come together in celebration. (Series 9, ep 15, R) **11.10-12.10 Seal Team** Bravo team targets a fentanyl factory in Myanmar, and Davis wants them to pull intel and destroy the plant. (Series 7, ep 4, R)

Sky Atlantic

**5.55pm Britannia** Cait and her father arrive at the Cantii citadel. (Series 1, ep 6) **6.55 Britannia** Cait and her father seek shelter in the ruins of their old home. **7.55 Game Of Thrones** Theon is reunited with his father; and Tyrion chastises Cersei for alienating Joffrey's subjects. (Series 2, ep 2) **9.00 The Sopranos** Tony grows suspicious of Christopher's behaviour in the car; and AJ has a setback in therapy. (Series 6, ep 18) **10.05 Sweetpea** Rhiannon's victim is discovered, so she goes on a mission to find out who he was and if he deserved it. (2/6) **11.05-12.15 The Penguin** With his operation at stake, Oz makes a desperate move to turn the tables. (5/8)

TPTV

**5.55pm The Beverly Hillbillies** Granny shows Pearl how to cook up a love potion. **6.30 Colonel March Of Scotland Yard** A scientist claims to have discovered life on the planet Mars. **7.05 Batman** The Mad Hatter plots revenge on the jury who convicted him. **7.35 Dangerous Assignment** Mitchell helps a US attaché to escape with valuable information. **8.05 Rumpole Of The Bailey** A couple are blackmailed. **9.10 FILM: 10 Little Indians** Stars Hugh O'Brian. Thriller. (1965, 15, B/W) **11.05 FILM: A Reflection Of Fear** Stars Robert Shaw. Slow-burning thriller. (1972, 18; ends at 12.55)

Films

**SKY CINEMA PREMIERE** **4.20pm** Bob Marley — One Love (2024, 12) **6.10** Drive-Away Dolls. Two women cross paths with inept criminals. (2024, 15) **8.00** The Radleys. A seemingly ordinary family hide a dark secret. (2024, 15) **10.00-12.30** The Color Purple. Torn apart from her sister and children, a woman finds strength in new friendships. (2023, 12) **SKY CINEMA THRILLER** **5.50pm** Vertigo (1958, PG) **8.00** Sleepers. Four friends vow to take revenge on the prison guards who abused them. (1996, 18) **10.30-12.25** Hanna. A teenage girl trained by her father to be an assassin goes on a secret mission. (2011, 12) **SKY CINEMA GREATS** **5.50pm** The Cinema List **6.05** Bob Marley — One Love. The story of how reggae icon Bob Marley overcame adversity. (2024, 12) **8.00** Detroit. Racist police officers respond to a complaint with retribution. (2017, 15) **10.25-12.15** Black Joy. Comedy. (1977, 15)

**SKY CINEMA SELECT** **6.00pm** Eternal Sunshine Of The Spotless Mind (2004, 15) **8.00** Watchmen. Retired superheroes discover a conspiracy. (2009, 18) **10.45-12.45** Arrival (2016, 12) **SKY CINEMA DRAMA** **4.10pm** Field Of Dreams (1989, PG) **6.05** Magic Mike's Last Dance. Comedy. (2023, 15) **8.00** Spotlight. A team of journalists investigates a conspiracy to cover up child abuse in the Catholic church. (2015, 15) **10.15-12.10** The Unlikely Pilgrimage Of Harold Fry. Drama. (2023, 12) **FILM 4** **4.25pm** The Sons Of Katie Elder (1965, U) **6.55** Belle (2013, 12) **9.00** Venom — Let There Be Carnage (2021, 15) **10.55-12.45 CHOICE** Fremont #3, 12; see Film choice) **Entertainment** **ITV 4** **5.55pm** BattleBots **7.00** The Chase **8.00** World Superbike Highlights **9.00** FILM: Renegades. Stars Kiefer Sutherland **11.10** FILM: Death Wish IV — The Crackdown **1.05-2.05** All Elite Wrestling — Rampage

**MORE 4** **5.50pm** Escape To The Chateau — DIY **6.55** Car SOS **7.55** Grand Designs **9.00** 24 Hours In A&E **10.00** Emergency **11.05** 24 Hours In A&E **12.10** Emergency Helicopter Medics **1.15-2.15** Emergency **GOLD** **5.40pm** Still Open All Hours **6.20** The Green Green Grass **7.00** Dad's Army **8.20** The Good Life **9.00** Absolutely Fabulous **10.20** The Young Ones **11.10** Inside No 9 **11.50** Blackadder II **12.30** Absolutely Fabulous **1.50-2.40** The Young Ones **SKY COMEDY** **6.00pm** The US Office **7.00** Young Rock **8.00** Will & Grace **9.00** CHOICE Lucy Beaumont — Live From The Royal Court Theatre. Stand-up comedy (See Critics' choice) **10.00** The Tonight Show **11.00** Silicon Valley **12.15** Divorce **1.35-3.05** Curb Your Enthusiasm **5 STAR** **6.00pm** Home And Away **7.00** GPs — Behind Closed Doors **8.00** Babies 24/7 — The Maternity Ward **9.00** 999 — Critical Condition **10.00** Adults Only: S\*\*gging 9 To 5

**11.00** Adults Only: Sexual Healing **12.00** Belmarsh — Serial Killers & High Security **1.00-2.15** HMP Wakefield — Evil Behind Bars **5 USA** **6.00pm** NCIS. Crime thriller **9.00** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit **12.55-3.35** Blindspot **SKY WITNESS** **6.00pm** Nothing To Declare **8.00** The Equalizer **10.00** FBI — Most Wanted **11.00** FBI **12.00** Chicago PD **1.00-3.00** Blue Bloods **U&W** **6.00pm** DIY SOS — The Big Build **7.00** MasterChef Australia — Dessert Masters **8.10** DIY SOS — The Big Build Ireland **9.10** 999 Rescue Squad. A fire breaks out **10.10** #Murder **11.10** Bradford On Duty **12.30** One Born Every Minute **1.40-2.30** 17 Kids And Counting **COMEDY CENTRAL** **5.55pm** Friends **6.25** Friends **8.00** Whose Line Is It Anyway? USA **9.00** FILM: White Chicks **11.10** South Park **12.10** The Culture Capsule **12.25** Most Ridiculous: Babies **12.55** Most Ridiculous: Furry Friends **1.25-2.25** Michael McIntyre's Big Show

**U&YESTERDAY** **6.00pm** Antiques Roadshow **7.00** Guy Martin's Great British Power Trip **8.00** Bangers & Cash — Restoring Classics **9.00** Bangers & Cash **11.00** Abandoned Engineering **12.00-1.00** Great Continental Railway Journeys **U&DAVE** **6.00pm** Rick Stein's India **7.00** Would I Lie To You? **7.40** House Of Games **9.00** Have I Got A Bit More News For You **10.00** QI XL **11.00** Battle In The Box **12.00** Mock The Week **12.40** As Yet Unintended **1.40-2.15** Would I Lie To You? **Factual** **NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC** **6.00pm** World War II — Secrets From Above **7.00** Air Crash Investigation **8.00** Apocalypse — The Fall Of Hitler **10.00** Nazi Sunken Sub **11.00** Air Crash Investigation **1.00-2.00** Ultimate Airport Dubai **DISCOVERY** **6.00pm** How Do They Do It? **7.00** Gold Rush **8.00** Wheeler Dealers **9.00** Gold Rush — Mine Rescue With Freddy & Juan **10.00** Hoffman Family Gold **11.00** Roadworthy Rescues

# 5 Great films... BBC iPlayer

**1 The Lady In The Van (2015)** Elizabeth Taylor as Cleopatra  
Maggie Smith, who died in September, is truly compelling in this film adaptation of Alan Bennett's play.

**2 The Wicker Man (1973)**  
Not just one of the greatest horror films in history, this chiller is one of the greatest dramatic movies too.

**3 Murder On The Orient Express (1974)**  
Albert Finney stars in Sidney Lumet's superb adaptation opposite Lauren Bacall, Sean Connery, John Gielgud and Vanessa Redgrave.

**4 Cleopatra (1963)**  
The incredible four-hour Egyptian epic stars Elizabeth Taylor opposite Richard Burton.

**5 Man On The Moon (1999)**  
Milos Forman's biopic of the actor and avant-garde comedian Andy Kaufman is driven by a revelatory performance from Jim Carrey.

Tim Glanfield



**12.00** Expedition Unknown  
**1.00-2.00** Gold Rush — Mine Rescue With Freddy & Juan

**PBS AMERICA**  
**5.20pm** The Hidden Side Of World War II **6.25** The 100 Days That Defined Modern History **7.35** Lost World Of Angkor Wat. Water systems **8.40** Jungle War **9.45** The Hidden Side Of World War II **10.55-12.00** Lost World Of Angkor Wat

**SKY DOCUMENTARIES**  
**6.00pm** The Vietnam War **7.00** Stax — Soulsville USA **8.00** The Russell Murders — Who Killed Lin And Megan? **9.00** Natalie Wood — What Remains Behind. A unique insight **11.00-12.45** I Am Johnny Cash

**SKY NATURE**  
**6.00pm** Whale **7.00** Monkey Life **8.00** Attenborough's Journey **9.00** Gladiators **10.00** Whale **11.00-12.00** Uptown Otters

**DISCOVERY HISTORY**  
**6.00pm** Secrets Underground **7.00** Nasa's Unexplained Files **8.00** Cooper's Treasure **9.00** Combat Dealers. A rare 1942 Luger **10.00** Salvage Hunters **11.00-12.00** Salvage Hunters — The Restorers

## Sport

**SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT**  
**6.00am LIVE** Tennis. The ATP Swiss Indoors, ATP Vienna Open, WTA Pan Pacific Open Tokyo, and WTA Guangzhou Open **7.30 LIVE** EFL: Queens Park Rangers v Coventry City. Kickoff at 8.00 **10.30** Back Pages Tonight **11.00** News **3.00-6.00 LIVE** Tennis

**TNT SPORTS 1**  
**6.00am** America's Cup **6.30** PL Stories **7.00** PL Review **8.00** Serie A **10.00** Uefa Champions League Magazine **11.30** Women's Bundesliga **11.30** PL Legends **12.00** PL Review **1.00 LIVE** Uefa Youth League: Aston Villa U19 v Bologna U19. Kickoff at 1.00 **3.00** PL — Big Interview **3.30** Uefa Europa League & Conference League Magazine **4.30** Uefa Champions League Magazine **5.00** What I Wore **5.15** America's Cup **5.45** Badminton Weekly **6.00** PL Netbusters **6.30** PL Stories **7.00 LIVE** Uefa Champions League: Aston Villa v Bologna. Kickoff at 8.00 **10.30** Documentary **11.00** NBA Tip-Off **12.30 LIVE** NBA **3.00 LIVE** NBA **5.30-6.30** Inside The NBA

## Radio & Podcasts

● **The Hazard Of The Die (Radio 4, 4pm)**  
In this documentary the actor Michael Patrick charts his journey of playing Richard III at Belfast's Lyric Theatre. But this is not the usual luvvie explanation of taking the role of Shakespeare's king — this is a very personal story, as Patrick has been diagnosed with motor neurone disease, which gives him only a few years to achieve his goals. Playing the disabled monarch takes on a new meaning for Patrick, who is now a wheelchair user, and in the programme he moves from working on the play to hospital visits where he takes part in a drug trial.



A new approach: Michael Patrick as Richard III

● **Assignment (BBC World Service, 9.30am)**  
Tim Whewell reports on the power of music in a destroyed Gaza, where a branch of the Palestinian national music conservatory is still operating outside its destroyed premises to

bring singing and music lessons to children. Whewell reported from the country a decade ago.

● **Frank Off The Radio (podcast)**  
After Absolute Radio's baffling decision this year to axe one of its most successful shows, its host Frank Skinner returns with a new twice-weekly podcast alongside the usual sidekicks Emily Dean and the writer Pierre Novellie. Expect more of the same drily witty banter that has been much missed by listeners who are still agape that the show was nominated for the best comedy award at the Arias the week after it was cancelled.  
Clair Woodward

### TIMES RADIO

**5.00** Rosie Wright With Early Breakfast **6.00** Aasmah Mir And Stig Abell With Times Radio Breakfast **10.00** Hugo Rifkind Featuring How To Win An Election **1.00** Andrew Neil **2.00** Jane Garvey And Fi Glover **4.00** John Pienaar With Times Radio Drive **7.00** The Evening Edition With Kait Borsay **10.00** Carole Walker **1.00** The Story **1.30** The Best Of Times Radio

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### RADIO 4

**5.30** News **5.43** Prayer **5.45** Farming Today **6.00** Today **9.00** Young Again. Kirsty Young asks Miranda Hart what advice she would give her younger self **9.30** Inside Health. Tips on alleviating embarrassment when talking to a doctor **10.00** Woman's Hour **11.00** Screenshot (R) **11.45** Book Of The Week **12.00** News **12.04** Call You And Yours **1.00** The World At One **1.45** Surviving Politics With Michael Gove **2.00** The Archers (R) **2.15** Drama: Trust, by Jonathan Hall. New run of the drama **3.00** Punt And Dennis — Route Masters: From Beer To Eternity. The duo try to get from the Ring Tailed Lemur to Watford Gap services **3.30** Thinking Allowed **4.00** The Hazard Of The Die. Michael Patrick and Oisín Kearney put on a production of Richard III **4.30** When It Hits The Fan **5.00** PM **6.00** News **6.30** Janey Godley: The C Bomb (R) **7.00** The Archers **7.15** Front Row **8.00** File On 4 **8.40** In Touch **9.00** World Of Secrets — Al Fayed, Predator At Harrods. After Al Fayed sells Harrods and retreats into a world of luxury, the women he silenced begin to speak up about their experiences (5/5) **9.30** The Bottom Line (R) **10.00** The World Tonight **10.45** Book At Bedtime **11.00** Why Do You Hate Me? USA (R) **11.30** Today In Parliament **12.00** News **12.30** Book Of The Week (R) **12.48** Shipping **1.00** World Service

### RADIO 4 EXTRA

**5.00** The Moon And Sixpence **6.00** Bertie And The Crime Of Passion **6.30** Charles Paris: So Much Blood **7.00** Living With Betty **7.30** The Goon Show **8.00** Alone **8.30** I'm Here I Think, Where Are You? **8.45** Les Misérables **9.00** Yesterday In Parliament **9.30** Fungi — The Fifth Kingdom **9.45** Daily Service **10.00** A Good Read **10.30** The Physicist's Guide To The Orchestra **11.00** Bertie And The Crime Of Passion **11.30** Charles Paris: So Much Blood **12.00** Living With Betty **12.30** The Goon Show **1.00** Alone **1.30** I'm Here I Think, Where Are You? **1.45** Les Misérables **2.00** Act Your Age **2.30** Romantic Friction **3.00** The Moon And Sixpence **4.00** A Good Read **4.30** The Physicist's Guide To The Orchestra **5.00** Bertie And The Crime Of Passion **5.30** Charles Paris: So Much Blood **6.00** Living With Betty **6.30** The Goon Show **7.00** Alone **7.30** I'm Here I Think, Where Are You? **7.45** Les Misérables **8.00** Act Your Age **8.30** Romantic Friction **9.00** The Moon And Sixpence **10.00** Heresy **10.30** Consultants **11.00** Crème De La Crime **11.15** Warhorses Of Letters **11.30-12.00** Lionel Nimrod's Inexplicable World

### LBC

**7.00** Nick Ferrari **10.00** James O'Brien **1.00** Shelagh Fogarty **4.00** Tom Swarbrick **6.00** Tonight With Andrew Marr **7.00** Iain Dale. Debate **10.00** Ben Kenish. Discussion **1.00** Richard Spurr **4.00** Ian Payne

### RADIO 3

**6.30** Breakfast **9.30** Essential Classics **1.00** Classical Live. Fiona Talkington presents concert performances, including Concerto Copenhagen at the Lammermuir festival and the symphonic Harold In Italy Op 16, by Berlioz, from the BBC NOW and Rebecca Jones (viola), conducted by Jonathan Bloxham **4.00** Composer Of The Week **5.00** In Tune. Live music and interviews from classical musicians **7.00** Classical Mixtape. Classical favourites mixed with jazz, folk and music from around the world

**7.30** In Concert. A performance at Birmingham's Town Hall to mark the bicentenary of Bruckner's birth, featuring the Birmingham based choir Ex Cathedra and the conductor Jeffrey Skidmore **9.45** The Essay. The writer Sara Saleh examines the spoken word scene of West Sydney's Bankstown, which gave a sense of identity to performers and poets — the real rockstars **10.00** Night Tracks. Sara Mohr-Pietsch presents a soundtrack for late-night listening, from classical to contemporary and everything in between **11.30** Round Midnight. Soweto Kinch presents the best in jazz **12.30** Through The Night

### CLASSIC FM

**7.00** Dan Walker **9.00** The Hall Of Fame Hour **10.00** Alexander Armstrong **1.00** Anne-Marie Minhall **4.00** Margherita Taylor **7.00** Zeb Soanes **10.00** Ritula Shah **1.00** Bill Overton **4.00** Lucy Coward

### RADIO 2

**6.30** The Zoe Ball Breakfast Show **9.30** Gary Davies **12.00** Jeremy Vine **2.00** Scott Mills **4.00** OJ Borg **7.00** Jo Whitley **9.00** The Jazz Show With Jamie Cullum **10.00** Trevor Nelson's Rhythm Nation **12.00** Phil Williams **3.00** Radio 2 Piano Room. With sessions by Rag'n'Bone Man, Johnny Marr, Gabrielle and Rod Stewart (R) **4.00** Owain Wyn Evans

### VIRGIN RADIO

**6.30** The Chris Evans Breakfast Show **10.00** The Ryan Tubridy Show **1.00** Jayne Middlemiss **4.00** Ricky Wilson **7.00** Bam **10.00** Olivia Jones **1.00** Sean Goldsmith **4.00** Steve Denyer

### TALKSPORT

**5.00** Early Sports Breakfast **6.00** Breakfast With Jeff Stelling **10.00** Jim White And Simon Jordan **1.00** Hawksbee And Baker **4.00** Andy Goldstein And Darren Bent **7.00** Kick Off. Live Champions League commentary **10.00** The Sports Bar **1.00** Extra Time With Paul Ross

**BBC 1**

- 6.00 Breakfast** Headlines.
- 9.30 Morning Live** Magazine.
- 10.45 Crimewatch Caught**  
The investigation into the murder of Mark Noke.
- 11.15 Homes Under The Hammer** Auctions.
- 12.15 Bargain Hunt** Curios.
- 1.00 News; Weather** Reports.
- 2.00 Doctors** Graham is out to cause trouble; and Rosie puts her plan into action.
- 2.30 Money For Nothing** (R)
- 3.00 Escape To The Country** (R)
- 3.45 Garden Rescue** (R)
- 4.30 The Bidding Room** Dealers bid on a doll's house.
- 5.15 Pointless** Quiz show. (R)
- 6.00 News; Weather** Reports.
- 6.30 Regional News** Update.
- 7.00 The One Show** Features.
- 7.30 EastEnders** Jean suspects Freddie is keeping a secret; Kat makes excuses for Tommy's behaviour; and Jack agrees to turn a blind eye to Harry's activities.
- 8.00 The Repair Shop** Will Kirk has an appointment with a man who brings in a knife-sharpening barrow from the 1890s that belonged to his great-grandfather; and Amanda Middleditch and Julie Tatchell are brought a stuffed husky in desperate need of restoration.
- 9.00 CHOICE Ludwig** With Derek Jacobi. While investigating the death of a headmaster, John faces his bad memories but is pleasantly surprised when he reconnects with his old mentor; and Lucy follows a new lead in her search for James as her covert mission takes her to Wales. (5/6; see Critics' choice)
- 10.00 News; Weather** Reports.
- 10.40 Uefa Champions League MOTD** Action from the matchday three league phase contests, including RB Leipzig v Liverpool at Red Bull Arena, Barcelona v Bayern Munich at Estadi Olímpic Lluís Companys and Real Madrid v Borussia Dortmund at the Bernabéu.
- 12.00 Ambulance** Documentary in which cameras follow the staff of London Ambulance Service. (R)
- 1.05-6.00 Joins BBC News**

**SCOTLAND 6.30** Reporting Scotland; Weather. **12.00** Debate Night. Topical discussion.

**BBC 2**

- 6.30 Escape To The Country** (R)
- 7.15 The Bidding Room** (R)
- 8.00 Amazing Hotels — Life Beyond The Lobby**  
Working at the Gangtey Lodge, Bhutan. (Signed, R)
- 9.00 News; Weather** Headlines.
- 11.15 Politics Live** Discussion.
- 1.00 Impossible** Gameshow. (R)
- 1.45 Unbeatable** Quiz show. (R)
- 2.30 The Boss** Quiz show. (R)
- 3.15 Tigers About The House — What Happened Next**  
The harsh reality of tiger poaching in Indonesia. (R)
- 4.15 This Farming Life** (R)
- 5.15 Flog It!** Selling items. (R)
- 6.00 House Of Games** Chris Bisson, Danielle Harold, Katharine Merry and Robert Webb compete.
- 6.30 Strictly — It Takes Two** Janette Manrara gets all the latest news from inside the training rooms as the celebrities prepare for their Halloween-themed dances.
- 7.00 The Secret Genius Of Modern Life** Hannah Fry visits Bose to find out how today's headphones work, and meets human testers with 'golden ears'. (R)
- 8.00 The Warship — Tour Of Duty** HMS Queen Elizabeth sails into the eastern Mediterranean and runs the gauntlet of hostile Russian warships and jet fighters, and there is a tense stand-off. (R)
- 9.00 CHOICE Trump — The Criminal Conspiracy Case**  
Documentary exploring Donald Trump's audacious attempts to allegedly overturn the result of the 2020 US election and how they led to his arrest and impending criminal trial. (See Critics' choice)
- 10.30 Newsnight** Headlines.
- 11.05 Unspun World With John Simpson** Global news.
- 11.30 A House Through Time — Two Cities At War**  
A look at life for British and German citizens during the Second World War. (R)
- 12.30 The Man Who Definitely Didn't Steal Hollywood** Giancarlo Parretti's ownership of MGM/UA in the 1990s. (Signed, R)
- 2.00 Rick Stein's Food Stories** In Manchester. (Signed, R)
- 3.00-3.30 Our Lives: The Lakes** — Our Life On The Edge. An epic challenge. (Signed, R)

**ITV 1**

- 6.00 Good Morning Britain**
- 9.00 Lorraine** Lifestyle chat.
- 10.00 This Morning** Features.
- 12.30 Loose Women** Debate.
- 1.30 News; Weather** Reports.
- 2.00 Family Fortunes** (R)
- 3.00 Lingo** Adil Ray hosts as three teams use their skills to find words from the fewest letters possible.
- 4.00 Tipping Point** Gameshow.
- 5.00 The Chase** Quiz show.
- 6.00 Regional News** Update.
- 6.30 News; Weather** Reports.
- 7.30 Emmerdale** DS Foy turns up at the Dingles' house; and Mackenzie is worried that Billy is training for another unlicensed fight.
- 8.00 Coronation Street**  
An ambulance is called for Gail following a family row; Chesney leaves Kirk in charge while he dashes to the airport; and Max admits his feelings for Lauren.
- 9.00 DNA Journey With Ancestry** James Nesbitt and Sarah Parish embark on a quest to find close connections as they dive into their family histories, with Sarah discovering that the source of her passion for education dates back to the 1800s. (Last in series)
- 10.00 News At Ten** Bulletin.
- 10.45 Peston** Political magazine show with Robert Peston, featuring interviews with MPs and cultural figures.
- 11.40 Gallagher Premiership Unleashed** Action from round five, including Bristol Bears v Saracens. (R)
- 12.05 Teleshopping** Goods.
- 3.00 Smartphones — Time To Live Without Them?** (R)
- 3.25 I Cut Off His Penis — The Truth Behind The Headlines** Investigating cases across the world. (R)
- 4.35 Unwind** Daily relaxation.
- 5.35-6.00 Tom Kerridge Cooks Britain** In Powys. (R)



Derek Jacobi (BBC1, 9pm)

**Channel 4**

- 6.25 Cheers** Comedy. (R)
- 7.45 The King Of Queens** (R)
- 9.10 Frasier** Sitcom. (R)
- 11.05 Come Dine With Me — The Professionals** (R)
- 12.05 News; Weather** Reports.
- 12.10 Renovation Nation** (R)
- 1.10 Find It, Fix It, Flog It** (R)
- 2.10 Countdown** Game.
- 3.00 A Place In The Sun — What Happened Next?** (R)
- 4.00 The Great House Giveaway** Two strangers are given the opportunity to buy a property in Wigan. (R)
- 5.00 Four In A Bed** Guest house owners converge at Bella Vista Lodge in Blackpool.
- 5.30 Help! We Bought A Village** A historical settlement in Puglia is targeted by burglars. (R)
- 6.30 The Simpsons** Sideshow Bob gets a job as Santa. (R)
- 7.00 News; Weather** Reports.
- 7.55 Stand Up To Cancer: Matthew's Story.** The story of a man diagnosed with an aggressive brain tumour.
- 8.00 CHOICE Location, Location, Location**  
Property experts Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer help a woman in Belfast who has hit a wall climbing the property ladder and a couple who are looking to relocate from London to Co Down. (See Critics' choice)
- 9.00 Grand Designs** Kevin McCloud follows the progress as a couple make a family home out of an abandoned water tower in Northamptonshire with a budget of £400,000.
- 10.00 New Zealand's Best Homes** Phil Spencer looks at a city home in Auckland and a modern masterpiece in Queenstown.
- 11.05 24 Hours In A&E** A teenager has been struck in the eye with an arrow during an archery class. (R)
- 12.05 The Great British Bake Off** It is pastry week. (R)
- 1.15 Love In The Limelight — Untold** Documentary. (R)
- 2.10 FILM: Bad Hair** Stars Elle Lorraine and Jay Pharoah. Weird fun. (2020, 15)
- 3.45 Stand Up To Cancer: Matthew's Story** (R)
- 3.50 Dispatches** Vinted. (R)
- 4.20 Kirstie's House Of Craft** (R)
- 4.30 Frasier** Sitcom. (R)
- 5.45-6.25 Countdown** (R)

**Channel 5**

- 6.00 Milkshake!** Children's fun.
- 9.15 Jeremy Vine** Debate.
- 11.30 Storm Huntley** Opinions.
- 12.45 Friends** US sitcom. (R)
- 1.40 News; Weather** Reports.
- 1.45 Home And Away**  
Justin is doing his best to stay quiet about his and Claudia's arrangement. (R)
- 2.15 Our Mother's Secret Affair** Thriller, with Ashley Leggat and Laura Afelskie. A woman finds her biological mother who gave her up for adoption years ago — only for a killer to try and cut their reunion short.
- 4.00 Bargain-Loving Brits In The Sun** Documentary. (R)
- 5.00 News; Weather** Reports.
- 6.00 Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly** Dog trainer Graeme Hall meets a dog with severe separation anxiety and attachment issues. (R)
- 6.55 News; Weather** Reports.
- 7.00 Shop Smart, Save Money** Gaby Roslin and Ortis Deley put some waterproof backpacks to the test to find out how much buyers need to spend to keep dry when they are out and about.
- 7.55 News; Weather** Reports.
- 8.00 Traffic Cops** Police cameras trigger a search for a suspected cloned car linked to multiple burglaries, six units give chase and three suspects are eventually located in a shed on a housing estate.
- 9.00 Police — Night Shift 999**  
When a member of the public calls in to report that they have seen a group of three men trying to break into cars, two officers rush to the scene.
- 10.00 Inside The Force 24/7**  
Officers respond when a 999 call comes into force control about a mass brawl in a town centre pub. (R)
- 11.05 Cause Of Death** A history of an illness within a family may have been the cause of their son's death. (R)
- 12.05 Traffic Cops** There is a force-wide hunt for a group of violent thieves. (R)
- 1.00 Casino Show** Gambling.
- 3.00 New Lives In The Wild** (R)
- 3.50 The Wonderful World Of Chocolate** Aldi's factory. (R)
- 4.40 House Doctor** Advice. (R)
- 5.05 Wildlife SOS** Animals. (R)
- 5.30 Entertainment News**
- 5.40-6.00 Children's Shows**

**Variations**

**BBC1 WALES 10.40** BBC Wales Live. Bethan Rhys Roberts presents **11.10** Uefa Champions League MOTD **12.30** Ambulance **1.30** BBC News **BBC SCOTLAND 7.00** Grand Tours Of Scotland's Lochs **8.00** Island Crossings **9.00** The Nine **10.00** River City **10.30** Debate Night **11.30-12.00** Burnistoun **STV 6.00** Good Morning Britain **9.00** Lorraine **10.00** This Morning **12.30** Loose Women **1.30** News; Weather **2.00** Family Fortunes **3.00** Lingo

**4.00** Tipping Point **5.00** The Chase **6.00** Regional News **6.30** News; Weather **7.30** Emmerdale **8.00** Coronation Street **9.00** DNA Journey With Ancestry **10.00** News **10.40** Scotland Tonight **11.05** Peston **12.00** Gallagher Premiership Unleashed **12.25** Teleshopping **3.00-6.00** Unwind **S4C 6.00** Cyw **8.45** Ahoi! **9.05** Caru Canu A Stori **9.15** Y Crads Bach **9.20** Anifeiliaid Bach Y Byd **9.30** Patrol Pawennau **9.45** Sbarc **10.00** Blociau Lliw **10.05** Pablo **10.20** Dreigiau Cadi **10.30** Sion Y Chef **10.45** Jen A Jim Pob Dim

**11.00** Dysgu Gyda Cyw **12.00** Newyddion **12.05** Cais Quinnell **12.30** Heno **1.00** Colleen Ramsey — Bywyd A Bwyd **1.30** Y Byd Ar Bedwar **2.00** Newyddion **2.05** Prynawn Da **3.00** Newyddion A'r Tywydd **3.05** Yr Actor A'r Eicon **4.00** Awr Fawr **5.00** Stwnsh **6.00** Ralio+ **6.30** Rownd A Rownd **6.57** Newyddion S4C **7.00** Heno **7.30** Newyddion **8.00** Pobol Y Cwm **8.25** Cartrefi Cymru **8.55** Newyddion **9.00** Goglebocs Cymru **10.00** Hansh — Da Neu Du **10.20** Y Ty Gwyrdd **10.50-12.05** Nathan Brew — Caethwasiaeth A Fi

**You say**

Ludwig is brilliant — and so is the music in the background. Recommended to all puzzle solvers and music lovers. Thank you BBC1. **Alena Tomka**

Do the writers of Ludwig know anything about church buildings? The east windows through which the afternoon sun is reputed to shine? The candles burning unsupervised? The chancel, where the body was found, described as an "alcove"?

**Dr E A Carrey**

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## Critics' choice

### Trump — The Criminal Conspiracy Case (BBC2, 9pm)

This pulls at one thread in the unravelling of Donald Trump's presidency: his attempt to cling to power in 2020 by insisting that he won the state of Georgia. He faces a criminal trial over allegations of "racketeering" as part of a "criminal enterprise". As this film shows, the evidence against him might be no match for the machinations of those who seek to clear his way to a second term. Among those interviewed are Brad Raffensperger, the Georgia secretary of state, whom Trump asked to "find" him an extra 11,780 votes; Eric Coomer, an employee of the voting machines company forced into hiding after Trump singled him out in unfounded claims of voter fraud; and one of Trump's legal advisers — and now co-defendants — John Eastman. With the US elections two weeks away, this film is an acute reminder of what's at stake.

Victoria Segal



Trump is the first former US president to be convicted of a crime

## Will this docuseries identify the Zodiac?

### This Is The Zodiac Speaking (Netflix)

This true-crime show is dedicated to the unsolved "Zodiac killings" in northern California. There were five known victims between 1968 and 1969 — but in the Zodiac's last confirmed letter, in 1974, he claimed to have killed 37 people. This three-part series follows the journey of families who are still seeking answers and presents new evidence about a prime suspect in the case, Arthur Leigh Allen.

Tim Glanfield

### Arthur Leigh Allen



### Peter McDougall Remembers ... The Elephant's Graveyard (BBC4, from 10pm)

In 1975 the BBC used their groundbreaking *Play for Today* strand to broadcast *Just Another Saturday*, Peter McDougall's highly controversial play about an Orange Order march spilling into violence on Glasgow's streets. *The Elephant's Graveyard* followed in the same slot on October 12, 1976, starring two actors who had also appeared in its Prix Italia-winning predecessor. Jon Morrison plays Bunny, a young unemployed man pretending to his wife that he goes out to work every day as a postman, while Billy Connolly shows his early dramatic skills as Jody, a charismatic older wanderer Bunny meets on one of his furtive walks. Ahead of a screening of the play at 10.10pm, viewers have a chance to hear the playwright discuss his tender meditation on masculinity, maturity and time. VS

### Ludwig (BBC1, 9pm)

While Lucy (Anna Maxwell Martin) embarks on a covert trip to Wales in search of her missing husband, David Mitchell's corduroy-clad faux sleuth investigates a headmaster's death in odd circumstances — was it suicide, or murder with no shortage of suspects among his colleagues? Rose Ayling-Ellis guest stars as one of the staff, and Derek Jacobi plays a semi-retired teacher with a sideline as a puzzle setter — in fact, he was the young John "Ludwig" Taylor's mentor.



Layton Williams (Sky Arts, 8pm)

### Portrait Artist Of The Year (Sky Arts/Now, 8pm)

In what feels like an almighty casting cock-up (has it ever happened before?), all this week's sitters are chaps. Steven Frayne is better known as Dynamo, the highly successful magician and, more recently, author. Dan Snow is a TV historian, traveller and writer, while Layton Williams has appeared in *Strictly Come Dancing* and *Bad Education* on TV and as Billy Elliot and Jamie New in West End musicals.

### Location, Location, Location (C4, 8pm)

Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer are helping clients who have sold their previous properties before finding somewhere new. In Belfast, Jennifer has her expectations adjusted; in Co Down, Tony and Val have only viewed one house so far in their forever home search.

John Dugdale

## Film choice

### Call Jane (Film4, 9pm)

The achievement of this Sixties-set drama is the transformation of a historical account of illegal abortion into a feelgood film of personal empowerment. Elizabeth Banks plays Joy, who because of a life-threatening heart complication is in need of a termination. The all-male medical establishment is uninterested, and so Joy embarks on a journey of defiance and renewal that begins and ends with a real-life society of women who organised secret abortions. (2022)

### Legends Of The Fall (Film4, 11.25pm)

This saga based on Jim Harrison's 1979 novella gave Brad Pitt a role to showcase his movie-star credentials. Pitt plays one of three brothers (Aidan Quinn and Henry Thomas play the others) who find themselves at odds over a woman (Julia Ormond). Anthony Hopkins is the father who raised the boys alone after his wife left. (1994)

### About Last Night (Sky Cinema Comedy, 11.50pm)

Demi Moore and Rob Lowe play young professionals negotiating the minefield of dating and mating in 1980s Chicago in this adaptation of a David Mamet play. Edward Zwick's drama defined movie sex appeal in that era while smoothing most of the cynical edges off Mamet's *Sexual Perversity in Chicago*. (1986)

## On demand

### ● Omnivore (Apple TV+)

If you were to conceive of a food version of Jared Diamond's 1997 bestseller, *Guns, Germs And Steel*, you might arrive at something like this eight-part series that explores the ingredients that built (and destroyed) societies and shaped our lifestyles and beliefs. Narrated by the Copenhagen-based chef Rene Redzepi, each episode follows a single ingredient (rice, chilli,

tuna, coffee) from its place of origin through a complex network of production, distribution and consumption. Redzepi's voiceover is occasionally too florid and philosophical, but this is a wise and educational food show that also doubles as a historical travelogue.

### ● Drinking For England (BBC iPlayer)

Now 26 years old, Brian Hill's documentary about British people and their relationship with alcohol

remains as startling as ever. Mixing a straightforward documentary approach with to-camera interviews and more experimental touches, the film's secret weapon was its decision to let the future poet laureate Simon Armitage work with the interviewees to help craft poems and songs about their drinking habits. The result is a deeply moving portrait of a country and its people beholden to booze.

Andrew Male

**BBC 3**

- 7.00pm Phoenix Rise** Rihanna is rushed to hospital. (Series 4, ep 5) **7.30 Phoenix Rise** A fight breaks out between Phoenix Rise and Brooklands school.
- 8.00 Gavin & Stacey** Sitcom.
- 9.00 Dubai Hustle** Lucas pulls out all the stops. **9.30 Dubai Hustle** The firm holds an end-of-year party.
- 10.00 BBC New Comedy Awards** The Northern Irish heat.
- 10.30 Things You Should Have Done** Offbeat sitcom, with Lucia Keskin. (1/6) **10.55 Things You Should Have Done** Chi likes the concept of never working again.
- 11.25 Cuckoo** Three episodes.
- 12.55 BBC New Comedy Awards**
- 1.25 RuPaul's Drag Race UK**
- 2.30 Ginger's House** Talk show.
- 2.45 Dubai Hustle** Double bill.
- 3.45-4.00 Lazy Susan** (4/4)

**BBC 4**

- 7.00pm Frozen Planet** A look at how animals in the polar regions adapt to summer.
- 8.00 From Ice To Fire — The Incredible Science Of Temperature** The narrow band of temperature that has led to life on Earth.
- 9.00 Brian Cox's Jute Journey** The actor heads to Calcutta.
- 10.00 CHOICE Peter McDougall Remembers ... The Elephants' Graveyard** (See Critics' choice)
- 10.10 The Elephants' Graveyard — Play For Today** Two Scottish men bond.
- 11.00 Just A Boys' Game — Play For Today** Drama.
- 12.10 Face To Face With Billy Connolly** A 1994 interview.
- 12.50 Billy Connolly — Portrait Of A Lifetime**
- 1.50 Frozen Planet** Summer.
- 2.50-3.50 As 8pm**

**ITV 2**

- 5.30pm Catchphrase** Game.
- 6.15 FILM: Harry Potter And The Prisoner Of Azkaban** Stars Daniel Radcliffe and Rupert Grint. The teenage wizard is alarmed to learn that a dangerous fugitive sorcerer is searching for him. Stands out in the dark. (2004, PG; includes FYI Daily)
- 9.00 Big Brother** A chance to catch up with the latest events in the house.
- 10.00 Big Brother — Late & Live** AJ Odudu and Will Best present a companion show.
- 11.05 Family Guy** Peter is grounded by Lois for overspending. (S18, ep 12)
- 11.35-12.00 Family Guy** The Griffins recount their versions of three famous love stories. (Series 18, ep 7)

**ITV 3**

- 5.50pm Heartbeat** The day of Nick and Jo's wedding arrives. **7.00 Heartbeat** A pair of armed robbers take Greengrass hostage during a payroll heist and shoot his beloved dog.
- 8.00 Midsomer Murders** With John Nettles. A commercial decision to turn Midsomer Deverell's memorial garden into a tea shop proves fatal for members of the Inkpen family, prompting DCI Barnaby to investigate.
- 10.00 Law & Order: UK** Brooks and Devlin investigate when a six-month-old boy dies in what appears to be a case of cot death. (S4, ep 5)
- 11.00-12.05 Law & Order: UK** A body is found with a note reading 'They Must Be Destroyed' — a chilling reminder of a previous case.

**E4**

- 6.00pm The Big Bang Theory** Raj worries that a probe he designed will not work in space. (S8, ep 12) **6.30 The Big Bang Theory** Sheldon asks the gang to make life more difficult for him.
- 7.00 Hollyoaks** Chester soap.
- 7.30 Modern Family** Luke finds himself in a compromising position. (Series 8, ep 8)
- 8.00 Hot Yachts — Miami** Local yacht brokers are still reeling from Vika and Kaile's war of words.
- 9.00 Married At First Sight UK** A potentially compromising photo stirs up trouble.
- 10.00 Will You Marry Me?** New series. Brits go to extreme lengths to ask the biggest question of their lives.
- 11.05-12.05 Gogglebox** Opinions on Simply Nigella and Top Gear from 2020.

**U&Drama**

- 5.30pm The Upper Hand**
- 6.05 'Allo 'Allo!** The Resistance plans to hide stolen money.
- 6.40 Last Of The Summer Wine** Compo helps his miserable nephew. **7.20 Last Of The Summer Wine** Foggy accepts Sid's challenge to play a round of golf.
- 8.00 The Chelsea Detective** A psychotherapist is murdered in his private practice during a video call to a client. (Series 2, ep 5)
- 9.00 Shakespeare & Hathaway — Private Investigators** Frank and Lu investigate a missing person case at a casino. (Series 2, ep 7)
- 10.00 New Tricks** DNA testing helps identify a body found in 1996. (Series 8, ep 3)
- 11.20-12.40 Murder In Mind** Thriller, with Susannah Harker. (Series 1, ep 3)

**Sky Arts**

- 6.00pm Tales Of The Unexpected** A man murders his friend. **6.30 Tales Of The Unexpected** A Vietnam veteran gets a chance for revenge.
- 7.00 The Alfred Hitchcock Hour** A novice nun loses a 15th-century Donatello statuette donated to the convent by a criminal.
- 8.00 CHOICE Portrait Artist Of The Year** The famous sitters are Dan Snow, Layton Williams and Steven Frayne. (See Critics' choice)
- 9.00 Portrait Artist Of The Decade** Nine previous winners return to the Battersea Arts Centre to paint actress Judi Dench.
- 10.30-12.00 David Hockney — A Celebration** A profile of the artist, featuring footage of him at work.

**Sky Max**

- 6.00pm Stargate Atlantis** A potentially fatal virus spreads. (Series 1, ep 13, R)
- 7.00 Stargate Atlantis** The team discovers an unexplored planet. (R)
- 8.00 A League Of Their Own US Road Trip** James Corden, Jamie Redknapp, Jack Whitehall and Andrew Flintoff take part in a baseball challenge. (R)
- 9.00 Never Mind The Buzzcocks** With AJ Tracey, Sophie Willan, Nelly Furtado and Susan Wokoma.
- 9.55 The Walking Dead — Daryl Dixon: The Book Of Carol** Carol searches for intel; while Daryl and Isabelle rush to rescue one of their group. (S2, ep 3, R)
- 11.00-12.00 Brassic** The gang tries to rescue Gideon from a cult. (Series 6, ep 4, R)

**Sky Atlantic**

- 5.55pm Britannia** The battle of wills between Kerra and Antedia intensifies. (S1, ep 8) **6.55 Britannia** Rome truly shows the island of Britannia how it conducts its business.
- 7.55 Game Of Thrones** Tyrion plots to identify Cersei's spy on the small council. (Series 2, ep 3)
- 9.00 Gangs Of London** Darren wrestles with the chaos he has unleashed, and Kinney must try to reach him in time to prevent bloodshed. (Series 1, ep 5)
- 10.05 The Wire** Beadie and Freamon monitor traffic at the port; and Proposition Joe discusses a deal with Stringer. (Series 2, ep 7)
- 11.15-12.00 I Hate Suzie** Cob decides it is his turn to let loose. (Series 1, ep 5)

**TPTV**

- 5.55pm 26 Men** Travis is fired after a bandit escapes from custody on his watch.
- 6.25 The Texan** Bill sticks up for a woman rejected by her dead husband's family.
- 7.00 Z Cars** Lynch is tipped off about an armed robbery, only for the man who warned him to disappear.
- 8.05 The Human Jungle** A girl desperate for attention stages a crime scene and frames an innocent man.
- 9.05 Maigret** The inspector investigates a murder at a crossroads in rural France. (French with subtitles)
- 10.55 A Good Read With Mike Read** A Costume Piece by EW Hornung, featuring gentleman thief AJ Raffles.
- 11.45-12.15 Miss MacTaggart** **Won't Lie Down** Comedy, with Barbara Mullen.

**Films**

- SKY CINEMA PREMIERE**
- 5.30pm** The Color Purple (2023, 12)
  - 8.00** The Radleys. A family hide a dark secret. (2024, 15) **10.00** Caddo Lake. The truth about a broken family's history is brought to light. (2024, 12) **11.45-1.35** Lisa Frankenstein. Horror. (2024, 15)
- SKY CINEMA THRILLER**
- 5.55pm** No Country For Old Men (2007, 15) **8.00** Angels & Demons. Four cardinals in line to become Pope are kidnapped. (2009, 12)
  - 10.25-12.25** Law Abiding Citizen. A man seeks violent revenge for his family's murder. (2009, 18)
- SKY CINEMA GREATS**
- 6.00pm** A Thousand And One. Crime drama. (2023, 15) **8.00** Fences. A working-class African-American father struggles to raise his family in the 1950s. (2016, 12)
  - 10.25-12.05** Aisha (2022, 15)
- SKY CINEMA SELECT**
- 6.00pm** Arrival. Sci-fi drama. (2016, 12) **8.00** Terminator Salvation. John Connor leads a war against killer robots. (2009, 12)

- 10.00** After Earth. A father and his son become stranded on a deserted Earth. (2013, 12) **11.45-1.35** Ex Machina. Sci-fi drama. (2014, 15)
- SKY CINEMA DRAMA**
- 3.40pm** Out Of Africa (1985, PG)
  - 6.25** It Is In Us All (2022, 15) **8.00** Chicago. Two women in jail for murder vie for the sympathy of the public. (2002, 12) **9.55** Lost In Translation (2003, 15) **11.40-1.40** Save The Last Dance (2000, 12)
- FILM4**
- 4.25pm** D-Day The Sixth Of June (1956, PG) **6.35** Lion (2016, PG)
  - 9.00 CHOICE** Call Jane. In 1960s Chicago, a woman needs help to end her life-threatening pregnancy. (2022, 12; see Film choice)
  - 11.25-2.05 CHOICE** Legends Of The Fall (1994, 15; see Film choice)
- Entertainment**
- ITV4**
- 5.55pm** BattleBots **7.00** Gallagher Premiership Unleashed **8.00** Junk And Disorderly **9.00** FILM: The Blues Brothers **11.35** English Football League Highlights **1.05-2.55** All Elite Wrestling — Collision

- MORE4**
- 5.50pm** Escape To The Chateau — DIY **6.55** Car SOS **7.55** The Dog House **9.00** National Parks From Above **10.00** Emergency **11.05** Emergency Helicopter Medics **12.05** 24 Hours In A&E **1.10-2.15** Emergency
- GOLD**
- 5.40pm** Still Open All Hours **6.20** Keeping Up Appearances **7.00** Dad's Army **8.20** The Good Life **9.00** Absolutely Fabulous **10.20** The Young Ones **11.10** Inside No 9 **11.50** Blackadder II **12.30** Absolutely Fabulous **1.50-2.45** The Young Ones
- SKY COMEDY**
- 6.00pm** The US Office **7.00** Young Rock **8.00** Will & Grace **9.00** Entourage **10.10** The Tonight Show **11.10** Lucy Beaumont — Live From The Royal Court Theatre **12.10** Sex And The City **1.30-3.00** Silicon Valley
- 5 STAR**
- 6.00pm** Home And Away. Double bill **7.00** GPs — Behind Closed Doors **8.00** Casualty 24/7 **9.00** 999 — Emergency Call Out **10.00** A&E After Dark **11.00** Trauma Room One **12.00** Killer At The Crime Scene **1.05-2.05** Sleeping With My Murderer

- 5 USA**
- 6.00pm** NCIS **9.00** Criminal Minds **10.00** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit **12.55-3.30** Blindspot
- SKY WITNESS**
- 6.00pm** Nothing To Declare **8.00** Chicago Fire **9.00** Blue Bloods **10.00** Departure **11.00** FBI **12.00** Chicago PD **1.00** The Rookie — Feds **2.00-3.00** FBI — Most Wanted
- U&W**
- 6.00pm** DIY SOS — The Big Build **7.00** MasterChef Australia — Dessert Masters **8.10** DIY SOS — The Big Build Ireland **9.10** 999 Rescue Squad. A skier falls over on a steep slope and suffers a suspected brain injury **10.10** #Murder **11.10** Bradford On Duty **12.35** One Born Every Minute **1.40-2.30** 18 Kids And Counting
- COMEDY CENTRAL**
- 5.40pm** Friends **6.20** Friends **8.30** Whose Line Is It Anyway? USA **9.00** Whose Line Is It Anyway? USA **9.30** FILM: The Bad Education Movie **11.25** Beavis and Butt-Head **11.35** Ugly Americans **12.10** Out Of Order — Best Bits **1.10** Most Ridiculous: Idiiotic Infants **1.40** Most Ridiculous — All Abroad **2.10-3.10** South Park

- U&YESTERDAY**
- 6.00pm** Antiques Roadshow **7.00** Guy Martin's Great British Power Trip **8.00** Canal Boat Diaries **9.00** The Warship — Tour Of Duty **10.20** Bangers & Cash — Restoring Classics **11.20** Abandoned Engineering **12.20-1.20** Great Continental Railway Journeys
- U&DAVE**
- 6.00pm** Rick Stein's India **7.00** Would I Lie To You? **7.40** House Of Games **9.00** QI XL **10.00** Have I Got A Bit More News For You **11.00** Battle In The Box **12.00** Mock The Week **12.40** As Yet Untitled **1.40-2.15** Would I Lie To You?
- Factual**
- NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC**
- 6.00pm** World War II — Secrets From Above **7.00** Air Crash Investigation. A plane that crashed under impossible circumstances **8.00** Car SOS **11.00** Air Crash Investigation **1.00-2.00** Ultimate Airport Dubai
- DISCOVERY**
- 6.00pm** How Do They Do It? **7.00** Gold Rush **8.00** Wheeler Dealers. A Saab 900 **9.00** Deadliest Catch

# 5 Great shows... Disney+

**1 Abbott Elementary (2021-)**  
This workplace comedy set in a school stars Quinta Brunson as an optimistic new teacher battling to make a difference in an underfunded school.

**Ellen Pompeo in Grey's Anatomy**



**2 Bluey (2018-)**  
This Australian family comedy appeals just as much to adults as the preschoolers for whom it's primarily intended.

**3 FX's Feud — Capote vs the Swans (2017-24)**  
Truman Capote's fall from grace among New York's monied socialites (his "Swans") is the perfect subject for Ryan Murphy to explore.

**4 Grey's Anatomy (2005-)**  
Sometimes you just want to relax with 20 series of your favourite medical drama and a cup of cocoa. Tempted?

**5 Ed Sheeran — The Sum Of It All (2023)**  
A fascinating series about the life and work of one of Britain's biggest music stars.

Tim Glanfield

**10.00** Scrap Kings **11.00** Roadworthy Rescues **12.00** Expedition Unknown **1.00-2.00** Deadliest Catch

## PBS AMERICA

**5.20pm** The Hidden Side Of World War II **6.30** The 100 Days That Defined Modern History **7.35** Normandy 44 — D-Day And The Battle For France **8.40** Jungle War **9.40** The Hidden Side Of World War II **10.55-12.00** Mafia's Greatest Hits

## SKY DOCUMENTARIES

**5.55pm** The Vietnam War **7.00** Stax — Soulsville USA **8.00** The Russell Murders — Who Killed Lin And Megan? **9.00** Chimp Crazy **10.00-12.00** Nothing Compares

## SKY NATURE

**6.00pm** Whale With Steve Backshall **7.00** Monkey Life **8.00** Super Shark Highway **9.00** Waterworld Africa **10.00** Whale With Steve Backshall **11.00-12.00** Upton Otters

## DISCOVERY HISTORY

**6.00pm** Secrets Underground. Gold and silver artefacts **7.00** Nasa's Unexplained Files **8.00** Cooper's Treasure **9.00** Combat Dealers **10.00** Salvage Hunters **11.00-12.00** Salvage Hunters — The Restorers

## Sport

### SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT

**6.00am LIVE** Tennis. The ATP Swiss Indoors, ATP Vienna Open, WTA Pan Pacific Open Tokyo, and WTA Guangzhou Open **7.00 LIVE** EFL: Middlesbrough v Sheffield United. Kickoff at 8.00 **10.30** Back Pages Tonight **11.00** News **3.00 LIVE** Tennis **5.30-6.00 LIVE** Test Cricket: Pakistan v England

### TNT SPORTS 1

**6.30am** PL Netbusters **7.00** WWE **10.30** What I Wore **10.45** PL Legends **11.15** PL Review **12.15** Uefa Champions League **1.15** PL Stories **1.45** PL **3.15** PL Reload **3.30 LIVE** Uefa Europa League: Galatasaray v Elfsborg. Kickoff at 3.30 **5.30** WWE **6.30** The Pioneers **6.45** In My Blood **7.00 LIVE** Uefa Champions League: RB Leipzig v Liverpool. Kickoff at 8.00 **10.30** Documentary **11.00** PL Stories **11.30** UFC Countdown **12.30** LIVE NBA: Philadelphia 76ers v Milwaukee Bucks. Tip-off at 12.30 **3.00** UFC Connected **3.30** Reload **3.45** Uefa Europa League & Conference League Magazine **4.45-6.00 LIVE** Test Cricket: India v New Zealand

## Radio & Podcasts

● **In Concert (Radio 3, 7.30pm)**  
Marking Black History Month, Linton Stephens presents a concert recorded as part of *Classically Black*, in celebration of the contribution by black and global majority musicians and composers in classical music. Members of the Chineke! Orchestra and BBC Symphony Orchestra perform works commissioned by Solem Quartet, the Philharmonia Orchestra and the London Symphony Orchestra; in the second half the composer, vocalist and cellist Ayanna Witter-Johnson and her band perform songs from her latest album.



**Ayanna Witter-Johnson joins in the celebrations**

● **Cold War Conversations (podcast)**  
Ian Sanders' oral history series looks at an era that has inspired many dramas and examines how it really was from the perspective of those who were there, and often not at the most exciting end. Interviewees

include escapees from East Berlin, servicemen and women from both sides of the Iron Curtain and western diplomats and journalists working in communist countries.

● **Backfired (Audible)**  
In this second instalment of the Backfired franchise Leon Neyfakh and Arielle Pardes look at the ADHD industry from a US point of view. More than 7 million children and 15 million adults in their thirties have received a diagnosis, and the series talks to those who live with it and examine the side-effects of medication. They also ask why medication is so often hard to come by. *Clair Woodward*

### TIMES RADIO

**5.00** Rosie Wright With Early Breakfast **6.00** Aasmah Mir And Stig Abell With Times Radio Breakfast **10.00** Hugo Rifkind **1.00** Andrew Neil **2.00** Jane Garvey And Fi Glover **4.00** John Pienaar With Times Radio Drive **7.00** The Evening Edition With Kait Borsay **10.00** Carole Walker **1.00** The Story **1.30** The Best Of Times Radio

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### RADIO 4

**5.30** News **5.43** Prayer **5.45** Farming Today **6.00** Today **9.00** More Or Less **9.30** The Coming Storm. Investigating the Extropians **10.00** Woman's Hour **11.00** File On 4 (R) **11.45** Book Of The Week: On Freedom, by Timothy Snyder **12.00** News **12.04** You And Yours **1.00** The World At One **1.45** Surviving Politics. Michael Gove reflects on his experiences **2.00** The Archers (R) **2.15** Drama: Trust, by Jonathan Hall. The leadership team try to stay calm when the Ofsted inspectors arrive but the odds seem stacked against them. With Julie Hesmondhalgh **3.00** Money Box Live **3.30** The Artificial Human. How to prove human credentials in an online world of bots **4.00** The Media Show **5.00** PM **6.00** News **6.30** Ivo Graham's Obsessions. The comedian Fatiha El-Ghorri and Traitors star Paul Gorton share their obsessions **7.00** The Archers **7.15** Front Row **8.00** The Moral Maze. New run. Michael Buerk is joined by guests for a debate on a moral issue behind the week's news **9.00** Soul Music. Reflections on Tender, from Blur's 1999 album, 13 (R) **9.30** The Conflict — Middle East **10.00** The World Tonight **10.45** Book At Bedtime **11.00** Influencers (R) **11.15** The Skewer **11.30** Today In Parliament **12.00** News **12.30** Book Of The Week (R) **12.48** Shipping **1.00** As World Service

### RADIO 4 EXTRA

**5.00** The Moon And Sixpence **6.00** Bertie And The Crime Of Passion **6.30** Charles Paris: So Much Blood **7.00** Ballylenon **7.30** The Missing Hancocks **8.00** Tom Wigglesworth's Hang-Ups **8.30** I'm Here I Think, Where Are You? **8.45** Les Misérables **9.00** Yesterday In Parliament **9.30** Fungi — The Fifth Kingdom **9.45** Daily Service **10.00** Everyone's A Star **11.00** Bertie And The Crime Of Passion **11.30** Charles Paris: So Much Blood **12.00** Ballylenon **12.30** The Missing Hancocks **1.00** Tom Wigglesworth's Hang-Ups **1.30** I'm Here I Think, Where Are You? **1.45** Les Misérables **2.00** Counterpoint **2.30** Hazelbeach **3.00** The Moon And Sixpence **4.00** Everyone's A Star **5.00** Bertie And The Crime Of Passion **5.30** Charles Paris: So Much Blood **6.00** Ballylenon **6.30** The Missing Hancocks **7.00** Tom Wigglesworth's Hang-Ups **7.30** I'm Here I Think, Where Are You? **7.45** Les Misérables **8.00** Counterpoint **8.30** Hazelbeach **9.00** The Moon And Sixpence **10.00** Ivo Graham's Obsessions **10.30** The Goldfish Bowl **10.45** Cutler The Lax **11.00** The Big Fun Show **11.30** The Skewer **11.45-12.00** Little Lifetimes

### LBC

**7.00** Nick Ferrari **10.00** James O'Brien **1.00** Shelagh Fogarty **4.00** Tom Swarbrick **6.00** Tonight With Andrew Marr **7.00** Iain Dale. Debate **10.00** Ben Kentish **1.00** Richard Spurr **4.00** Ian Payne

### RADIO 3

**6.30** Breakfast **9.30** Essential Classics **1.00** Classical Live. Fiona Talkington presents concert recordings marking Black History Month, as well as more from Concerto Copenhagen from Lammermuir and the BBC National Orchestra of Wales performing Strauss's Don Quixote **3.00** Choral Evensong. From the Chapel of St John's College, Cambridge, with members of the Rodolfus Choral Course and the conductor Simon Toyne **4.00** Composer Of The Week

**5.00** In Tune **7.00** Classical Mixtape **7.30** In Concert. At Kings Place in London, Ayanna Witter-Johnson performs with BBC Symphony Orchestra and Chineke! Orchestra **9.45** The Essay. Farz Edraki considers an animal not loved by writers — the eel — and the lessons they offered her as a parent in her local park **10.00** Night Tracks. Sara Mohr-Pietsch presents a soundtrack for late-night listening **11.30** Round Midnight. Soweto Kinch presents the best in jazz **12.30** Through The Night

### CLASSIC FM

**7.00** Dan Walker **9.00** The Hall Of Fame Hour **10.00** Alexander Armstrong **1.00** Anne-Marie Minhall **6.30** OJ Borg's Half Wower **7.00** Zeb Soanes **10.00** Ritula Shah **1.00** Bill Overton **4.00** Lucy Coward

### RADIO 2

**6.30** The Zoe Ball Breakfast Show **9.30** Gary Davies **12.00** Jeremy Vine **2.00** Scott Mills **4.00** OJ Borg **6.30** OJ Borg's Half Wower **7.00** Jo Whitley's Shiny Happy Playlist **7.30** Jo Whitley **9.00** The Folk Show **10.00** Trevor Nelson's Rhythm Nation **12.00** Phil Williams **3.00** Sounds Of The 90s With Fearnie Cotton (R) **4.00** Owain Wyn Evans

### VIRGIN RADIO

**6.30** The Chris Evans Breakfast Show **10.00** The Ryan Tubridy Show **1.00** Jayne Middlemiss **4.00** Ricky Wilson **7.00** Bam **10.00** Olivia Jones **1.00** Sean Goldsmith **4.00** Steve Denyer

### TALKSPORT

**5.00** Early Sports Breakfast **6.00** Breakfast With Jeff Stelling **10.00** Jim White And Simon Jordan **11.00** Hawksbee And Jacobs **4.00** Drive With Andy Goldstein And Darren Bent **7.00** Kick Off: RB Leipzig v Liverpool. Live commentary on the UEFA Champions League match at Red Bull Arena. Kickoff at 8.00 **10.00** The Sports Bar **1.00** Extra Time With Paul Ross

**BBC 1**

- 6.00 **Breakfast** Headlines.
- 9.30 **Morning Live** Magazine.
- 10.45 **Crimeswatch Caught**
- 11.15 **Homes Under The Hammer** Auctions.
- 12.15 **Bargain Hunt** Curios. (R)
- 1.00 **News; Weather** Reports.
- 2.00 **Doctors** Luca has to face the consequences of his actions; Zara is caught in the middle; and Ruhma takes charge when Erika ends up in St Phil's. (2/2)
- 2.30 **Money For Nothing** A chest of drawers and an armchair are revamped. (R)
- 3.00 **Escape To The Country** (R)
- 3.45 **Garden Rescue** Designing a relaxing zen garden in Greater Manchester. (R)
- 4.30 **The Bidding Room** Items include a Georgian painter's box, a butter churn, some Second World War silk maps, a wooden stool and a pigeon clock.
- 5.15 **Pointless** Quiz show. (R)
- 6.00 **News; Weather** Reports.
- 6.30 **Regional News** Update.
- 7.00 **The One Show** Features.
- 7.30 **EastEnders** Nish and Suki decide on the best way to settle things between the Panesars and the Mitchells; and Harry overhears Barney on a worrying phone call.
- 8.00 **Fake Or Fortune?** Fiona Bruce and Philip Mould examine the origins of a 17th-century painting of Christ having just been brought down from the cross, currently hanging in a Port Glasgow church. (R)
- 9.00 **Ambulance** The service is placed under pressure as all crews are diverted to a fire; and a medical technician draws on his own experiences to help a patient who is struggling with alcohol addiction.
- 10.00 **News; Weather** Reports.
- 10.40 **Question Time** Fiona Bruce hosts the political debate from Plymouth, inviting a panel of politicians and guests to answer questions from an invited audience.
- 11.40 **News** Political update.
- 12.10 **Our Lives: The Lakes** — Our Life On The Edge. A 100-mile challenge in the Lake District. (R)
- 12.45-6.00 **Joins BBC News**

**SCOTLAND** 6.30 Reporting Scotland. 7.00 River City.

**BBC 2**

- 6.30 **Escape To The Country** (R)
- 7.15 **The Bidding Room** (R)
- 8.00 **Gardeners' World** A new herb bed. (Signed, R)
- 9.00 **News; Weather** Headlines.
- 12.15 **Politics Live** Discussion.
- 1.00 **Impossible** Gameshow. (R)
- 1.45 **Unbeatable** Quiz. (R)
- 2.30 **The Boss** Quiz show. (R)
- 3.15 **Operation Gold Rush** (R)
- 4.15 **This Farming Life** (R)
- 5.15 **Flog It!** Selling items. (R)
- 6.00 **House Of Games** Chris Bisson, Danielle Harold, Katharine Merry and Robert Webb take part.
- 6.30 **Strictly — It Takes Two** Janette Manrara presents all the backstage gossip.
- 7.00 **Rick Stein's Food Stories** In London, the seafood chef enjoys a Full English with Stuart Maconie; and brewer Jaega Wise is determined to change his mind about craft beer.
- 8.00 **CHOICE Amazing Hotels — Life Beyond The Lobby** Rob Rinder and Monica Galetti work at Stanglwirt Hotel in the Austrian Alps, which has been owned by one family for the last 300 years. (See Critics' choice; last in series)
- 9.00 **A House Through Time — Two Cities At War** In Berlin, an SS officer arrives in the building, and another resident sees the Nazis arrest her new husband; and the war throws the lives of two London residents into turmoil. (Series 5, ep 2)
- 10.00 **Red Dwarf** Lister triggers off the ship's self-destruct sequence, and there is only one way to diffuse the bomb. (Series 3, ep 4, R)
- 10.30 **Newsnight** Headlines.
- 11.05 **CHOICE All Is True** Stars Kenneth Branagh, Judi Dench and Ian McKellen. William Shakespeare is forced to return to face the demons of his past in Stratford when the Globe Theatre burns down. (2018, 12; see Film choice)
- 12.40 **Parole** Documentary. (Signed, Last in series, R)
- 1.40 **The Cleaner** Wicky upsets elderly patrons. (Signed, R)
- 2.10 **Celebrity Antiques Road Trip** Lancashire. (Signed, R)
- 3.10-3.40 **Nadiya's Cook Once, Eat Twice** Comfort-food recipes. (Signed, R)

**ITV 1**

- 6.00 **Good Morning Britain**
- 9.00 **Lorraine** Lifestyle chat.
- 10.00 **This Morning** Features.
- 12.30 **Loose Women** Debate.
- 1.30 **News; Weather** Reports.
- 2.00 **Family Fortunes** Gino D'Acampo hosts as a Scottish family go up against a clan from Great Yarmouth. (R)
- 3.00 **Lingo** A married couple, mother and daughter, and two flatmates use their powers of deduction in a battle of words. (R)
- 4.00 **Tipping Point** Arcade-themed gameshow, hosted by Ben Shephard. (R)
- 5.00 **The Chase** Bradley Walsh presents as four more contestants work as a team to take on a quiz expert.
- 6.00 **Regional News** Update.
- 6.30 **News; Weather** Reports.
- 7.00 **Emmerdale** Belle's mental anguish comes to light; John's coaching helps Billy in his preparations; Moira is worried for the future; and Nicola spots that Carl is wary of Tom.
- 8.00 **CHOICE Pride Of Britain Awards** Carol Vorderman and Ashley Banjo celebrate the 25th annual ceremony at London's Grosvenor House Hotel, honouring and celebrating the nation's unsung heroes, with stars of stage, screen, sport and royalty paying tribute to the winners. (See Critics' choice)
- 10.00 **News At Ten** Bulletin.
- 10.45 **FILM: The Tomorrow War** Stars Chris Pratt. A family man is one of the people conscripted to travel into the future to fight a war against deadly aliens. Entertaining. (2021, 15)

- 1.15 **Teleshopping** Goods.
- 3.00 **Fresh Cuts** (R)
- 3.50 **Unwind** Daily relaxation.
- 5.05-6.00 **Ainsley's Fantastic Flavours** Cheese. (R)



Monica Galetti (BBC2, 8pm)

**Channel 4**

- 6.25 **Cheers** Comedy. (R)
- 7.45 **The King Of Queens** (R)
- 9.10 **Frasier** Sitcom. (R)
- 11.05 **Come Dine With Me — The Professionals** (R)
- 12.05 **News; Weather** Reports.
- 12.10 **Renovation Nation** (R)
- 1.10 **Find It, Fix It, Flog It** (R)
- 2.10 **Countdown** Game.
- 3.00 **A Place In The Sun — What Happened Next?** (R)
- 4.00 **The Great House Giveaway** A grade-II listed building in Liverpool. (R)
- 5.00 **Four In A Bed** B&B contest.
- 5.30 **Help! We Bought A Village** Resurrecting an Italian ghost village. (R)
- 6.30 **The Simpsons** Lisa gets more than she bargained for with her new braces. (R)
- 7.00 **News; Weather** Reports.
- 7.55 **Stand Up To Cancer:** Hughie's Story. A woman recounts how she lost her husband to cancer.
- 8.00 **The Great British Bake Off — An Extra Slice** Jo Brand is joined by Alexander Armstrong, Natalie Cassidy and AJ Odudu to discuss all the drama of pastry week; plus, an interview with the week's eliminated baker.
- 9.00 **Taskmaster** Contestants Babatunde Aléshé, Emma Sidi, Rosie Jones, Jack Dee and Andy Zaltzman face off in challenges set by Alex Horne, as Greg Davies decides the winners.
- 10.00 **Everyone Else Burns** When the lease agreement for the church falls through, David quickly solves the problem — by volunteering his family home to be the new church. (Series 2, ep 3)
- 10.30 **Gogglebox** Opinions. (R)
- 11.35 **Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA** Chef Gordon Ramsay advises the owners of an Indian restaurant in Long Island, New York. (Last in series)
- 12.25 **FILM: C'mon C'mon** Stars Joaquin Phoenix and Woody Norman. A man and his young nephew are thrown together. Sad drama. (2021, 15, B/W)
- 2.15 **Secret Amazon — Into The Wild** A journey through the Amazon rainforest. (R)
- 4.00 **Stand Up To Cancer:** Hughie's Story. (R)
- 4.05 **Frasier** Sitcom. (R)
- 5.45-6.25 **Countdown** (R)

**Channel 5**

- 6.00 **Milkshake!** Children's fun.
- 9.15 **Jeremy Vine** Debate.
- 11.30 **Storm Huntley** Opinions.
- 12.45 **Friends** US sitcom. (R)
- 1.40 **News; Weather** Reports.
- 1.45 **Home And Away** Levi tries to hide Abigail's condition from Mackenzie. (R)
- 2.15 **Saved By My Stalker** Thriller, with Lexi Minetree. After a deadly accident, a young woman becomes the target of an obsessed emergency technician who saved her life. (R)
- 4.00 **Bargain-Loving Brits In The Sun** A Benidorm fan hopes to forge a new career in entertainment. (R)
- 5.00 **News; Weather** Reports.
- 6.00 **Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly** Graeme Hall meets a greedy Labrador that constantly scavenges for things to eat on walks. (R)
- 6.55 **News; Weather** Reports.
- 7.00 **The Sussex Coast** Kate Humble follows the historic East Sussex coastline, beginning on the cliffs overlooking Hastings, a town associated with the Battle of 1066. (R)
- 7.55 **News; Weather** Reports.
- 8.00 **CHOICE Smart Meters — Are They Really Worth It?** New gas and electricity meters promise to save customers time, money and energy, but cameras reveal not all is what it seems. (See Critics' choice)
- 9.00 **All Creatures Great And Small** James starts to behave out of character while examining Tricky; and a broken-down car forces Siegfried and Tristan to renegotiate their relationship. (Last in series)
- 10.00 **The Railway Killers** Documentary about a series of murders in London in the early 1980s, told through dramatic reconstruction and testimony. (R)
- 12.05 **Accused — Guilty Or Innocent?** A son stands trial for killing his mother.
- 12.55 **Entertainment News**
- 1.00 **Casino Show** Gambling.
- 3.00 **New Lives In The Wild** (R)
- 3.50 **The Wonderful World Of Chocolate** (R)
- 4.40 **House Doctor** Advice. (R)
- 5.05 **Wildlife SOS** Animals. (R)
- 5.30 **Entertainment News**
- 5.40-6.00 **Children's Shows**

**Variations**

- BBC1 WALES** 11.40 Rookie Cops
- 12.10 **News**cast
- BBC2 WALES** 7.00 Scrum V — The Warm Up
- 7.30 **Nigella** — At My Table
- BBC SCOTLAND** 7.00 This Farming Life
- 8.00 The Entertainment Mix
- 8.30 Landward
- 9.00 The Nine
- 10.00 Stevens & McCarthy
- 10.30 Confessions Of A Teenage Fraudster
- 11.15 Limmy's Show
- 11.45-12.00 **Tune STV**
- 6.00 **Good Morning Britain**
- 9.00 **Lorraine**
- 10.00 **This Morning**
- 12.30 **Loose Women**
- 1.30 **News**

- 2.00 **Family Fortunes**
- 3.00 **Lingo**
- 4.00 **Tipping Point**
- 5.00 **The Chase**
- 6.00 **Regional News**
- 6.30 **News; Weather**
- 7.00 **Emmerdale**
- 8.00 **Pride Of Britain Awards**
- 10.00 **News; Weather**
- 10.35 **Regional News**
- 10.45 **FILM: The Tomorrow War**
- 1.15 **Teleshopping**
- 3.00 **Fresh Cuts**
- 3.50-6.00 **Unwind**
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- 10.00 **Bing**
- 10.10 **Octonots**
- 10.20 **Caru Canu**
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- 10.30 **Crawc**
- A'i Ffrindiau
- 10.45 **Byd Tad-Cu**
- 11.00 **Brethyn A Fflwff**
- 11.05 **Patrol**
- Pawennau
- 11.20 **Halibwal**
- 11.30 **Blero Yn Mynd**
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- 11.45 **Awyr**

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- 12.00 **Newyddion**
- 12.05 **Codi Pac**
- 12.30 **Heno**
- 1.00 **Trysorau Cymru** — Tir, Tai A Chyfrinachau
- 1.30 **Ralio+**
- 2.00 **Newyddion A'r Tywydd**
- 2.05 **Prynhawn Da**
- 3.00 **Newyddion A'r Tywydd**
- 3.05 **Yr Hawl I Chwarae**
- 4.00 **Awr Fawr**
- 5.00 **Stwnsh**
- 6.00 **Cymry Ar Gynfas**
- 6.30 **Clwb Rygbi**
- 6.57 **Newyddion S4C**
- 7.00 **Heno**
- 7.30 **Newyddion A'r Tywydd**
- 8.00 **Pobol Y Cwm**
- 8.25 **Rownd A Rownd**
- 8.55 **Newyddion A'r Tywydd**
- 9.00 **Marw Gyda Kris**
- 10.00 **Cysgu Efo Ysbyrdio**
- 10.25 **Sgorio**
- 11.25-12.30 **laith Ar Daith**

**You say**

Irrespective of the implausible plot of **Nightsleeper** (BBC1) there were enough railway errors in episode six to fill a trainspotter's notebook several times over. **Mike Bechley**

**Nightsleeper** — which your correspondents refer to as “garbage” and “tosh”. At least it was exciting and entertaining and made me want to keep watching, which is more than can be said about many of the current offerings.

**Penelope Clayton**

Send your comments to [telly@sunday-times.co.uk](mailto:telly@sunday-times.co.uk)

## Critics' choice

### The Life And Deaths Of Christopher Lee (Sky Arts/Now, 9pm)

Dracula, Scaramanga, Lord Summerisle, Count Dooku – just some of the antagonists played in a 60-year career by Lee, who was “too tall, too foreign-looking” to get regular work when young. These drawbacks became assets as Dracula, and he capitalised on his success as Hammer’s Count (as seen in tonight’s *Film Choice*, also on Sky Arts) with roles in the 1960s and 1970s in European horror flicks such as *The Wicker Man* and *The Man with the Golden Gun*. Things then went quiet for a while, but Lee was later cast in movies by Billy Wilder, Steven Spielberg and Martin Scorsese, and enjoyed a “resurrection” (ho, ho) in his eighties, not only making *Star Wars* and *Lord of the Rings* films but also heavy-metal albums. A puppet (voiced by Peter Serafinowicz) of the cinema icon narrates this extended biography. *John Dugdale*



First bite: Christopher Lee as the count in the 1958 film *Dracula*

## Medical drama that could float your boat

### Doctor Odyssey (Disney+)

After the success of his drama *9-1-1* the producer Ryan Murphy is back with another crowd-pleasing procedural. Joshua Jackson is the titular cruise ship doctor, and big-name attraction Don Johnson plays the paternal ship’s captain. The real drama lies with the crew’s nurses (Sean Teale and Phillipa Soo), who might both be falling for Doctor O. If sexual tension mixed with food poisonings and tracheostomies is your thing then tune in. *AM*

### Don Johnson and Joshua Jackson



### Pride Of Britain Awards (ITV1, 8pm)

This is the broadcast of the annual ceremony that took place at the Grosvenor House hotel in London on Monday. Now in their 25th anniversary year, the awards “honouring unsung heroes” have been co-hosted by Ashley Banjo and Carol Vorderman since 2021 and are judged and presented by celebrities from the worlds of entertainment, TV and sport, plus the odd royal. Tens of thousands of public nominations are received each year for the recurring individual awards: outstanding bravery, lifetime achievement, community hero, emergency services, fundraiser of the year, young achiever, child of courage, young fundraiser of the year. There are special recognition accolades for heroes who don’t fit into any of the standard categories, and, in recent years, outstanding contribution group awards. *JD*

### Born Mechanic (Quest, 9pm)

Ant Anstead now lives in the US and has been romantically linked with Renée Zellweger after they met on one of his shows. She’s now in the UK filming her next *Bridget Jones* film, and he is in the UK too – rescuing and renovating six vintage cars to finance the refurbishment of a 500-year-old farmhouse he has bought for his parents to retire in. Tonight, a 1980 Triumph Dolomite. Later, a Lotus Elan, Land Rover Series 3 and a VW Campervan.



Vorderman and Banjo (ITV1, 8pm)

### Smart Meters — Are They Really Worth It? (C5, 8pm)

Alexis Conran, the Times Radio presenter and Channel 5 favourite, asks why energy companies are so determined to get smart meters installed in all UK homes. The promise of no more checking of a meter tucked away under the stairs is appealing. But, Conran asks, are smart meter recordings as reliable as our own? A version of this show was broadcast in January, so you may have seen some of the footage before.

### Amazing Hotels — Life Beyond The Lobby (BBC2, 8pm)

Monica Galetti and Rob Rinder end this series at the Stanglwirt Hotel in Austria, which has been run by the same family since 1722. They are very wholesome, welcoming guests such as Arnold Schwarzenegger and Jason Statham with evening yodelling performances. *Helen Stewart*

## On demand

### ● Territory (Netflix)

Home to vast cattle stations and steeped in more than 150 years of struggle over Aboriginal land rights, Australia’s Northern Territory is the perfect setting for a modern western. This attempt, about a generational battle to control the Lawson family ranch, bears a similarity to *Yellowstone* in its mix of family drama and horse opera. Performances are good,

with the always reliable Anna Torv (*The Newsreader*, *The Last of Us*) leading the way as station matriarch Emily Lawson. Hopefully episode one’s portrayal of its indigenous characters as default villains will gather nuance as the series progresses.

### ● Uzumaki (C4 streaming)

In the world of Japanese horror comics the master of the art is Junji Ito. His revered graphic novels combine nightmare storylines with

stylistic references to MC Escher, Odilon Redon and Piranesi. So far his works have eluded adaptation, but this animated version of his late-1990s masterpiece *Uzumaki* is something special. Set in a fictional town where the inhabitants are plagued by a supernatural curse involving spirals, it is visually stunning and narratively unnerving. Only the artless tell-don’t-show dialogue weakens the show’s uncanny power. *Andrew Male*

## Film choice

### All About Eve (BBC4, 8.55pm)

Bette Davis plays Margo Channing, the ageing Broadway beauty with the razor-sharp quips and fondness for a cocktail. Joseph L Mankiewicz’s acidic drama is still a delight. Anne Baxter is Eve, the seemingly timid ingénue who worms her way into Margo’s affections. Before long Eve has become a bitter rival, stealing Margot’s role and causing turmoil in her personal life. (1950)

### Dracula — Prince Of Darkness (Sky Arts, 11pm)

Several years after he was turned to dust by Peter Cushing’s Dr Van Helsing, Christopher Lee straps the pointy canines back on for another Hammer horror outing as Dracula. Despite getting the customary warning from a local not to journey to Karlsbad, four English tourists do just that and wind up at the count’s castle. (1966)

### All Is True (BBC2, 11.05pm)

The retirement years of William Shakespeare are the subject of this powerful drama from the writer Ben Elton and Kenneth Branagh, who stars and directs. Mostly set in and around the playwright’s home in Stratford-upon-Avon and featuring heavyweight supporting players (Judi Dench, Ian McKellen), it dodges the pitfalls of period camp to produce a fiercely intelligent film about family, grief and the tyranny of genius. (2018)

BBC 3

- 7.00pm Phoenix Rise** Summer's 16th birthday party goes from bad to worse. (Series 4, ep 7) **7.30 Phoenix Rise** Stress and fun surround the final exam for the Year 11s.
- 8.00 Gavin & Stacey** Nessa goes into labour. (S2, ep 7) **8.30 Gavin & Stacey** It is Neil's christening. (S3, ep 1)
- 9.00 RuPaul's Drag Race UK** Steps star Claire Richards adds to the fabulosity.
- 10.10 Ginger's House** Talk show.
- 10.25 Dinosaur** Comedy, with Ashley Storrie. (1/6) **10.50 Dinosaur** Evie's family try to impress Ranesh's father Sachin. **11.20 Dinosaur** Evie drops a bombshell.
- 11.45 Charlotte In Sunderland**
- 12.45 RuPaul's Drag Race UK**
- 1.55 Ginger's House** Talk show.
- 2.10 BBC New Comedy Awards**
- 2.40-3.50 As 9pm**

BBC 4

- 7.00pm Frozen Planet** Polar bears await the return of the Arctic ice.
- 8.00 Joan Bakewell Remembers — Bette Davis At The NFT**
- 8.10 Bette Davis At The NFT** Joan Bakewell interviews the screen legend.
- 8.55 CHOICE All About Eve** Stars Bette Davis. An ageing stage star decides to take an admirer under her wing. (1950, U, B/W; see Film choice)
- 11.10 Talking Pictures**
- 11.55 The Lively Arts — James Herriot: The Vet Who Writes Books** An interview.
- 12.45 Thailand — Earth's Tropical Paradise** Wildlife.
- 1.45 Frozen Planet** Autumn.
- 2.40-3.40 Brian Cox's Jute Journey** Documentary.

ITV 2

- 6.00pm FILM: Harry Potter And The Goblet Of Fire** Stars Daniel Radcliffe and Robert Pattinson. The teenage wizard is chosen to represent Hogwarts School in a dangerous magical tournament. The heat is on. (2005, 12; includes FYI Daily)
- 9.00 Big Brother** A chance to catch up with events in the house, including tricky tasks and nominations.
- 10.00 Big Brother — Late & Live** AJ Odudu and Will Best present a companion show.
- 11.05 Family Guy** Stewie's serene future life is rudely interrupted by Brian. (S18, ep 13) **11.35-12.00 Family Guy** Joe is shocked when his son returns from Iraq. (Series 10, ep 6)

ITV 3

- 5.50pm Heartbeat** A family of crooked travellers pitches camp in Aidsensfield. **7.00 Heartbeat** Nick moves up a rank to Sergeant; and Blaketon becomes the new postmaster.
- 8.00 Vera** Stars Brenda Blethyn. A teenage boy's body is found in a reservoir near a rural town, and the case reveals a web of fractured relationships within the community. (Series 8, ep 4)
- 10.00 Law & Order: UK** Brooks and Devlin investigate a hospital department where three patients have died in suspicious circumstances in six months. (Series 5, ep 1) **11.00-12.00 Law & Order: UK** A massive police hunt is launched when a boy goes missing from a merry-go-round.

E4

- 6.00pm The Big Bang Theory** Howard and Bernadette run into trouble. (Series 8, ep 16) **6.30 The Big Bang Theory** Raj decides to snoop around Emily's flat. **7.00 The Big Bang Theory** Leonard, Raj and Howard kick Sheldon off their quiz team. (Series 1, ep 13)
- 7.30 Modern Family** Manny and Luke put on a winter ball at the school. (Series 8, ep 9)
- 8.00 Hot Yachts — Miami** Nick is under pressure to prove his critics wrong.
- 9.00 Married At First Sight UK** Two husbands lock horns when one tries to defend his wife's honour.
- 10.00 MAFS UK — It's Official!**
- 10.35 First Dates** A retired factory worker and a former bookmaker share a date.
- 11.40-12.45 Gogglebox**

U&Drama

- 5.30pm The Upper Hand** A friend of Caroline's visits.
- 6.05 'Allo! 'Allo!** René gets rid of the money and tries to dispose of the microfilm.
- 6.40 Last Of The Summer Wine** Compo's nephew is getting married. **7.20 Last Of The Summer Wine** Foggy decides Compo and Clegg need to get fit.
- 8.00 The Chelsea Detective** Emma denies murdering her father. (Series 2, ep 6)
- 9.00 Father Brown** The sleuth investigates the macabre world of doll's house crime scenes. (Series 5, ep 7)
- 10.00 New Tricks** A new lead links the death of a market trader to a series of drug rapes. (Series 8, ep 4)
- 11.20-12.40 Murder In Mind** A doctor assists in his wife's suicide. (Series 1, ep 4)

Sky Arts

- 6.00pm Tales Of The Unexpected** A chess game gets out of control. **6.30 Tales Of The Unexpected** A chauffeur offers his wealthy employer a solution to a scandal.
- 7.00 Portrait Artist Of The Year** With Dan Snow, Layton Williams and Steven Frayne.
- 8.00 The Art Of Film** Ian Nathan looks at how a generation of immigrants invented Hollywood. (Last in series)
- 9.00 CHOICE The Life And Deaths Of Christopher Lee** An insight into the life and career of the English actor. (See Critics' choice)
- 11.00 CHOICE Dracula — Prince Of Darkness** Stars Christopher Lee. Hammer horror. (1966, 15; see Film choice; ends at **12.45**)

Sky Max

- 6.00pm Stargate Atlantis** Dr Weir is found in suspended animation. (Series 1, ep 15, R) **7.00 Stargate Atlantis** The team searches for a Zero Point Module. (R)
- 8.00 Rob & Romesh vs Ballet** The comedians are given roles in Swan Lake. (R)
- 9.00 Mr Bigstuff** Glen steps up as acting manager of World of Carpets. (3/6, R) **9.30 Mr Bigstuff** Lee reveals more about the men who are after him. (R)
- 10.00 Brassic** Card's mum shows up in Hawley after being Awol for years. (S6, ep 5)
- 11.00 Never Mind The Buzzcocks** With AJ Tracey, Sophie Willan, Nelly Furtado and Susan Wokoma. (R)
- 11.55-12.55 The Walking Dead** Horror thriller, with Norman Reedus. (Series 10, ep 1, R)

Sky Atlantic

- 5.55pm Britannia** Period drama with David Morrissey. (Series 2, ep 1) **6.55 Britannia** Former Cantii prince Phelan's new life comes crashing down.
- 7.55 Game Of Thrones** Tyrion struggles to find a way to curb Jeffrey's excesses. (Series 2, ep 4)
- 9.00 Sweetpea** Rhiannon is high on power and righteousness and goes after her next target, ultimate bully Julia Blenkinsopp. (3/6)
- 10.05 The Penguin** Oz makes a desperate move to turn the tables; and Sofia strives to build a new legacy for herself. (5/8)
- 11.10-12.35 Succession** On election night, Tom tries to manage a chaotic newsroom. (Series 4, ep 8)

TPTV

- 5.35pm FILM: Sparrows Can't Sing** Stars James Booth. A sailor returns from sea to find his wife has taken a lover. Kitchen sink comedy drama. (1963, PG, B/W)
- 7.25 Scotland Yard** A ballistics expert tracks down a killer.
- 8.00 The Brothers** A drunken David makes a surprising proclamation to Jill, but she responds with an even bigger revelation.
- 9.05 Van Der Valk** Guest starring Paul Freeman and Ralph Brown. The Dutch detective leads the hunt for a kidnapped businessman and his son, but the case soon takes a chilling turn.
- 11.15-12.05 A Good Read With Mike Read** The presenter reads Gentlemen and Players by EW Hornung.

Films

- SKY CINEMA PREMIERE**
- 4.20pm** Caddo Lake (2024, 12)
- 6.10** One Life (2023, 12) **8.00** The Radleys. A seemingly ordinary family hide a dark secret. (2024, 15)
- 10.00** Drive-Away Dolls. Two women cross paths with a group of inept criminals. (2024, 15) **11.50-2.15** The Color Purple (2023, 12)
- SKY CINEMA THRILLER**
- 4.00pm** Law Abiding Citizen (2009, 18) **6.05** Kindred (2020, 15)
- 8.00** Ocean's Twelve. The crooks reunite when an enemy from the past catches up with them. (2004, 12) **10.15-12.30** Marnie. A publisher falls for a habitual thief. (1964, 15)
- SKY CINEMA GREATS**
- 5.35pm** Fences (2016, 12) **8.00** The Blackening. Seven friends end up trapped in a cabin with a killer. (2023) **9.45** Vampire In Brooklyn. A suave bloodsucker seeks a woman who will be his eternal bride. (1995, 15) **11.30-1.25** Kinky Boots (2005, 12)
- SKY CINEMA SELECT**
- 4.25pm** After Earth (2013, 12) **6.10** Mad Max. Action thriller. (1979, 18)

- 8.00** Blade Runner. A former cop battles a group of android replicants. (1982, 15) **10.10** Gravity. Two astronauts stranded in orbit make a perilous journey. (2013, 12) **11.55-1.35** Simulant (2023, 12)
- SKY CINEMA DRAMA**
- 5.25pm** Straight Outta Compton (2015, 18) **8.00** The Girl On The Train. A woman becomes fascinated by a woman's disappearance. (2016, 15) **10.00-12.10** American Beauty. A man becomes infatuated with his teenage daughter's friend. (1999, 18)
- FILM 4**
- 4.35pm** The Sheriff Of Fractured Jaw (1958, U) **6.45** Instant Family (2018, 12) **9.00** Honest Thief. A bank robber falls in love, and decides to turn himself in. (2020, 15) **11.05-1.45** The Bohemian Rhapsody (2018, 12)
- Entertainment**
- ITV 4**
- 6.00pm LIVE** Darts. The European championship **10.00** All Elite Wrestling **11.00** Target Sports Stars Fishing Championship **12.55** Robson And Jim's Icelandic Fly-Fishing Adventure **1.50-2.15** Auto Mundial

- MORE 4**
- 5.50pm** Escape To The Chateau — DIY **6.55** Car SOS. A 1953 Riley RMF **7.55** Grand Designs — Living In The Country **9.00** The Dambusters' Great Escape **10.00** Emergency **11.05** 24 Hours In A&E **12.10** The Emergency Ward **1.15-2.15** Emergency
- GOLD**
- 5.40pm** Still Open All Hours **6.20** Keeping Up Appearances **7.00** Dad's Army **8.20** The Good Life. The Goods catch fleas **9.00** Absolutely Fabulous **10.20** Bottom **11.00** Inside No 9 **11.40** Blackadder The Third **12.20** Absolutely Fabulous **1.40-2.30** Bottom
- SKY COMEDY**
- 6.00pm** The US Office **7.00** Young Rock **8.00** Will & Grace **9.00** The Franchise **11.00** The Tonight Show **12.00** Veep **1.20-2.40** Girls
- 5 STAR**
- 6.00pm** Home And Away **7.00** GPs — Behind Closed Doors **8.00** Casualty 24/7 — Every Second Counts **9.00** A&E After Dark **10.00** Ambulance — Code Red **11.00** Cause Of Death **12.00** Skin A&E **1.05-2.05** Junior Doctors Down Under

- 5 USA**
- 6.00pm** NCIS **9.00** Blue Bloods **10.00** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. Drama **12.55-3.35** Blindspot
- SKY WITNESS**
- 6.00pm** Nothing To Declare. Four editions **8.00** Chicago Fire **9.00** FBI — International **10.00** The Good Doctor **11.00** FBI **12.00** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit **1.00** Law & Order: Organized Crime **2.00-3.00** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit
- U&W**
- 6.00pm** DIY SOS — Big Build **7.00** MasterChef Australia **8.00** Don't Hate Your House With The Property Brothers **9.00** 999 Rescue Squad **10.00** #Murder **11.00** Bradford On Duty **12.15** One Born Every Minute **1.20-2.10** 19 Kids And Counting
- COMEDY CENTRAL**
- 5.55pm** Friends. American sitcom **8.00** Whose Line Is It Anyway? USA **9.00** FILM: Groundhog Day **11.05** Impractical Jokers **11.35** South Park **12.35** Most Ridiculous **1.35-3.05** Lee Evans — Live In Scotland
- U&YESTERDAY**
- 6.00pm** Antiques Roadshow **7.00** Guy Martin's Great British Power Trip

- 8.00** Bangers & Cash **10.00** Bangers & Cash — Restoring Classics **11.00** Abandoned Engineering **12.00-1.00** Great Continental Railway Journeys
- U&DAVE**
- 6.00pm** Rick Stein's India **7.00** Would I Lie To You? **7.40** House Of Games **9.00** QI XL **10.00** Two Pints Of Lager And A Packet Of Crisps **11.15** Will & Ralf Should Know Better **12.15** As Yet Untitled **1.20** Would I Lie To You? **2.00-2.50** QI XL
- Factual**
- NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC**
- 6.00pm** Defending Europe **7.00** Air Crash Investigation **8.00** Construction Fails **9.00** Ice Road Rescue **10.00** Life Below Zero — First Alaskans **11.00** Air Crash Investigation **1.00-2.00** Ultimate Airport Dubai
- DISCOVERY**
- 6.00pm** How Do They Do It? **7.00** Gold Rush **8.00** Wheeler Dealers **9.00** Hustlers Gamblers Crooks. A blind man's ability to win at cards puts him in a fight for his life **10.00** Inside The Heist **11.00** Border Control Sweden **12.00** Expedition Bigfoot **1.00-2.00** Hustlers Gamblers Crooks

# 5 Hidden gem shows to stream

**1 Seaside Hotel (2013-, C4 streaming)**  
Fans of *Downton Abbey* will love delving into this Danish series set in a fancy beach hotel during the Roaring Twenties.

**Michael Weston as Harry Houdini in Houdini And Doyle**



**2 Houdini And Doyle (2016, ITVX)**  
A playful romp based on the real-life friendship between Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (Stephen Mangan) and the US illusionist Harry Houdini (Michael Weston).

**3 Early Doors (2003-04, BBC iPlayer)**  
Craig Cash and Phil Mealey's wry Mancunian comedy only ran to 12 episodes yet remains a small marvel.

**4 Unbelievable (2019, Netflix)**  
Kaitlyn Dever is Marie, a sexual assault survivor charged with lying about having been raped. A truly powerful drama.

**5 Bosch — Legacy (2022-, Freevee)**  
Titus Welliver's cop turned gumshoe is a joyously grumpy star.

Tim Glanfield

## PBS AMERICA

**5.20pm** Mandate For Murder — Britain's Struggle In Palestine **6.30** The 100 Days That Defined Modern History **7.35** Normandy 44 — D-Day And The Battle For France **8.35** Jungle War. A look at jungle warfare tactics **9.40** Mandate For Murder — Britain's Struggle In Palestine **10.50-12.00** Democracy On Trial

## SKY DOCUMENTARIES

**5.55pm** The Vietnam War **7.00** Stax — Soulsville USA **8.05** Hotel Secrets **9.00** God Save Texas — The Price Of Oil **10.00-1.00** Wise Guy — David Chase And The Sopranos

## SKY NATURE

**6.00pm** Whale With Steve Backshall **7.00** Monkey Life. Double bill **8.00** The Hungry Games — Alaska Big Bear Challenge **9.00** Evolution Earth **10.00** Whale With Steve Backshall **11.00-12.00** Uptown Otters

## DISCOVERY HISTORY

**6.00pm** Secrets Underground **7.00** Nasa's Unexplained Files **8.00** Cooper's Treasure **9.00** The Krays: The Prison Years **10.00** Salvage Hunters **11.00-12.00** Salvage Hunters — The Restorers

## Sport

### SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT

**6.00am** LIVE Test Cricket: Pakistan v England **1.30** LIVE Tennis. The ATP Swiss Indoors, ATP Vienna Open, WTA Pan Pacific Open Tokyo, and WTA Guangzhou Open **9.00** News **10.30** Back Pages Tonight **11.00** News **12.00** LIVE NFL: Los Angeles Rams v Minnesota Vikings. Kickoff at 1.15 **5.00-6.00** News

### TNT SPORTS 1

**6.00am** LIVE Test Cricket: India v New Zealand **1.00** Cricket Reload **1.30** WSL Challenger Tour **2.30** Reload **2.45** PL Reload **3.00** Uefa Champions League Highlights Show **5.00** LIVE Uefa Conference League: Panathinaikos v Chelsea. Kickoff at 5.45 **7.45** LIVE Uefa Europa League: Tottenham Hotspur v AZ Alkmaar. Kickoff at 8.00 **10.30** Uefa Europa & Conference League Highlights **12.00** Documentary **12.30** PL Reload **12.45** Cricket Reload **1.15** UFC Countdown **2.15** Fight Week **2.45** T100 Triathlon World Tour **3.45** Test Cricket Highlights **4.45-6.00** LIVE Test Cricket: India v New Zealand

## Radio & Podcasts

### ● The Documentary (BBC World Service, 9.30am)

In another take on the issue that never leaves the headlines, Katy Fallon tells the story of the refugees and other migrants caught up in Greece's legal system after trying to enter the country by boat. The country's law means that those discovered near the controls of these boats are prosecuted, but human rights groups claim that passengers, not the smugglers, are being prosecuted and imprisoned. Fallon talks to an Afghan man who wrongfully spent three years in prison, and examines Greece's chaotic system.



### Katy Fallon reports on the migrant crisis in Greece

### ● Stirring It Up (podcast)

The mother-daughter duo Andi and Miquita Oliver take their hit series away from interviewing celebrities around Andi's kitchen table and go on a tour of Scotland for the fifth series. The trip not only enables the pair to

explore the country's culinary heritage and food scene, but also allows Miquita to discover more about her Scottish roots.

### ● Ten Thousand Posts (podcast)

This series examines social media and other platforms and asks why they have come to influence every part of our lives. A recent episode discusses how everyone came to enjoy having a "Brat summer" and how it led to marketers picking up on the phrase. There are also episodes on how algorithms change as we enter different life stages.

Clair Woodward

## TIMES RADIO

**5.00** Rosie Wright With Early Breakfast **6.00** Aasmah Mir And Stig Abell With Times Radio Breakfast **10.00** Hugo Rifkind **1.00** Andrew Neil **2.00** Jane Garvey And Fi Glover **4.00** John Pienaar With Times Radio Drive **7.00** The Evening Edition With Kait Borsay **10.00** Henry Bonsu **1.00** The Story **1.30** The Best Of Times Radio

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## RADIO 4

**5.30** News **5.43** Prayer **5.45** Farming Today **6.00** Today **9.00** In Our Time **9.45** Strong Message Here. New series. The use and abuse of political language **10.00** Woman's Hour **11.00** This Cultural Life **11.45** Book Of The Week **12.00** News **12.04** The Bottom Line **12.32** Sliced Bread **1.00** The World At One **1.45** Surviving Politics **2.00** The Archers (R) **2.15** Drama: Trust, by Jonathan Hall. Yvette and Tim pick up the pieces after the Ofsted inspection. There is a rumour that the trust is going to offload its failing schools. Last in series **3.00** Rambblings. Clare Balding walks across the Isle of Wight with Alan Titchmarsh **3.27** Appeal (R) **3.30** Feedback. New run. Andrea Catherwood presents the programme that holds the BBC to account on behalf of the radio audience **4.00** Rethink **4.30** Inside Science **5.00** PM **6.00** News **6.30** Olga Koch — OK Computer **7.00** The Archers **7.15** Front Row **8.00** The Media Show (R) **9.00** Loose Ends. With guests Bill Bailey, Kiri Pritchard-McLean and Maya Sonधि (R) **9.45** The Warsaw Ghetto — History As Survival. The story of a woman who kept a diary from her soup kitchen (R) **10.00** The World Tonight **10.45** Book At Bedtime **11.00** The Today Podcast **11.30** Today In Parliament **12.00** News **12.30** Book Of The Week (R) **12.48** Shipping **1.00** World Service

## RADIO 4 EXTRA

**5.00** The Moon And Sixpence **6.00** Bertie And The Crime Of Passion **6.30** Charles Paris: So Much Blood **7.00** Are You From The Bugle? **7.30** It Sticks Out Half A Mile **8.00** Believe It! **8.30** I'm Here I Think, Where Are You? **8.45** Les Misérables **9.00** Yesterday In Parliament **9.30** Fungi — The Fifth Kingdom **9.45** Daily Service **10.00** Great Lives **10.30** Henry Cyril Paget: Lord Of The Dance **11.00** Bertie And The Crime Of Passion **11.30** Charles Paris: So Much Blood **12.00** Are You From The Bugle? **12.30** It Sticks Out Half A Mile **1.00** Believe It! **1.30** I'm Here I Think, Where Are You? **1.45** Les Misérables **2.00** Dilemma **2.30** The Brothers **3.00** The Moon And Sixpence **4.00** Great Lives **4.30** Henry Cyril Paget — Lord Of The Dance **5.00** Bertie And The Crime Of Passion **5.30** Charles Paris: So Much Blood **6.00** Are You From The Bugle? **6.30** It Sticks Out Half A Mile **7.00** Believe It! **7.30** I'm Here I Think, Where Are You? **7.45** Les Misérables **8.00** Dilemma **8.30** The Brothers **9.00** The Moon And Sixpence **10.00** Olga Koch — OK Computer **10.30** On The Hour **11.00** I've Never Seen Star Wars **11.30-12.00** Arthur Smith's Balham Bash

## LBC

**7.00** Nick Ferrari **10.00** James O'Brien **1.00** Shelagh Fogarty **4.00** Tom Swarbrick **6.00** Tonight With Andrew Marr **7.00** Iain Dale. Debate **10.00** Ben Kentish. Discussion **1.00** Richard Spurr **4.00** Ian Payne

## RADIO 3

**6.30** Breakfast **9.30** Essential Classics **1.00** Classical Live. Performances from the UK and beyond, recorded by the BBC and the European Broadcasting Union **4.00** Composer Of The Week **5.00** In Tune. The pianist Hanni Liang plays live from her upcoming album, Voices For Solo Piano **7.00** Classical Mixtape. Classical favourites mixed with jazz, folk and music from around the world

**7.30** In Concert. At the Lammermuir festival, Concerto Copenhagen showcase the music of Johan Helmich Roman, 'the Swedish Handel' **9.45** The Essay. The poet Luka Lesson considers his own place in Australia, in the light of a visit to the small Greek village of his great grandmother, revered as a midwife **10.00** Night Tracks. Sara Mohr-Pietsch presents an adventurous soundtrack for late-night listening, from classical to contemporary and everything in between **11.30** 'Round Midnight. Brian Jackson reflects on the work of Al Green **12.30** Through The Night

## CLASSIC FM

**7.00** Dan Walker **9.00** The Hall Of Fame Hour With Dan Walker **10.00** Alexander Armstrong **1.00** Anne-Marie Minhall **4.00** Margherita Taylor **7.00** Zeb Soanes **10.00** Ritula Shah **1.00** Bill Overton **4.00** Lucy Coward

## RADIO 2

**6.30** The Zoe Ball Breakfast Show **9.30** Gary Davies **12.00** Jeremy Vine **2.00** Scott Mills **4.00** OJ Borg **6.30** OJ Borg's Half Wower **7.00** Jo Whaley **9.00** The Country Show With Bob Harris **10.00** Trevor Nelson's Rhythm Nation **12.00** Phil Williams **3.00** Alternative Sounds Of The 90s With Dermot O'Leary (R) **4.00** Owain Wyn Evans

## VIRGIN RADIO

**6.30** The Chris Evans Breakfast Show **10.00** The Ryan Tubridy Show **1.00** Jayne Middlemiss **4.00** Ricky Wilson **7.00** Bam **10.00** Olivia Jones **1.00** Sean Goldsmith **4.00** Steve Denyer

## TALKSPORT

**5.00** Early Sports Breakfast **6.00** Breakfast **10.00** Jim White And Simon Jordan **1.00** Hawksbee And Baker **4.00** Andy Goldstein And Darren Bent **7.00** Kick Off: Fenerbahce v Manchester United. Live, kickoff is at 8.00 **10.00** The Sports Bar **1.00** Extra Time

## BBC 1

- 6.00 Breakfast** Headlines.  
**9.30 Morning Live** Magazine.  
**10.45 Crimewatch Caught**  
**11.15 Homes Under The Hammer** Auctions. (R)  
**12.15 Bargain Hunt** Curios.  
**1.00 News; Weather** Reports.  
**2.00 Sister Boniface Mysteries**  
 A contestant in a beauty pageant meets an untimely end. (Last in series, R)  
**2.45 Escape To The Country** (R)  
**3.45 Garden Rescue** (R)  
**4.30 The Bidding Room** Items include some fairground signs, a 1930s vanity case and a Chinese card box.  
**5.15 Pointless** Quiz show. (R)  
**6.00 News; Weather** Reports.  
**6.30 Regional News** Update.  
**7.00 The One Show** Features.  
**7.30 CHOICE Pets Saving Lives** Our Lives documentary following the work of search-and-rescue dogs in Northern Ireland. (See Critics' choice)  
**8.00 Would I Lie To You?** Rob Brydon, David Mitchell and Lee Mack welcome MIST, Jayde Adams, Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen and Ellie Simmonds to the show. (R)  
**8.30 Ghosts** Heavy snow disrupts plans for the wedding as travel to the house becomes near impossible, so Alison and Mike rally round to ensure the big day goes ahead. (Series 2, ep 6, R)  
**9.00 Have I Got News For You** Broadcaster, artist and writer Grayson Perry and comedian Angela Barnes join in the fun on the current affairs quiz.  
**9.30 The Cleaner** Wicky is called to a remote lighthouse on an island riddled with hostile wildlife, when the keeper's mate dies. (Series 3, ep 4)  
**10.00 News; Weather** Reports.  
**10.40 The Graham Norton Show** With Denzel Washington and Eddie Redmayne.  
**11.30 RuPaul's Drag Race UK** Steps star Claire Richards adds to the fabulosity. (R)  
**12.40 Alan Carr's Picture Slam** (R)  
**1.30-6.00 Joins BBC News**

**SCOTLAND 6.30** Reporting Scotland. **7.30** Landward. **8.00** Pets Saving Lives. **11.30** A View From The Terrace. **12.30** RuPaul's Drag Race UK. **1.40** Alan Carr's Picture Slam. **2.30** BBC News.

## BBC 2

- 6.30 Bargain Hunt** Curios. (R)  
**7.15 The Bidding Room** (R)  
**8.00 Dr Xand's Con Or Cure**  
 The validity of food intolerance tests. (Signed, R)  
**8.30 Mortimer & Whitehouse — Gone Fishing** (Signed, R)  
**9.00 News; Weather** Headlines.  
**1.00 Impossible** Gameshow. (R)  
**1.45 Unbeatable** Quiz. (R)  
**2.30 The Boss** Quiz show. (R)  
**3.15 Operation Gold Rush** (R)  
**4.15 This Farming Life** (R)  
**5.15 Flog It!** In Basingstoke. (R)  
**6.00 House Of Games** Chris Bisson, Danielle Harold, Katharine Merry and Robert Webb take part.  
**6.30 Strictly — It Takes Two**  
 Fleur East presents more exclusives ahead of the Halloween extravaganza.  
**7.00 Celebrity Antiques Road Trip** Newscasters Nina Hossain and Lucrezia Millarini embark on a shopping bonanza between Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire. (R)  
**8.00 Gardeners' World**  
 Monty Don plants an early flowering clematis along a shady wall; and Adam Frost visits a plantsman's paradise at Fullers Mill in Suffolk.  
**9.00 CHOICE Al Pacino — Once Upon A Time In Hollywood** The Oscar-winning actor looks back on his life and career, and shares the stories behind some of his biggest films in a chat with Colin Paterson. (See Critics' choice)  
**10.00 Live At The Apollo**  
 Suzi Ruffell welcomes Alfie Brown and Sikisa to the stage at London's Hammersmith Apollo. (R)  
**10.30 Newsnight** Headlines.  
**11.05 FILM: House Of Gucci**  
 Stars Lady Gaga. Patrizia Reggiani marries into the Gucci family and starts to unravel the legacy. Stylish crime drama. (2021, 15)  
**1.35 Panorama** Investigating questions that have been raised about the child killer Lucy Letby. (Signed, R)  
**2.05 Just One Thing** Tips for transforming people's health. (Signed, R)  
**2.35 Designing The Hebrides**  
 In Tobermory. (Signed, R)  
**3.05-3.35 Nadiya's Cook Once, Eat Twice** (Signed, R)

**4.00** Tipping Point **5.00** The Chase **6.00** Regional News **6.30** News; Weather **7.00** Women's International Football. Live **10.00** News; Weather **10.35** Regional News **10.45** Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? **11.45** Heathrow — Britain's Busiest Airport **12.15** Teleshopping **3.00** Pride Of Britain Awards **4.45-6.00** Unwind **S4C 6.00** Cyw: **10.30** Sion Y Chef **10.45** Fferm Fach **11.00** Y Tralalas **11.05** Cymylaubychain **11.15** Ein Byd Bach **11.25** Pentre Papur Pop **11.40** Deian A Loli

## ITV 1

- 6.00 Good Morning Britain**  
**9.00 Lorraine** Lifestyle chat.  
**10.00 This Morning** Features.  
**12.30 Loose Women** Debate.  
**1.00 News; Weather** Reports.  
**1.30 Racing** Oli Bell presents coverage of day one of the Showcase Meeting at Cheltenham, with analysis from Tom Scudamore and Mick Fitzgerald and commentary provided by Mark Johnson.  
**4.00 Tipping Point** Arcade-themed quiz in which contestants drop tokens down a choice of four chutes in the hope of winning £10,000. (R)  
**5.00 The Chase** Quiz show.  
**6.00 Regional News** Update.  
**6.30 News; Weather** Reports.  
**7.00 Women's International Football:** England v Germany. Laura Woods presents live coverage of the friendly at Wembley Stadium. With analysis by Ian Wright and Karen Carney, commentary by Seb Hutchinson and Lucy Ward, and reports from Katie Shanahan. Kickoff 7.30.  
**10.00 News At Ten** Bulletin.  
**10.45 Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?** Jeremy Clarkson gives six more contestants the chance to take their place in the hot seat, and become the next big winner. (R)  
**11.45 Heathrow — Britain's Busiest Airport** Border officers help a student from India, who has arrived with no fixed abode; and out on the airfield during the rush hour, the airside officer is on the runway. (R)  
**12.15 Teleshopping** Goods.  
**3.00 Endeavour** Inspector Morse prequel, with Shaun Evans as a younger version of the detective. (R)  
**4.45-6.00 Unwind** Relaxation.



Grayson Perry (BBC1, 9pm)

**12.00** Newyddion A'r Tywydd **12.05** Ceffylau, Sheikhs A Chowbois **12.30** Heno **1.00** Arfordir Cymru — Llyn **1.30** Cymry Ar Gynfas **2.00** Newyddion A'r Tywydd **2.05** Prynawn Da **3.00** Newyddion A'r Tywydd **3.05** Windrush — Rhwng Dau Fyd **4.00** Awr Fawr **5.00** Stwnsh **6.00** Colleen Ramsey — Bywyd A Bwyd **6.30** Cysgu O Gwmpas **6.57** Newyddion S4C **7.00** Heno **7.30** Newyddion **8.00** Faith Bywyd **8.55** Newyddion **9.00** Y Ty Gwyrrd **9.30** Pel-Droed Rhyngwladol **10.30-11.35** Cleddau

## Channel 4

- 6.25 Cheers** Comedy. (R)  
**7.45 The King Of Queens** (R)  
**9.10 Frasier** Sitcom. (R)  
**11.05 Come Dine With Me — The Professionals** (R)  
**12.05 News; Weather** Reports.  
**12.10 Renovation Nation** (R)  
**1.10 Find It, Fix It, Flog It** (R)  
**2.10 Countdown** Game.  
**3.00 A Place In The Sun — What Happened Next?** (R)  
**4.00 The Great House Giveaway** A dormer bungalow in Anglesey. (R)  
**5.00 Four In A Bed** B&B contest.  
**5.30 Help! We Bought A Village** Documentary. (R)  
**6.30 The Simpsons** The sea captain finds treasure. (R)  
**7.00 News; Weather** Reports.  
**7.55 Stand Up To Cancer:** Tiffany's Story. An online influencer's battle.  
**8.00 Yorkshire By The Sea**  
 A fisherman heads into the North Sea from Staithes in search of lobster and crab; and an ambitious couple launch the first wine grown in their Robin Hood's Bay vineyard. (R)  
**9.00 CHOICE Celebrity Gogglebox For Stand Up To Cancer** A host of stars join the Gogglebox regulars to react to the week's television shows in this special edition for charity. (See Critics' choice)  
**10.00 CHOICE The Last Leg**  
 New run. Adam Hills, Josh Widdicombe and Alex Brooker are joined by Miriam Margolyes, Phil Wang and Graham Coxon. (See Critics' choice)  
**11.05 Rhod Gilbert — A Pain In The Neck For SU2C** The comedian documents his life living with cancer. (R)  
**12.10 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA** In Long Island, New York. (R)  
**1.00 FILM: Zola** Stars Taylor Paige. A Detroit waitress strikes up a friendship with a customer, who persuades her to join a weekend of dancing and partying in Florida. Annoying. (2021, 18)  
**2.25 The Simpsons** (R)  
**2.50 Stand Up To Cancer:** Tiffany's Story. (R)  
**2.55 Come Dine With Me** (R)  
**5.00 Frasier** Sitcom. (R)  
**5.50-5.55 Escape To The Chateau** Property. (R)

**Big Cats 24/7** — what a wonderful series this was, with nature portrayed as it should be, wonderful camera work both day and night, and a complete absence of obtrusive background music. Hoping for more soon.  
**Martin Jones**

What a waste of licence payers' money sending Clive Myrie to Israel to read a script from his iPad. He could have done precisely the same job from the news studio in London.

**Tony Scofield**

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## Channel 5

- 6.00 Milkshake!** Children's fun.  
**9.15 Jeremy Vine** Debate.  
**11.30 Storm Huntley** Opinions.  
**12.45 Friends** US sitcom. (R)  
**1.40 News; Weather** Reports.  
**1.45 Home And Away**  
 Mackenzie does her best to reason with Cash. (R)  
**2.15 To Kill A Stepfather**  
 Thriller, with Alex Camacho. A woman investigates the death of her stepfather after her estranged mother is arrested for his murder. (R)  
**4.00 Bargain-Loving Brits In The Sun** A Liverpudlian expands her cafe to offer picnics for weddings. (R)  
**5.00 News; Weather** Reports.  
**6.00 Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly** Graeme Hall meets a family struggling to adjust after getting a third dog. (R)  
**6.55 News; Weather** Reports.  
**7.00 Aldi vs Lidl — Which Tastes Better?** A comparison of the quality of different food products from the two German supermarkets, tasting everything from chocolate biscuits to ready meals. (R)  
**7.55 News; Weather** Reports.  
**8.00 Susan Calman's Grand Day Out** The comedian explores Bristol and the Cotswolds, getting access to some of engineer Isambard Kingdom Brunel's groundbreaking designs and visiting Blenheim Palace.  
**9.00 Holidaying In The 70s — Those Were The Days** Documentary charting the rise of the package holiday in the 1970s, and how Brits swapped staycations for fun in the Mediterranean sun. (1/2, R)  
**10.00 1984 — Most Shocking Moments** A look back at key events in TV, film, showbusiness and politics — a year when Spitting Image and The Young Ones revolutionised comedy and enraged the old guard. (R)  
**12.05 Million Pound Motorhomes** (R)  
**1.00 Casino Show** Gambling.  
**3.00 New Lives In The Wild** (R)  
**3.50 The Wonderful World Of Chocolate** (R)  
**4.40 House Busters** Insights. (R)  
**5.05 Wildlife SOS** Animals. (R)  
**5.30 Entertainment News**  
**5.40-6.00 Children's Shows**

## Variations

**BBC2 WALES 4.15** Match Of The Day Wales. Live **6.45** Strictly — It Takes Two **7.15** Scrum V. Live **9.40** The Pembrokeshire Coast — A Wild Year **BBC SCOTLAND 7.00** The Seven **7.30** SportsScene — Scottish Cup. Live **10.00** Still Game **10.30** A View From The Terrace **11.30-12.00** Breaking The News **STV 6.00** Good Morning Britain **9.00** Lorraine **10.00** This Morning **12.30** Loose Women **1.00-1.20** News; Weather **1.30** Racing. Action from Cheltenham

## Critics' choice

### Al Pacino — *Once Upon A Time In Hollywood* (BBC2, 9pm)

Al Pacino has a memoir out (*review, pg 22*), which means that the actor is hitting the interview circuit to hawk his wares. Much to the fury, no doubt, of the *Graham Norton Show* booker, the BBC has decided to turn their apparently exclusive slot with Pacino into a one-hour "special" that pads out a brief encounter with a look back at his life and career. It's up to the BBC entertainment correspondent Colin Paterson to get the most out of his chat about *Sonny Boy*, a book named after a childhood nickname given to Pacino by his mother, Rose (from an Al Jolson song). Now aged 84, the actor will tell of a childhood troubled by Rose's mental health issues and fiercely protective nature and how it later fell to Francis Ford Coppola to battle against studio chiefs determined to cast big names such as Robert Redford as the young Michael Corleone.

Helen Stewart



Al Pacino starred as Michael Corleone in the *Godfather* trilogy

## The Boss promised a party – and here it is

### Road Diary — Bruce Springsteen And The E Street Band (Disney+)

When the world shut down during the pandemic, Bruce Springsteen made a solemn promise that "if we got through this I'd throw the biggest party I could". This rock-doc follows Springsteen as he makes good on that promise, embarking on a global tour with the E Street Band. The film includes footage from rehearsals, interviews and archive clips of the E Street Band.

Joe Clay

### Bruce Springsteen



### Electric Lady Studios — A Jimi Hendrix Vision (Sky Arts/Now, 9.15pm)

It's not something stressed in this documentary about the creation of Jimi Hendrix's New York City recording studio, but fans of Taylor Swift might like to know it's her favourite. Lady Gaga is similarly enamoured and U2, Led Zeppelin, Carly Simon, David Bowie and Stevie Wonder are among many who have recorded there. The film focuses on reuniting the people who built and ran the place in an atmosphere of "creative chaos" after Hendrix's death. (He died of an overdose shortly after it opened in 1970.) Once a basement blues venue that Hendrix had purchased with the intention of creating his own psychedelic nightclub, it was recording engineer Eddie Kramer who pointed out the vast sums that the guitarist was paying in studio time and suggested he change his plans. *HS*

### The Last Leg (C4, 10pm)

After 31 series of satirical commentary (under the hashtag #isitok), viewers will know whether or not they find the presenters Adam Hills, Josh Widdicombe and Alex Brooker to be a charming comedy trio. It's a caveat that can also be applied to tonight's guest, Miriam Margolyes. Joining her are the comedian Phil Wang and – likely to pique the curiosity of any ageing Britpop kids at home on a Friday night – Blur's guitarist Graham Coxon.



The Mangan siblings (C4, 9pm)

### Pets Saving Lives (BBC1, 7.30pm; Scotland, 8pm)

*Only Murders in the Building* fans might find themselves thinking of Howard's *Animal Jobs* podcast, but this film, part of the *Our Lives* strand, is a serious look at the remarkable work done by Sarda In – the Search And Rescue Dog Association, Ireland North. Each dog has a speciality. For example, Luna has the upsetting title "cadaver dog" – yet behind every amazing animal is a quietly dedicated human.

### Celebrity Gogglebox For Stand Up To Cancer (C4, 9pm)

Channel 4's charitable initiative, Stand Up To Cancer, has been taking over such schedule stalwarts as *The Great British Bake Off* and *Hunted* for more than a decade. Tonight it's the turn of couch-potato commentary *Gogglebox*, with a celebrity line-up. *Victoria Segal*

## On demand

### ● Before (Apple TV+)

Billy Crystal is one of the most recognisable comic actors of a generation, but those expecting a light-hearted romantic comedy will be surprised by this extremely dark supernatural psychological thriller. Crystal stars as Eli, a child psychiatrist who has recently lost his wife and finds a strange connection to his past through Noah (Jacobi Jupe), a troubled

young patient. As they work more together, the bond grows and the mystery deepens.

*Tim Glanfield*

### Like A Dragon — *Yakuza* (Prime Video)

In 1995 teen orphans Kazuma, Yumi, Milo and Nishiki foolishly decide to rob a yakuza gaming house. Jump forward ten years and all four are living with the consequences of their actions, trapped in the urban-gangster

lifestyle as victims, villains and protagonists. Based on the popular 2005 Sega *Yakuza* video game franchise, itself inspired by Kinji Fukasaku's 1970s gangster film series, this is high-quality crime drama that perfectly balances the bloody, the balletic and the melodramatic. Only those expecting the weird humour and karaoke interludes of the original game may be somewhat disappointed.

*Andrew Male*

## Film choice

### Appointment In London (Talking Pictures TV, 2.15pm)

Dirk Bogarde stars as Wing-Commander Tim Mason, a seasoned airman who is approaching the end of his third tour of duty during the Second World War. But just before he makes it to the 90 missions he was hoping to achieve, he is grounded by his superiors. Meanwhile he is competing with an American officer to woo a widowed Wren (Dinah Sheridan). (1952)

### The Big Chill (Sky Cinema Comedy, 4.30pm)

Lawrence Kasdan's comedy-drama reunites thirtysomething baby boomers at the funeral of an old college friend who committed suicide. It's indulgent stuff, but the cast is superb – Glenn Close, Kevin Kline, Tom Berenger, William Hurt and Jeff Goldblum among them. Cracking soundtrack too. (1983)

### X (Film4, 10.55pm)

The star of this comedy horror is a randy psychopathic Texan pensioner called Pearl. The twist is that Pearl is played by 28-year-old Mia Goth, layered in "ancient crone" make-up. Goth also plays Maxine, the ostensible star of a pornographic movie being shot in the summer of 1979 in a Texan farmhouse. The farm is owned by Pearl and her husband, Howard, who struggles to keep Pearl's primal urges under control. (2022)

## BBC 3

- 7.00pm Phoenix Rise** The gang meets in the boiler room. (Series 4, ep 9)  
**7.30 Phoenix Rise** As one chapter ends, another begins. (Last in series)  
**8.00 Gavin & Stacey** Sitcom.  
**9.00 Paranormal — The Village That Saw Aliens** Exploring the biggest mass UFO sighting in Britain. **9.30 Paranormal — The Village That Saw Aliens** Sian Eleri heads to Haven Fort Hotel.  
**10.00 FILM: The Blair Witch Project** Stars Heather Donahue. Atmospheric horror. (1999, 15)  
**11.15 Charlie Cooper's Myth Country** Local legends.  
**12.45 BBC New Comedy Awards**  
**1.15 Where It Ends** Short film.  
**1.30 Charlotte In Sunderland**  
**2.30-4.00 Cuckoo** Comedy.

## U&amp;Drama

- 5.30pm The Upper Hand**  
**6.05 'Allo! 'Allo!** Alfonso has trouble with his heart.  
**6.35 Last Of The Summer Wine** Compo's ferret goes missing. **7.20 Last Of The Summer Wine** The trio do some work in the cafe.  
**8.00 Father Brown** When Mrs McCarthy's goddaughter goes missing, Father Brown follows her trail to a risqué gentlemen's club. (Series 5, ep 8)  
**9.00 Hotel Portofino** Cecil confronts Bella over her compromising letter. (5/6)  
**10.15 New Tricks** The team examines a hit-and-run that left a cycle courier unable to recall anything before the incident. (S8, ep 5)  
**11.35-12.55 Murder In Mind** A vigilante group gets out of control. (Series 1, ep 5)

## Films

## SKY CINEMA PREMIERE

- 4.15pm** The Radleys (2024, 15)  
**6.10** Caddo Lake. An eight-year-old girl goes missing. (2024, 12) **8.00** Ghostbusters — Frozen Empire. Three generations of the team join forces to stop a second ice age. (2024, 12) **10.05-12.00** The Radleys. A seemingly ordinary family hide a dark secret. (2024, 15)

## SKY CINEMA THRILLER

- 5.45pm** Ocean's Twelve (2004, 12)  
**8.00** Ocean's Thirteen. Thieves need the help of an enemy in order to get even with a casino boss. (2007, PG) **10.10-12.10** Extremely Wicked, Shockingly Evil And Vile. Biopic examining the life of the serial killer Ted Bundy. (2019, 15)

## SKY CINEMA GREATS

- 4.00pm** The Color Purple (2023, 12) **6.30** Straight Outta Compton. Biopic telling the story of the hip-hop group NWA. (2015, 18)  
**9.00** Bad Boys. Two detectives search for drugs stolen from a police evidence room. (1995, 15)  
**11.00-1.35** Bad Boys II (2003, 15)

## BBC 4

- 7.00pm TOTP:** 1996. With Fugees, Skunk Anansie and ABBA. **7.35 TOTP:** 1996. With Belinda Carlisle and Lighthouse Family.  
**8.10 TOTP:** 1979. Performances by the Specials, Viola Wills, Queen and Iris Williams.  
**8.40 TOTP:** 1986. Featuring Billy Idol and the Bangles.  
**9.10 Beyoncé — Live At The BBC** A concert outdoors at BBC Television Centre.  
**9.40 Diana Ross — Live At The Royal Albert Hall 1973**  
**10.40 Dusty Springfield At The Royal Albert Hall** A 1979 concert by the pop singer.  
**11.40 Pink Live In The Piano Room** A performance with the BBC Concert Orchestra.  
**12.25 Raye At The Royal Albert Hall** The singer performs.  
**1.45 TOTP:** 1996. Double bill.  
**2.55-3.20 TOTP:** 1979

## Sky Arts

- 6.00pm Tales Of The Unexpected** An author is threatened. **6.30 Tales Of The Unexpected** A driver picks up a hitch-hiker.  
**7.00 Discovering Janis Joplin** A look at the life and music of the American singer.  
**7.30 Discovering Jimi Hendrix** Music critics discuss the musician's life and career.  
**8.00 Jimi Hendrix At Woodstock** Highlights from the guitarist's set in 1969, including Purple Haze.  
**9.15 CHOICE Electric Lady Studios — A Jimi Hendrix Vision** The creation of the recording studio in New York City commissioned by the rock musician in 1968. (See Critics' choice)  
**11.00-1.00 Jimi Hendrix — The Guitar Hero** Musicians pay tribute to the guitarist.

## SKY CINEMA SELECT

- 5.35pm** Fantastic Beasts — The Secrets Of Dumbledore. Fantasy. (2022, 12) **8.00** Harry Potter And The Philosopher's Stone. A boy enrolls at a school for wizards. (2001, PG) **10.35-1.20** Harry Potter And The Chamber Of Secrets (2002, PG)

## SKY CINEMA DRAMA

- 4.05pm** Allied (2016, 15) **6.15** Quartet (2012, 12) **8.00** PS I Love You. A widow receives letters written by her husband before he died. (2007, 12) **10.15-1.25** Meet Joe Black. Romantic fantasy. (1998, 12)

## FILM 4

- 4.45pm** Fantastic Voyage (1966, U)  
**8.00** I, Robot (2004, 12) **9.00** Firestarter. A girl tries to understand how she gained the power to set things on fire with her mind. (2022, 15) **10.55-1.05 CHOICE X** (2022, 18; see Film choice)

## Entertainment

## ITV 4

- 6.00pm LIVE** Darts. Day two of the European championship **10.00** All Elite Wrestling — Dynamite **12.05** The Sweeney **1.05-2.05** Minder

## ITV 2

- 5.30pm Catchphrase** Charity edition of the game show.  
**6.15 FILM: Harry Potter And The Order Of The Phoenix** Stars Daniel Radcliffe and Gary Oldman. The wizard forms his fellow pupils into a secret army to battle Lord Voldemort. Still enchanting. (2007, 12; includes FYI Daily)  
**9.00 Big Brother** A chance to catch up with the latest events in the house.  
**10.15 Big Brother — Late & Live** AJ Odudu and Will Best present a companion show.  
**11.05 Family Guy** Peter accidentally becomes the face of social justice. (S18, ep 14) **11.35-12.00 Family Guy** Lois gets a job as a teacher at Chris and Meg's school. (Series 18, ep 10)

## Sky Max

- 6.00pm Stargate Atlantis** The crew is allowed to send video messages to Earth. (Series 1, ep 17, R)  
**7.00 Stargate Atlantis** Teyla's nightmares reveal an alarming truth. (R)  
**8.00 Seal Team** Bravo team targets a factory in Myanmar the DEA has tied to China and fentanyl production. (S7, ep 4, R)  
**9.00 The Walking Dead — Daryl Dixon: The Book Of Carol** All hope feels lost as Genet begins an attack on the Nest. (Series 2, ep 4, R)  
**10.05 Never Mind The Buzzcocks** With AJ Tracey, Sophie Willan, Nelly Furtado and Susan Wokoma. (R)  
**10.55-12.00 Last King Of The Cross** John makes a play for the biggest club on Oxford Street. (S2, ep 2, R)

## MORE 4

- 5.50pm** Escape To The Chateau — DIY **6.55** Car SOS **7.55** Grand Designs — Living In Suburbia **9.00** The Chateau Murders **10.00** 24 Hours In A&E **12.05** Emergency Helicopter Medics **1.10-3.20** 24 Hours In A&E

## GOLD

- 5.40pm** Still Open All Hours **6.20** Keeping Up Appearances **7.00** Dad's Army **8.20** The Good Life **9.00** Absolutely Fabulous **10.25** Bottom **11.05** Inside No 9 **11.45** Blackadder The Third **12.25** Absolutely Fabulous **1.50-2.25** Bottom

## SKY COMEDY

- 6.00pm** The US Office **7.00** Young Rock **8.00** Will & Grace **9.00** Veep **10.10** The Tonight Show **11.10** Lucy Beaumont — Live From The Royal Court Theatre **12.15** Sex And The City **1.35-2.55** Divorce

## 5 STAR

- 6.00pm** Home And Away. Double bill **7.00** GPs — Behind Closed Doors **8.00** Casualty 24/7 — Every Second Counts **9.00** FILM: Bridget Jones's Diary **11.05** FILM: Final Destination 2 **12.55** Trauma Room One **1.55-2.45** Casualty 24/7

## ITV 3

- 5.50pm Heartbeat** Greengrass starts a devious plot.  
**7.00 Heartbeat** Mike has problems when a man held in custody drops dead.  
**8.00 Doc Martin** Ruth becomes increasingly forgetful, and is even more perturbed when Martin offers to perform a mini mental state examination. (Series 9, ep 3) **9.00 Doc Martin** The doctor has his second GMC assessment; and Ken's arrival does not bring good news for Al and Bert.  
**10.00 Law & Order: UK** A call girl is found murdered, but Phillips suspects someone had a reason to frame the accused. (Series 5, ep 3)  
**11.00-12.00 Law & Order: UK** Two killers go on a shooting rampage through the streets of London.

## Sky Atlantic

- 5.55pm Britannia** A mysterious traveller arrives at Aulus' castrum. (Series 2, ep 3)  
**6.55 Britannia** Cait and Divis make their way to a new safe haven following their narrow escape.  
**7.55 Game Of Thrones** Arya receives a favour from the man she freed from Harrenhal. (Series 2, ep 5)  
**9.00 I Hate Suzie** Cob decides it is his turn to let loose. (S1, ep 5) **9.40 I Hate Suzie** On the lookout for a career change, Suzie decides to audition for a new musical.  
**10.25 Sweetpea** Rhiannon is high on power and goes after her next target, bully Julia Blenkinsopp. (3/6)  
**11.30-12.40 Gangs Of London** Marian puts the pressure on Sean to uncover Finn's killer. (Series 1, ep 6)

## 5 USA

- 6.00pm** NCIS **7.55** Entertainment News **8.00** NCIS. American crime drama **10.00** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit **12.55-3.35** Blindspot

## SKY WITNESS

- 6.00pm** Nothing To Declare **8.00** Chicago Fire **9.00** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit **10.00** Law & Order: Organized Crime **11.00** FBI **12.00** The Cleaning Lady **1.00** The Rookie — Feds **2.00-3.00** Bull

## U&amp;W

- 6.00pm** DIY SOS **7.00** MasterChef Australia — Dessert Masters. An icy Mystery Box **8.00** Inside The Ambulance — Coast And Country **9.00** 999 Rescue Squad **11.00** Gavin & Stacey **1.00** One Born Every Minute **1.50-3.00** 20 Kids And Counting

## COMEDY CENTRAL

- 6.00pm** Friends **8.00** Who's Line Is It Anyway? USA **9.00** Lee Evans — Live In Scotland **10.30** Michael McIntyre — Live & Laughing **11.30** Who's Line Is It Anyway? USA **2.00-3.00** Out Of Order — Best Bits

## U&amp;YESTERDAY

- 6.00pm** Antiques Roadshow **7.00** Guy Martin's Battle Of Britain

## E4

- 6.00pm The Big Bang Theory** Howard finds out he has a half-brother. (S8, ep 20)  
**6.30 The Big Bang Theory** Penny contemplates a return to acting. **7.00 The Big Bang Theory** Leonard decides to change his ways. (Series 1, ep 14)  
**7.30 Modern Family** (S8, ep 10)  
**8.00 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA** The chef helps a New York diner.  
**9.00 FILM: Mission — Impossible: Fallout** Stars Tom Cruise. Ethan Hunt and a CIA assassin try to prevent a disaster. Non-stop action. (2018, 12)  
**11.55 FILM: Zombieland — Double Tap** Stars Woody Harrelson. Casual horror. (2019, 15; ends at **1.50**)

## TPTV

- 5.40pm FILM: The Intruder** Stars Jack Hawkins. Average drama. (1953, PG)  
**7.20 FILM: The Night Caller** Stars John Saxon. An alien mutant abducts females from Earth. Quirky sci-fi thriller. (1965, 15, B/W)  
**9.05-9.40 The World Of Hammer** How Hammer Studios redefined Dracula.  
**9.50 Hammer House Of Mystery And Suspense** A businessman leaves a video will with a sadistic twist.  
**11.25 FILM: The File Of The Golden Goose** Stars Yul Brynner. An American agent and a Scotland Yard detective go undercover. Routine crime thriller. (1969, PG; ends at **1.30**)

- 8.00** Sue Perkins — Along The US-Mexico Border **9.20** Robson Green's Weekend Escapes **10.20** Bangers & Cash — Restoring Classics **11.20** Abandoned Engineering **12.20-1.20** Great Continental Railway Journeys

## U&amp;DAVE

- 6.00pm** Rick Stein's Long Weekends **7.00** Would I Lie To You? **7.40** House Of Games. Double bill **9.00** QI XL **10.00** Have I Got A Bit More News For You **11.00** Sons Of Anarchy **12.20** As Yet Untitled **1.20** Would I Lie To You? **2.00-2.45** Have I Got A Bit More News For You

## Factual

- NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC**  
**6.00pm** World War II — Secrets From Above **7.00** Air Crash Investigation **8.00** World War II — Secrets From Above **9.00** Hitler's Last Stand **10.00** Defending Europe **11.00** Air Crash Investigation **12.00** Plane Crash Recreated **1.00-2.00** Ultimate Airport Dubai

## DISCOVERY

- 6.00pm** How Do They Do It? **7.00** Gold Rush — Mine Rescue With Freddy & Juan **8.00** Wheeler Dealers

# 5 Sport on TV Highlights

**1 Arsenal v Liverpool (Sun, Oct 27, Sky Sports Main Event, ko 4.30pm)** Manchester City will be playing close attention to the result of this fiery Premier League clash.

**2 Test cricket: Pakistan v England (Fri, Sky Sports Cricket, 6am)** The final test of the short series comes from the Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium in Punjab, Pakistan.

**3 F1: Mexican Grand Prix (Sun, Oct 27, Sky Sports F1, 8pm)** The drivers head to the Autódromo Hermanos Rodríguez in Mexico City for this 71-lap race.

**4 PGA Golf: The Zozo Championship (Fri-Sun, Sky Sports Golf, 6am)** From the Accordia Golf Narashino Country Club in Tokyo.

**5 Chelsea v Newcastle (Sun, Oct 27, Sky Sports Main Event, ko 2pm)** Stamford Bridge hosts this encounter between two teams hoping for Champions League action next season.



England's Brydon Carse

Tim Glanfield

**9.00** Expedition Bigfoot. The team uses new methods **10.00** Expedition X **11.00** Roadworthy Rescues **12.00-2.00** Expedition Bigfoot

**PBS AMERICA**  
**5.20pm** Mafia's Greatest Hits **6.30** The 100 Days That Defined Modern History **7.35** Normandy 44 — D-Day And The Battle For France **8.40** Jungle War **9.50** Mafia's Greatest Hits. Former FBI agent Joe Pistone **10.55-12.00** Democracy On Trial

**SKY DOCUMENTARIES**  
**5.55pm** The Vietnam War **7.00** Chimp Crazy **8.00** UFO **9.00** I Am Johnny Cash **10.45-1.00** The Zen Diaries Of Garry Shandling

**SKY NATURE**  
**6.00pm** Whale With Steve Backshall **7.00** Monkey Life **8.00** Wildlife ER **9.00** Super Shark Highway **10.00** Whale With Steve Backshall **11.00-12.00** Uptown Otters

**DISCOVERY HISTORY**  
**6.00pm** Secrets Underground **7.00** Nasa's Unexplained Files **8.00** Cooper's Treasure **9.00** Combat Dealers **10.00** Salvage Hunters **11.00-12.00** Salvage Hunters — The Restorers. A valuable rosewood table

## Sport

**SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT**  
**6.00am** LIVE Test Cricket: Pakistan v England **1.30** LIVE Tennis. The ATP Swiss Indoors, ATP Vienna Open, WTA Pan Pacific Open Tokyo, and WTA Guangzhou Open **7.00** LIVE FNF: Leicester City v Nottingham Forest. Kickoff at 8.00 **10.45** LIVE Formula 1. The Mexico City Grand Prix second practice session **12.30-6.00** News

**TNT SPORTS 1**  
**6.00am** LIVE Test Cricket: India v New Zealand **1.00** Cricket Reload **1.15** PL Reload **1.30** Women's ODI Cricket **2.30** Reload **2.45** Badminton Weekly **3.00** WSL Challenger Tour **4.00** Serie A — Full Impact **4.30** Reload **5.00** The Fantasy Show **5.30** PL — The Big Interview **6.00** PL Stories **6.30** PL Preview **7.00** LIVE Premiership Rugby Union: Bristol Bears v Northampton Saints. Kickoff at 7.45 **10.00** Women's ODI Cricket **11.00** Test Cricket **12.00** PL Preview **12.30** LIVE MLB. Game one of the World Series **4.30** Badminton Weekly **4.45-1.00** LIVE Test Cricket: India v New Zealand

## Radio & Podcasts

● **The Rock Show (Radio 2, 11pm)**  
It's the end of an era for DJ Johnnie Walker on *The Rock Show* as he broadcasts his last edition of the series after announcing his retirement from a 58-year career in broadcasting due to pulmonary fibrosis. The new host of will be Shauna Keaveny. Walker will present his last show for Radio 2, *Sounds of the 70s*, next Sunday, but BBC Sounds still has an abundance of Walker's programmes to enjoy, including his documentary series *The Great British Bands who Broke America* and his one-off with Tony Blackburn, *Clash of the Pirates*.



Johnnie Walker began his career on Radio Caroline

● **Heart And Soul (BBC World Service, 1.30pm)**  
Antonia Cundy speaks to women in Latin America about working for the controversial Catholic organisation Opus Dei, whose aim is to help people to achieve holiness through their everyday work.

Unsurprisingly it's women who are responsible for the donkey work in the organisation and many of them claim they were overworked, separated from their families and emotionally abused.

● **The History Hotline (podcast)**  
The young black historian Deanna Lyncook presents a series examining aspects of black history that have been largely ignored by the mainstream. There are episodes on how the black community settled in Britain, Britain's first black bookshop, a look at the BBC2 soap *Empire Road* and black involvement in the Chartist movement. *Clair Woodward*

### TIMES RADIO

**5.00** Rosie Wright With Early Breakfast **6.00** Chloe Tilley And Calum Macdonald With Times Radio Breakfast **10.00** Patrick Maguire **1.00** Ayesha Hazarika **4.00** Cathy Newman With Times Radio Drive **7.00** Hannah MacInnes **10.00** Henry Bonsu **1.00** The Story **1.30** The Best Of Times Radio

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### RADIO 4

**5.30** News **5.43** Prayer **5.45** Farming Today **6.00** Today **9.00** Desert Island Discs. The folk singer Shirley Collins selects eight favourite recordings (R) **9.45** Continental Divides. Misha Glenny explores urban-rural divides in Bulgaria, Poland and France (R) **10.00** Woman's Hour **11.00** The Food Programme **11.45** Book Of The Week **12.00** News **12.04** Rare Earth. Exploring the impact of the outcome of the American presidential election on the planet **1.00** The World At One **1.45** Surviving Politics. With Michael Gove **2.00** The Archers (R) **2.15** Drama: Central Intelligence, by Felicity Packard. New CIA head Allen Dulles launches a daring mission to create unrest on the streets of Iran. With Kim Cattrall and Ed Harris **2.45** NatureBang. Emily Knight and Becky Ripley discover the natural power of doing nothing (R) **3.00** Gardeners' Question Time **3.45** Short Works. Swimming Lessons, by Ely Griffiths. A retired doctor faces her anxieties — while building her relationship with her not-always-easy mum **4.00** Last Word **4.30** More Or Less (R) **5.00** PM **6.00** News **6.30** The News Quiz **7.00** The Archers **7.15** ScreenShot. Ellen E. Jones and Mark Kermode take a look at one of cinema's most enduring monsters — the vampire **8.00** Any Questions? **8.50** A Point Of View. Opinions

**9.00** Free Thinking **10.00** The World Tonight **10.45** Book At Bedtime **11.00** Americast **11.30** Today In Parliament **12.00** News **12.30** Book Of The Week (R) **12.48** Shipping **1.00** As World Service

### RADIO 4 EXTRA

**5.00** The Moon And Sixpence **6.00** Bertie And The Crime Of Passion **6.30** Charles Paris: So Much Blood **7.00** Trapped **7.30** The Burkiss Way **8.00** To Hull And Back **8.30** I'm Here I Think, Where Are You? **8.45** Les Misérables **9.00** Yesterday In Parliament **9.30** Fungi — The Fifth Kingdom **9.45** Daily Service **10.00** Soul Music **10.30** Freedom Song **11.00** Bertie And The Crime Of Passion **11.30** Charles Paris: So Much Blood **12.00** Trapped **12.30** The Burkiss Way **1.00** To Hull And Back **1.30** I'm Here I Think, Where Are You? **1.45** Les Misérables **2.00** All The Way From Memphis **2.30** Lucky Heather **3.00** Wakefield **4.00** Soul Music **4.30** Freedom Song **5.00** Bertie And The Crime Of Passion **5.30** Charles Paris: So Much Blood **6.00** Trapped **6.30** The Burkiss Way **7.00** To Hull And Back **7.30** I'm Here I Think, Where Are You? **7.45** Les Misérables **8.00** All The Way From Memphis **8.30** Lucky Heather **9.00** Wakefield **10.00** Exposure **10.30** The Million Pound Radio Show **11.00** Absolute Power **11.30-12.00** ElcheQuest

### LBC

**7.00** Nick Ferrari **10.00** James O'Brien **1.00** Shelagh Fogarty **4.00** Tom Swarbrick **7.00** Rachel Johnson **10.00** Ben Kentish **1.00** Clive Bull **4.00** Oli Dugmore

### RADIO 3

**6.30** Breakfast **9.30** Essential Classics **1.00** Classical Live. Elizabeth Alker presents highlights from three recitals by Concerto Copenhagen at the Lammermuir festival, and BBC NOW performing Rimsky-Korsakov's Scheherazade **4.00** Composer Of The Week **5.00** In Tune. Cantoria (Ensemble) join Sean Rafferty in the studio ahead of performing at the Wigmore Hall

**7.00** Classical Mixtape **7.30** Friday Night Is Music Night. Anna-Maria Helsing conducts the BBC Concert Orchestra on tour in China with an eclectic mix of music (R) **9.45** The Essay. The story of two men who reversed the usual trajectory of people who were colonised **10.00** Late Junction. A mixtape from John Carpenter **11.30** 'Round Midnight. With Mark Kavuma **12.30** Through The Night

### CLASSIC FM

**6.30** Dan Walker **9.00** The Hall Of Fame Hour **10.00** Alexander Armstrong **1.00** Anne-Marie Minhall **4.00** Margherita Taylor **7.00** Jonathan Ross **9.00** Chi-chi's Classical Champions **10.00** Myleene Klass **1.00** Katie Breathwick **4.00** Sam Pittis

### RADIO 2

**6.30** The Zoe Ball Breakfast Show **9.30** Gary Davies **12.00** Jeremy Vine **2.00** Scott Mills **3.30** Scott Mills' Wonder Years **4.00** OJ Borg **7.00** Michelle Visage **8.30** Michelle Visage's Handbag Hits **9.00** The Good Groove With DJ Spooky **11.00** The Rock Show With Johnnie Walker. Johnnie celebrates his last ever Rock Show **12.00** Ramesh Ranganathan — For The Love Of Hip-Hop **1.00** Lenny Henry's Philadelphia Soul Playlist **2.00** Pop — Top 10 **3.00** Tracks Of My Years (R) **4.00** Sophie Ellis-Bextor's Kitchen Disco

### VIRGIN RADIO

**6.30** The Chris Evans Breakfast Show **10.00** The Ryan Tubridy Show **1.00** Jayne Middlemiss **4.00** Ricky Wilson **7.00** Ben Jones **10.00** Stu Elmore **1.00** Harpz Kaur **4.00** Rich Williams

### TALKSPORT

**5.00** Early Sports Breakfast **6.00** Breakfast **10.00** Jim White And Simon Jordan **1.00** Hawksbee And Jacobs **4.00** Drive **7.00** Kick Off: Leicester City v Nottingham Forest. Live at King Power Stadium. Kickoff is at 8.00 **10.00** The Sports Bar Weekender **1.00** Extra Time



Alice Roberts — Ottoman Empire By Train (C4, 9.10pm)

## BBC 1

- 6.00 **Breakfast** Headlines.
- 10.00 **Saturday Kitchen Live**
- 11.30 **Nadiya's Cook Once, Eat Twice** Recipe ideas. (R)
- 12.00 **Football Focus** Preview.
- 1.00 **News; Weather** Headlines.
- 1.15 **Bargain Hunt** Curios. (R)
- 2.00 **Money For Nothing** (R)
- 3.00 **Escape To The Country** Ideal rural retreats. (R)
- 4.00 **Garden Rescue** (R)
- 4.30 **Final Score** Results.
- 5.20 **News; Weather** Reports.
- 5.40 **Alan Carr's Picture Slam**  
The comedian hosts this gameshow in which three teams of contestants have to identify a board full of images, with a chance of winning up to £10,000 if they know them all.
- 6.25 **Strictly Come Dancing**  
Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman present the Halloween special, which sees the couples performing lots of tricks and treats to wow the judges and win viewers' votes.
- 8.10 **The Wheel** The comedian Michael McIntyre hosts the gameshow in which contestants answer questions with the aid of celebrity experts — aware that one wrong answer means someone else gets a chance.
- 9.10 **Apples Never Fall** Drama, with Sam Neill and Annette Bening. Stan's erratic behaviour generates suspicion, as a new piece of evidence regarding Joy's disappearance comes to light. (6/7)
- 10.00 **News; Weather** Reports.
- 10.25 **Match Of The Day** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Manchester City v Southampton and Aston Villa v Bournemouth.
- 11.40 **TBA**
- 1.30 **(BST) Joins BBC News**
- 6.00 **(GMT) Breakfast**
- 7.35 **Match Of The Day** (R)
- 9.00 **Sunday With Laura Kuenssberg** Political chat.
- 10.00 **Politics** Discussion.
- 10.30 **Sunday Morning Live**
- 11.30-12.30 **Scotland's Sacred Islands** Ben Fogle returns to Taransay, the island he lived on for a year. (R)

**SCOTLAND** 4.30 Sports scene Results. 11.40 Sports scene — Premiership Highlights.

## BBC 2

- 6.15 **Children's Shows** Fun.
- 8.55 **Gardeners' World** (R)
- 9.55 **FILM: I Was Monty's Double** Stars ME Clifton-James. An actor serving in the Second World War is assigned to mislead the enemy by posing as General Montgomery. Slick drama. (1958, U, B/W)
- 11.30 **Elephant Diaries** (R)
- 12.00 **Rick Stein's Food Stories** Celebrating British food. (R)
- 1.00 **TBA**
- 3.00 **Rome's Lost Empire** (R)
- 4.20 **Ice Station Antarctica — Horizon** Peter Gibbs returns to the British Antarctic Survey's Halley Research Station, where he lived and worked in the 1980s. (R)
- 5.20 **Flog It!** Selling items. (R)
- 6.10 **Celebrity Antiques Road Trip** Famous faces embark on the cross-country treasure-hunting challenge. (R)
- 7.10 **Solar System** Professor Brian Cox focuses on the storm worlds of the solar system, exploring the weird weather that plays out in the atmospheres of distant planets and moons. (R)
- 8.10 **Sad Songs At The BBC** A selection of tear-jerkers from the archives.
- 9.10 **Dusty At The BBC — Volume Two** Archive BBC appearances by Dusty Springfield, including performances of You Don't Have to Say You Love Me and The Look of Love. (R)
- 10.10 **Later...** Jools Holland welcomes Manic Street Preachers, Cymande, MO, Jerron Paxton and Nia Smith to the studio.
- 10.55 **Dusty Springfield At The BBC** A compilation of performances. (R)
- 11.55 **Definitely Dusty** (R)
- 12.55 **(BST) FILM: Mari** Stars Bobbi Jene Smith, Paddy Glynn and Phoebe Nicholls. Heartfelt drama. (2018, 12)
- 1.25-2.25 **(GMT) Mr Loverman** Drama. (Signed, R)
- 6.35 **Countryfile** Reports. (R)
- 7.35 **Breakfast** Headlines.
- 9.00 **Landward** Rural issues. (R)
- 9.30 **Weatherman Walking** (R)
- 10.00 **Saturday Kitchen Best Bites** Series highlights.
- 11.30-12.00 **Indian Food Made Easy** With Anjum Anand. (R)

## ITV 1

- 6.00 **For The Love Of Britain** (R)
- 6.25 **M&S — Dress The Nation** Love. (Last in series, R)
- 7.30 **Love Your Weekend** (R)
- 9.25 **News; Weather** Reports.
- 9.30 **James Martin's Saturday Morning** Chat show.
- 11.40 **John And Lisa's Weekend Kitchen** Fuss-free recipes including chicken Milanese.
- 12.45 **News; Weather** Reports.
- 12.55 **Racing** Coverage of day two of the Showcase Meeting at Cheltenham.
- 4.00 **Ninja Warrior** (R)
- 5.00 **Tipping Point — Best Ever Finals** Gameshow.
- 5.30 **Celebrity Catchphrase** Stephen Mulhern hosts.
- 6.10 **Regional News**
- 6.30 **News; Weather** Reports.
- 7.05 **The Chase** A celebrity edition of the quiz, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (R)
- 8.10 **The Voice** Emma Willis presents the climax of the singing contest, with the final acts singing with duets with their coaches. Plus, music performances by Perrie Edwards and Hunni. (Last in series)
- 10.00 **The Jonathan Ross Show — Special Guests** New series featuring more memorable moments from the talk show.
- 10.25 **News; Weather** Reports.
- 10.45 **English Football League Highlights** Action from the latest fixtures. (R)
- 12.15 **Dogs Of Grime** (R)
- 12.45 **(BST) Teleshopping**
- 3.00 **(GMT) Pride Of Britain Awards** The 25th annual awards ceremony. (R)
- 4.45 **Unwind** Daily relaxation.
- 6.00 **The Voice** Singing contest. (Last in series, R)
- 7.55 **Ainsley's Good Mood Food** Recipe ideas. (R)
- 8.25 **Ainsley's Taste Of Malta** The north of Malta. (R)
- 9.25 **News; Weather** Reports.
- 9.30 **Love Your Weekend**
- 11.30-12.35 **The Royal Beat**

## Films

- SKY CINEMA PREMIERE**  
4.20pm Caddo Lake (2024, 12)  
6.05 The Radleys (2024, 15) 8.00 Ghostbusters — Frozen Empire. Three generations of the team try to stop a second ice age. (2024, 12) 10.05 Don't Tell Mom The Babysitter's Dead. A teen's plans are ruined when her mother goes on holiday, and her babysitter dies. (2024, 15) 11.50-1.45 (BST) The Radleys (2024, 15)
- SKY CINEMA THRILLER**  
6.00pm The Hurricane Heist (2018, 12) 8.00 Ocean's 8. Danny Ocean's sister, Debbie, plans to steal a priceless necklace. (2018, 12) 10.05 Poker Face. A billionaire hosts a poker game, but the evening soon takes a sinister turn. (2022, 15) 11.45-1.45 (BST) Paradise Highway (2022, 15)
- SKY CINEMA GREATS**  
5.25pm Ray (2004, 15) 8.00 Bob Marley — One Love. The story of how the reggae icon overcame adversity, and the journey behind his revolutionary music. (2024, 12)

## Channel 4

- 6.05 **Cheers** Comedy. (R)
- 6.55 **Frasier** Sitcom. (R)
- 9.15 **The Simpsons** Cartoon. (R)
- 12.35 **Four In A Bed** (R)
- 3.10 **The Great British Bake Off** Pastry week. (R)
- 4.25 **FILM: Hotel Transylvania 4 — Transformania** With the voice of Andy Samberg. Animated adventure. (2022, PG)
- 6.10 **Love It Or List It — Brilliant Builds** (R)
- 6.40 **News; Weather** Reports.
- 7.10 **Little Trains & Big Names** James May shows Pete Waterman how to repair toy trains. (Last in series)
- 8.10 **Abandoned Railways From Above** An abandoned line in the Scottish Borders that connected Carlisle and Edinburgh. (Last in series)
- 9.10 **Alice Roberts — Ottoman Empire By Train** New series. An exploration of the Ottoman Empire's rich history through Turkey's railway routes.
- 10.10 **FILM: Moonage Daydream** An immersive and kaleidoscopic journey through David Bowie's incredible life. (2022, 12)
- 12.50 **(BST) FILM: Our Ladies** Stars Abigail Lawrie. A group of Catholic school girls go to Edinburgh for a choir contest. Spirited comedy drama. (2019, 15)
- 1.20 **(GMT) Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA** (R)
- 2.15 **Dispatches** Reports. (R)
- 3.05 **Frasier** Sitcom. (R)
- 4.45 **TBA**
- 4.50 **Hollyoaks** Soap. (R)
- 6.00 **Frasier** Double bill. (R)
- 6.50 **The Simpsons** (R)
- 8.30 **Formula 1** Coverage of the Mexico City Grand Prix qualifying session.
- 9.30-12.30 **Sunday Brunch**

10.00-12.15 (BST) Blade. A half-vampire tackles an undead renegade plotting world domination. (1998, 18)

**SKY CINEMA SELECT**  
4.05pm Harry Potter And The Philosopher's Stone (2001, PG) 6.40 Harry Potter And The Chamber Of Secrets. A serpentine power attacks Hogwarts' students. (2002, PG) 9.25 Harry Potter And The Prisoner Of Azkaban. The wizard learns a dangerous fugitive sorcerer is searching for him. (2004, PG) 11.50-1.30 (BST) Harry Potter And The Goblet Of Fire (2005, 12)

**FILM 4**  
4.25pm Miracle On 34th Street (1994, U) 6.40 Cowboys & Aliens (2011, 12) 9.00 Venom. A man gains super powers when his body merges with an alien. (2018, 15) 11.10-1.30 (BST) The Innocents. During the Nordic summer, a group of children reveal their powers. (2021, 15)

**SKY CINEMA DRAMA**  
6.00pm 8 Mile (2002, 15) 8.00 Forrest Gump. A simple soul bumbles his way through a series of bizarre adventures. (1994, 12) 10.25-12.40 (BST) Ghost (1990, 12)

## Channel 5

- 6.00 **Milkshake!** Children's fun.
- 8.50 **Spongebob** Animation.
- 9.00 **Entertainment News**
- 9.15 **Bargain-Loving Brits In The Sun** Documentary. (R)
- 12.10 **Inside The Tower Of London** Three editions. (R)
- 3.10 **Victoria — The Queen Who Ruled The World** (R)
- 5.10 **Our Yorkshire Farm** (R)
- 6.05 **News; Weather** Reports.
- 6.10 **Mysteries Of The Pyramids With Dara O Briain** The comedian explores intriguing mysteries surrounding the world's pyramids. (R)
- 8.10 **Blenheim Palace — Behind The Grandeur** The events team has a busy weekend ahead as the Knights of Middle England arrive to perform at a jousting event that is being held on the estate's south lawn. (3/4)
- 9.10 **Harry & Meghan — Trouble At The Top?**
- 10.10 **When Chat Shows Go Horribly Wrong** Gloria Hunniford narrates a compilation of on-air disasters, including on-screen bust-ups. (R)
- 12.05 **Million Pound Motorhomes** Jeff Brazier test-drives a campervan. (R)
- 1.00 **(BST) Casino Show**
- 3.00 **(GMT) New Lives In The Wild** With Ben Fogle. (R)
- 3.45 **The Wonderful World Of Chocolate** (R)
- 4.40 **Wildlife SOS** (R)
- 5.05 **Wildlife SOS** Animals. (R)
- 5.30 **Entertainment News**
- 5.40 **Paw Patrol** (R)
- 5.45 **Milkshake! Monkey's Amazing Adventures** (R)
- 6.00 **Children's Shows**
- 8.50 **Spongebob** Animation.
- 9.00 **Entertainment News**
- 9.10 **NFL — End Zone**
- 9.35 **Michael Portillo's Pyrenees Adventure** (R)
- 11.30-12.30 **Dorset — Country And Coast** Insights. (R)

## Entertainment

**BBC3**  
7.00pm FILM: The Secret Life Of Pets 2 8.20 Top Gear 9.20 Two Pints Of Lager And A Packet Of Crisps 11.20 Paranormal — The Village That Saw Aliens 12.20 Top Gear 1.20 The Fast And The Farmer-ish 1.30 (BST) BBC New Comedy Awards 1.00-1.30 (GMT) Two Pints Of Lager And A Packet Of Crisps

**ITV2**  
7.25pm FILM: Harry Potter And The Prisoner Of Azkaban. Adventure 10.10 Family Guy 11.40 American Dad! 12.40 CelebAbility 1.25 (BST) All American. Ends at 1.30 (GMT)

**ITV4**  
6.00pm LIVE Darts. The European championship 10.00 FILM: Police Academy 6 — City Under Siege 11.40 BattleBots 12.40 The Sweeney 1.35 (BST) Minder. Ends at 1.40 (GMT)

**E4**  
5.40pm Big Bang Theory 6.35 FILM: Sahara 9.00 Celebrity Gogglebox 10.00 Gogglebox 12.10 (GMT) First Dates 1.20-3.10 (GMT) Gogglebox

## BBC 4

- 7.00pm The Flying Gardener** Featuring a bird's-eye view of the landscapes and gardens of Britain.
- 7.20 All Creatures Great And Small** Double bill of the drama, with Christopher Timothy, Robert Hardy and Peter Davison. A vet works at a country veterinary practice in North Yorkshire from the 1930s to the 1950s.
- 9.00 Justice — Those Who Kill** New thriller, with Natalie Madueño and Simon Sears. A new criminal profiling teacher takes on the case of a gang member killed on his release from jail. (1/8)
- 9.45 Justice — Those Who Kill** Forensic evidence concludes the same person killed Patrick and Pernille. (Danish with subtitles)
- 10.30 Wogan** Guests include Christopher Timothy and Steven Berkoff.
- 11.10 Porridge** Fletch decides to sort out Godber's torrid love life, and comes up with a cunning plan involving his own daughter.
- 11.40 Hancock's Half Hour** Hancock invests in a new camera — which Sid sees as the perfect opportunity to make some money.
- 12.10 All Creatures Great And Small** Rural drama.
- 1.50 (BST) The Flying Gardener**
- 1.10-2.10 (GMT) Nature And Us — A History Through Art**



Simon Sears (BBC4, from 9pm)

### MORE 4

**5.50pm** Four In A Bed **7.55** 999 — On The Front Line **9.00** 24 Hours In A&E. Two editions **11.05-12.10 (BST)** Emergency Helicopter Medics

### GOLD

**6.00pm** Only Fools And Horses. Comedy **10.00** The Outlaws **12.35** Only Fools And Horses **1.55 (BST)** The Outlaws. Ends at **3.15 (GMT)**

### SKY MAX

**6.00pm** Hawaii Five-0 **8.00** Flintoff — From Lord's To The Ring **9.00** Never Mind The Buzzcocks **9.55** A League Of Their Own US Road Trip **11.00** Brassic **12.00** Mr Bigstuff **1.00 (BST)** Banshee. Ends at **1.00 (GMT)**

### SKY COMEDY

**5.55pm** Veep **6.30** The US Office **9.00** Lucy Beaumont — Live From The Royal Court Theatre **10.00** Saturday Night Live **11.30** The Franchise **1.25 (BST)** Entourage. Ends at **1.35 (GMT)**

### SKY WITNESS

**6.00pm** Nothing To Declare **9.00** FBI. Crime drama **10.00** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit **11.00** Law & Order: Organized Crime **12.00-1.00 (BST)** Blue Bloods

## Sky Arts

- 1.00pm FILM: Frankie And Johnny** Stars Elvis Presley. A gambler working as a singer meets a woman who brings him good fortune. Musical. (1966, U)
- 2.45 Portrait Artist Of The Year**
- 3.45 Close To You — Remembering The Carpenters** Portrait of the sibling singing duo.
- 5.00 Bee Gees — One Night Only** The Gibb brothers perform their greatest hits at the MGM Grand in 1997.
- 7.00 The Music Of Buddy Holly And The Crickets** Documentary celebrating the life of the Texan singer-songwriter.
- 9.00 Buddy Holly — Rave On** The story of the singer-songwriter's life and career.
- 10.15-12.15 (BST) The Life And Deaths Of Christopher Lee**

## U&Drama

- 1.00pm Escape From Sobibor** Fact-based Holocaust drama, with Alan Arkin.
- 4.00 Father Brown** Mrs McCarthy's goddaughter goes missing. (S5, ep 8)
- 5.00 The Brokenwood Mysteries** A murder casts suspicion among the ranks of an all-women motorcycle club. (S9, ep 6)
- 7.00 The Brokenwood Mysteries** A New Zealand farmer suffers a mysterious demise. (Series 1, ep 1)
- 9.00 Blackshore** With the case confirmed as a murder, Fia suspects her new partner is involved. (2/6)
- 10.10 The Last Detective** Davies investigates the death of a medical researcher. (Series 2, ep 3)
- 11.45-12.55 (BST) Passport To Freedom** Drama. (2/8)

### U&W

**5.40pm** My Family **6.20** My Family **7.00** Outnumbered **9.00** Gavin & Stacey **11.00** Wife Swap USA **12.50** One Born Every Minute **1.50 (BST)** The Undateables. Ends at **1.40 (GMT)**

### U&YESTERDAY

**6.00pm** Great Canal Journeys **8.00** Great American Railroad Journeys **10.00** 'Allo! 'Allo!. Comedy series **12.00-1.00 (BST)** Bangers & Cash

### U&DAVE

**6.00pm** Mortimer & Whitehouse: Gone Fishing **8.00** Border Force — America's Gatekeepers **9.00** Not Going Out **10.30** Pride Live At The Apollo **11.50-1.50 (BST)** Have I Got A Bit More News For You

## Factual

### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

**6.00pm** Pirates — Behind The Legends **7.00** Draining Loch Ness — In Search Of The Monster **8.00** Bloody Tales Of The Tower **11.00** Plane Crash Recreated **12.00** Ice Road Rescue **1.00 (BST)** Trafficked — Underworlds With Mariana Van Zeller. Ends at **1.00 (GMT)**

## Sky Atlantic

- 9.05am True Blood** Fantasy.
- 2.25 Billions** Taylor travels to Silicon Valley in order to explore new business opportunities. (S3, ep 5)
- 3.30 Billions** Axe tracks down a critical piece of evidence. **4.40 Billions** Taylor questions Wendy's motivations at Axe Capital.
- 5.45 Billions** Chuck asserts his political autonomy. **6.50 Billions** Axe makes a bold play.
- 7.55 Game Of Thrones** Tyrion defends King's Landing against Stannis Baratheon. (Series 2, ep 9) **9.00 Game Of Thrones** Jon proves his worth to Qhorin Halfhand. **10.15 Game Of Thrones** Daenerys arrives in Slaver's Bay. (S3, ep 1) **11.20-12.30 (BST) Game Of Thrones** Jaime passes the time by taunting his escort Brienne.

## TPTV

- 5.40pm FILM: Assassin For Hire** Stars Sydney Tafler. Drama. (1951, PG)
- 7.00 Z Cars** Lynch deals with a missing child and a break-in; and Quilley and Braithwaite have a tricky customer on their hands.
- 8.00 Reckless** Owen finds it hard to conceal his glee when Anna begins divorce proceedings.
- 9.05 Dead Gorgeous** Crime comedy based on a novel by Peter Lovesey, with Helen McCrory and Fay Ripley. Two unhappy women plot to murder each others' husbands.
- 11.05-12.15 (BST) The Edgar Wallace Mystery Theatre** A prisoner hatches a plan to assume the identity of a fellow inmate.

### DISCOVERY

**6.00pm** Gold Rush — Mine Rescue With Freddy & Juan **7.00** Deadliest Catch **8.00** Hoffman Family Gold **9.00** Hustlers Gamblers Crooks **10.00** Expedition Bigfoot. The team uses some new methods **11.00** Expedition X **12.00** Inside The Heist **1.00 (BST)** Border Control Sweden. Ends at **1.00 (GMT)**

### PBS AMERICA

**5.15pm** The Hidden Side Of World War II **8.40** Amerigo Vespucci — Forgotten Namesake Of America. Documentary investigating the truth behind the Italian banker and explorer **9.45-12.00 (BST)** Democracy On Trial. Two editions

### SKY NATURE

**5.00pm** David Attenborough's First Life **7.30** Micro Monsters **8.00** Jaguar Journals **9.00** Shark Squad. A look at how sharks are more complex and intelligent than generally believed **10.00-12.00 (BST)** World's Most Toxic Animals

### DISCOVERY HISTORY

**6.00pm** Combat Dealers **8.00** Shed And Buried **10.00-12.00 (BST)** Salvage Hunters — The Restorers

## ITV3

- 12.50pm Poirot** The quest to find a missing maid leads to a very personal showdown. (S13, ep 4)
- 2.50 Poirot** A dinner party proves to be a prelude to murder. (Series 3, ep 8)
- 3.55 Poirot** An aristocrat is murdered. (Series 3, ep 10)
- 5.00 Midsomer Murders** With John Nettles. A petty thief is impaled with a pitchfork in sleepy Midsomer Mallow, jeopardising the residents' chances of winning a 'perfect village' competition.
- 7.00 Midsomer Murders** A commercial decision to turn Midsomer Deverell's memorial garden into a tea shop proves fatal for members of the Inkpen family, prompting DCI Barnaby to investigate.
- 9.00 Shetland** Drama, with Douglas Henshall. An elderly woman's shooting in the Shetlands leads the police to investigate a long-standing feud between two families. (S1, ep 1) **10.15 Shetland** The latest death is initially judged to be suicide, although Perez is sure the wounds on the body suggest otherwise.
- 11.30-1.35 (BST) Poirot** The Belgian sleuth investigates a bizarre series of deaths. (Series 4, ep 1)



Nicky Wire (BBC2, 10.10pm)

## Sport

### SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT

**6.00am** LIVE Test Cricket: Pakistan v England **1.30** LIVE EFL: Coventry City v Luton Town. Kickoff 12.30 **3.00** Soccer Saturday **5.00** LIVE SNF: Everton v Fulham. Kickoff at 5.30 **8.30** News **9.00** LIVE Formula 1. The Mexico City Grand Prix qualifying **12.00 (BST)** News **1.00 (GMT)** News **2.00** LIVE Tennis. The WTA Pan Pacific Open Tokyo final **4.00-6.00** News

### TNT SPORTS 1

**1.00pm** No Filter UFC **1.15** Sports Reload **3.05** **5.15** LIVE Premiership Rugby Union **2.30** LIVE Premiership Rugby Union: Bath Rugby v Sale Sharks. Kickoff 3.05 **5.15** LIVE Premiership Rugby Union: Saracens v Leicester Tigers. Kickoff is at 5.30 **7.45** Premiership Rugby Union **8.45** MotoGP **9.15** Uefa Champions League Goals Reload **9.30** NBA Action **10.00** LIVE NBA: Denver Nuggets v Los Angeles Clippers. Tip-off at 10.00 **12.30 (BST)** LIVE MLB **3.30 (GMT)** Uefa Champions League Goals Reload **3.45** What I Wore **4.00-6.00** LIVE AFLW

## Radio

- **A Tribute To Steve Brown (Radio 4 Extra, 10pm)** Harry Hill celebrates the life of his musical collaborator Steve Brown, who died in February. Brown created music for shows such as *Knowing Me Knowing You with Alan Partridge*, in which he played the bandleader Glenn Ponder. *Clair Woodward*

### TIMES RADIO

**6.00** Rosie Wright And Calum Macdonald With Times Radio Breakfast **10.00** Geoff Norcott **1.00** Alexis Conran **4.00** Ayesha Hazarika With Times Radio Drive **7.00** The Best Of Times Podcasts **8.00** The Story **8.30** Highlights From Times Radio **10.00** Darryl Morris **1.00** The Story **1.30 (BST)** The Best Of Times Radio

### RADIO 4

**5.30** News **5.43** Prayer **5.45** NatureBang (R) **6.00** News And Papers **6.07** Ramblings (R) **6.30** Farming Today This Week **7.00** Today **9.00** Saturday Live. With Carlos Acosta, Liz McConaghy and Adrian Chiles **10.00** Curious Cases. The science of rhythm **10.30** Soul Music. Reflections on Bill Withers' *Lovely Day* **11.00** The Week In Westminster **11.30** From Our Own Correspondent **12.00** News **12.04** Money Box **12.30** The News Quiz (R) **1.00** News **1.10** Any Questions? (R) **2.00** Any Answers? **2.45** The Archers (R) **3.00** Breaking The Rules: Snare, by Clare Bayley **4.00** Weekend Woman's Hour **5.00** Saturday PM **5.30** Political Thinking **5.54** Shipping **6.00** News **6.15** Loose Ends **7.00** Profile **7.15** This Cultural Life (R) **8.00** The Year We Lost The Climate. Roger Harrabin examines if 2000 was the last chance to save the earth's climate **9.00** The Moral Maze (R) **10.00** News **10.15** The Food Programme (R) **11.00** Call Jonathan Pie — The American Dream **11.30** Brain Of Britain (R) **12.00** Midnight News **12.15** Open Book (R) **12.48** Shipping **1.00 (BST)** As World Service

### RADIO 3

**6.30** Breakfast **9.00** Saturday Morning **12.00** Earlier... With Jools Holland **1.00** Music Matters — A View From The Organ Loft **2.00** Record Review **4.00** Sound Of Cinema **5.00** This Classical Life **6.00** Opera On 3: Eugene Onegin. Henrik Nanasi conducts the Royal Opera Chorus and Orchestra of the Royal Opera House in a production of Tchaikovsky, with Gordon Bintner (bass-baritone, Eugene Onegin) and Kristina Mkhitarian (soprano, Tatyana) **9.30** Music Planet. Live from Womex (Worldwide Music Expo), featuring the fado singer Cristina Clara **10.30** New Music Show. From September's Venice Biennale, including the premiere of Luca Francesconi's *Sospeso* — A Suspension Of Disbelief **12.30 (BST)** Through The Night



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