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14722 25 Years of Question Time

A celebration of the debating show in which a panel of politicians and other public figures answer questions from an invited audience.

BBC | 2004 | *Light Entertainment and Lifestyle* | 59 mins

14174 3-2-1 ('Down South')

Long running game show/variety show hosted by Ted Rogers and Dusty Bin. The contestants were given obscure riddle clues and had to guess if they referred to the show's booby prize and mascot, a motorised dustbin or a major prize.

YTV | 1978 | *Light Entertainment and Lifestyle* | 53 mins

14889-91 50 Years of BBC Television News 1954-1974

It was at 7.30 on 5 July 1954 that the first BBC television news was broadcast and these three compilations (1954-1973, 1974-1993, 1994-2004) illustrate the breadth of news covered in that time, from the Watergate scandal to the Ethiopian famine, the fall of the Berlin Wall to the death of Princess Diana. **BBC | 2004 | *News & Current Affairs* | 150 mins**

14653 9/11 A Firefighters story

On September 11th 2001, Jules and Gedeon Naudet happened to be making a documentary about the New York fire service. So they were able to capture on film the terrible moment when the hijacked planes struck the World Trade Centre and the chaos that followed, as seen from a firefighters' point of view. Their incredible footage provides a stark reminder of this tragedy.

BBC | 2002 | *News & Current Affairs* | 89 mins

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14058 A Bit of a Do (episode 1)

Comedy series about the gatherings of two incompatible northern families, the first 'do' being a wedding reception.

YTV | 1989 | Comedy | 55 mins

14026 A Change in Mind ('What Makes You Tick?')

Oliver Sacks investigates Tourettes Syndrome with the help of Bob who suffers from the condition.

YTV | 1978 | Documentaries & Features | 52 mins

14760 A Digital Picture of Britain ('The North')

A six-part series, first shown on BBC4, in which notable photographers chronicle the landscapes and cityscapes of Bradford using digital cameras.

BBC | 2005 | Documentaries & Features | 40 mins

14382 A Family at War ('To Die for Spain')

Doom laden drama centred around the working class Ashton family during the harsh realities of war. Sometimes grim viewing, it was still very popular.

Granada | 1970 | Series & Serials | 56 mins

14090 A Fine Romance

Perhaps the most subtle comedy series of 1981, A Fine Romance dealt with the pursuit of a middle-aged single lady by a middle aged man. Its stars were real life couple Michael Williams and Judi Dench.

LWT | 1981 | Comedy | 28 mins

14841 A Ghost Story for Christmas ('A Warning to the Curious')

A treasure-hunting amateur archaeologist gets more than he bargained for when he discovers three ancient crowns buried on the Norfolk coast in this instalment of the BBC's A Ghost Story for Christmas series. Lawrence Gordon Clark adapts and directs this adaptation of Mr James' classic tale.

BBC | 1972 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 51 mins

14839 A Ghost Story for Christmas ('Lost Hearts')

Young Steven is sent to live with his elderly, wealthy cousin but discovers that the old man is a predatory madman with a secret life that involves diabolism, murder and the search for immortality in this instalment of the BBC's popular A Ghost Story for Christmas strand.

BBC | 1973 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 35 mins

14837 A Ghost Story for Christmas ('The Ash Tree')

This rarely repeated drama from the BBC's A Ghost Story for Christmas series features Edward Petherbridge as Sir Richard Fell, the new squire of Castringham Hall. Soon after his arrival at the Hall Sir Richard begins to be plagued by visions of the past and strange noises that seem to emanate from the old ash tree growing outside his bedroom window.

BBC | 1975 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 33 mins

14840 A Ghost Story for Christmas ('The Stalls of Barchester')

Historian Dr Black begins to unravel the mystery surrounding the untimely death of ambitious cleric Dr Haynes at the hands of a sinister black cat and a hooded figure in this instalment of the BBC's A Ghost Story for Christmas series.

BBC | 1971 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 46 mins

14838 A Ghost Story for Christmas ('The Treasure of Abbot Thomas')

In this instalment of the BBC's A Ghost Story for Christmas series a professor follows clues found in a university library in his search for the lost treasure of alchemist Abbott Thomas. However, his greed and scepticism of all things supernatural prove to be his downfall when he fails to heed the warnings about the treasure's mysterious guardian.

BBC | 1974 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 38 mins

13954 A is for Autism

A short film which explores the condition of autism through individuals' testimonies and animation based on their drawings.

Channel Four | 1992 | Documentaries & Features | 11 mins

14657 A Life On Air

To celebrate David Attenborough's 50 years in television, this programme takes a look back over his extraordinary life and career, from the outstanding presenter of natural history series to BBC Director of Programmes. The Narrator is Michael Palin.

BBC | 2002 | Documentaries & Features | 60 mins

14243 A Sharp Intake of Breath ('The Seven Year Hitch')

David Jason and Jacqueline Clarke star in this sitcom. Actors featuring briefly in this episode who are now much better known include Richard Wilson, Bella Emberg and Alun Armstrong.

ATV | 1978 | Comedy | 57 mins

14208 A Very Peculiar Practice (episode 4)

The amusing adventures of a young doctor Stephen Daker (Peter Davison) when he joins a University medical practice. His colleagues include an alcoholic, an extreme right-winger and a rampant feminist.

BBC | 1986 | Series & Serials | 54 mins

14906 A View From a Hill

On holiday, a young man borrows a pair of binoculars when his own are broken. But they show him strange visions from the past, things that could only be seen with dead men's eyes... Made as part of the recent resurgence in the BBC festive adaptations of MR James ghost stories.

BBC | 2005 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 40 mins

14531 Absolutely Fabulous

Satirical sitcom about the media, starring Jennifer Saunders as neurotic public relations woman Edina, Joanna Lumley as her boozy fashion editor friend Patsy, Julia Sawalha as her sensible daughter Saffron, and June Whitfield as her unflappable mother.

BBC | 1992 | Comedy | 30 mins

13955 Ace of Wands (episode 1, 'The Meddlers')

Tarot, a telepathic stage magician and escapologist, investigated mysterious goings on in this bizarre and highly popular children's series of the early seventies.

Thames | 1972 | Children | 26 mins

14558 Adam Adamant Lives! ('The Terribly Happy Embalmers')

Science fiction series featuring the adventures of an Edwardian hero trapped in 1960s swinging London. The title role was played by heart-throb Gerald Harper, with Juliet Harmer as his assistant.

BBC | 1966 | Series & Serials | 52 mins

13953 Adventures of Robin Hood, The (episode 4, 'Friar Tuck')

Richard Greene dons Lincoln Green in this low budget, but vastly popular, adventure show of the fifties.

ATV | 1955 | Children | 25 mins

13956 After One Small Step

A documentary looking at the later lives of some of the NASA astronauts who walked on the moon. Made as part of a BBC 2 season of programmes marking the twenty-fifth anniversary of the moon landing.

BBC | 1994 | Documentaries & Features | 40 mins

14689 After The Bradford Boil (part 1)

Four-part series about being Asian in a multicultural Britain. Part 1 looks at how decades of racial integration were torn apart by the 2001 Bradford riots.

YTV | 2004 | Documentaries & Features | 25 mins

14729 After They Were Famous

A documentary about one of the most watched films in cinema history. The seven actors who played the Von Trapp children return to the original locations in Austria and reflect on how the film affected their lives.

Tyne Tees | 2000 | Documentaries & Features | 53 mins

14571 Against the Tide ('J B Priestley')

To mark his 75th birthday, the prolific Bradford born author is seen in conversation with Ronald Eyre, Cynthia Kee and Stan Barstow.

YTV | 1969 | Documentaries & Features | 42 mins

14776 Agatha Christie's Poirot ('Evil Under the Sun')

A feature length episode of the famous stories of the Belgian detective, ably played by David Suchet, with Hugh Fraser, Philip Jackson and Pauline Moran in support. Poirot visits a south coast resort to recuperate after an illness, but needless to say he becomes involved in investigating a mysterious death.

Granada | 2002 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 99 mins

13957 Agony (episode 3, 'Conjugal Wrongs')

Maureen Lipman plays an agony aunt for a woman's magazine, but her family gives her more agony than her letter writers. A comedy series that was considered quite daring in its day.

LWT | 1975 | Comedy | 26 mins

13962 Alas Smith and Jones

The popular comedy sketch show starring Mel Smith and Griff Rhys Jones, former members of Not the Nine O' Clock News.

BBC | 1984 | Comedy | 30 mins

13959 Albion Market (episode 17)

Twice weekly soap opera meant to compete with Eastenders. It ended after 100 episodes.

Granada | 1985 | Soaps | 26 mins

14690 Ali G

Sacha Baron Cohen won a BAFTA for his creation, the spoof rapper Ali G, but his outrageous language and interviewing techniques have often proved controversial. This is a compilation of moments from across the series.

Channel Four | 1999 | Comedy | 50 mins

13960 Alice in Wonderland

Jonathon Miller's version of the Lewis Carroll classic, which interprets the topsy-turvy world of Wonderland as an adult fantasy. The musical score by Ravi Shankar, the Indian sitar player made famous in the west by The Beatles, lends it a very 1960s psychedelic atmosphere.

BBC | 1966 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 80 mins

13961 All Creatures Great and Small

Popular drama series with a gentle sense of humour, based on the stories of vet James Herriott about his life in the Yorkshire Dales during the 1930s. The series continued off and on until 1990 taking the character stories into the 1950s.

BBC | 1978 | Series & Serials | 50 mins

14375 All Our Yesterdays

Documentary series using cinema newsreels to cover the events of twenty five years ago. In this episode, the earliest surviving, Brian Inglis looks back at Edward VIII's abdication.

Granada | 1961 | Documentaries & Features | 28 mins

13964 All The Queen's Men

A brief look at the Household Brigade of the Guards. Producer and director, Kevin Billington later became the president of BAFTA.

ATV | 1966 | Documentaries & Features | 14 mins

13963 Allo Allo

An episode from the long running sitcom featuring the French Resistance during the Second World War. It was basically a spoof of the earlier BBC drama series Secret Army.

BBC | 1984 | Comedy | 33 mins

14527 Amazing Adventures of Morph, The

This changeable plasticine man, who featured on many children's art programmes presented by Tony Hart, was the first creation of Aardman Animations. Tony Hart also provided the narration.

BBC | 1980 | Children | 10 mins

14668 America ('Home From Home')

Subtitled 'A Personal History of the United States', journalist Alistair Cooke presented this acclaimed 13 part history of America. British by birth but an American citizen, he was able to present a viewpoint which would appeal to viewers on both sides of the Atlantic. This episode discusses the English settlers who emigrated to Virginia and New England in the 17th century.

BBC | 1972 | Documentaries & Features | 50 mins

14342 And Mother Makes Five (episode 5, 'Wish You Were There')

The light sit-com sequel to And Mother Makes Three in which

Thames | 1974 | Comedy | 27 mins

13965 And Mother Makes Five (episode 6, 'If I Can Help Somebody')

More gentle domestic comedy. This episode features an early television appearance by Lesley Joseph, better known now as Dorian from BBC sitcom Birds of a Feather.

Thames | 1974 | Comedy | 26 mins

14343 And Mother Makes Five (episode 7, 'Fair Exchange')

A further episode from the family sitcom written chiefly by Richard Waring. The series ran until 1976.

Thames | 1974 | Comedy | 26 mins

14834 Andy Pandy ('Puppeteer Pandy')

The original Andy Pandy appeared on television in the 1950s as part of the BBC's Watch With Mother series. In 2002, fifty three new, colour episodes of Andy's adventures were broadcast, which used stop-motion animation techniques instead of string operated puppets. Models used in this later series can be seen on the Animation Gallery of the National Media Museum. Actor Tom Conti provides the narration.

BBC | 2002 | Children | 6 mins

14619 Angels (episode 1)

Drama series about student nurses at St Angela's Hospital which was screened twice weekly from 1975 to 1983. It was developed by Paula Milne as a slightly more gritty drama than earlier medical series, and amongst those appearing in it were Shirley Cheriton, Kathryn Apanvicz and Pauline Quirke.

BBC | 1975 | Series & Serials | 51 mins

14061 Animal Kwackers

Animal glam rockers Bono the dog, Rory the lion, Twang the monkey and Boots the tiger perform songs and tell stories for younger viewers in this lunchtime entertainment which ran for several years. Gerry Cowan provides the narration.

YTV | 1976 | Children | 12 mins

14671 Animal Magic

An edition of the children's show in which Johnny Morris talked to the animals, talked about the animals, and even voiced the animals' thoughts, in a way which might seem demeaning today. Nevertheless the programme was very popular and ran for 21 years.

BBC | 1979 | Children | 20 mins

14062 Antiques Roadshow, The

An early edition of the long running tea-time show. This edition was recorded in Newbury.

BBC | 1979 | Documentaries & Features | 30 mins

14338 Anybody Out There (episode 12)

Magazine programme for young people in the south west. Eavesdrop on Neil, Sally and Liz as they prepare to transmit a programme from their pirate station on Drake's Island.

Westcountry | 1993 | Documentaries & Features | 26 mins

14747 Appleyards, The ('Family Treat')

A light-hearted drama series for children, rather like a junior version of adult soap The Grove Family, which was also running in the 1950s. It was written by Philip Burton and broadcast fortnightly from 1952 to 1957. This particular episode features the Appleyard family going on a trip to the theatre on New Years Eve.

BBC | 1956 | Children | 29 mins

14067 Aquarius ('Circus Life')

ITV's bid for culture on Saturday nights, an arts omnibus scheduled opposite Match of the Day. Presented by Humphrey Burton, this episode features circus life and items on women's rights (and wrongs).

LWT | 1970 | Documentaries & Features | 42 mins

14450 Aquarius (episode 3, 'Dennis Mitchell')

An edition devoted to the British documentaries, including clips from The Fourth Estate, a previously unscreened 1939 film about the production of The Times newspaper. The main item is a profile of Denis Mitchell, the television documentary maker in which he looks back at his famous films.

LWT | 1970 | Documentaries & Features | 40 mins

14449 Aquarius ('Hello Dali')

Russell Harty meets the eccentric surrealist painter Salvador Dali in a programme that captured both men's quirky senses of humour and first brought Harty into the public eye.

LWT | 1972 | Documentaries & Features | 41 mins

14691 Are You Being Served? ('His and Hers')

Popular sitcom by David Lloyd and David Croft based around the staff of Grace Brothers Department Store. The programme ran for twelve years until 1985 with actors Frank Thornton, Mollie Sugden, Wendy Richards, John Inman and Nicholas Smith.

BBC | 1973 | Comedy | 30 mins

14517 Arena ('Art and Design - Paul Strand')

An edition of the long running arts programme which considers a 1976 exhibition of photographs by Paul Strand, and a course for students of documentary photography.

BBC | 1976 | Documentaries & Features | 35 mins

14887 Arena ('Beat This! A Hip Hop History')

An influential documentary film about hip hop culture directed by Dick Fontaine (one of the founders of Granada Television's World in Action series). The film offers one of the first glimpses into the budding hip hop culture of the Bronx as it evolves from a tiny street movement into a globally spread culture.

BBC | 1984 | Documentaries & Features | 60 mins

14063 Arena ('My Way')

A much praised edition of BBC2's long running arts programme which began in 1975. It focuses on the song My Way and on some of those who have performed it from Frank Sinatra to Sid Vicious.

BBC | 1979 | Documentaries & Features | 37 mins

14583 Ark, The ('Natural Selection')

Part two of Molly Dineen's acclaimed series of documentaries about London Zoo, which looked particularly at the funding crisis of the early 1990s. This involved the heartbreaking task of deciding which out of the 8000 animals could no longer be kept.

BBC | 1993 | Documentaries & Features | 59 mins

14065 Armchair Cinema ('Regan')

The film that spawned The Sweeney. John Thaw, rough, tough and very unlike Inspector Morse, is the rule breaking copper who gets results. The programme also stars Dennis Waterman and Maureen Lipman.

Thames | 1974 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 78 mins

14773 Armchair Cinema ('Rumour')

Sam Hunter, a gossip columnist for a tabloid, becomes involved in smearing and eventually destroying the career of a prominent politician, but it's a scoop that costs him dear. This thriller directed by Mike Hodges and starring Michael Coles, was partly a plea for a more responsible press.

Thames | 1970 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 81 mins

14622 Armchair Theatre ('Lena, O My Lena')

Alun Owen's memorable third television play tells the story of a Liverpool student (played by Peter McEnery) who falls in love with a factory girl (Billie Whitelaw). Armchair Theatre was a famous Sunday night drama slot instigated by Canadian producer Sydney Newman, which ran from 1956 to 1974.

ABC | 1960 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 55 mins

14066 Army Game, The ('The Mad Bull')

ITV's first big comedy hit. Set in a transit and ordnance depot at Nether Hopping it ran for five years and 153 episodes.

Granada | 1957 | Comedy | 30 mins

14746 Around The World in 80 Days (episode 5, 'Oriental Express')

The first of several popular travel documentary series presented by Michael Palin. In this first series he attempted to emulate the adventures of Jules Verne's Phileas Fogg by circumnavigating the globe in 80 days.

BBC | 1989 | Documentaries & Features | 49 mins

14068 Arthur C Clarke's Mysterious World (episode 2, 'The Monsters of the Deep')

The famous science fiction author fronts this series which explores unexamined and unproven phenomena as diverse as UFOs, the supernatural, ball lightning and animals like the Yeti and the Loch Ness monster. This edition looks at the possibility that many fabled sea creatures do in fact exist.

YTV | 1980 | Documentaries & Features | 27 mins

14069 Arthur Haynes Show, The

Popular sketch show written by Johnny Speight, featuring Patricia Hayes and

ATV | 1964 | Comedy | 78 mins

14059 Ascent of Man, The (episode 7, 'The Majestic Clockwork')

Dr Jacob Bronowski's 13 episode series about the development of scientific thought through the ages. This programme examines the advancement of our thinking about the nature of the Universe from Newton to Einstein.

BBC | 1973 | Documentaries & Features | 50 mins

14519 Asian Club

A pioneering discussion series which ran from 1953 to 1961. This edition features the philosopher Bertrand Russell talking to an invited audience of many different Asian nationalities.

BBC | 1959 | Documentaries & Features | 28 mins

14060 Auf Wiedersehen Pet (episode 1)

Comedy drama about a group of British brickies in Germany, coping with the locals, each other and without their wives. The show made stars of then unknown actors Jimmy Nail, Timothy Spall, and Kevin Whately and was another huge success for writers Dick Clement and Ian La Frenais.

Central | 1983 | Comedy | 50 mins

14565 Avengers, The ('Epic')

Patrick Macnee played the immaculately turned out secret agent John Steed in this fantasy crime series. This episode has Diana Rigg as his athletic companion Emma Peel.

ABC | 1967 | Series & Serials | 50 mins

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14636 Bagpuss

Two episodes of a fondly remembered children's series about a lost and found shop owned by a little girl called Emily. She was assisted by Bagpuss "the most magical saggy old cloth cat in the world" and his various friends, such as Professor Yaffle and Madeleine the Rag Doll. The programmes creators were Peter Firmin and Oliver Postgate, with Postgate also providing the narration.

BBC | 1974 | Children | 15 mins

14621 Ballroom of Romance

William Trevor's wistful and evocative play, set in the west of Ireland, in which lonely bachelor farmers go searching for a wife every Saturday night, at The Ballroom of Romance. Stars Brenda Fricker, Cyril Cusack and John Kavanagh.

BBC | 1982 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 51 mins

14876 Band of Brothers ('Day of Days')

Visually and emotionally powerful, Band of Brothers was a BBC / HBO miniseries, based on the book by Stephen E Ambrose and highly praised for its realistic depiction of the latter stages of World War Two. This second episode sees a company of US paratroopers battle their way through the events of D-Day.

BBC | 2001 | Series & Serials | 48 mins

14692 Band of Gold

Set in Bradford, this drama series was a bleak portrayal of life on the game.

Granada | 1996 | Series & Serials | 50 mins

14048 Basil Brush Show, The

Ivan Owen's foxy glove puppet with the voice of Terry Thomas and the wardrobe of a country gent. The series ran from 1968 to 1980 and was a massive hit with children. Derek Fowlds, the butt of most of Basil's corny jokes, became much better known for his roles in Yes Minister and Heartbeat. This episode features the voice of Ivan Owen as Basil Brush.

BBC | 1970 | Children | 30 mins

14049 BBC Television Shakespeare, The ('Romeo and Juliet')

The first production in the BBC's seven year project to stage all the Shakespeare plays. The star crossed lovers are played by Patrick Ryecart and Rebecca Saire and supported by an impressive cast including John Gielgud, Celia Johnson, Alan Rickman and Michael Hordern.

BBC | 1978 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 190 mins

14915 BBC Two Playhouse ('The Brylcreem Boys')

A World War II soldier is sent to hospital to recuperate after getting frostbite during night sentry duty. His fellow patients are all airman suffering mental trauma after taking part in the bombing of Berlin. On his first night in the ward a previously catatonic bomber pilot begins to re-enact the bombing raids. Soon the rest of the ward takes their places on the imaginary Lancaster, playing out the bloody nightmare that haunts them. This simple, but powerful drama features an excellent cast, including a young Timothy Spall.

BBC | 1979 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 73 mins

14051 Beasts (episode 3, 'Baby')

One of six supernatural plays by Quatermass creator Nigel Kneale. In this tale a young couple, played by Simon MacCorkindale and Jane Wymark, find something nasty behind the wall of their dream home.

ATV | 1976 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 52 mins

14053 Beaton by Bailey

David Bailey's film about fashion photographer Cecil Beaton. Discussion with Beaton and contributions from many of his subjects provides an insight into the character of the man behind so many well known images.

ATV | 1974 | Documentaries & Features | 55 mins

14055 Beauty, Bonny, Daisy, Violet, Grace and Geoffrey Morton

BAFTA prize winning documentary about the rearing of farm horses directed by Frank Citanovitch.

Thames | 1974 | Documentaries & Features | 51 mins

14655 Bedtime (episode 2)

An amusing mini-drama series set in the bedrooms of three adjoining suburban houses. It was written by Andy Hamilton, and starred Timothy West, Sheila Hancock, Meera Syal, Claire Skinner, Stephen Tompkinson and Emma Pierson.

BBC | 2001 | Comedy | 30 mins

14057 Beecham

Timothy West plays the famous conductor Sir Thomas Beecham. Featuring the Halle Orchestra, this very entertaining portrait of the great man was written by Ned Sherrin and Carol Brahms, and was originally presented as a theatre piece.

YTV | 1989 | Music & Variety | 85 mins

14354 Beiderbecke Affair, The (episode 1)

Alan Plater's comedy drama starring Barbara Flynn and James Bolman. Two schoolteachers investigate deep rooted corruption and encounter some bizarre characters en route.

YTV | 1985 | Comedy | 52 mins

14415 Benny Hill Show, The

Benny Hill presents his usual mixture of comic songs and sketches with the support of Nicholas Parsons, Bob Todd and Ronnie Brody. Hill's broad comedy was a great hit in America.

Thames | 1971 | Comedy | 50 mins

14311 Between the Lines (episode 1)

Corruption in the police force was the main theme of this drama series, although the chaotic private life of the Tony Clarke (played by Neil Pearson) also featured.

BBC | 1992 | Series & Serials | 47 mins

14643 Big Brother (series one, 'Day 19')

This controversial reality TV show originated in the Netherlands and became a hit all over the world. The concept is that a group of assorted young people live together in a specially adapted house for several weeks, with viewers able to spy on their activities and vote to have someone evicted at intervals until one person is left as the winner. This series included "nasty" Nick Bateman, who was expelled for breaking the rules.

Channel Four | 2000 | Documentaries & Features | 25 mins

14050 Bill Brand (Episode1)

Political drama by Trevor Griffiths, starring Jack Shepherd as a radical left-wing MP who has to battle for his ideals against compromise and cynicism. The critics raved over this 11 part series, viewers were not so sure.

Thames | 1976 | Series & Serials | 54 mins

14506 Bill, The ('Gift of the Gab')

Long-running drama series based in the East End of London at the fictional Sun Hill police station. It began life as a one-off play in the 1983 Stroyboard series, eventually being screened as half hour episodes several times a week.

Thames | 1994 | Series & Serials | 25 mins

14520 Billy Bunter of Greyfriars School

A long-running 1950s comedy series based on the stories of Frank Richards and starring Gerald Campion as "The Fat Owl of the Remove".

BBC | 1956 | Children | 30 mins

14694 Billy Connolly's World Tour of Scotland (episode 3)

The Glasgow-born actor and comedian takes his stand-up act to various venues north of the border.

BBC | 1994 | Comedy | 31 mins

14052 Billy Cotton Band Show, The

A Christmas Eve edition of the popular variety series hosted by Billy Cotton. The programme was a winning mixture of song, dance and comedy routines that had begun on radio, and ran on television from 1956 to 1965.

BBC | 1961 | Music & Variety | 50 mins

14054 Billy Liar ('Billy and the Au Pair')

Jeff Rawle, later known as George in Channel 4 sitcom Drop the Dead Donkey, stars as teenage dreamer Billy Fisher in this sitcom based on the comic novel of Keith Waterhouse and Willis Harris.

LWT | 1973 | Comedy | 26 mins

14056 Birds of a Feather

A sitcom about two sisters whose husbands are in prison, starring Pauline Quirke, Linda Robson and Lesley Joseph.

BBC | 1989 | Comedy | 30 mins

14038 Black and White Minstrel Show, The

Variety show hosted by Leslie Crowther featuring singers and dancers "blacked up" in the style of Kentucky Minstrels. The show ran from 1958 to 1978, by which time it was felt by many to be offensive and old fashioned.

BBC | 1967 | Music & Variety | 45 mins

14309 Blackadder Goes Forth ('Captain Cook')

The last of the four Blackadder series. It was set in the western front in 1917, an ideal background for the black humour of Rowan Atkinson, Tony Robinson and co.

BBC | 1989 | Comedy | 30 mins

14036 Blackadder, The (episode 6)

Considered to be one of the best television comedies of the 1980s, this is the final episode of the first series, which was set in the Middle Ages. Rowan Atkinson plays Edmund Blackadder with Tony Robinson as his sidekick Baldrick.

BBC | 1983 | Comedy | 32 mins

14009 Blake's Seven ('Project Avalon')

Space opera science fiction from Terry Nation who created the Daleks for Doctor Who. Blake's Seven was a group of resistance fighters opposed to the evil Federation, a totalitarian government of the future.

BBC | 1978 | Series & Serials | 53 mins

14695 Blankety Blank

One of the BBC's first forays into the realm of the popular gameshow. The idea was for contestants to guess the missing word in a phrase, and to see if it matched the guesses of a celebrity panel. It attracted many viewers perhaps because of the personality of presenter Terry Wogan. Later presenters included Les Dawson and Lily Savage.

BBC | 1979 | Light Entertainment and Lifestyle | 34 mins

14040 Bleak House (episode 8)

The final episode of this dramatised version of the late Dickens novel, starring Denholm Elliott and Suzanne Burden. The first Dickens adaptation to be shot entirely on film, adapted by Arthur Hopcraft.

BBC | 1985 | Series & Serials | 51 mins

14042 Bless 'Em All

Variety show marking the 10th anniversary of VE-Day. It features many wartime stars, including Vera Lynn, Jack Warner, Kenneth Horne, Richard Murdoch, Sam Costa, Eric Barker, Pearl Hackney,

BBC | 1955 | Music & Variety | 63 mins

14331 Bless this House (episode 1, 'The Generation Gap')

Classic seventies sitcom with Sid James and Diana Coupland coping with their teenage children.

Thames | 1971 | Comedy | 26 mins

14044 Blind Date (episode 4)

One of many popular shows with a dating format. Cynics say it was successful because Cilla never sang on it.

LWT | 1985 | Light Entertainment and Lifestyle | 45 mins

14046 Blott on the Landscape (episode 6)

A black comedy with George Cole as an MP trying to have a motorway built through his wife's ancestral home. Geraldine James is his wife and David Suchet is Blott the handyman. Malcolm Bradbury adapted the screenplay from Tom Sharpe's novel.

BBC | 1985 | Comedy | 55 mins

14037 Blue Money

A comedy thriller in which Tim Curry plays an Irish taxi driver and aspiring rock singer, who finds himself being pursued by an international criminal cartel, the IRA, and an irate Scottish hitchhiker played by Billy Connolly.

LWT | 1984 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 85 mins

14812 Blue Peter

A 1970s edition of the children's magazine programme, presented by John Noakes, Leslie Judd and Peter Purves. It also features the well loved Blue Peter dog, Shep.

BBC | 1974 | Children | 25 mins

14813 Blue Peter

This eighties edition of the show tells you how to make a teleportation bracelet as worn on Blake's Seven. The show is presented by Simon Groom, Sarah Greene, Janet Ellis and Peter Duncan.

BBC | 1983 | Children | 25 mins

14039 Blue Peter

An early edition of the popular children's magazine programme presented by Sandra Michaels (who was covering for Valerie Singleton) and Christopher Trace. It began in 1958 and despite, or because of, its worthy image it's still running today.

BBC | 1964 | Children | 26 mins

14863 Blue Peter's 40th Birthday

Featuring 21 past presenters, clips from classic programmes, a performance by the Chinese State Circus and that infamous moment with Lulu the elephant, this 40th birthday party shows what has made Blue Peter a true children's classic for over four decades.

BBC | 1998 | Children | 26 mins

14502 Bob the Builder ('Lofty', 'Spud and Squawk')

The popular children's series created by Keith Chapman and starring

BBC | 2000 | Children | 20 mins

14041 Body in Question, The (episode 1, 'The Naming of Parts')

Doctor Jonathan Miller conducts a guided tour on the human body. More squeamish viewers should be aware that some of the shots are for the strong stomached only.

BBC | 1978 | Documentaries & Features | 51 mins

14696 Bollywood Star (episode 4)

Following in the footsteps of Pop Idol, this show followed the quest of a group of British actors trying to break into the Bollywood film industry. This final edition shows the finalists in Mumbai where they have a final screen test to determine the winner.

Channel Four | 2004 | Series & Serials | 49 mins

14864 Bombay Railway ('Pressure')

A sequel to BBC Four's acclaimed Monsoon Railway, this two-part observational documentary looks at the incredible organisation that is the Bombay Railway, with stories of the people who keep the trains running 24 hours a day, those who survive because of it - and those who die on it.

BBC | 2007 | Documentaries & Features | 60 mins

14043 Boon (episode 11, 'Billy the Kid')

Boon is a fireman invalided out of the service. His "anything legal considered" ad in the local paper brings in some weird and way out jobs. A long running comedy drama vehicle for Michael Elphick.

Central | 1986 | Series & Serials | 52 mins

14045 Bootsie and Snudge

Typical 1960s style personality based sitcom. A spin off from the Army Game with Bootsie (Alfie Bass) and Snudge (Bill Fraser) now in civvy street, working in a gentlemen's club.

Granada | 1961 | Comedy | 26 mins

14047 Borderers, The ('Siege of the Cocklaws')

An adventure series set in the 17th century Scottish Borders, starring Iain Cuthbertson.

BBC | 1978 | Series & Serials | 50 mins

14029 Borgias, The (episode 10)

This much criticised 10 part production followed the intrigues of the notorious Borgia family in Renaissance Italy, and starred Italian actor Adolpho Celi.

BBC | 1981 | Series & Serials | 51 mins

14307 Borrowers, The (episode 1)

Bafta-award winning children's serial about the tiny inhabitants of the space between the floorboards of a stately home. Based on the books by Mary Norton and adapted by Richard Carpenter, it stars Ian Holme, Penelope Wilton and Rebecca Callard.

BBC | 1992 | Children | 30 mins

14310 Bottom ('Smells')

Rik Mayall and Adrian Edmondson wrote and starred in this squalid sitcom about two repulsive bachelors, continuing their particular brand of violent schoolboy humour as featured in The Young Ones.

BBC | 1991 | Comedy | 30 mins

14027 Bouquet of Barbed Wire ('Repercussions')

A drama series which mixed intrigue, incest and infidelity in Surrey, and understandably kept millions glued to the screen each week. Frank Finlay and Susan Penhaligon starred.

LWT | 1976 | Series & Serials | 54 mins

14030 Boys from the Black Stuff ('George's Last Ride')

The final episode of Alan Bleasdale's five part drama series about life on the dole in Liverpool. Bleasdale mixed outrageous comedy and high tragedy to astonishing effect. One of the great dramas of the eighties.

BBC | 1982 | Series & Serials | 68 mins

14739 Bradford Godfather, The

A documentary about M F Hussein, who provided valuable help and advice to new immigrants when they first arrived in the city from South Asia. An example of Yorkshire programming made specifically for Yorkshire viewers.

YTV | 1976 | Documentaries & Features | 50 mins

14032 Brass (episode 5)

Timothy West as Bradley Hardacre in a comedy sending up both "Ee lad, trouble at t'mill" series of the seventies and the then popular American series 'Dallas'.

Granada | 1983 | Comedy | 26 mins

14697 Brass Eye

The controversial show which invited unsuspecting celebrities to comment on fabricated and often shocking news items. It was devised and presented by Chris Morris, who had previously presented the spoof news show The Day Today. This edition about Paedophilia caused particular outrage.

Channel Four | 2001 | Comedy | 28 mins

14698 Bread

Liverpudlian sitcom which reflected the high levels of unemployment in the 1980s. The argumentative Boswell family were forced to rely on state handouts but managed to exploit all the loopholes. The series was written by Carla Lane and starred Jean Boht as the matriarch of the family.

BBC | 1989 | Comedy | 30 mins

14033 Brideshead Revisited (episode 4)

An adaptation of Evelyn Waugh's book about the very rich whose troubles are all self made. Filmed at Castle Howard in Yorkshire, the series took over two and half years and four million pounds to make. It won seven BAFTA awards.

Granada | 1981 | Series & Serials | 50 mins

14340 Brief Encounters (episode 1)

South West presenter Ruth Langsford travels around the West Country discovering how people spend their leisure time.

Westcountry | 1993 | Documentaries & Features | 26 mins

14409 Brimstone and Treacle

Michael Kitchen stars as Martin, a demonic young man who insinuates himself into the lives of the Bates family. The daughter, Pattie (Michelle Newell), physically and mentally disabled since a car accident two years earlier, becomes the focus of Martins attentions. Dennis Potter's hugely controversial 1976 play, described by the BBC bosses as "brilliantly written and made, but nauseating", was banned until 1987.

BBC | 1976 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 73 mins

14844 Britain in Pictures ('Midlands and Wales')

This spin-off from the BBC's How We Built Britain series offers professional photographers the opportunity to return to the regions in which they grew up and photograph the area using unfamiliar digital technologies. This episode includes visits to Warwick Castle, the Bull Ring in Birmingham and a coal boat on the Midlands canal system.

BBC | 2007 | Documentaries & Features | 30 mins

14846 Britain in Pictures ('The North')

This spin-off series from the BBC's How We Built Britain series offers professional photographers the opportunity to return to the regions in which they grew up and photograph the area using unfamiliar digital technologies. This episode includes visits to the Granger Market in Newcastle, derelict factories in Manchester and a caravan park in Northumberland.

BBC | 2007 | Documentaries & Features | 30 mins

14913 British Film Forever ('Social Realism')

A fascinating documentary charting the evolution of British social realist (often referred to as kitchen sink) cinema from its heyday in the 1960s through to more recent films such as Billy Elliot and Trainspotting.

BBC | 2007 | Documentaries & Features | 90 mins

14028 Brontes of Haworth, The (episode 1)

Five part drama series by Christopher Fry which took a fresh look at the lives of the Victorian novelist sisters and their brother.

YTV | 1973 | Series & Serials | 65 mins

14481 Brookside (episode 1)

The first episode of the soap opera set in a Liverpool cul-de-sac, which introduced new levels of realism to the genre and has never been afraid to tackle controversial issues.

Channel Four | 1982 | Soaps | 30 mins

14299 Brookside ('The Jordache Trial')

After the murder of Trevor Jordache and the notorious burial under the patio, Channel Four broke with tradition and broadcast these six episodes covering the trial of Mandy and Beth, on consecutive nights.

Channel Four | 1995 | Soaps | 148 mins

14459 Brothers, The ('Manoeuvres')

Drama series about a family run road haulage company Hammond Transport Services. A mixture of family feuds and boardroom politics it was very much an early British version of Dallas. Jean Anderson, Liza Goddard, Kate O'Mara and Colin Baker star.

BBC | 1976 | Series & Serials | 50 mins

14031 Bruce Forsyth and the Generation Game

An early episode of the popular family game show. The show has also been presented by Larry Grayson, and more recently Jim Davidson.

BBC | 1972 | *Light Entertainment and Lifestyle* | 52 mins

14371 Budgie (episode 8, 'Everybody Loves a Baby')

Adam Faith in his first acting role is Budgie Bird, a cockney with lots of charm but little luck, looking for a quick and easy living in a variety of dodgy ways.

LWT | 1971 | *Series & Serials* | 54 mins

14034 Bullseye

"Great, super, smashing!" Jim Bowen presents a darts based quiz show which became a popular success and a student cult, despite its low production values.

Central | 1982 | *Light Entertainment and Lifestyle* | 54 mins

14781 But I Don't Even Like Apple Pie!

A fascinating documentary that examines the career and wholesome screen image of American Actress, Doris Day.

BBC | 1989 | *Documentaries & Features* | 50 mins

14549 Butterflies

Comedy series written by Carla Lane, in which Wendy Craig played an unappreciated middle-aged housewife contemplating an extramarital affair with a wealthy businessman.

BBC | 1978 | *Comedy* | 31 mins

14699 Button Moon

The rather uninspiring adventures of a set of kitchen utensils who fly off to button moon in their rocket ship. The long-running children's show was narrated by Robin Parkinson, while Peter Davison and Sandra Dickinson sang the theme tune.

Thames | 1986 | *Children* | 10 mins

14367 By Alan Bennett: Six Plays ('I'm Afraid of Virginia Woolf')

First of six filmed plays by Alan Bennett. This bitter-sweet comedy full of sharp lines and painful silences tells the story of an unhappy lecturer finding contentment against all odds. The play was directed by Stephen Frears and it features a fine cast including Thora Hird, Hugh Lloyd, Derek Thompson and (briefly) Julie Walters in an early television role.

LWT | 1978 | *Plays, Films and Single Dramas* | 68 mins

14285 Byker Grove (episode 1)

A children's serial which is based around a youth club in the Byker Grove area of Newcastle. This first episode introduces the main characters as they enjoy a camping expedition in the Pennines. Among the cast is a young Jill Halfpenny who would later find fame on Eastenders and as a Strictly Come Dancing series champion.

BBC | 1989 | *Children* | 25 mins

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14019 Caesars, The ('Sejanus')

Free hand history of the machinations which led to the decline and fall of Rome. At least as good as the later I, Claudius.

Granada | 1968 | Series & Serials | 56 mins

14764 Cagney and Lacey ('I'll be Home for Christmas')

In this groundbreaking series, Mary Beth Lacey and Chris Cagney (Tyne Daly and Sharon Gless) were two female cops paired together in the New York Police Department, facing not only the tough world of life on the streets, but also complex personal problems.

BBC | 1982 | Series & Serials | 47 mins

14128 Calendar

The 25th anniversary edition of the Yorkshire regional news programme. Relive one of its famous moments-when presenter and ferret fail to see eye-to-eye.

YTV | 1993 | News & Current Affairs | 30 mins

14541 Calendar Special ('JB Priestley in conversation with Richard Whiteley')

The eminent writer, born in Bradford in 1894, reminisces about his early life in the city and his versatile career as a novelist, playwright and scriptwriter.

YTV | 1979 | News & Current Affairs | 27 mins

14022 Call My Bluff

A long running witty game show hosted by Robert Robinson, in which one team has to provide possible definitions to obscure words, and the other has to guess which is correct.

BBC | 1974 | Light Entertainment and Lifestyle | 26 mins

14021 Callan ('Most Promising Girl of Her Year')

The series that made a star of Edward Woodward as a cold blooded secret service agent with his own standards. A gritty counterpart to the glamorous James Bond.

Thames | 1969 | Series & Serials | 51 mins

14380 Camera ('The Other Half')

A history of early photography presented by Gus McDonald. This instalment deals with Victorian photographers of the poor.

Granada | 1979 | Documentaries & Features | 27 mins

14352 Can Polar Bears Tread Water?

An environmental documentary about global warming which was voted Best Ecology Programme in the 1990 Prix Italia Awards.

Central | 1989 | Documentaries & Features | 52 mins

14305 Captain Pugwash

Some amazingly simple cardboard animation by John Ryan, the cheerful sea shanty signature tune and the various voices of Peter Hawkins, produced this perennially popular children's series.

BBC | 1957 | Children | 16 mins

14024 Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons

Perhaps Gerry Anderson's best puppet show. An indestructible Carry Grant lookalike fights Martian foes who consider us an immature and aggressive race.

ATV | 1967 | Children | 25 mins

14472 Casualty ('Boiling Point')

The final episode of the 1993 series, which included a street riot, the death of a doctor, and the evacuation of the hospital following an arson attack. The programme was broadcast much later in the evening than normal because of its disturbing content.

BBC | 1993 | Series & Serials | 50 mins

14020 Casualty ('Burning Cases')

An episode from the second series of the Holby Hospital series, featuring all the familiar characters from the early years - Megan, Duffy, Charlie and consultant Ewart Plimmer.

BBC | 1987 | Series & Serials | 50 mins

14479 Casualty (episode 1, 'Gas')

The first episode of the long running medical drama set in the A and E department of a general hospital. The programme consists of intertwined subplots featuring the medical crises which need treatment in casualty, but the early series also had strong political storylines about the shortcomings of the NHS.

BBC | 1986 | Series & Serials | 50 mins

14023 Catweazle (episode 1, 'The Sun in a Bottle')

A children's comedy series in which an 11th century magician is transported through time to modern day Britain. Written by Richard Carpenter, it won a Writer's Guild Award in 1971.

LWT | 1970 | Children | 27 mins

14398 Caught on a Train

Stephen Poliakoff's play features two unlikely companions on a train from Ostend to Vienna- an arrogant young Englishman and a haughty Viennese widow. The main parts are played by Michael Kitchen and Peggy Ashcroft, the latter winning a BAFTA for her performance.

BBC | 1980 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 80 mins

14351 Ceausescu's Children

The first in-depth documentary which looked at the plight of Romania's 100,000 abandoned children, narrated by Sara Kestelman.

Central | 1990 | News & Current Affairs | 52 mins

14025 Cedar Tree, The ('Elizabeth')

Alfred Shaughnessy, writer of Upstairs, Downstairs returned to similar territory with this series charting a rich family's fortunes between the two world wars.

ATV | 1976 | Series & Serials | 25 mins

14894 Century Falls

The second collaboration between director Colin Cant and Russell T Davis, Century Falls is set in a childless village, haunted by tragedy and the occult. Can a trio of teenagers discover the secret behind the strange goings on?

BBC | 1993 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 24 mins

14737 Channel 4 Opening

Channel 4 began broadcasting on 2nd November 1984 and the first voice heard was that of continuity announcer Paul Coia. A montage of clips accompanied by the Channels signature tune, Fourscore, was followed by the first episode of tea-time quiz show Countdown, hosted by Richard Whiteley. This recording ends with a series of adverts and public safety announcements.

Channel Four | 1982 | News & Current Affairs | 21 mins

14005 Charmer, The (episode 6)

Thriller starring Nigel Havers as Mr Gorse, a thirties conman, flashing his last fiver to win over rich suburbanites. Adapted from Patrick Hamilton's novel Mr Stimpson and Mr Gorse. The series was such a success that LWT were said to have regretted killing off the lead character in the last episode.

LWT | 1987 | Series & Serials | 52 mins

14007 Chas and Dave's Christmas Knees Up

Festive entertainment from the professional cockneys, with guests including Eric Clapton, Jim Davidson and Jimmy Cricket.

BBC | 1982 | Music & Variety | 55 mins

14010 Chief, The (series 3, episode 3)

Big budget police series that never quite captured the ratings or the imagination. Tim Piggot-Smith played the original Chief. In this third season Martin Shaw took lead role.

Anglia | 1993 | Series & Serials | 51 mins

14892 Children of the Stones

A scientist and his son move to the quiet village of Millbury to study the 4000 year-old stone circle that surrounds it, only to discover that the stones hold an ancient power over the villagers. HTV produced some excellent children's dramas in the 1970s and Children of the Stones is one of the best remembered.

HTV | 1977 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 26 mins

14903 Chiller ('Toby')

Ray and Louise Knight lose their unborn baby, Toby, following a car accident. Louise soon believes that she is pregnant again and nine months later goes into labour, despite the fact that all tests prove that there is no baby. Soon Louise is being haunted by crying from the nursery

YTV | 1995 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 54 mins

14504 Chorlton and the Wheelies (series 2, episodes 1-8)

Voted 34th in Channel 4's 100 best children's shows, this lively animated series features a Happiness Dragon called Chorlton and this assorted wheeled friends, whose peaceful life is upset by the evil Kettle Witch Fenella. Joe Lynch provides the narration and all the voices.

Thames | 1977 | Children | 84 mins

14013 Christians, The ('People of the Book')

Bamber Gascoigne's series on the history of Christianity. This episode looks at centuries of conflict between the linked faiths of Judaism, Islam and Christianity.

Granada | 1977 | Documentaries & Features | 52 mins

14014 Chronicle ('Death of the High King')

An edition of the long running history series, introduced by Magnus Magnusson. This edition focuses on the mystery of Stonehenge, including its possible religious function.

BBC | 1968 | Documentaries & Features | 45 mins

14607 Chronicles of Narnia, The

A lavish dramatisation of C S Lewis' The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe, this series was one of four BBC adaptations of Lewis' books. The adaptation was by Alan Seymour.

BBC | 1988 | Children | 30 mins

14018 Churchill's People ('Liberty Tree')

A poorly received 26 part series of historical plays inspired by Winston Churchill's History of the English Speaking People, and co-funded by Universal Television. This episode concerns the Boston Tea Party in 1773.

BBC | 1975 | Series & Serials | 52 mins

14006 Cider With Rosie

A lyrical adaptation of Laurie Lee's autobiographical story of a young boy growing up in the Cotswolds. Shown on Christmas Day in 1971, the programme was one of the first BBC dramas to be shot entirely on film.

BBC | 1971 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 95 mins

14700 Citizen Smith

Robert Lindsay starred in this comedy series about a group of ineffective Marxist freedom fighters called The Tooting Popular Front. He played Woolfie Smith with his beret, Afghan coat and rallying cry "power to the people". Mike Grady played his weedy sidekick Ken, and the writer was John Sullivan who went on to create Only Fools and Horses.

BBC | 1979 | Comedy | 30 mins

14008 Civilisation ('The Skin of Our Teeth')

A personal documentary series in which Sir Kenneth Clark examines the ideas and values of Western Civilisation. In this episode he discusses the dark ages.

BBC | 1969 | Documentaries & Features | 51 mins

14011 Clangers (episode 10-12; 'The Hoot', 'The Meeting', 'The Treasure')

Far out in space beyond the cloud-covered planet we call home, is a strange rocky world covered in craters and dustbin lids. This is the home of the Clangers, pink woollen mouse-like creatures who communicate by whistling.

BBC | 1970 | Children | 30 mins

14132 Clangers (episode 18, 'The Cloud')

Another adventure with Postgate and Firmin's whistling pink aliens.

BBC | 1971 | Children | 10 mins

14131 Clangers (episodes 13-15; 'Goods', 'The Tablecloth', 'The Rock Collector')

More animated tales for children about the family of peaceful pink aliens and the problems they experience when objects from Earth start appearing on their world.

BBC | 1971 | Children | 30 mins

14304 Clangers ('The Iron Chicken', 'The Rock Collector')

Another 2 episodes of Oliver Postgate and Peter Firmin's classic children's animation series.

BBC | 1971 | Children | 20 mins

14017 Clayhanger ('Brighton')

An adaptation of Arnold Bennett's trilogy of novels tracing the fortunes of a nineteenth century family from the Staffordshire Potteries. Stars Janet Suzman and Denis Quilley.

ATV | 1977 | Series & Serials | 54 mins

14656 Clocking Off (series 3, episode 4)

An episode from Paul Abbot's gritty award-winning drama series set in a textile factory. This episode features Siobhan Finneran, Phil Cornwell, Sophie Okonedo, Sharon Duce and Joan Kempson, with Philip Glenister as factory manager Mack.

BBC | 2002 | Series & Serials | 59 mins

14297 Clothes Show, The

Long running fashion show hosted by Selina Scott and Jeff Banks. This edition features designer Anouska Hempel, actress Pamela Stephenson, supermarket fashions, and weatherman Ian McCaskill testing designer spectacles.

BBC | 1986 | Documentaries & Features | 30 mins

14124 Clouds of Glory ('William and Dorothy')

First of a two episode drama dealing with the lives of the Lakeland poets, written by Melvyn Bragg and Ken Russell. David Warner and Felicity Kendal star as the Wordsworths.

Granada | 1978 | Series & Serials | 53 mins

14730 Cold Feet (series 2, episode 1)

An episode of the comedy drama series set in Manchester, which featured the turbulent relationships of three middle-class couples, and starred James Nesbitt, Helen Baxendale, John Thompson, Fay Ripley, Robert Bathurst and Hermione Norris. We apologise for the poor quality of the picture in this episode.

Granada | 1998 | Series & Serials | 51 mins

14731 Cold Feet (series 5, episode 1)

Another episode of this Sunday night drama series which ran from 1998 to 2003, and proved to be one of ITV's biggest successes.

Granada | 2002 | Series & Serials | 55 mins

14000 Colditz ('Senior American Officer')

Popular World War Two drama based around prisoners of war held by the Germans in Colditz Castle. The series was based on a book by Colditz survivor Major Pat Read.

BBC | 1974 | Series & Serials | 55 mins

14609 Come Dancing ('Ballroom Champions')

This competitive ballroom dancing show was one of the longest-running programmes on television, being broadcast from 1950 to 1995. Amongst the many comperes were McDonald Hobley, Peter West and Judith Chalmers but this particular edition is hosted by Terry Wogan.

BBC | 1976 | Light Entertainment and Lifestyle | 35 mins

14701 Comedians, The

Quick fire show with stand-up comic acts sliced into individual jokes and re-edited into a programme. It established the television careers of many now famous faces including Bernard Manning, Frank Carson, Charlie Williams, Jim Bowen and Mike Reid.

Granada | 1971 | Comedy | 26 mins

14001 Commando (episode 3)

Series following the fortunes of two troops of volunteers wanting to become Royal Marines.

Westcountry | 1993 | Series & Serials | 26 mins

14556 Compact

Popular twice weekly soap, set in the editorial offices of a women's magazine, which ran from 1962 to 1965. It was written by Hazel Adair and Peter Ling, before they went on the launch ATV's Crossroads.

BBC | 1964 | Soaps | 50 mins

14002 Complete and Utter of History of Britain, The (episode 1)

Terry Jones' and Michael Palin's pre-Python comedy series. A sketch show romp through our nation's past rather in the style of 1066 and all that.

LWT | 1969 | Comedy | 27 mins

14879 Conspiracy

This chilling drama captures one of the most infamous meetings in history in real time. Lead by Reinhard Heydrich (Kenneth Branagh) and attended by high-ranking Nazis, The Wannsee Conference took place on the 20th January 1942 with the purpose of deciding upon a 'Final Solution' for the mass extermination of millions of Jews.

BBC | 2001 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 93 mins

14003 Constant Hot Water (episode 2)

After Pat Phoenix left Coronation Street she tried to move away from her Elsie Tanner role with this sitcom about a seaside landlady.

Central | 1986 | Comedy | 26 mins

14916 Contrasts ('The Knight Has been Unruly')

An obituary to the late theatre actor, Donald Wolfit, featuring anecdotes from fellow actors, **BBC | 1968 | Documentaries & Features | 43 mins**

14536 Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, The

Highlights from this historic event, which was a huge undertaking for the BBC, and a major reason for the growth of television ownership in Britain. Richard Dimbleby provided the commentary.

BBC | 1953 | News & Current Affairs | 74 mins

14800 Coronation Street

Bet Lynch, the street's brassy barmaid, falls out with Annie Walker and while Elsie Tanner is away from the street Bet seems to be having Elsie's usual man trouble too. Meanwhile, youths plan a robbery at the Rover's Return.

Granada | 1975 | Soaps | 27 mins

14801 Coronation Street

The police investigate the death of Manchester businessman Robert Maxwell, who has died while having an assignation with Elsie Tanner. The comic characters Stan and Hilda are much to the fore.

Granada | 1965 | Soaps | 28 mins

14802 Coronation Street

By 1970 Coronation Street had gone into colour and the cast's faces were a little orange until the make up department got used to it. In this episode the police clash with gypsies camping on wasteland, and Elsie Tanner makes a discovery about her latest man.

Granada | 1970 | Soaps | 26 mins

14803 Coronation Street

Mike Baldwin is having staff difficulties at his factory, Mavis Riley is shocked and surprised by Bert Tilsley's reading habits and tells Albert Tatlock off about this.

Granada | 1979 | Soaps | 26 mins

14804 Coronation Street

Bet Lynch is now Bet Gilroy, having wed local businessman Alec Gilroy in a marriage of convenience to keep the Rovers Return.

Granada | 1985 | Soaps | 26 mins

14805 Coronation Street

Bet Lynch is now Bet Gilroy, having married local businessman Alec Gilroy in a marriage of convenience to keep the Rover's Return.

Granada | 1990 | Soaps | 27 mins

13970 Coronation Street

Another episode of the long running soap, in which Deirdre tries to come to terms with the death of her husband.

Granada | 1995 | Soaps | 25 mins

14350 Coronation Street (episode 6)

A critic at the time wrote "the programme is doomed". Since then it has rarely been out of the viewing charts. This episode, broadcast just after Christmas, features an odd cameo from the boys' choir of an Oldham church.

Granada | 1960 | Soaps | 25 mins

14725 Cottingley Fairies, The

A short film presented by Austin Mitchell, which examines the 1917 claim by two young girls from Cottingley, near Bingley, that they had taken a photograph of a group of fairies. The actual photograph can be seen in the Kodak Gallery of the National Media

YTV | 1976 | Documentaries & Features | 15 mins

14917 Count Dracula (part 1)

Of all the adaptations of Bram Stokers horror classic, this 1977 BBC Masterpiece Theatre miniseries ranks among the most faithful and stars French actor Louis Jourdan as a steely and sensuous Count and Frank Finlay as his nemesis, Van Helsing.

BBC | 1977 | Series & Serials | 71 mins

14589 Countdown

Countdown was the very first programme broadcast by Channel 4 when it began broadcasting on 2nd November 1982. The gameshow tests contestants' mental agility with a series of against the clock letter and number games.

YTV | 1996 | Light Entertainment and Lifestyle | 29 mins

13991 Country Diary of an Edwardian Lady

Pippa Guard stars in the television adaptation of Edith Holden's popular 'coffee table book' of the early eighties. Set in rural Warwickshire in 1908, the series reflects the rhythms of nature through the year.

Central | 1984 | Series & Serials | 27 mins

13993 Country Matters ('Craven Arms')

The first of a series of wistful plays set in the English countryside, and winner of the BAFTA's Best Drama Award for the year. The plays were all adaptations of A E Coppard and H E Bates.

Granada | 1972 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 53 mins

14738 Countryfile

A special edition of the Sunday morning rural affairs show, which is devoted mainly to a celebration of 40 years of television weather forecasting. It features interviews with numerous forecasters such as George Cowling (the very first forecaster), Jack Scott, Michael Fish, Barbara Edwards, Ian McAskill, John Kettle, Helen Young and Darren Bett. The programme is presented as usual by John Craven.

BBC | 2004 | News & Current Affairs | 52 mins

13995 Crackerjack

Early edition of the BBC's long running children's variety show. Hosted by Eamon Andrews, it also features Ronnie Corbett, Winifred Atwell and puppets Pinky and Perky.

BBC | 1958 | Children | 48 mins

14376 Criss Cross Quiz

A 1950s game show quiz in which contestants scored noughts or crosses for answers to general knowledge questions. It drew record audiences in its first year, the programme being watched in over 3 million homes.

Granada | 1957 | Light Entertainment and Lifestyle | 26 mins

14895 Crooked House

Writer, actor and self-confessed horror nut Mark Gatiss resurrected the BBC's Christmas ghost story tradition in chilling style in 2008 with this anthology of stories set in a cursed Tudor mansion. Haunted woodwork, a spectral bride and a sinister door knocker provide the focus of the stories and the tone is clearly influenced by the portmanteau horror films of the 1970s and the work of MR James. In particular the first part of the trilogy, 'The Wainscoting', owes a lot to James's 'The Stalls of Barchester', both in plot and its increasing sense of dread.

BBC | 2008 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 90 mins

13996 Crossroads

Extremely popular soap opera set in a Midlands motel. The series began in 1964 as a five episode a week serial. In 1967 the programme was cut to four episodes a week but the hurried nature of its production often showed. A year after this programme was made Crossroads was reduced to three episodes a week.

ATV | 1978 | Soaps | 21 mins

13997 Crossroads ('Kings Oak')

The final extra long episode of Crossroads. Although the programme remained extremely popular, Central cancelled the series for failing to deliver a large enough audience.

Central | 1988 | Soaps | 65 mins

14702 Crown Court

An episode from the popular afternoon courtroom drama. The series was notable for using members of the public to act as jury for its fictional trials. Only the foreman of the jury was an actor.

Granada | 1976 | Series & Serials | 24 mins

13998 Culloden

A famous documentary which reconstructed the 1746 battle of Culloden as if it was a contemporary news report. The programme dramatically reveals the horrendous realities behind the last battle to be fought on British soil.

BBC | 1964 | Documentaries & Features | 70 mins

13999 Curry and Chips (episode 1)

A comedy show in which Indian-born Spike Milligan blacked up to play a Pakistani working in a British factory. Eric Sykes played the foreman and Kenny Lynch a cockney black man. The show only ran for one season because of complaints about racism, but its writer Johnny Speight maintained that he was making fun of racists.

LWT | 1969 | Comedy | 27 mins

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13989 Dad's Army (episode 55, 'The Deadly Attachment')

Popular comedy series which ran between 1968 and 1977, about the incompetence of a Home Guard troop defending a small English seaside town against the Nazis. This episode contains one of the most quoted moments when Ian Lavender's Pike and Arthur Lowe's Captain Mainwaring confront a U-Boat commander played by Philip Madoc.

BBC | 1973 | Comedy | 30 mins

14740 Dale That Died, The

A documentary about the valley of Grisedale just outside the Yorkshire Dales National Park, which declined from a thriving agricultural community into a completely depopulated area. The programme was based on a book by Barry Cockroft, and is an example of regional programming made specifically for Yorkshire viewers.

YTV | 1975 | Documentaries & Features | 47 mins

14413 Danger UXB (episode 1)

Drama series about bomb disposal experts during World War II. The programme was created by John Hawksworth who had been inspired by reading the memoirs of real bomb expert, Major A P Hartley.

Thames | 1978 | Series & Serials | 54 mins

14401 Dangerman ('The Contessa')

Patrick McGoohan is Drake, the spy with no gun, no girl and a rather wobbly transatlantic accent. The series made him television's highest paid star.

ATV | 1961 | Series & Serials | 25 mins

14503 Dangermouse (series 1, episodes 1-5)

The animated adventures of a mouse secret agent (very loosely based on James Bond and Dangerman), with his nervous sidekick Penfold. The creators were Mike Harding and Brian Trueman and the voices were provided by David Jason and Terry Scott.

Thames | 1981 | Children | 25 mins

14893 Dark Season

Long before writing for a little-known series called Doctor Who, Russell T Davis wrote this drama about the efforts of three teenagers to thwart the evil machinations of Mr Eldritch and his legion of brainwashing computers. The series is now famous for starring a young Kate Winslet.

BBC | 1991 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 25 mins

14363 Darling Buds of May, The (Christmas special, 'Le Grand Weekend')

One of the first ITV programmes to include commercial sponsorship messages in its credits. Unlike earlier episodes this one is not based on H E Bates' stories.

YTV | 1992 | Series & Serials | 55 mins

14355 Darling Buds of May, The (episode 1)

Nostalgic view of the fifties seen through the eyes of Pop Larkin (David Jason) and his family. Based on the stories by H E Bates. A huge family hit of the early nineties.

YTV | 1991 | Series & Serials | 50 mins

14362 Darling Buds of May, The (episode 3)

The nervous Charley finally proposes to the beautiful Mariette Larkin in an episode that pleased many viewers.

YTV | 1991 | Series & Serials | 53 mins

14618 Dave Allen at Large

The suave Irish comedian Dave Allen appeared initially as a guest on The Val Doonican Show in 1965 and then in his own series, Tonight with Dave Allen, for ITV in 1967. But it was this BBC series which really established his reputation. He delivered his often sacrilegious anecdotes while perched on a stool with whisky and cigarette in hand; the stories were interspersed with short comedy sketches and his closing remark was always "may your God go with you".

BBC | 1976 | Comedy | 45 mins

14871 David Copperfield

Directed by Doctor Who producer Barry Letts, this adaptation of Charles Dickens novel about the trials and tribulation of a young orphan boy, was nominated for a BAFTA Television Award in 1987 and was just one series released by the BBC as part of their Sunday Classic Serials strand.

BBC | 1986 | Series & Serials | 29 mins

14899 Day of the Triffids

Britain is at the mercy of carnivorous plants with a taste for rotting, human flesh in this excellent BBC adaptation of John Wyndham's novel. The struggles of everyday survivors and the moral and practical problems they face are at the heart of the drama; should they fight or flee? How can society be rebuilt and to whose ideals?

BBC | 1981 | Series & Serials | 27 mins

14465 Day Out, A

Alan Bennett drama filmed in black and white by director Stephen Frears. The film follows a trip into the country by a cycling club from Halifax in the early years of the twentieth century.

BBC | 1972 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 50 mins

14665 Day Today, The

The spoof news show created by Chris Morris and Armando Iannucci, with ludicrous graphics, sensational stories, and Steve Coogan as the appalling sports reporter Alan Partridge. Others appearing in the show included Doon Mackichan, Rebecca Front, Patrick Marber and David Schneider.

BBC | 1994 | Comedy | 30 mins

14431 Dear Mother...Love Albert (episode 1)

Comedy starring Rodney Bewes as Albert, a young man from the North learning to make his way as a salesman in London.

YTV | 1970 | Comedy | 25 mins

14626 Delia Smith's Cookery Course (episode 2, 'Bread')

It was as a result of this series that Delia became the most famous television cook in Britain. Her unpretentious approach appealed particularly to culinary novices and resulted in massive sales of related books. She followed this series with many others such as One is Fun and Delia Smith's Summer Collection.

BBC | 1978 | Light Entertainment and Lifestyle | 24 mins

14437 Dickens of London

A thirteen part drama series tracing the early life of Charles Dickens, starring Roy Dotrice, Diana Coupland and Simon Bell, as the young Dickens.

YTV | 1976 | Series & Serials | 54 mins

14704 dinnerladies (episode 1)

Sitcom about a factory canteen, written and starring Lancashire born Victoria Wood. She first achieved fame when she won the New Faces talent show in 1975, and she went onto star in a number of comedy sketch shows, often with her friend Julie Walters. The programme is usually spelt with a small 'd' rather than a capital on Wood's request.

BBC | 1998 | Comedy | 30 mins

14774 Disappearing World ('Last of the Cuiva')

The story of the last members of the Cuiva Indians, still living a Stone Age existence in Colombia. Disappearing World was a long-running anthropology series, which showed how ancient lifestyles were being threatened by the modern world. This particular edition won a Blue Ribbon at The American Film Festival.

Granada | 1971 | Documentaries & Features | 66 mins

14707 Discovering Britain with John Betjeman

Fifteen short films in which the poet Sir John Betjeman visits sites of interest around the British Isles. These five minute commercials were made by Shell as a way of keeping their name in the public mind during a period of petrol rationing.

Anglia | 1955 | Documentaries & Features | 78 mins

14158 Dixon of Dock Green ('The Roaring Boy')

Jack Warner plays George Dixon, the honest London policeman shot in the 1949 film, The Blue Lamp. Resurrected for television, Dixon continued to walk his beat from 1955 to 1976. The series was created by respected television dramatist, Ted Willis.

BBC | 1956 | Series & Serials | 29 mins

13977 Do Not Adjust Your Set

Comic mayhem with three fifths of the future Monty Python team, David Jason, and the Bonzo Dog Doo-Dah Band.

Thames | 1969 | Comedy | 26 mins

13978 Doctor Finlay's Casebook

Very popular, long running drama series which centred on a medical practice in the fictional village of Tannochbrae. The three main protagonists were the elderly senior partner Dr Cameron, the young enthusiastic Dr Finlay and their outspoken housekeeper Janet.

BBC | 1964 | Series & Serials | 51 mins

13979 Doctor in the House (episode 8)

The riotous adventures of medical students, adapted from Richard Gordon's Doctor books. The series supposedly takes place shortly after the Doctor series of films and follows a new intake of staff and students at St Swithin's teaching hospital.
LWT | 1970 | Comedy | 26 mins

14462 Doctor Who ('Kinda', part 3)

Peter Davison's Doctor brought more change to this long running series. Out went the comedy and in came a new quieter Doctor. This early story, intended as a Buddhist allegory, has a highly literate script for Doctor Who and shows the production team's commitment to experimentation with the format of the series in the early 1980s.
BBC | 1982 | Series & Serials | 25 mins

13980 Doctor Who (pilot episode, 'An Unearthly Child')

The original first episode of Doctor Who, from 1963. It had to be remade due to a number of technical problems with the production and this pilot was not seen until 1991. Doctor Who ran as a series from 1963 to 1989 and was the BBC's longest running drama series. It remains one of the most popular science fiction television shows ever made.
BBC | 1963 | Series & Serials | 25 mins

14468 Doctor Who ('Remembrance of the Daleks', part 1)

Sylvester McCoy is the seventh Doctor in this twenty fifth anniversary episode of the famous science fiction serial. Back where we first encountered him in the London of 1963, the new Doctor discovers his oldest enemies have learned some new tricks of their own...
BBC | 1988 | Series & Serials | 25 mins

14782 Doctor Who ('Rose')

After a 16-year absence from our screens Doctor Who was regenerated in 2005 starring Christopher Eccleston as the titular time-lord. Made by BBC Wales and co-starring former teen pop star Billie Piper, the series introduced a new generation of sci-fi fans to Daleks, time-travel, and, in this first episode of the series, murderous mannequins.
BBC | 2005 | Series & Serials | 45 mins

14870 Doctor Who ('State of Decay')

Written by Terrance Dicks and broadcast in four weekly parts between November 22 and 13 December 1980, this instalment of the Doctor Who franchise sees The Doctor (Tom Baker), Romana (Lalla Ward), K9 (voiced by John Leeson) and Adric (Matthew Waterhouse) face three Lords named Zargo, Camilla and Aukon; vampire servants of the last of the Great Vampires.
BBC | 1980 | Series & Serials | 50 mins

14579 Doctor Who ('The Horns of Nimon', parts 1-4)

Includes all four episodes of this Doctor Who story, in which The Doctor prevents a bull-like alien race invading a planet via a black hole in space. Tom Baker stars, with Janet Ellis and Graham Crowden in support.
BBC | 1979 | Series & Serials | 102 mins

14289 Doctor Who ('The Invasion', part 8)

Patrick Troughton, the second Doctor, faces up to the Cyberman in the concluding part of this story. It was the first time that UNIT, the Doctor's military helpers on earth, had been featured and it heralded a more action packed era.
BBC | 1968 | Series & Serials | 25 mins

14580 Doctor Who ('The Leisure Hive', parts 1-4)

Another full length story featuring Tom Baker as The Doctor, with Adrienne Corri as Mena. The Time Lords visit a galactic entertainment centre called the Leisure Hive, and become involved in a struggle between the Argolians and Foamosi.
BBC | 1980 | Series & Serials | 88 mins

13981 Doctor Who ('The Sun Makers')

Tom Baker's Doctor attracted a new audience of adult viewers to the programme with his quirky performance.
BBC | 1977 | Series & Serials | 26 mins

14290 Doctor Who ('Three Doctors', part 2)

Jon Pertwee plays the Doctor, who has been exiled to 20th century Earth. This 10th anniversary edition features two earlier Doctors: Patrick Troughton and William Hartell, who came to his aid.
BBC | 1973 | Series & Serials | 30 mins

14630 Doctor Who ('Twin Dilemma', part 1)

Colin Baker was the sixth actor to play Doctor Who (from 1984 to 1986) and this is the first episode in which he appeared. The story concerns the planet Jaconda where the Time Lord has to confront the evil slug-like Gastropods.
BBC | 1984 | Series & Serials | 25 mins

14666 Don McCullin, Redundant Warrior

A documentary about the distinguished war photographer, who is still haunted by the conflicts he covered in Cyprus, the Congo, Vietnam, Biafra and Cambodia. Nearer home he photographed the troubles in Northern Ireland and homelessness in London, but nowadays he prefers less harrowing subject matter.

Channel Four | 1992 | Documentaries & Features | 25 mins

13983 Doomwatch ('The Red Sky')

Doomwatch ran from 1970 to 1972 and is often described as the first green television programme. It was a drama about the abuses of science and the secret government department which tried to stop them.

BBC | 1970 | Series & Serials | 51 mins

14705 Double Agent, A Conversation with Graham Greene

Graham Greene talks to Alan Cooke about his unusual life, from teenage psychoanalysis to Batista's Cuba, his lifelong Doppelganger and the origins of Harry Lime.

Thames | 1975 | Documentaries & Features | 53 mins

14784 Double Your Money

When commercial channel ITV was launched in 1955, the era of the prize-winning quiz show arrived with Double Your Money (ITV, 1955-1968), a lively quiz show hosted by Hughie Green which offered contestants the opportunity to win cash prizes by answering increasingly difficult general knowledge questions. Hugely popular, the quiz was only cancelled in 1968 because Rediffusion London (previously Associated-Rediffusion) lost its franchise with ITV

ATV | 1966 | Light Entertainment and Lifestyle | 27 mins

14706 Down at the Hydro

A gentle romantic drama featuring the only screen pairing of Ian Carmichael and Jean Simmons. Colonel Hunt is a retired widower who books into Elm Park Hydro for a weekend of healthy food and exercise, but his world is turned upside down when he meets the attractive Deidre Mackay.

Granada | 1983 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 54 mins

14588 Drop the Dead Donkey (series 3, 'Paintball')

Written by Andy Hamilton and Guy Jenkin, this sitcom was not only funny but also topical as it was set in the newsroom of a commercial TV station. In fact it was recorded only one day before transmission and edited on the day itself. With its excellent caricatures of journalistic types, it became an instant hit.

Channel Four | 1993 | Comedy | 27 mins

14514 Duchess of Duke Street, The ('A Present Sovereign')

Written and produced by John Hawkesworth who had previously produced Upstairs, Downstairs for ITV, this was the BBC's attempt at producing a similar popular success. Gemma Jones was Louisa Trotter a Victorian kitchen maid who became the proprietor of the Bentinck, a top London hotel.

BBC | 1976 | Series & Serials | 53 mins

13985 Dustbinmen, The

Jack Rosenthal's sitcom about an ill assorted band of refuse collectors. Though there were complaints from Mary Whitehouse about strong language, every episode of the first series topped the viewing charts.

Granada | 1970 | Comedy | 26 mins

13986 Duty Free (episode 1)

Top of the ratings farce about two couples on the longest ever holiday in Spain, but actually filmed in Leeds.

YTV | 1984 | Comedy | 27 mins

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14877 East of Ipswich

Michael Palin drew on his own memories of torturous family holidays in grey coastal towns when he wrote this gentle rites of passage comedy set in 1950s England. Forced to endure a holiday in a sleepy Suffolk resort with his family, 17-year-old Richard Burril befriends a disparate gang of teenagers, including a fiery Dutch exchange student and the gorgeous Julia.

BBC | 1987 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 74 mins

14806 Eastenders

An unusual edition of the soap which consists entirely of a conversation between Dot and Ethel reminiscing about the wartime evacuation, their marriages, and changes in Albert Square. This set the scene for a later Christmas episode which was actually set in the 1940s.

BBC | 1987 | Soaps | 30 mins

14807 Eastenders

An episode which features most of the storylines current in 1987 the crumbling marriage of Den and Angie, Arthur and Pauline's concerns about runaway Mark, and fear of AIDS in the gay community.

BBC | 1987 | Soaps | 30 mins

13971 Eastenders

An early episode of the BBC's answer to Coronation Street, set in the fictional London Borough of Walford. It began on 19 February 1985 and despite its gloomy storylines, was an immediate success, becoming the most watched programme on television by October 1985.

BBC | 1985 | Soaps | 30 mins

14849 Eastenders (subtitled)

An early episode of the BBC's answer to 'Coronation Street', set in the fictional London Borough of Walford. It began on 19 February 1985 and despite its gloomy storylines, was an immediate success, becoming the most watched programme on television by October 1985. This selection is subtitled.

BBC | 1985 | Soaps | 30 mins

14480 Edge of Darkness (episode 5)

Award winning nuclear and political thriller written by Z Cars creator Troy Kennedy-Martin and starring the late Bob Peck.

BBC | 1985 | Series & Serials | 51 mins

14341 Edward and Mrs Simpson (episode 1)

One and a half million pound production based on Frances Donaldson's biography of Edward VIII. The Queen was reportedly not amused at the timing of the series, Princess Margaret's divorce was enough scandal for one year. The Duchess of Windsor was positively furious at the way she was portrayed, but the thirteen million viewers approved.

Thames | 1978 | Series & Serials | 52 mins

14598 Edwardian Country House, The (episode 6, 'Winners and Losers')

A recreation of what life was like above and below stairs in the early years of the twentieth century.

Channel Four | 2002 | Documentaries & Features | 56 mins

14845 Edwardians in Colour, The Wonderful World of Albert Kahn (episode 1, 'A Vision of the World')

Between 1908 and 1930, French banker and philanthropist Albert Kahn used his vast personal fortune to put together the most important collection of early colour photographs in the world. This fascinating documentary charts his mammoth efforts and looks at some of his beautiful images.

BBC | 2007 | Documentaries & Features | 60 mins

13972 Eldorado

The concluding part of the BBC's universally panned soap opera set in Spain. The BBC decided to axe the series just a year after it begun.

BBC | 1993 | Soaps | 30 mins

13973 Elizabeth R (episode 6)

Glenda Jackson excels as Queen Elizabeth I in the final episode of the award winning drama series.

Made up in pallid pock-marked white, her hair shaved back to her crown, her appearance was as striking as her performance.

BBC | 1971 | Series & Serials | 79 mins

14708 Emergency Ward 10

An episode of the highly successful twice weekly soap which ran from 1957 to 1967. The storylines tended to focus mainly on the love lives of the staff, and unlike today's medical dramas, patients rarely died. This episode stars Jill Browne as Sister Carol Young and Desmond Carrington as Dr Chris Anderson.

ATV | 1964 | Soaps | 25 mins

13976 Emmerdale

In this episode no one wants to attend Pollard's stag night and the Sugdens are flabbergasted as Annie says she wants to spend Christmas abroad.

YTV | 1992 | Soaps | 26 mins

14868 Emmerdale (The Plane Crash)

Until the early 1990s, Emmerdale's popularity generally lagged behind that of Eastenders and Coronation Street, but this famous episode catapulted the soap to new heights. It did, however, attract some criticism due to its similarities to the Lockerbie disaster, which happened five years earlier.

Granada | 1993 | Soaps | 27 mins

14869 Emmerdale (Tom King is Murdered)

On Christmas Day 2006, Emmerdale killed-off Tom King. The programme itself was just one piece of an interactive murder mystery orchestrated by Granada Television, with emails, websites and on-line clues available to viewers who wanted to try and solve the murder for themselves. Even the cast did not know which character was responsible to begin with, as ten different endings were filmed, each featuring a different murderer.

Granada | 2006 | Soaps | 52 mins

14808 Emmerdale Farm

Young Jackie Merrick is going through a rebellious phase and there are questions in the air about his true parentage.

YTV | 1982 | Soaps | 26 mins

14809 Emmerdale Farm

From 1984, Emmerdale Farm was on screen all year round, which caused difficulties keeping the seasons on screen consistent with those in the real world, particularly when the programme related to farming. In this episode there is the threat of a nuclear dump.

YTV | 1987 | Soaps | 26 mins

13975 Emmerdale Farm

The Sugdens entertain German couple Gustav and Rita Gunnarson and difficult topics regarding marriage are inadvertently raised.

YTV | 1977 | Soaps | 25 mins

13974 Emmerdale Farm (episode 1)

The enduring story of the Sugden family and villagers of Beckindale as it began; a twice weekly, twenty six part lunch time serial for housewives.

YTV | 1972 | Soaps | 25 mins

13966 Emu's World

Rod Hull and his vicious pet Emu together with children from the Corona Stage School thwart the evil plans of wicked green witch Grotbags and her sidekick Croc.

Central | 1982 | Children | 21 mins

13967 End of Part One

The first television series from the writers Marshall and Renwick, later to create shows such as Whoops Apocalypse, One Foot in the Grave and Two Point Four Children.

LWT | 1979 | Comedy | 27 mins

13968 Englebert Humperdinck Show, The

The popular singer, real name Gerry Dorsey, hosts a variety show mixing song and dance with sketches. Amongst his guests is Elke Sommer.

ATV | 1970 | Music & Variety | 52 mins

14490 English Garden, The (episode 1)

Sir John Gielgud takes us on a tour of some spectacular gardens and puts together a history of gardening through the ages. This episode looks at the influence of the Romans and examines medieval gardens.

Thames | 1980 | Documentaries & Features | 27 mins

14491 English Garden, The (episode 2)

Sir John Gielgud continues his history of gardening. This episode takes the story of English garden design up to the year 1725.

Thames | 1980 | Documentaries & Features | 27 mins

14477 Englishman Abroad, An

A play by Alan Bennett telling the true story of a meeting in 1950s Moscow, between the actress Coral Browne (who plays herself) and exiled traitor Guy Burgess, played by Alan Bates.

BBC | 1992 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 62 mins

14629 Eskimo Day

A characteristically amusing and perceptive drama by Jack Rosenthal. The play concerns two teenagers going with their parents to be interviewed for admission to Cambridge University, and it stars Maureen Lipman, Alec Guinness, Tom Wilkinson and Anna Cartaret.

BBC | 1996 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 84 mins

14709 Evacuees, The

Jack Rosenthal's touching autobiographical play about a group of young Jewish boys being evacuated from Manchester to Wales during the Second World War. One of his many fine contributions to the field of Television drama.

BBC | 1975 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 75 mins

14466 Everyman ('The Immortalists')

A documentary from the BBC's religious affairs department about the rise of cryonic freezing in California amongst people who hope to avoid death. Everyman has been running since 1977 and often raises moral and social issues with a religious dimension, without preaching.

BBC | 1979 | Documentaries & Features | 36 mins

14467 Expert, The ('Flesh and Blood')

The first BBC drama series to be made in colour. The programme starred Marius Goring as a forensic pathologist working for the police and, in keeping with the setting the stories were often cerebral rather than action packed. The series ran from 1968 to 1971, with a brief revival in 1976.

BBC | 1969 | Series & Serials | 46 mins

14662 Eye, The ('Dalziel and Scullion')

A film about the acclaimed Scottish artists Dalziel and Scullion, who in 2003 created a new video installation in this Museum, using images from the National Media Museum's vast collection of photographs.

Illuminations | 2002 | Documentaries & Features | 27 mins

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14139 F.O.T (series 3, episode 4)

Popular children's television series which weaves together a number of stories -
BBC | 1995 | Children | 24 mins

14084 F.O.T. (series 3, episode 2)

An episode of the children's programme which proves that fact is often stranger than fiction and you can not always believe what you see on TV.
BBC | 1995 | Children | 25 mins

14710 Fabian of Scotland Yard ('The Executioner')

This police series was based on the real-life career of Robert Fabian, and in fact he briefly appeared at the end of each episode. Featuring Bruce Seaton as the eponymous hero, it was made on film and was one of the first detective series on British Television.
BBC | 1955 | Series & Serials | 24 mins

14492 Face to Face ('Martin Luther King')

Face to Face was a classic series of interviews by John Freeman which ran from 1959 to 1962. This moving edition features the American civil rights leader Martin Luther King, and it was repeated in 1993 to mark the 25th anniversary of his assassination.
BBC | 1961 | Documentaries & Features | 32 mins

14325 Fair's Fair (episode 3)

West country consumer and environmental show, this edition considers beer drinking, fox hunting and compost making.
Westcountry | 1993 | Documentaries & Features | 26 mins

14439 Fall and Rise of Reginald Perrin, The (episode 3)

Leonard Rossiter stars as the dissatisfied business man longing to escape his humdrum life. Comedy by David Nobbs featuring Geoffrey Palmer, Sue Nichols, Pauline Yates and John Barron among the supporting cast.
BBC | 1976 | Comedy | 30 mins

14772 Family Fortunes

Based on American quiz called Family Feud, this was a long-running game show in which two competing families tried to guess the most popular answers to questions such as Can you name something you find at the seaside? It was presented first by Bob Monkhouse (as here), later by Max Bygraves, then by Les Dennis.
ATV | 1980 | Light Entertainment and Lifestyle | 26 mins

14089 Family, The ('Week 2')

Landmark fly-on-the wall documentary series in which a camera unit stayed with an ordinary family, the Wilkins in Reading, for three months.
BBC | 1974 | Documentaries & Features | 30 mins

14551 Fanny Cradock Cooks for Christmas

One of the first cooks on British television, glamorously dressed Fanny Cradock, with her monocled husband Johnny, presented gastronomic advice to viewers from the 1950s onwards.
BBC | 1975 | Light Entertainment and Lifestyle | 15 mins

14512 Fast Show, The ('Christmas Special')

An offshoot of Harry Enfield's Television Programme, this popular quick-fire sketch show produced many familiar catchphrases and characters, both comic and pathetic. It stars Paul Whitehouse, Charlie Higson, Caroline Aherne, John Thompson, Arabella Weir, Mark Williams and Simon Day.
BBC | 1998 | Comedy | 45 mins

14087 Father Brown

Drama series based on the books by G K Chesterton. After personal persuasion from ATV boss Lew Grade, Kenneth More agreed to play the eponymous detective hero.
ATV | 1974 | Series & Serials | 55 mins

14416 Father Dear Father (episode 1, 'The Proposal')

Comedy series by Johnnie Mortimer and Bryan Cooke with Patrick Cargill as a successful thriller author, coping with teenage daughters.
Thames | 1968 | Comedy | 54 mins

14587 Father Ted ('A Song For Europe')

The remote Irish west coast was the setting for this cult comedy series, involving three dysfunctional Catholic priests and their weird housekeeper. This episode from the third series concerns the pathetic efforts of Father Ted and Father Dougal to compose an entry for the Eurovision Song Contest.
Channel Four | 1996 | Comedy | 25 mins

14408 Fawlty Towers ('The Anniversary')

Connie Booth and John Cleese created complex mini-farces in this legendary series with bizarre, but totally believable characters. This episode includes Basil Fawlty in one of his most involved deceptions, when the biggest surprise at his surprise party for Sybil is that Sybil's not there.
BBC | 1979 | Comedy | 30 mins

14882 Film '90

Robert DeNiro, Ray Liotta and Martin Scorsese discuss their film 'Goodfellas' in this 1990 edition of the popular Film review programme hosted by Barry Norman.
BBC | 1990 | Light Entertainment and Lifestyle | 30 mins

14881 Film '92

Michelle Pfeiffer discusses her career with veteran film critic, Barry Norman, in this special 1992 edition of the film review programme.
BBC | 1992 | Light Entertainment and Lifestyle | 30 mins

14902 Film Night (Monty Python and the Holy Grail Location Report)

This short documentary, made as part of the BBC's Film Night programme, visits the Pythons on the set of Monty Python and the Holy Grail. Although the film offers fairly little in the way of a making of documentary it does show the Pythons in their natural state and doing anything they can to disrupt the interview, from stealing the interviewers' notes to discussing how Biggles fits into the story of the Holy Grail.
BBC | 1974 | Documentaries & Features | 18 mins

14091 Film On Four ('Walter')

Ian McKellen plays Walter who is handicapped and treated as a joke. Through the painstaking efforts of his mother he has learned to read, write a little, even to hold down a mundane job. But without the protection of his parents, the world is a harsh and terrifying place. The first single drama shown by Channel Four, on its opening night.
Channel Four | 1983 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 74 mins

14385 Fireball XL5 (episode 1, 'Planet 46')

Science fiction puppet show from Gerry Anderson, notable for the chart success of its theme tune and the fact that its heroes' expressions remained fixed grins throughout...they truly did have stiff upper lips.
ATV | 1962 | Children | 26 mins

14092 First Among Equals (episode 2)

Expensive adaptation of Jeffery Archers tale of political ambition which even felt free to change the novel's ending. It was much talked about in the way it mirrored Mr. Archers real life.
Granada | 1986 | Series & Serials | 54 mins

14078 Flambards (episode 4, 'Edge of the Clouds')

Drama series based on the novels of K M Peyton. In the early part of the twentieth century Christina is sent to stay with her uncle and cousins in the crumbling mansion, Flambards. Her uncle and cousin Mark are obsessed with horses, but cousin William is experimenting with an exciting new means of transport - aviation.
YTV | 1979 | Series & Serials | 53 mins

14080 Flaxton Boys, The (episode 5, 'The Witches')

A ghostly adventure set in crumbling Flaxton Hall (actually Ripley Castle, near Harrogate). Later series of this children's' drama were set in 1890, 1928 and 1945.
YTV | 1969 | Children | 26 mins

14082 Flickers (episode 1)

Comedy writer Roy Clarke has often written about photographers and film makers, as in this drama starring Bob Hoskins and Frances de la Tour as pioneers in the days of silent movies.
ATV | 1981 | Series & Serials | 51 mins

14083 Follyfoot (episode 1, 'Steve')

Children's series based on the books of Monica Dickens. Dora, a sad lonely girl, is sent to her uncle's farm, a refuge for old horses.
YTV | 1975 | Children | 27 mins

14085 Fools on the Hill, The

An impressively dramatised account of the early days of British television full of telling period detail. Written by Jack Rosenthal, the play tells the story of the BBC's first faltering steps into pictures at Alexandra Palace.
BBC | 1986 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 73 mins

14345 For the Love of Ada (episode 1)

Wilfred Pickles and Irene Handi as two love-torn pensioners in the popular geriatric sitcom.

Thames | 1970 | Comedy | 30 mins

14079 Forsythe Saga, The (episode 1, 'A Family Festival')

An early hit for BBC2, tracing the fortunes of a well to do family from 1879-1926. The series combined all the scandal of soap opera with the high production values and fine acting of a BBC classic serial, and was a great success with the public.

BBC | 1967 | Series & Serials | 51 mins

14599 Forty Two Up

In 1964, the Granada series World in Action made a programme called Seven Up in which a diverse group of children were interviewed about their lives and their hopes for the future. The participants were revisited every seven years and this edition shows how they are at 42 years old.

BBC | 1998 | Documentaries & Features | 133 mins

14081 Fosters, The (episode 3, 'God's Business is Good Business')

An all black comedy starring a seventeen year-old Lenny Henry. Norman Beaton who played his father felt that a show featuring blacks families had been long overdue, but some West Indian community leaders attacked it for offering nothing but cheap stereotypes.

LWT | 1976 | Comedy | 27 mins

14086 Four Feather Falls ('How it Began')

Gerry Anderson's puppet western series about Tex Tucker, a cowboy hero who receives magical gifts from a mysterious Red Indian. Nicholas Parsons provides the voice of Tex.

Granada | 1960 | Children | 14 mins

14070 Fox (episode 1)

Part drama, part soap opera, Fox was the story of the tensions in a London godfather's sprawling family, and how they struggle to cope after his death. The fine cast included Peter Vaughan, Elizabeth Spriggs and Bernard Hill.

Thames | 1980 | Series & Serials | 53 mins

14910 Frankenstein

An eclectic cast, understated performances and excellent direction bring this Yorkshire Television adaptation of Mary Shelly's gothic horror classic to life. With a slightly different ending to the original novel this is otherwise a fairly faithful translation of the original tale of love, loss and immortality.

YTV | 1984 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 77 mins

14072 Frankie Howerd's Hour

Frankie Howerd presents a series of long sketches and monologues in this special show written for him by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.

Thames | 1971 | Comedy | 55 mins

14525 French and Saunders Go To the Movies

A special edition of the comedy show written by and starring Dawn French and Jennifer Saunders, in which the sketches are inspired by scenes from classic movies.

BBC | 1995 | Comedy | 40 mins

14726 Frighteners, The ('The Manipulators')

Director Mike Hodges' obsession with the manipulation of the populace by hidden and accountable forces, makes for a very scary episode of the LWT series The Frighteners.

LWT | 1972 | Series & Serials | 26 mins

14074 Frontier ('Ranchers of the Sierra')

One of three documentaries produced by Brian Moser about rich and poor in South America. The frontier in question is that of the minimum standards of civilisation.

ATV | 1979 | Documentaries & Features | 53 mins

14493 Frost Over England

A programme featuring highlights from The Frost Report, a comedy show compered by David Frost and starring Ronnie Baker, Ronnie Corbett, Shelia Steafel and John Cleese. This compilation edition won the 1967 Golden Rose of Montreux.

BBC | 1967 | Comedy | 32 mins

14071 Frost Programme, The ('Jerry Rubin')

The famous edition where Jerry Rubin and the Yippies bring a little anarchy to the normally staid Frost Programme, and David Frost is forced to conduct part of the proceedings in the studio next door.

LWT | 1970 | Light Entertainment and Lifestyle | 54 mins

14073 Funeral Games

The first play shown on YTV and the last one written by Joe Orton. This bizarre black comedy starring Ian McShane, Michael Denison and Bill Fraser deals with the rivalry between two very odd men of the cloth.

YTV | 1968 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 59 mins

14075 Funny Bones (episode 1, 'The Pet Shop')

Popular children's cartoon series based on Janet and Allen Ahlberg's stories about two friendly skeletons and their dog. The voices are provided by Griff Rhys Jones.

BBC | 1992 | Children | 5 mins

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13969 Gaffer, The (episode 1)

Comedy series starring Bill Maynard as Fred Moffat, the sharp witted owner of a dodgy engineering firm.

YTV | 1981 | Comedy | 27 mins

13982 Galton and Simpson Playhouse ('Car Along the Pass')

A jingoistic Englishman and German gentleman confront each other in a cable car stuck in the Swiss Alps. Arthur Lowe and Anton Diffring star in this single comedy written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.

YTV | 1977 | Comedy | 26 mins

13984 Game for a Laugh

A Christmas edition of the popular show devoted to playing pranks on members of the general public. The programme's now well known hosts - Jeremy Beadle, Henry Kelly, Matthew Kelly and Sarah Kennedy were all newcomers to television at the time.

LWT | 1981 | Light Entertainment and Lifestyle | 45 mins

13987 Game, Set and Match

An episode from the television adaptation of the Len Deighton trilogy of novels about secrets, moles and the relationship between spies in the pre-Glasnost era. Ian Holm stars.

Granada | 1988 | Series & Serials | 55 mins

14511 Gardeners' World

Long running gardening magazine programme which began in 1969 as the full-colour successor to Gardening Club. This edition is introduced by the BBC's most famous gardening expert, Percy Thrower, and focuses on ornamental shrubs.

BBC | 1972 | Documentaries & Features | 25 mins

14652 Gathering Storm, The

This Emmy and Golden Globe winner traced Winston Churchill's pre-war wilderness years. When he tried to alert the British people to the threat posed by the Nazis. The impressive cast included Albert Finney, Vanessa Redgrave, Jim Broadbent, Ronnie Barker and Derek Jacobi. The screenplay was by Hugh Whitmore and the executive producer was Ridley Scott.

BBC | 2002 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 92 mins

14898 Gavin and Stacey

A Romeo and Juliet tale for the 21st century, Gavin (an Essex lad) and Stacey (from Barry Island in Wales) fall in love despite living very different lives hundreds of miles apart. In this episode their families meet for the first time following the couples whirlwind engagement.

BBC | 2007 | Comedy | 30 mins

14597 GBH (episode 1)

Alan Bleasdale's acclaimed drama series about politics in Liverpool, which he described as an "odyssey through the appalling farce of life in Britain today, trying to make some sense of the place". Starring Robert Lindsay, Michael Palin and Lindsay Duncan.

Channel Four | 1991 | Series & Serials | 87 mins

13988 George and the Dragon (episode 1)

Sid James plays George the Cockney chauffeur and handyman to John Le Mesurier's eccentric retired Colonel. Peggy Mount plays Miss Dragon the battleaxe housekeeper who makes his life a misery. Comedy series by Vince Powell and Harry Driver.

ATV | 1966 | Comedy | 25 mins

14883 Ghosts

Featuring a stellar British cast, this adaptation of Henrik Ibsen's most powerful and controversial play stars Judi Dench as Mrs Alving and Kenneth Brangah as her son, Oswald. When Oswald returns from Paris with the news that he is dying of syphilis and plans to marry the family's maid (Natasha Richardson) Mrs. Alving is forced to reveal a terrible family secret.

BBC | 1986 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 105 mins

14843 Ghostwatch

First broadcast on Halloween night, 1992, this elaborately staged pseudo-documentary claimed to investigate paranormal activity in a family home. An effective and unsettling drama, Ghostwatch provoked a huge response from British television audiences at the time.

BBC | 1992 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 92 mins

13990 Gideon's Way ('The Prowler')

Atmospheric police series based on the stories of thriller writer John Creasey. This episode guest stars David Collings as a disturbed young man who Commander Gideon of Scotland Yard must track down.

ATV | 1964 | Series & Serials | 49 mins

13992 Glittering Prizes, The (episode 6, 'A Double Life')

The final episode of a six part series by Frederic Raphael tracing the lives of a group of Cambridge graduates from the 50s to the 70s.

BBC | 1976 | Series & Serials | 77 mins

13994 Golden Shot, The

The Golden Shot ran from 1969 to 1975. This is the last show from Charlie Williams' six month stint as host. The archery based game show had previously been hosted by Bob Monkhouse and Norman Vaughan, and Monkhouse returned for the show's final year.

ATV | 1974 | Light Entertainment and Lifestyle | 44 mins

14440 Good Companions, The (episode 1, 'In Search of the Dinky Doos')

Alan Plater's adaption of the famous J B Priestley novel about a travelling concert party. The series failed to be as popular as Yorkshire Television hoped.

YTV | 1980 | Series & Serials | 57 mins

14012 Good Life, The ('I Talk to the Trees')

Popular sitcom about a middle class couple who drop out to farm self-sufficiently in suburbia. Richard Briers and Felicity Kendal star as Tom and Barbara Good with Penelope Keith and Paul Eddington as Margot and Jerry, their less than understanding neighbours.

BBC | 1976 | Comedy | 30 mins

14015 Good Old Days, The

Variety show presented in the style of Edwardian music hall in which even the audience dressed in period costume. Presented from the City Varieties Theatre, Leeds, the series ran from 1953 to 1983.

BBC | 1977 | Music & Variety | 60 mins

14109 Goodbye Longfellow Road

Hard hitting documentary about re-housing old people into unsuitable accommodation and the destruction of the traditional street that goes with it.

YTV | 1975 | Documentaries & Features | 81 mins

14606 Goodbye Lucky Stars

(poor disk quality) Thank Your Lucky Stars was a Saturday evening pop music show which ran from 1961 to 1966, introduced at various times by Keith Fordyce, Brian Matthew and Jim Dale. About 300 acts appeared altogether.

ABC | 1966 | Music & Variety | 36 mins

14422 Goodies, The ('Kitten Kong')

Classic visual comedy from Tim Brooke-Taylor, Graeme Garden and Bill Oddie. This is the adapted version of one of their more popular episodes which won the Golden Rose of Montreux in 1972.

BBC | 1972 | Comedy | 30 mins

14321 Goodness Gracious Me

A more recent cross-cultural comedy show, which makes fun of both British and Asian stereotypes, the cast themselves coming from the British Asian community.

BBC | 1998 | Comedy | 30 mins

14850 Goodness Gracious Me (subtitled)

A more recent cross-cultural comedy show, which makes fun of both British and Asian stereotypes, the cast themselves coming from the British Asian community. This selection is subtitled.

BBC | 1998 | Comedy | 29 mins

14224 Grandstand (World Cup Final 1966)

Edited highlights of this famous football match when England beat West Germany at Wembley.

BBC | 1966 | News & Current Affairs | 8 mins

14420 Grange Hill (episode 1)

The popular and long-running school series which was broadcast from 1978 to 2008.

BBC | 1978 | Children | 20 mins

14510 Ground Force

A popular lifestyle show in which unsuspecting owners are subjected to a two day garden transformation by Alan Titchmarsh, Charlie Dimmock and Tommy Walsh.

BBC | 1997 | Light Entertainment and Lifestyle | 30 mins

14539 Grove Family, The

The first true British television soap, although there were already similar dramas on BBC radio such as The Archers and Mrs Dale's Diary. The name derived from the BBC's Lime Grove Studios.

BBC | 1956 | Soaps | 31 mins

14364 Guardians, The (episode 12)

Drama series depicting Britain under a totalitarian regime in the near future. The Guardians are its strong arm Military Police force hunting down the Resistance. The programme was never screened in Northern Ireland.

LWT | 1971 | Series & Serials | 52 mins

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14357 Hadleigh (episode 1)

Spin off from an early Yorkshire drama series, *Gazette*. Gerald Harper plays dapper squire James Hadleigh facing all manner of problems in maintaining his stately home, Melford Park.
YTV | 1969 | Series & Serials | 54 mins

14446 Hale and Pace (episode 1)

The first series for comedians Gareth Hale and Norman Pace, who had become known on such programmes as *Saturday Night Live* with their characters *The Management*, a comic spin on the Kray twins. They
LWT | 1988 | Comedy | 26 mins

14584 Hancock ('The Blood Donor')

One of Tony Hancock's most celebrated shows. It was his seventh BBC series, when he was no longer being partnered with Sid James but the show was still being scripted by Galton and Simpson. His co-stars include Hugh Lloyd, June Whitfield, Patrick Cargill and Frank Thornton.
BBC | 1961 | Comedy | 25 mins

14130 Hancock's Half Hour ('Spanish Interlude')

An episode from the popular comedy in which writers Ray Galton and Alan Simpson sneakily satirise Tony Hancock's desire for international comic success. Sid James, one of Hancock's radio co-stars, gives able support.
BBC | 1959 | Comedy | 31 mins

14438 Hanged Man, The (episode 1, 'The Wheel of Fortune')

Colin Blakely plays building industry boss Lew Burnett who pretends to be dead in order to find out who it is that has been trying to have him killed. An eight part thriller by Edmund Ward.
YTV | 1975 | Series & Serials | 53 mins

14379 Hard Times (episode 4)

Well made adaption of the Charles Dickens novel starring Timothy West, Patrick Allen and Edward Fox.
Granada | 1977 | Series & Serials | 51 mins

14317 Harry Enfield's Television Programme

After his success as *Loadsamoney* and *Stavros* on *Saturday Live*, Harry Enfield starred in his own comedy sketch show, with regular guest appearances from Paul Whitehouse and Kathy Burke, and featuring such ghastly creations as *Wayne and Waynetta Slob*.
BBC | 1990 | Comedy | 30 mins

14356 Harry's Game (episode 1)

Adapted by former ITN newsreader Gerald Seymour from his best selling novel. *Harry's Game* follows a British undercover agent as he tries to track down an IRA killer. The programme's haunting theme music brought wide acclaim to the band responsible, *Clannad*.
YTV | 1982 | Series & Serials | 53 mins

14308 Have I Got News for You

An early edition of the satirical current affairs quiz featuring Angus Deayton, Paul Merton and Ian Hislop.
BBC | 1990 | Light Entertainment and Lifestyle | 30 mins

14418 Hazell ('Hazell and Weekend Man')

East end private eye James Hazell was created in a series of crime novels by Gordon Williams and Terry Venables. The series mirrored the books by using Hazell's wise cracking narration over the action, adding much humour to the sometimes unpleasant stories.
Thames | 1978 | Series & Serials | 54 mins

14433 Heartbeat ('Playing With Fire')

Popular drama series starring Nick Berry as a London policeman transferred to a Yorkshire village in the sixties.
YTV | 1992 | Series & Serials | 53 mins

14759 Heartbeat (series 4, episode 8, 'Fair Game')

Another episode of the Yorkshire drama series based on the Constable novels of Nicholas Rhea (pen-name of former Yorkshire policeman Peter Walker.) This episode features Jenny Agutter as a wealthy woman whose husband is killed in mysterious circumstances.
YTV | 1996 | Series & Serials | 56 mins

14637 Hector's House ('Good Morning Frog', 'The Boxes')

A charming puppet series originally created in France by Georges Croces and called La Maison de Tu Tu. Hector is a pompous old dog with floppy ears who spends most of the time in the garden with his two friends Zaza the pretty kitten and Mrs Kiki the giggly frog. The voices were provided by Paul Beacon and Joanna Lumley.

BBC | 1968 | Children | 5 mins

14744 Hill Street Blues

An innovative American crime series which was highly acclaimed for its realistic portrayal of police work in a run down inner-city area. Believable characters, the juxtaposition of humour and drama, and the use of hand-held cameras all contributed to its success.

Channel Four | 1984 | Series & Serials | 47 mins

14500 Hillsborough

Jimmy McGovern's dramatised account of the 1989 disaster at Hillsborough football ground, when almost 100 Liverpool fans were crushed to death, and the subsequent allegations by the bereaved that the police were to blame because of poor crowd control.

Granada | 1996 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 109 mins

14554 History Man, The

Satirical drama series about university life. Based on the novel by Malcolm Bradbury, it starred Anthony Sher as sociology lecturer Howard Kirk, and Geraldine James as his wife.

BBC | 1981 | Series & Serials | 49 mins

14658 History of Britain, A (episode 11, 'The Wrong Empire')

Simon Schama presented this fascinating documentary series giving his personal interpretation of the events which influenced the course of British History. This particular edition looks at the period between 1750 and 1800 when Britain lost its colony in America but gained India, and became the greatest military power on the earth on the basis of trade and slavery.

BBC | 2002 | Documentaries & Features | 60 mins

14528 Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, The

Created by Douglas Adams, this very original and witty science fiction series was based on the cult Radio 4 show, but with special effects.

BBC | 1981 | Comedy | 30 mins

14482 Hollyoaks (episode 1)

The first episode of the early evening soap based in a Chester suburb, with mainly teenage characters and aimed at a teenage audience.

Channel Four | 1995 | Soaps | 30 mins

14745 Hollywood Greats ('Joan Crawford')

The golden age of Hollywood lasted for about 30 years from roughly 1920 to 1950, before it lost much of its popularity to television. This series presented by Barry Norman featured the most famous stars of that period, in this case Joan Crawford. Despite being born into poverty, she managed to achieve iconic status with her flamboyant and controversial private life.

BBC | 1978 | Documentaries & Features | 50 mins

14833 Hollywood Greats ('John Wayne')

John Wayne is one of the most iconic figures in American film history, known particularly for his role in Westerns. In this documentary, Barry Norman investigates the truth behind Wayne's hard boiled persona.

BBC | 1984 | Documentaries & Features | 50 mins

14733 Hollywood Greats, The ('Henry Fonda')

A series of documentaries presented by Barry Norman which looked at the golden age of Hollywood and the actors who became stars all over the world. This edition focuses on Henry Fonda, who in a career lasting over 50 years, epitomised the decent hard-working all-American hero, but whose private life was dogged by failed relationships.

BBC | 1984 | Documentaries & Features | 50 mins

14914 Hollywood UK ('Northern Lights')

A look at some of the classic films made in and around the North of England with new and archive interviews with the writers, directors and casts involved.

BBC | 1993 | Documentaries & Features | 59 mins

14736 Home James

Film actor James Mason visits his hometown of Huddersfield, talks to the locals and listens to the Huddersfield Male Voice Choir. An example of regional programming made specifically for Yorkshire viewers.

YTV | 1972 | Documentaries & Features | 54 mins

14346 Homeland

An eloquent montage of images, interviews, archive and documentary footage by Latvian documentary film-maker Juris Podnieks about the spirit of Baltic nationalism under threat. In 1992 a further documentary, Homeland Postscript, was made, bringing the story up to date (this is also in the TV Heaven collection).

Central | 1991 | News & Current Affairs | 63 mins

14347 Homeland (Postscript)

Footage of the violence in Riga and Vilnius, continuing the story begun in Homeland.

Central | 1992 | News & Current Affairs | 33 mins

14110 Horizon ('Joey')

Dramatised documentary about the life of Joey Deacon, a man with cerebral palsy who became a figurehead for the Spastics Society (now called Scope).

BBC | 1974 | Documentaries & Features | 71 mins

14111 Hot Metal (episode 5)

A black farce from the writers of Whoops Apocalypse. A painfully accurate satire that takes the Ps and Qs out of Fleet Street. The Daily Crucible was a soar away success.

LWT | 1986 | Comedy | 25 mins

14322 House of Cards (episode 1)

Four part political thriller set in the Houses of Parliament and starring Ian Richardson as the Machiavellian chief whip, Frances Urquhart. Andrew Davies was the adapter of the book by Michael Dobbs.

BBC | 1990 | Series & Serials | 56 mins

14330 How We Used to Live

Britain at the time of Edward VIII's abdication. Dramatised social history programme widely acclaimed by educationalists.

BBC | 1981 | Children | 21 mins

14664 I Didn't Know You Cared

Peter Tinniswoods comedy series about the Brandons, a dysfunctional Yorkshire family. They consisted of unhappily married Les and Annie, their son Carter henpecked by his ambitious wife Pat, and Uncle Mort (Robin Bailey) who liked to escape to the pub or the allotment. Definitely not for those of a feminist persuasion.

BBC | 1975 | Comedy | 31 mins

14659 I Love Jamaica

The fortieth anniversary of Jamaican independence was marked by a series of BBC radio and television programmes under the umbrella title of Jamaica 40. This particular documentary celebrates the best cultural aspects of the Island in the sun from cricket to reggae, from Grace Jones to Harry Belafonte.

BBC | 2002 | Documentaries & Features | 60 mins

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BBC | 2002 | Documentaries & Features | 60 mins

14114 I Remember Nelson (episode 3, 'Duty')

Tim Piggot Smith stars as Hardy, Kenneth Colley as Admiral Nelson and Geraldine James as Lady Hamilton in this lavish costume drama written by Hugh Whitmore. It had the misfortune to be scheduled against the more topical sea battles of the Falklands War and being somewhat forgotten as a result.

ATV | 1982 | Series & Serials | 52 mins

14112 I, Claudius (episode 12, 'Old King Log')

The final episode of this acclaimed series based on Robert Graves' books dealing with the dying days of the Roman empire. Derek Jacobi gives a bravura performance as Claudius, going from youth to extreme old age as the series progressed.

BBC | 1976 | Series & Serials | 54 mins

14116 If There Weren't Any Blacks You'd Have to Invent Them

Surreal Johnny Speight play dealing with race, religion, death and intolerance. Stars George Baker, Jimmy Hanley and Lesley Sands.

LWT | 1968 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 55 mins

14742 In the Bleak Midwinter

A Calendar special about the 1984 miners' strike, presented by Geoff Druett from Castleford Civic Centre. An example of regional programming made specifically for Yorkshire viewers.

YTV | 1984 | Documentaries & Features | 59 mins

14767 Innocent Abroad (episode 1, 'Paris')

Hannah Hauxwell first became famous as a result of a 1973 documentary called Too Long a Winter, which featured her harsh life farming in the Yorkshire Dales without running water or electricity. In this 1991 series, producer Barry Cockcroft took her abroad for the first time, visiting the famous cities of Europe.

YTV | 1991 | Documentaries & Features | 26 mins

14117 Inspector Morse (episode 1, 'The Dead of Jericho')

John Thaw as the most unlikely detective in the first episode from the massively popular, award winning series. John Thaw won the BAFTA Best Actor Award in 1990 for his portrayal of Morse.

Central | 1987 | Series & Serials | 105 mins

14119 Interpol Calling ('Pipeline')

Straight forward police series with international settings. One of Lew Grade's many ATV shows designed with international sales as much in mind as domestic popularity. Cops et Voleurs sans Frontieres.

ATV | 1959 | Series & Serials | 26 mins

14120 Intimate Contact (episode 1)

One of the first television dramas to deal with AIDS. It avoids the lurid voyeurism of some attempts to deal with the subject and focuses more on the sadness and isolation experienced by the family. Central's bestseller abroad in 1987 and 1988.

Central | 1987 | Series & Serials | 52 mins

14743 Inventions That Changed the World ('Television')

The documentary series presented by Jeremy Clarkson. This particular edition covers the invention and impact of Television, including the contribution of Scotsman John Logie Baird and it was partly filmed in this Museum.

BBC | 2004 | Documentaries & Features | 59 mins

14546 Ireland, A Television History ('Famine')

Robert Kee presented this 13 part history, which won a BAFTA award for best documentary series. This episode looks at the disastrous potato famine of the mid 19th century.

BBC | 1980 | Documentaries & Features | 53 mins

14113 It Ain't Half Hot Mum (episode 1)

Popular sitcom about a concert party troop stationed in Deolali, India during the second World War. The programme starred Windsor Davies, Melvyn Hayes and Don Estelle and was written by Jimmy Perry and David Croft.

BBC | 1974 | Comedy | 30 mins

14711 It's a Knockout (Jeux Sans Frontieres)

Long-running game show in which teams of contestants in silly clothes took part in absurd athletic games. This is the final of the international edition in November 1981, which the UK team had the dubious honour of winning. Stuart Hall was the commentator.

BBC | 1986 | Light Entertainment and Lifestyle | 70 mins

14301 It's a Square World

Michael Bentine of Goon Show fame was the writer/performer in this satirical show from the 1960s, featuring sketches interspersed with animation.

BBC | 1965 | Comedy | 22 mins

14734 It's No Joke Living in Barnsley

The actor and wrestler Brian Glover presents a tongue-in-cheek view of the South Yorkshire town in which he was born. An example of regional programming made specifically for Yorkshire viewers.

YTV | 1976 | Documentaries & Features | 27 mins

14780 It's Your Move

A young married couple unwisely entrust an inept removals team with their move into a new home in this comedy written by and starring Eric Sykes.

Thames | 1982 | Comedy | 27 mins

14761 ITV Playhouse ('Casting the Runes')

An adaptation of an M R James story, updated from the Edwardian era to 1970s England. The production features Jan Francis as a TV producer terrified by an American alchemist (Iain Cuthbertson), whom she has ridiculed in a documentary. This recording has visible time code throughout.

YTV | 1979 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 50 mins

14115 ITV Playhouse ('Philby, Burgess and Maclean')

Ian Curteis' dramatisation of the lives of the three famous spies mixes documentary footage and drama techniques, a form he returned to in pieces like Suez 1956, Hess and Churchill and the Generals. A fine cast and a great production.

LWT | 1977 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 82 mins

14635 Ivor the Engine (episodes 1 and 8; 'The Railway', 'Mr Brangwyn's Pigeons')

Another Postgate and Firmin animated series, this time set in the mountains of North Wales, home of the Merioneth and Llantysilly Light Traction Company. The programme was made first in the early 1960s in black and white and broadcast by rediffusion, but these are two episodes from the 1970s colour version.

BBC | 1978 | Children | 5 mins

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14121 Jack Good's Oh Boy!

Jack Good, the producer of 1950's British pop shows, attempted to recreate the Golden Age of Rock and Roll in a number of nostalgic programmes like this one, featuring Joe Brown and Shakin' Stevens.

ATV | 1979 | Music & Variety | 26 mins

14295 Jackanory ('Dick Whittington')

Long running series of short stories for children read by various actors and celebrities. This story about the Lord Mayor of London is told by Lee Montague.

BBC | 1965 | Children | 15 mins

14296 Jackanory ('Tom Thumb')

Another early edition of the story telling show for children

BBC | 1965 | Children | 15 mins

14872 Jane Eyre

This adaptation of Charlotte Bronte's novel starred Timothy Dalton as Edward Fairfax Rochester, the mysterious owner of Fairfield Hall, where the titular heroine finds work tutoring his young ward, Adele.

BBC | 1983 | Series & Serials | 28 mins

14122 Jason King ('Every Picture Tells a Story')

Peter Wyngarde plays Jason King, semi retired spy and author of the Mark Caine detective stories, in this spin-off from Department S. Dapper is not the word for Jason's dress sense.

ATV | 1972 | Series & Serials | 51 mins

14337 Jenny, Lady Randolph Churchill (episode 1)

A series made to tie in with the centenary of Winston Churchill's birth, which cost half a million pounds to produce, a huge budget in its day. A few Tory faithfuls worried that the series might be less than flattering to their hero. They need not have, all the scripts were checked and approved by Churchill's widow.

Thames | 1974 | Series & Serials | 54 mins

14136 Jewel in the Crown, The ('The Bibighar Gardens')

An epic adaptation of Paul Scott's Raj Quartet novels, set in India during the closing days of the British Empire. In this episode Hari Kumar (Art Malik) is falsely accused of the rape of Daphne Manners (Susan Wooldridge) in the Bibighar Gardens.

Granada | 1984 | Series & Serials | 54 mins

14859 Jim'll Fix It ('Bank Holiday Special')

Some favourite Jim'll Fix It moments make up this Bank Holiday episode from 1988, including a trip to Disney Land, a special episode of Bergerac and breakfast served by Samantha Fox. All together now; "ba-ba-baahh..."

BBC | 1988 | Children | 35 mins

14334 Jimmy's (series 3, episode 1)

Fly-on-the-wall series from St. James Hospital, Leeds. In this episode a boy undergoes surgery to attach a severed hand.

YTV | 1989 | Documentaries & Features | 26 mins

14421 John Craven's Newsround

Award winning news programme designed for youngsters. Newsround began in 1972 and, although no longer presented by John Craven, it still runs to this day. This edition looks at cruel animal exports, UFO sightings, independence in Angola and dieting in schools.

BBC | 1975 | News & Current Affairs | 7 mins

14381 Johnny Cash in San Quentin

The country and western star's performance in the notorious San Quentin prison. A clever film which mixes concert footage with the thoughts of the prisoners and officers about the prison regime.

Granada | 1969 | Music & Variety | 55 mins

14685 Jokers Wild

A comedy quiz hosted by Barry Cryer in which two teams of three contestants competed in trying to top each others jokes. The team members in this edition are Les Dawson, David Nixon, Peter Goodright, Norman Collier, Stephen Lewis and Michael Aspel.

YTV | 1973 | Comedy | 27 mins

14548 Juke Box Jury

The popular music show in which panellists were invited to listen to the latest singles and guess if they would be a hit or a miss. This edition is hosted by Noel Edmonds.

BBC | 1979 | Music & Variety | 30 mins

14550 Juliet Bravo

This was a police series with a difference - the chief inspector at Hartley police station was female. She was played first by Stephanie Turner (as in this episode) and then by Anna Cartaret.

BBC | 1980 | *Series & Serials* | 50 mins

14323 Just Amazing (series 2, episode 1)

Family 'stunts and silliness' programme presented by Barry Sheene, Kenny Lynch and Suzanne Danielle.

YTV | 1983 | *Light Entertainment and Lifestyle* | 40 mins

14141 Just William (episode 3, 'Violet Elizabeth Wins')

The adventures of Richmal Crompton's mischievous child, adapted for television by Keith Dewhurst. Bonnie Langford plays Violet Elizabeth Bott.

LWT | 1976 | *Children* | 26 mins

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14654 Kandahar

Directed by the Iranian film-maker Mohsen Makhmalbaf, this moving drama-documentary tells the story of two Afghan women. On hearing that her sister intends to commit suicide, Nafas decides to travel to Kandahar to try and save her. The film, which won a prize at Cannes Film festival, highlights the problem of hunger, landmines, and the treatment of women under Taliban rule.

BBC | 2002 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 82 mins

14625 Keeping Up Appearances

Roy Clarke's popular sitcom about the bossy snobbish Hyacinth Bucket (which she liked to pronounce "Bouquet") and her long-suffering husband Richard. Patricia Routledge was excellent as Hyacinth, a were the supporting cast - Clive Swift as Richard, Judy Cornwell and Geoffrey Hughes as her uncouth in-laws Daisy and Onslow, and Josephine Tewson as the intimidated neighbour Elizabeth.

BBC | 1990 | Comedy | 30 mins

14142 Kenny Everett Video Show, The (episode 1)

Comedy show featuring technical trickery, Hot Gossip dancers, pop videos, and sketches by Kenny Everett. It was the fore-runner of Kenny's BBC sketch show and very little of it was in the best possible taste.

Thames | 1978 | Comedy | 40 mins

14143 King Lear

A star studded production of Shakespeare's famous play starring Laurence Olivier, John Hurt, Diana Rigg, Robert Lindsay, David Threlfall and Leo McKern.

Granada | 1983 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 159 mins

14241 Kings of Siam, The

Quirky animation about the dreams and aspirations of a circus double act who would both love to go solo but cannot drag themselves apart.

Channel Four | 1992 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 11 mins

14448 Kinvig ('Where are you Miss Griffin?')

Nigel Kneale's sitcom about a UFO enthusiast with a rich fantasy life. The programme was not widely regarded as a success and many were confused about just what was and was not part of Kinvig's imagination. Tony Haygarth, Patsy Rowlands, Colin Jeavons and a heavily made up Simon Williams starred.

LWT | 1981 | Comedy | 28 mins

14860 Nightmare (series 1, episode 1)

This children's adventure game show was broadcast from 1987 to 1994 and used chromakey (blue screen) technology to generate various rooms and challenges. An extremely popular series, its influence can still be seen today in programmes such as CBBC's Raven.

Granada | 1987 | Children | 26 mins

14312 Knowing Me, Knowing You, With Alan Partridge

The spoof chat show with the ABBA theme tune, featuring Steve Coogan as the irritating insensitive host, and Rebecca Front and Patrick Marber as two of his unfortunate guests.

BBC | 1994 | Comedy | 30 mins

14507 Knowledge, The

The classic Jack Rosenthal comedy drama about trainee taxi drivers learning by heart the complex pattern of streets in London, known as "The Knowledge". It stars Nigel Hawthorne, Mick Ford, Michael Elphick and Maureen Lipman.

Thames | 1979 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 93 mins

14912 Kombat Opera Presents ('The South Bragg Show')

The BBC's Kombat Opera series consisted of six mini-operas satirising popular television formats. All of the supporting parts are sung by an ensemble cast from the world of opera and West End theatre, backed by the BBC Concert Orchestra and the acclaimed BBC Singers. Directed by Terry Jones (who makes a cameo appearance as a crazy axe man) and written by Stuart Lee and Richard Thomas (creators of the award-winning musical Jerry Springer: The Opera), The South Bragg Show stars Kevin Eldon as the well known arts show host, donning a wig to explore the evolution of the English language. However, Braggs arrival at a prehistoric village does the residents more harm than good.

BBC | 2007 | Comedy | 30 mins

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14144 Larkins, The ('Gift Horse Power')

Family based sitcom led by David Kossoff and Peggy Mount which ran intermittently between 1958 and 1964.

ATV | 1959 | Series & Serials | 26 mins

14145 Last of the Summer Wine

An episode from the long running comedy series featuring Blamire, Clegg and Compo, wandering around Holmfirth trying to fill empty lives. The humour of these early shows is gentler and more melancholy than it later became.

BBC | 1973 | Comedy | 30 mins

14147 Last Place on Earth, The (episode 7, 'Rejoice')

Reappraisal of Scott of the Antarctic starring Martin Shaw. Dr John Hemming, Director of the Royal Geographical Society (which help fund Scott's original expedition) denounced it as "hysterically anti-patriotic".

Central | 1985 | Series & Serials | 53 mins

14474 Late Night Line Up

The long running arts review series, introduced by Joan Bakewell. This edition consists entirely of an interview with Dr Benjamin Spock, the American author, childcare expert and radical politician.

BBC | 1970 | Documentaries & Features | 28 mins

14473 Late Show, The

An arts review programme shown every weekday at 11.15pm on BBC2 from 1989 to 1996. This edition is introduced by Sarah Dunant and features an interview with Salman Rushdie, an item on modern Italian art, and a song from Fairground Attraction.

BBC | 1989 | Documentaries & Features | 45 mins

14316 Later with Jools Holland

An early edition of this late night music show introduced by former presenter of The Tube, Jools Holland. This edition is less eclectic than most, with a distinct country music bias, and featuring such performers as Loudon Wainwright III.

BBC | 1992 | Music & Variety | 48 mins

14463 Law and Order (episode 3, 'A Brief's Tale')

One of four tales of corruption in the legal system written by G F Newman. An armed robber (Peter Dean) is banking on his wily solicitor (Ken Campbell) to keep him out of prison, but will his story of how the police have fitted him up convince the jury? The series drew complaints from the police and the Prison Officers Association.

BBC | 1978 | Series & Serials | 81 mins

14522 League of Gentlemen, The (series 1, episode 3, 'Nightmare in Royston Vasey')

A black comedy series concerning the bizarre inhabitants of a desolate northern town and their surreal activities.

BBC | 1999 | Comedy | 30 mins

14753 Lesley Garrett Show, The ('Notes from Naples')

The popular English soprano has had her own show on BBC2 for several years; it was originally titled Lesley Garrett Tonight. This particular edition comes from Naples and her guests include Italian Baritone Paolo Gavanelli, Scottish percussionist Evelyn Glennie and English tenor Russell Watson.

BBC | 2001 | Music & Variety | 49 mins

14396 Let's Rock!

A nostalgic pop programme made by veteran producer Jack Good. Performers recreating the sounds of the 1950s include Lulu, Joe Brown and Shakin' Stevens. The show's numerous potential advert breaks indicate it was made with an American audience in mind.

ATV | 1980 | Music & Variety | 24 mins

14146 Life and Loves of a She-Devil, The (episode 4)

The final episode of Fay Weldon's feminist fable sees Ruth getting revenge on her adulterous husband. Julie T Wallace, Dennis Waterman and Patricia Hodge excel in this black comedy series which won the BAFTA award for the year's best drama.

BBC | 1986 | Series & Serials | 60 mins

14403 Life Apart, A

Michael Grigsby documentary showing the hard working and living conditions of Fleetwood fishermen and their families.

Granada | 1973 | Documentaries & Features | 64 mins

14441 Life On Earth ('Life in The Trees')

David Attenborough's memorable thirteen part natural history series which attempted to give an overview of the development of plant and animal life across our planet. This edition concentrates on primates, the group of mammals that monkeys, mankind and the other great apes belong to. The programme includes the unforgettable sequence in which Attenborough meets up with a family of mountain gorillas.

BBC | 1979 | Documentaries & Features | 50 mins

14148 Likely Lads, The ('The Other Side of the Fence')

The first sitcom from writers Dick Clement and Ian La Frenais later famous for hits like Porridge and Auf Wiedersehen Pet. Rodney Bewes and James Bolam star as two northern men on the make.

BBC | 1964 | Comedy | 26 mins

14149 Lillie (episode 9, 'America')

Francesca Annis stars as Lillie Langtry, famed actress and consort of Edward VII, in this popular costume drama.

LWT | 1978 | Series & Serials | 55 mins

14150 Limited Edition ('A Little Bit of Magic Realised')

Sir Roy Strong presents an award winning documentary profiling William Henry Fox Talbot one of the claimants to the invention of photography. The film explores Fox Talbot's early life and attempts to evoke the sense of wonder of his experiments.

HTV | 1985 | Documentaries & Features | 27 mins

14783 Little Britain

Matt Lucas and David Walliams present a staggering range of comic creations in this hugely popular comedy sketch show. Tom Baker, better known for his role as Doctor Who, provides the eccentric narration.

BBC | 2004 | Comedy | 30 mins

14152 Little Wolf

A cartoon by An Vrombaut which very attractively combines the slapstick tradition of American animation with a distinctly European art style.

Channel Four | 1993 | Children | 6 mins

14489 Liver Birds, The ('Birds on the Dole')

Popular sitcom about two young women sharing a flat. The series ran from 1969 to 1978, initially starring Pauline Collins and Polly James as Dawn and Beryl. Collins was replaced by Nerys Hughes as Sandra, then James was eventually replaced by Elizabeth Estensen.

BBC | 1972 | Comedy | 27 mins

14153 London's Burning

Jack Rosenthal's firefighters, with nicknames like Charisma (because he had none), Sicknote (because he was always ill) and Vaseline (because he was so slippery) were lazy loafers, doing odd jobs and cheating on their wives. But when the bell rang they were transformed into heroes. This original film which launched the series is somewhat darker in tone than it's offspring.

LWT | 1986 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 109 mins

14751 Look North

An edition of the BBC regional news programme for Yorkshire, presented by Harry Gration and Clare Frisby, with reports by Ken Cooper. Items covered include the danger of listeria in chilled food, opposition to the closure of old peoples homes, rugby league in Bradford, and a new book by cricket umpire Dickie Bird.

BBC | 1988 | News & Current Affairs | 27 mins

14752 Look North (excerpts from episode 1)

All that remains of the very first edition of Look North (the BBC Yorkshire regional news programme) are these filmed inserts, covering items as diverse as floods in York, a new charter for trawler men, Eddie Waring visiting a racing stable, and the early television experiments of John Logie Baird.

BBC | 1968 | News & Current Affairs | 14 mins

14487 Lost City, The ('A Return Journey With J B Priestley')

Famous novelist and playwright J B Priestley returns to see what changes have taken place in his home town of Bradford. A fascinating look at the city in the 1950s and as he remembered it over 40 years earlier.

BBC | 1958 | Documentaries & Features | 45 mins

14151 Lost Empires (episode 4)

Blockbuster drama serial that misfired despite its faultless production and star studded cast. It's the story of twenty year old Richard Herncastle, forced to join a troupe of magicians touring the music halls as the first World War takes its toll.

Granada | 1986 | Series & Serials | 56 mins

14369 Love For Lydia (episode 1)

Adaption of H E Bates' tale of a beautiful heiress in the 1920s that yearns for worldly experience while playing havoc with the feelings of four young men. Some viewers found it too whimsical at times but it delighted critics.

LWT | 1977 | Series & Serials | 53 mins

14154 Love Thy Neighbour (episode 1)

Another programme which could not be made today, this was a sitcom about the tension between two neighbours, one black, one white. Some people thought it crude and racist, but the writers Vince Powell and Harry Driver claimed that each episode included both anti-white and anti-black sentiment.

Thames | 1972 | Comedy | 25 mins

14155 Love Thy Neighbour (episode 2)

Vince Powell and Harry Driver wrote this comedy series, described as a trivial and uninformed treatment of race issues by the Community Relations Council.

Thames | 1972 | Comedy | 25 mins

14156 Love Thy Neighbour (episode 3)

More from the comedy about race relations. The writers claimed they always made sure there were an equal number of anti-white and anti-black sentiments in each episode. From 1972 to 1976 it was the most regularly watched programme in Britain.

Thames | 1972 | Comedy | 27 mins

14909 Lovers, The

Despite the sexual revolution of the previous decade, Beryl Battersby longs for marriage and motherhood, while her boyfriend, Geoffrey Scrimshaw, is more than happy to embrace sexual liberation, in this battle-of-the-sexes sitcom from long-time collaborators Jack Rosenthal and

Granada | 1970 | Comedy | 27 mins

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14754 M.A.S.H (series 4, episode 1, 'Welcome to Korea')

High quality writing, acting and production values made this one of the most highly rated and long-running television shows of all time. Set in Korea during the early 1950's war, it featured the men and women of the Mobile Army Surgical Hospital, and particularly the humour with which they coped with their horrific experiences. This is a double episode in which one of the doctors, "Trapper John" McIntyre, has left Korea, and "Hawkeye" Pierce (Alan Alda) welcomes a new team member, "B J" Hunnicut.

Fox | 1975 | Comedy | 49 mins

14911 Maelstrom (episode 2)

A young woman inherits property in Sweden from an entrepreneur she's never met. When she arrives at the house she is thrust into a tale of intrigue surrounding her benefactors family and the island she now owns. Snail-paced and boasting a fine array of 80s fashions, this thriller provides enough unintentional humour to keep viewers entertained until a genuinely sinister collection of dolls makes an appearance.

BBC | 1985 | Series & Serials | 47 mins

14159 Magic Roundabout, The (6 episodes)

The first episode from the programme's early black and white days features only two of its well known characters, Mr Rusty and Zebedee. The five later episodes available to view feature

BBC | 1965 | Children | 30 mins

14505 Magpie

A magazine programme for children, which ran from 1968 to 1980 and was seen as a more lively, trendy version of the BBC's Blue Peter. This edition is presented by Jenny Hanley, Douglas Rae and Mick Robertson.

Thames | 1976 | Children | 25 mins

14848 Maid Marian and Her Merry Men ('The Beast of Bolsover')

This new take on the traditional Robin Hood myth, in which Robin is the vain and pathetic wimp to Marian's brave and idealistic heroine, was written by Blackadder's Baldrick, Tony Robinson. With sharp, funny scripts, the show was immediately popular with children and adults alike and won awards from Bafta and the Royal Television Society.

BBC | 1990 | Children | 25 mins

14475 Maigret ('The Old Lady')

This popular police series was based on the books of Georges Simenon. Set in Paris, it starred Rupert Davies as the painstaking Inspector, and was memorable particularly for its evocative accordion theme tune, written by Ron Grainger.

BBC | 1960 | Series & Serials | 54 mins

14157 Main Chance, The (episode 1, 'What About Justice?')

Hugely popular series of the 60s and 70s starring John Stride as a Yorkshire solicitor. In this first series, Kate O'Mara stars as his wife.

YTV | 1969 | Series & Serials | 54 mins

14900 Make Me a Tory

This documentary sees director Daniel Cormack on a mission to see whether supporters of the Conservative Party might be able to persuade him a born and bred Labour supporter that their party's ideals are relevant to him.

Channel Four | 2007 | Documentaries & Features | 27 mins

14758 Making of a Blockbuster, The

This three part documentary follows pre-production, shooting and post-production of the James Bond film The World is Not Enough(1999). It was made as an educational programme and was broadcast by Channel 4 in The English Programme series. But although it was aimed at GCSE/A Level students, it is also of great interest to anyone studying media or film, or indeed anyone who likes James Bond, that most British of Icons.

Channel Four | 1999 | Documentaries & Features | 73 mins

14160 Making Out (episode 1)

Debbie Horsfield's popular drama series based around the lives of women workers at an electronics factory.

BBC | 1989 | Series & Serials | 48 mins

14162 Man About the House (episode 1, 'Three's a Crowd')

Popular flat sharing sitcom that was followed by two spin off sequels, George and Mildred and Robins Nest.

Thames | 1973 | Comedy | 25 mins

14453 Man Alive ('Gale is Dead')

Famous documentary about the death of a young girl from a drugs overdose. The Man Alive series ran from 1965 to 1982 and generally examined social issues by looking at the lives of ordinary people they affected.

BBC | 1970 | Documentaries & Features | 50 mins

14436 Man on the Moon (episode 1)

Neil Armstrong introduces this film tracing the Space Race of the fifties and early sixties up to the early Apollo missions when Man first orbited the Moon.

BBC | 1994 | Documentaries & Features | 52 mins

14368 Manhunt (episode 22)

Series set in World War II about an RAF pilot, a Special Operations Executive agent, and a resistance leader on the run in occupied France. This well remembered episode features virtually no dialogue after the first few minutes.

LWT | 1970 | Series & Serials | 49 mins

14372 Mapp and Lucia ('The Owl and the Pussycat')

Classy comedy based around the conventions of 1920s manners, adapted from E.F Benson's original stories. Stars Geraldine McEwan and Prunella Scales.

LWT | 1985 | Comedy | 54 mins

14161 Marie Curie (episode 4)

Jane Lapotaire and Nigel Hawthorne star as Marie Curie and her husband Pierre, in this dramatisation of the great scientist's life. The programme won a BAFTA award for the year's best drama.

BBC | 1977 | Series & Serials | 53 mins

14586 Martin Parr's Moving Pictures

Two compilations of videos made by the photographer Martin Parr, entitled Modern Times - Think of England, and United Kingdom - Shorts.

BBC | 1999 | Documentaries & Features | 71 mins

14389 Marty Feldman Comedy Machine, The

Sketch show featuring Marty Feldman, Spike Milligan and guest starring Orson Welles. Somehow the show manages to be less than the sum of its parts. A compilation from this series won the Golden Rose of Montreux.

ATV | 1971 | Comedy | 24 mins

14306 Mastermind

Long running quiz show which began in 1972 and still continues on BBC Radio 4. It was surprisingly popular in view of its stern question master Magnus Magnusson, difficult questions and intimidating black chair.

BBC | 1989 | Light Entertainment and Lifestyle | 29 mins

14163 Members Only (episode 2, 'Painting their Corners')

A West Country regional programme in which Ray Gosling meets members of two rival arts societies in St. Ives.

Westcountry | 1993 | Documentaries & Features | 25 mins

14769 Men Behaving Badly ('Stag Night')

Simon Nye scripted this sitcom about the antics of two overgrown adolescents sharing a London flat. The series began on ITV but was taken up by the BBC from 1994 onwards, when the two leads were played by Martin Clunes and Neil Morrissey. Caroline Quentin and Leslie Ash played their long-suffering girlfriends.

BBC | 1997 | Comedy | 29 mins

14125 Men of Our Time (episode 3, 'Gandhi')

An assessment of Mahatma Gandhi's life and career by James Cameron, drawing on his personal recollections and Granada's hoard of 'Movietone' newsreel footage. One of a series of eight programmes examining great figures of the twentieth century.

Granada | 1963 | Documentaries & Features | 38 mins

14486 Michael Moore's TV Nation

An irreverent look at politics in the USA, which was partly funded by the BBC because of the difficulty of raising finance for such a project in the States. It was written, produced and presented by Michael Moore with contributions from Louis Theroux.

BBC | 1995 | Light Entertainment and Lifestyle | 44 mins

14897 Mighty Boosh, The ('Tundra')

Blending comic fantasy, magical realism and surreal humour, The Mighty Boosh began in 2001 as a six-episode radio series. Its success prompted the inevitable move to television in 2004. This episode sees zoo keepers-turned-adventurers Vince and Howard in the Arctic Tundra, searching for the mystical Egg of Mantumbi.

BBC | 2004 | Comedy | 28 mins

14164 Mind Your Language ('The Examination')

Sitcom starring Barry Evans as the teacher of a class of adult students learning English as a foreign language.

LWT | 1978 | Comedy | 27 mins

14335 Minder

Quirky thriller series starring Dennis Waterman as Terry, an ex-convict hired out by his shady boss Arthur (George Cole). Minder first went on air just a few weeks after an eleven week strike at ITV. It received little publicity and few people noticed it. Consequently it took two years to get into the ratings. The early episodes feature a little of the humour which became the show's hallmark.

Thames | 1979 | Series & Serials | 52 mins

14488 Mixed Blessings ('You're Going to Have a What?!')

Sitcom about the marriage of a black woman and a white man and the clashes between their parents.

LWT | 1978 | Comedy | 26 mins

14712 Monaced Mutineer, The (episode 2)

Alan Bleasdale's drama series about Private Percy Topliss (Paul McGann) who led a mutiny on the eve of the battle of Passchendaele in 1917. The series caused an outcry in the military because it included the summary execution not only of Topliss but also of deserter called Cruikshank.

BBC | 1986 | Series & Serials | 73 mins

14429 Monitor ('Elgar')

'Monitor' was a BBC arts series hosted by Huw Wheldon which ran from 1958 to 1965. This programme directed by Ken Russell is a biographical film about the composer Edward Elgar. Films about Bartock, Delius and Richard Wagner followed. Russell's Delius film, 'Song of Summer' is also in TV Heaven.

BBC | 1962 | Documentaries & Features | 55 mins

14166 Monty Python's Flying Circus (episode 1, 'Whither Canada')

A surreal comedy sketch show which examined the conventions and extended the possibilities of comedy. Very influential and still very popular.

BBC | 1969 | Comedy | 30 mins

14873 Moonbase 3

This series intended as a more realistic alternative to most 1970s science fiction ran for just 6 episodes in 1973. Created by Doctor Who producer Barry Letts and script editor Terrance Dicks, it starred Donald Huston as the Director of Moonbase 3, one of five stations on the moons surface colonised by major world powers; America (Moonbase 1), Russia (Moonbase 2), Europe (Moonbase 3), China (Moonbase 4) and Brazil (Moonbase 5).

BBC | 1973 | Series & Serials | 53 mins

14811 Morecambe and Wise (episode 5)

Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise were Britain's favourite comedy double act for more than two decades. Watch them in this classic episode from 1972.

BBC | 1972 | Comedy | 45 mins

14404 Morecambe and Wise Show, The

The classic comedy double act in a show from their first ITV series. The producer, Colin Clews, was anxious that this episode was aired early in the series as he was worried that the band featured would quickly loose their appeal. The band was called The Beatles.

ATV | 1964 | Comedy | 30 mins

14360 Motorway

The M62 police crews with traffic problems in deepest winter. A memorable documentary by Paul Beriff.

YTV | 1979 | Documentaries & Features | 50 mins

14714 Moving Pictures ('Jean Vigo')

An edition of the BBC2 cinema show, which includes a profile of the radical French film director Jean Vigo. He died in 1934 at the age of 29, and only 180 minutes of his work remain, yet he influenced numerous film-makers such as Lindsay Anderson and Bernardo Bertolucci.

BBC | 1992 | Documentaries & Features | 49 mins

14634 Mr Benn ('The Zookeeper')

Mr Benn normally dressed smartly in business suit and bowler hat, but he loved to visit the local fancy-dress shop and transform himself into various characters such as a cowboy, a pirate or a spaceman. Only 13 episodes were made of this animated children's series but they have been repeated endlessly.

BBC | 1972 | Children | 10 mins

14771 Mr Pastry Takes a Holiday

Mr Pastry was the silent slapstick creation of Richard Hearne, actor and acrobat. With his walrus moustache and flapping coat tails, he was a great favourite with children for many years. He first appeared on television in 1946, and went on to star not only in his own shows but also as a guest, for instance on Crackerjack.

BBC | 1952 | Children | 10 mins

14495 Muck And Brass (episode 6)

Mel Smith plays a ruthless Midlands property developer in the final episode of a gritty six part drama.

Central | 1982 | Series & Serials | 53 mins

14165 Muffin the Mule ('Muffin's Picnic')

Officially this programme was called For The Children, but outside the BBC it was always known as Muffin The Mule. Muffin, the string puppet star, danced on a piano top with friends like Louise the Lamb and Oswald Ostrich. Annette Mills entertained the nation's children with Muffin until her death in 1955.

BBC | 1946 | Children | 12 mins

14567 Multi-Coloured Swap Shop ('Noel Edmonds Rock Garden Party')

An interactive Saturday morning show for children which ran from 1976 to 1982 and was presented by Noel Edmonds. This is a Bank Holiday edition broadcast from Jubilee Gardens on the South Bank, featuring Showaddywaddy, Patti Boulaye and The Goodies.

BBC | 1978 | Children | 56 mins

14402 Music Hall

Variety show hosted by Tony Sandler and Ralph Young, and starring Ella Fitzgerald and Norman Wisdom. The show was written by Dick Hills and Sid Green (Morecambe and Wise's 1960s script writers). Originally a colour production, the programme only survives in black and white. This programme ends abruptly.

ATV | 1970 | Music & Variety | 49 mins

14167 Music of Lennon and McCartney, The

John and Paul introduce a range of acts performing their versions of Beatles numbers. The performers include Lulu, Henry Mancini, Peter and Gordon, Peter Sellers, Billy J Kramer, Marianne Faithful and Cilla Black.

Granada | 1965 | Music & Variety | 47 mins

14650 My Family

An episode from the third series of the popular sitcom about a dentist and his unconventional family, starring Robert Lindsay and Zoe Wanamaker. It is reminiscent of family-based sitcoms of former years such as Bless this House and Butterflies.

BBC | 2002 | Comedy | 30 mins

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BBC | 2002 | Comedy | 30 mins

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14168 Naked Civil Servant, The

John Hurt won a BAFTA Best Actor Award for his performance in this drama, based on the autobiography of Quentin Crisp. The play was a breakthrough in television's treatment of homosexuality.

Thames | 1975 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 82 mins

14170 Nationwide

An edition of the early evening current affairs programme which was the successor to Tonight and ran from 1969 to 1984. This particular show is hosted by Hugh Scully and Richard Kershaw.

BBC | 1983 | News & Current Affairs | 26 mins

14735 Nawrang

Presented in Punjabi by Dr Farooq Beg and the late Nazia Hassan, this was the first YTV series to recreate the world of Asian Culture, music, art and fashion for a British-Asian audience. An example of regional programming made specifically for Yorkshire viewers.

YTV | 1995 | Light Entertainment and Lifestyle | 24 mins

14137 Nearest and Dearest ('Getting to Know You')

Popular comedy series which ran from 1968 to 1972, starring Jimmy Jewel and Hylda Baker as warring brother and sister Eli and Nellie Pledge, who have inherited a pickle factory somewhere near Colne in Lancashire.

Granada | 1969 | Comedy | 26 mins

14172 Never Mind the Quality, Feel the Width ('Old Soldiers Never Die')

Comedy series created by Harry Driver and Vince Powell. Manny Cohen and Patrick Kelly run a tailoring business in London's East End.

Thames | 1969 | Comedy | 27 mins

14175 New Statesman, The (episode 9, 'Live From Westminster')

Award winning comedy from Laurence Marks and Maurice Gran. Newly elected Tory MP, Alan B'Stard (Rik Mayall) has a thirst for power and will use any devious method necessary to reach the top.

YTV | 1989 | Comedy | 27 mins

14728 Newsnight

The edition of the BBC2 current affairs programme in which the then Home Secretary Michael Howard refused 14 times to answer a question about his dispute with the head of the prison service. His interrogator was of course Jeremy Paxman.

BBC | 1997 | News & Current Affairs | 97 mins

14901 Nightmare Man, The

The gruesome discovery of mutilated corpses on a remote Scottish island sparks terror in the local community and the only suspect is a half-glimpsed, monstrous figure caught on film by one of the victims. Based on David Wiltshire's 1978 novel, Child of Vodyanoi, this gripping horror / sci-fi series was described by viewers and critics alike as one of the most frightening television drama series they had seen for years when it was first broadcast in 1981.

BBC | 1981 | Series & Serials | 30 mins

14169 No, Honestly ('Plenty of Shoulder, Not Much Wheel')

John Alderton and Pauline Collins star as CD and Clara, he an actor and she a struggling writer, in this sitcom written by Terence Brady and Charlotte Bingham.

LWT | 1974 | Comedy | 25 mins

14715 Not Only But Also

Classic comedy from Peter Cook and Dudley Moore, consisting of manic comedy sketches interspersed with Dud's jazz interludes on the piano. Most famous of all were the Pete and Dud routines, in which the duo played two ordinary blokes discussing the issues of the day.

BBC | 1965 | Comedy | 48 mins

14140 Not the Nine O'Clock News (episode 1)

Irreverent satire show that made the names of Pamela Stephenson, Rowan Atkinson and Mel Smith. Griff Rhys Jones appears briefly in this episode but was not a member of the main cast until the second series, when he took over from comedian Chris Langham.

BBC | 1979 | Comedy | 30 mins

14171 Nuclear Age, The ('Dawn', episode 1)

In the last fifty years we have acquired the power to destroy ourselves and the entire planet along with us. The Nuclear Age examines the nature and implications of this immense issue.

Central | 1989 | Documentaries & Features | 52 mins

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14324 O.T.T. (episode 1)

Short for "Over the Top", OTT was a late-night Saturday show. Inspired by the children's programme Tiswas, it featured clumsy sketches, behind-the-bike-shed smut and lots of custard.

Central | 1982 | *Light Entertainment and Lifestyle* | 52 mins

14585 Office, The

An episode from the first series of this innovative, award-winning and excruciatingly realistic comedy series. Set in an office in Slough, it stars Ricky Gervais as the incompetent and totally deluded manager, David Brent. Written and directed by Ricky Gervais and Stephen Merchant.

BBC | 2001 | *Comedy* | 30 mins

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BBC | 2001 | *Comedy* | 30 mins

14553 Oh Boy!

Two editions of the 1950s rock'n'roll show created by Jack Good after he left Six-Five Special. These editions feature Cliff Richard, Marty Wilde, Billy Fury, The Dallas Boys, Don Lang, The Vernon Girls and many others.

ABC | 1959 | *Music & Variety* | 53 mins

14176 Oh No! Its Selwyn Frogitt (episode 1, 'Three Fifths of the World Love a Lover')

Comedy series by Alan Plater and starring Bill Maynard. Selwyn, a labourer for the council, is a well meaning but ever optimistic buffoon with ideas above his station.

YTV | 1976 | *Comedy* | 26 mins

14178 Oi for England

Trevor Griffiths hard hitting drama about a skin head band asked to question their allegiances in riot torn Manchester. Originally a stage play at the Royal Court in London.

Central | 1982 | *Plays, Films and Single Dramas* | 56 mins

14426 Old Grey Whistle Test, The

BBC2's serious pop music show which ran from 1971 to 1985. This edition features "whispering" Bob Harris introducing the New York Dolls and Michael Chapman in the studio, and Country Joe MacDonald and BB King on film.

BBC | 1973 | *Music & Variety* | 36 mins

14755 Old Grey Whistle Test, The ('Live Aid Special')

A New Years edition of the long-running BBC2 music show, which features not only the highlights of the Live Aid concert on July 13th 1985, but also interviews with those involved and film of the famine in Ethiopia which prompted the whole event. There's also a competition to find the best pop video of 1985, and footage of many other popular acts of 1985 such as New Order, The Eurythmics, UB40, Alison Moyet and Thin Lizzy.

BBC | 2001 | *Music & Variety* | 42 mins

14874 Oliver Twist

This adaptation of Charles Dickens' classic novel was made as part of the BBC's Classic Sunday Serial strand in 1985. In this first episode, Oliver Twist becomes an orphan shortly after birth and is forced to endure a harsh life in a London workhouse.

BBC | 1985 | *Series & Serials* | 30 mins

14681 Omnibus ('Douglas Adams: The Man Who Blew Up the World')

A posthumous tribute to the creator of The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy who died suddenly in May 1999. Douglas Adams had a unique gift for absurdist comedy which he brought to a range to media including radio, books and television.

BBC | 2001 | *Documentaries & Features* | 50 mins

14566 Omnibus ('From Today Painting Is Dead')

A fascinating edition of the long-running arts programme which outlines the development of photography in the nineteenth century and its effect on painting.

BBC | 1969 | *Documentaries & Features* | 49 mins

14293 Omnibus ('George Lucas: Flying Solo')

A profile of the producer of the Star Wars films, shown prior to the release of The Phantom Menace and including interviews with relatives, actors and directors. Directed by James Erskine and narrated by Jo Whiley.

BBC | 1999 | *Documentaries & Features* | 51 mins

14183 Omnibus ('Morecambe and Wise - Fools Rush In')

A edition of the long running arts programme, which followed two weeks of rehearsal for one of the famous Morecambe and Wise comedy shows. **BBC | 1973 | Documentaries & Features | 50 mins**

14907 Omnibus ('Schalcken the Painter')

The young seventeenth century painter forsakes love for ambition, but discovers that there is terrible price to pay when the woman he loves disappears after marrying a mysterious suitor. The horror that Schalcken uncovers haunts him, and his paintings, forever. Fans have been crying out for a DVD release of this rarely repeated play, but in the meantime this is a fantastic opportunity to see one of the most chilling BBC television productions ever made.

BBC | 1979 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 69 mins

14454 Omnibus ('Song of Summer')

A Ken Russell film which told the story of the composer Frederick Delius, and how a young cinema organist helped him late in life when he was paralysed and blind.

BBC | 1968 | Documentaries & Features | 74 mins

14640 Omnibus ('Spotlight and Saris: The Making of Bombay Dreams')

The fascinating story behind Andrew Lloyd Webber's stage production of Bombay Dreams. The music is by a cult Indian composer A R Rahman, who has changed the face of Indian music with his blend of folk, classical and many other styles. In depth interviews combined with behind the scenes footage give a unique insight into the creative process behind a West End musical. Sanjeev Bhaskar, star of comedy series

BBC | 2002 | Children | 60 mins

14865 Omnibus ('The Cinema of Satyajit Ray')

In this landmark interview prolific director Satyajit Ray discusses his life as cinemas Renaissance man; as writer, director, composer, camera operator and designer.

BBC | 1988 | Documentaries & Features | 74 mins

14896 Omnibus ('Whistle and I'll Come to You')

On a winter holiday in Norfolk, an eccentric professor finds a bone whistle in a graveyard. Back in his hotel room, he raises the whistle to his lips, heedless of the terror it may summon... Whistle and I'll Come to You was the first, and arguably the best, of the M.R. James television adaptations and Jonathan Miller's horror masterpiece is still every bit as chilling as the day it was first broadcast. The glorious black and white photography is by Dick Bush, whose previous credits include Peter Watkins' Culloden (BBC, 1964) and Miller's Alice in Wonderland (BBC, 1966), both of which are available to view in TV Heaven.

BBC | 1968 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 43 mins

14370 On the Buses (episode 8, 'Radio Control')

Perhaps LWT's most successful sitcom, with a team of solid characters and actors. It centres on the escapades of bus driver Stan Butler and his conductor Jack. Comic support comes from Stan's mum, brother-in-law Arthur, his sister Olive, and the dim witted Inspector Blakey.

LWT | 1970 | Comedy | 26 mins

14326 On the Road to the Islands (episode 1)

Journalist Jack Pizzey visits the islands along the West Country coast, in this particular edition it's Brownsea Island near Poole.

Westcountry | 1993 | Documentaries & Features | 25 mins

14478 One Foot in the Grave ('In Luton Airport')

David Renwick is the writer of this popular retirement sitcom, featuring Richard Wilson as the irritable pensioner Victor Meldrew and Annette Crosbie as his long suffering wife Margaret.

BBC | 1990 | Comedy | 30 mins

14470 One Pair of Eyes - Marty Feldman

Comedian Marty Feldman, looks back at his career and discusses his ideas about comedy with others in the business, including Peter Brough and Archie Andrews, Dudley Moore, Eric Morecambe, Peter Sellers, Denis Norden, Johnny Speight and Barry Took.

BBC | 1969 | Documentaries & Features | 45 mins

14435 One Summer (episode 1)

Memorable five part drama series written by Willy Russell. Liverpool teenagers Billy and Icky decide to leave the troubles of the city behind them and go to Wales, but things there are not going to be any easier than at home.

Channel Four | 1984 | Series & Serials | 54 mins

14185 Onedin Line, The ('Mutiny')

Popular seafaring series which ran from 1971 to 1980. This episode by Ian Kennedy Martin, the creator of The Sweeney, features John Thaw as a mutinous seaman.

BBC | 1971 | Series & Serials | 50 mins

14523 Only Fools and Horses ('Danger UXD')

Classic comedy written by John Sullivan, and starring David Jason as cockney wide-boy Del Trotter, with Nicholas Lyndhurst as long-suffering brother Rodney and Buster Merryfield as Uncle Albert.

BBC | 1989 | Comedy | 50 mins

14187 Only When I Laugh (episode 1)

Medical sitcom by Eric Chappell which puts a working class cynic, a middle class innocent and an upper class bounder together in a hospital ward.

YTV | 1979 | Comedy | 26 mins

14615 Open All Hours

The setting for this sitcom was an old-fashioned grocer's shop, with Ronnie Barker in good form as the tight-fisted grocer Arkwright, David Jason as his hapless errand boy Granville, and Lynda Baron as the district nurse Gladys Emmanuel, on whom Arkwright had designs. The scriptwriter was Roy Clarke of Last of the Summer Wine fame.

BBC | 1982 | Comedy | 30 mins

14191 Opium (episode 1, 'The White Powder Opera')

Part one of a two part documentary about the impact of this drug on the twentieth century.

ATV | 1978 | Documentaries & Features | 51 mins

14189 Oranges Are Not The Only Fruit (episode 1)

Jeanette Winterton's adaptation of her semi autobiographical novel of a young girl growing up in a deeply odd religious family.

BBC | 1990 | Series & Serials | 55 mins

14434 Organisation, The (episode 1, 'Mr Pershore and Ken Grist')

The first episode of a clever and witty seven part drama set in a cut throat world of a large firm's middle management. Written by Philip Mackie, the series stars Anton Rodgers, Donald Sinden and Peter Egan.

YTV | 1972 | Series & Serials | 65 mins

14908 Othello

Director Tony Richardson's second television project was this relatively lavish production of the Bards famous study of jealousy and tragedy. Produced in 1955 at a cost of 1,246, it was the first televised version of Othello to feature a black actor playing the title role with a white supporting cast. This is a rare and exciting opportunity to see an early gem from Richardson and a youthful BBC drama department.

BBC | 1955 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 125 mins

14318 Our Friends in the North (1984)

Well received political drama series set in Newcastle, which followed the lives of four friends, from their carefree student lives in the 1960s to later disappointments and successes.

BBC | 1996 | Series & Serials | 67 mins

14353 Out

The title referred to the release from prison of the hero and villain Frank Ross (played by Tom Bell). He was obsessed with finding who shopped him and settling the score. Plenty of GBH, but still well above the bash and grab of most cops and robbers stories.

Thames | 1978 | Series & Serials | 53 mins

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14770 Paddington (series 1, 5 episodes)

Paddington Bear was a loveable character first found on a platform at Paddington Station, with a note round his neck saying please look after this bear. Based on the children's books by Michael Bond, the stories were animated by Ivor Wood and narrated by Michael Hordern.

BBC | 1976 | Children | 27 mins

14651 Panorama ('Saddam: A Warning From History')

Screened during the build up to the US-led war on Iraq, this edition of the long-running current affairs programme investigated the life and career of the despotic Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein. The programme was presented by John Simpson.

BBC | 2002 | News & Current Affairs | 41 mins

14642 Panorama ('Vietnam')

One of the longest-running titles on British television, this "window on the world" began in 1953 and still appears regularly. Richard Dimbleby was the anchorman for many years, with reporters such as John Freeman, Christopher Chataway and Michael Charlton. This edition is presented by Robin Day with Julian Pettifer reporting from the war in Vietnam.

BBC | 1969 | News & Current Affairs | 49 mins

14193 Paper Roses

A play by Dennis Potter with Bill Maynard as a tabloid newspaper reporter coming to the end of his career and looking back over his past.

Granada | 1971 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 52 mins

14411 Paradise Postponed (episode 7)

Billed as a blockbuster drama about Simeon Silcox, the 'Red Rector' who left all his money to Leslie Titmuss, a local lad turned Tory minister. It had a great cast and the benefit of John Mortimer as author. Unfortunately it lost viewers as it went along. Too much talk and too little action was the critics verdict.

Thames | 1986 | Series & Serials | 51 mins

14358 Parkin's Patch (episode 2, 'Lock, Stock and...')

Short lived police series about a village policeman in North Yorkshire. The programme was created by Elwyn Jones, one of the driving forces behind Z Cars and starred John Flanagan and Gareth Thomas.

YTV | 1969 | Series & Serials | 27 mins

14829 Parkinson (Ingrid Bergman)

This episode of the long-running chat show illustrates Michael Parkinson's charismatic warmth and British charm, which made his longevity as an interviewer inevitable. Hollywood icon Ingrid Bergman reflects on her 30-year career, with clips from Casablanca and The Inn of Sixth Happiness. Actor Joel Grey, promoting the film Cabaret, also appears.

BBC | 1973 | Light Entertainment and Lifestyle | 64 mins

14825 Parkinson (James Cagney)

A special edition of the chat show in which Michael Parkinson talks to veteran Hollywood star James Cagney and his long-time friend and some-time co-star, Pat O'Brien. Parkinson explores their friendship, their screen personas, and discovers what the 81-year-old Cagney thought of celebrity.

BBC | 1981 | Light Entertainment and Lifestyle | 56 mins

14828 Parkinson (Meg Ryan)

Parky's encounter with Meg Ryan - in the country to promote her movie In the Cut - will always be remembered for the awkward exchanges between interviewer and interviewee. Following the episode viewers were divided as to whether Ryan was acting like a prima donna or whether Parkinson's questions were unusually hostile. Other guests include Jamie Cullum, Shane Richie, Trinny Woodhall and Susannah Constantine.

BBC | 2003 | Light Entertainment and Lifestyle | 61 mins

14827 Parkinson (Orson Welles)

The interviewee that started it all. When Parkinson secured an interview with Orson Welles in the 1970s it proved his chat show was a forum for in-depth explorations of legendary stars and intriguing icons. Parkinson has since revealed that it was his interviews with Welles (of which this is the second) that led to agents calling his office rather than the other way around.

BBC | 1973 | Light Entertainment and Lifestyle | 72 mins

14824 Parkinson (Richard Burton)

By 1974 Richard Burton was a notorious drinker and this interview with Michael Parkinson was filmed in the afternoon for fear that the actor would be too inebriated by the evening. In this candid interview Burton reflects on his recent brush with death, discusses his relationship with Liz Taylor and delivers an impromptu impersonation of Lawrence Olivier.

BBC | 1974 | *Light Entertainment and Lifestyle* | 66 mins

14425 Parkinson at Christmas

An extended Christmas Day edition of Michael Parkinson's chat show with guests Tommy Cooper, Barry Humphries (in his Dame Edna persona) and Peter Cook. Parkinson ran on Saturday nights from 1971 to 1982 and has recently returned to the screen.

BBC | 1979 | *Light Entertainment and Lifestyle* | 80 mins

14198 Pebble Mill at One

Live lunch time magazine show from the BBC's Pebble Mill studios in Birmingham. The guests in this edition are Telly Savalas, Magnus Magnusson, The Saint Winifred's Girls School Choir and a scientist searching for modern Neanderthal survivors in Mongolia.

BBC | 1980 | *Light Entertainment and Lifestyle* | 46 mins

14464 Pennies from Heaven (episode 6, 'Says My Heart')

The final episode of Dennis Potter's famous and daring serial with music. The noose is tightening around the neck of Arthur, the seller of sheet music and believer of cheap dreams. Has reality finally caught up with him, or can love conquer all just like in the songs?

BBC | 1978 | *Series & Serials* | 85 mins

14196 People's Century (episode 1, 'Age of Hope')

The first part of a major documentary series looking back at the 20th century, using remarkable testimony from ordinary people talking about their lives in late Victorian times.

BBC | 1996 | *Documentaries & Features* | 54 mins

14614 PG Wodehouse's The World of Wooster

Ian Carmichael played the stuttering aristocrat Bertie Wooster, and Dennis Price was his imperturbable manservant Jeeves, in this version of the classic stories. It was adapted for television by Richard Waring and Michael Mills.

BBC | 1966 | *Series & Serials* | 34 mins

14716 Phoenix Nights

Peter Kay's award-winning comedy show about a Bolton social club, which suffers one disaster after another. He plays not only Brian Potter, the bad-tempered wheelchair bound licensee, but also a number of other parts such as the incompetent doorman Max.

Channel Four | 2001 | *Comedy* | 25 mins

14633 Pingu ('Pingu Plays Fish Tennis', 'Pingu Delivers the Mail')

Pingu is a naughty penguin who lives on an ice-cap with his family and friends, making funny penguin noises and having the sort of adventures that all children can identify with. An animation series created by Othmar Gutman, with stories Silvio Mazzola, produced in Switzerland and a big hit all over the world. Carlo Bonomi provides the distinctive 'voices' of Pingu and his family.

BBC | 1990 | *Children* | 5 mins

14624 Pioneers of Photography ('Julia Margaret Cameron')

A short documentary which charts the life and career of this pioneering Victorian photographer. She did not even own a camera until she was middle-aged but she then proceeded to photograph many of the most eminent figures of her era, and to create atmospheric portraits and tableaux in the style of the Pre-Raphaelite painters.

BBC | 1975 | *Documentaries & Features* | 25 mins

14383 Pipkins

Children's series about a Midlands based help agency and general repairs firm, with a largely puppet work force. Hartley Hare is the show's indisputable star. This is one of the few surviving episodes.

ATV | 1978 | *Children* | 15 mins

14645 Play Away

A spin-off from Play School, this Saturday afternoon show, which ran from 1971 to 1984 was aimed at children of primary school age, with songs, jokes and games. There were numerous presenters over the years but this particular edition features Jeremy Irons and Toni Arthur. Music was provided by Jonathan Cohen on the piano plus the Play Away band. There is some sound and picture disruption towards the end of this programme.

BBC | 1975 | Children | 30 mins

14203 Play For Today ('Comedians')

Trevor Griffiths' play in which a retired music hall comic trains young hopefuls wanting to be professional comedians.

BBC | 1975 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 95 mins

14423 Play For Today ('Bar Mitzvah Boy')

Jack Rosenthal's funny and moving play about a Jewish boy and the tensions in his family as the ceremony approaches at which he assumes his full religious obligations. In 1977 the play was voted best drama by BAFTA and Rosenthal was voted best writer.

BBC | 1976 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 76 mins

14460 Play For Today ('Blue Remembered Hills')

Award winning play by Dennis Potter about the darker side of childhood. Although all the children's roles are played by adults, great performances by Colin Welland, Janine Duvitski, Helen Mirren, Michael Elphick and Colin Jeavons mean the convention is quickly accepted and forgotten.

BBC | 1979 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 72 mins

14430 Play For Today ('Edna the Inebriate Woman')

Jeremy Sandford, writer of Cathy Come Home, examined another side of homelessness in this factually based drama about a female tramp. Patricia Hayes gives a wonderful, BAFTA winning, performance as Edna.

BBC | 1971 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 90 mins

14286 Play for Today ('Nuts in May')

Another semi-improvised play by Mike Leigh, with Alison Steadman and Roger Sloman in hilarious form as the pompous ecologically correct couple on a camping holiday in southern England.

BBC | 1976 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 82 mins

14498 Play for Today ('Scum')

Roy Minton's play about the brutality of Borstal life was at first banned by the BBC, then finally transmitted in 1992 in tribute to director Alan Clarke. It stars David Threlfall, Ray Winstone and Phil Daniels.

BBC | 1977 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 78 mins

14455 Play For Today ('Spend, Spend, Spend')

Jack Rosenthal's adaption of Vivian Nicholson's autobiography shows the way her ordinary life in Castleford was changed by her husband's massive win on the pools, and certainly not for the better.

Another BAFTA award winning play for Rosenthal.
BBC | 1977 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 87 mins

14292 Play for Today ('The Flip Side of Dominic Hide')

Witty science fiction play by Jeremy Paul and Alan Gibson about a time traveller trying to investigate his ancestors. It features Peter Firth and Caroline Langrishe.

BBC | 1980 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 92 mins

14880 Play for Today ('Too Late to Talk to Billy')

The Martin family live off the Donegall Road in Belfast. The parents are estranged and the family fractured, with young Billy constantly battling against his violent father. Sometimes brutal, but often blackly funny, Too Late to Talk to Billy features an early performance from Kenneth Branagh (himself Belfast-born).

BBC | 1982 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 86 mins

14677 Play on One ('Obituaries')

Ian Carmichael stars with Ronald Fraser in a dark comedy drama by David Conville about two old men in a nursing home, who spend their days scouring the newspaper death notices to see who's died peacefully and who's died suddenly.

BBC | 1990 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 69 mins

14205 Play School

Songs, rhymes and stories for pre-school children. The themes of this episode are babies and talking.

BBC | 1975 | Children | 24 mins

14133 Play School (episode 1)

The first episode of this long running programme designed for pre-school children. This episode established the format that ran virtually unchanged for twenty years. We apologise for the poor picture quality.

BBC | 1964 | Children | 30 mins

14134 Play School (final episode)

In the eighties Play School underwent a radical revamp in style. Despite this it was still considered old fashioned and it was replaced first by Playbus and then the series Playdays.

BBC | 1988 | Children | 20 mins

14238 Play Your Cards Right

Hit game show for Bruce Forsyth. An excitable audience shouted "higher" and "lower" as contestants guessed if the next card had a greater or lesser value than the previous one.

LWT | 1980 | Light Entertainment and Lifestyle | 26 mins

14456 Playhouse ('Grown Ups')

Bleak comic drama written and directed by Mike Leigh. When a middle class couple move into an ordinary working class street mutual incomprehension and conflict inevitably follow. The grotesque but finely detailed characters in Mike Leigh's work result from a lengthy period of improvisation by the cast before scripting in which they literally live as the people they play. Alison Steadman, Brenda Blethyn, Janine Duvitski, Sam Kelly and Lindsay Duncan lead.

BBC | 1980 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 93 mins

14349 Plays for Pleasure ('Daughters of Albion')

In this Willie Russell play, three girls from a Liverpool biscuit factory find themselves at a student party, separated from the other guests by a gulf of culture and expectation.

YTV | 1979 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 54 mins

14239 Please Sir (episode 1)

Sitcom about a secondary modern school and in particular 5c - a class of no-hopers and teenage delinquents. John Alderton played their newly qualified teacher.

LWT | 1968 | Comedy | 40 mins

14617 Pogles' Wood

Children's puppet series which ran from 1964 to 1968. Written by Oliver Postgate with puppets by Peter Firmin, it featured the rustic Pogle family who lived in a tree in the heart of the forest and talked to a mysterious magic plant.

BBC | 1966 | Children | 30 mins

14240 Points of View

A long running show in which readers letters are read on air. Anne Robinson and Barry Took host this particular edition.

BBC | 1979 | Documentaries & Features | 7 mins

14233 Poldark (episode 2)

Robin Ellis and Angharad Rees star in this well remembered series based on the historical novels of Winston Graham and set around 18th century Cornwall.

BBC | 1975 | Series & Serials | 51 mins

14234 Porridge ('A Storm in a Tea Cup')

Hugely successful sitcom set in a prison. A great script from Dick Clement and Ian La Frenais resulted in one of British television's best loved comedies.

BBC | 1977 | Comedy | 30 mins

14631 Postman Pat ('Pat and the Magpie Hen', 'Pat's Finding Day')

An animated series for children created by John Cunliffe, produced by Ivor Wood and narrated by Ken Barrie. Postman Pat does his rounds of Greendale, lending a helping hand along the way, and always accompanied by Jess, his black and white cat.

BBC | 1981 | Children | 15 mins

14496 Power Game, The

Boardroom based soap starring Patrick Wymark, featuring office politics and corporate intrigue. An extension of the series The Plane Makers.

ATV | 1965 | Series & Serials | 47 mins

14129 Powers of Ten

Scientific journey through inner and outer space exploring our ideas about the universe by examining the smallest and largest things we know of, and placing us in relation to them. The film has been used as a occasional filling item on British television since the 1970s.

IBM | 1967 | Documentaries & Features | 9 mins

14235 Press Gang (episode 5, 'A Night In')

Dexter Fletcher and Julia Sawalha star in this popular, humorous and intelligent drama series for older children, based in a teenage newspaper office.

Central | 1989 | Children | 26 mins

14327 Price is Right, The

The game show in which the required skill was knowing the shop price of household goods. A heady brew of hysterical audiences and consumerist greed. Surprisingly only one contestant ever refused to "come on down".

Central | 1984 | Light Entertainment and Lifestyle | 53 mins

14313 Pride and Prejudice (episode 1)

Acclaimed costume drama which was an international hit. It was adapted by Andrew Davies from the Jane Austen novel, and starred Jennifer Ehle and Colin Firth as Elizabeth Bennett and Mr Darcy.

BBC | 1995 | Series & Serials | 54 mins

14853 Pride and Prejudice (episode 1) (subtitled)

Acclaimed costume drama which was an international hit. It was adapted by Andrew Davies from the Jane Austen novel, and starred Jennifer Ehle and Colin Firth as Elizabeth Bennett and Mr Darcy. This selection is subtitled.

BBC | 1995 | Series & Serials | 54 mins

14393 Prisoner, The (episode 1, 'Arrival')

Patrick McGoohan starred in (and often wrote and directed) this surreal amalgam of spy thriller and allegory about the individual and society. Opinion is divided as to whether the show was a classic or self indulgent twaddle. Lew Grade had the show wound up after seventeen episodes.

ATV | 1967 | Series & Serials | 50 mins

14237 Professionals, The ('Discovered in a Grave Yard')

Action series considered by many to be over-violent. This episode, perhaps one of the more thoughtful editions, has Doyle fighting for his life while Bodie seeks his attacker.

LWT | 1982 | Series & Serials | 52 mins

14600 P'tang Yang Kipperbang

Jack Rosenthal's comic drama which explores the anxieties, fantasies and sexual awakenings of a schoolboy growing up in 1950s Britain. Stars Alison Steadman, Abigail Cruttenden, Richard Carey and John Albasiny.

Channel Four | 1982 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 77 mins

14620 Public Eye

Alfred Burke starred as the seedy private detective Frank Marker in this downbeat crime series which began in 1965. Marker was jailed at the end of the ABC Television series in 1968, but ABC's successor, Thames Television, released him from prison in 1969 for the story to continue until 1975.

ABC | 1966 | Series & Serials | 49 mins

14741 Putting You in the Picture

A special compilation of clips from the last 40 years of regional television in Yorkshire (both BBC and YTV). It was based on a project commissioned by the Yorkshire Film Archive and funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, and it includes examples of news items, sport, documentaries and entertainment shows.

YTV | 2005 | Documentaries & Features | 39 mins

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14667 Q6

Offbeat humour from Spike Milligan, the quirky comedian who first became famous as one of The Goons on BBC radio. The Q series ran from 1969 to Q9 in 1980, and consisted of surreal sketches interspersed with musical interludes. Amongst those joining in the fun in this edition are Peter Jones and Cardew Robinson.

BBC | 1975 | Comedy | 27 mins

14683 QED ('Putting you in the Picture')

QED was a series of science documentaries which ran from 1982 to 1998. This particular edition examines the history of the giant IMAX film format and includes footage of the IMAX cinema at The National Media Museum.

BBC | 1988 | Documentaries & Features | 31 mins

14093 Quatermass and the Pit (episode 6, 'Hob')

A science fiction saga that chilled huge audiences with implied terror and some ingenious special effects. In this concluding episode Professor Bernard Quatermass must try to save us from ourselves.

BBC | 1959 | Series & Serials | 36 mins

14303 Quatermass Experiment, The (episode 1)

The first of Nigel Kneale's famous Quatermass science fiction serials of the 1950s. This story concerns the survivor of a rocket crew who mutates into a vegetable-like creature.

BBC | 1953 | Series & Serials | 51 mins

14094 Quatermass II (episode 2)

The second series of the scary science fiction stories which gripped the nation in the 1950s.

BBC | 1955 | Series & Serials | 31 mins

14095 Queenie's Castle (episode 1, 'We Humbly Beseech')

Comedy vehicle for Diana Dors, in which she stars as the head of an unruly family on a Leeds housing estate.

YTV | 1970 | Comedy | 27 mins

14680 Queer as Folk (episode 1)

Russell T Davies' groundbreaking drama series about three young gay men in Manchester. Although uncompromising in its portrayal of gay life it focussed more on the relationships between the characters rather than exploring particular gay issues.

Channel Four | 1999 | Series & Serials | 32 mins

14612 Question of Sport, A

This light-hearted sports quiz began in 1970, its first presenter being David Vine. David Coleman took over in 1980 (as here) and Sue Barker in 1997. In this edition the team captains are Gareth Edwards and Emlyn Hughes, and the guests are Jill Hammersley, Glen Hoddie, Geoff Miller and Christina Boxer.

BBC | 1980 | Light Entertainment and Lifestyle | 30 mins

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14663 Rab C Nesbitt

A sitcom about the seamier side of life in a Glasgow tenement, with Gregor Fisher as the grubby string-vested protagonist, battling with his wife Mary, two obnoxious children and a tendency to alcoholism. Written by Ian Pattison, and often unintelligible south of the border.

BBC | 1997 | Comedy | 30 mins

14348 Raffles (episode 1, 'First Steps')

Anthony Valentine is the smoothie Victorian safe-cracker in this series adapted from E W Hornung's short stories.

YTV | 1977 | Series & Serials | 56 mins

14533 Railway Children, The (episode 1)

Based on the 1905 book by Edith Nesbit, and featuring Jenny Agutter as Bobbie, this series tells the story of three children living near a local railway line. The television series was adapted by Denis Constanduros.

BBC | 1968 | Children | 26 mins

14412 Rainbow

In 1972 the government decided to allow ITV to broadcast during the daytime on weekdays. One of the first shows was Rainbow,

Thames | 1972 | Children | 19 mins

14497 Raven (episode 3)

Children's series mixing science fiction, astrology and Arthurian Myth. Phil Daniels is the mysterious young man connected with a huge cave system

ATV | 1978 | Children | 25 mins

14862 Raven (shorts programme 10)

This children's adventure game show resembles Nightmare and The Krypton Factor. A mysterious shape-shifting warlord oversees young warriors as they tackle a variety of challenges, including (as in this 5 minute extract) building a stone totem that will protect them against the erupting Blasted Mountain.

BBC | 2006 | Children | 5 mins

14648 Ravi Shankar: Between Two Worlds

A film directed by Mark Kidel which traces the career of the distinguished Indian sitar player from his childhood in Benares, to his work with film director Satyajit Ray, his famous concert at Monterey Pop, and his collaborations with Yehudi Menuhin, John Coltrane, The Beatles, and many other musical greats.

BBC | 2001 | Documentaries & Features | 59 mins

14445 Rebecca (episode 1)

Part of an atmospheric adaption of Daphne Du Maurier's famous novel. The series features Jeremy Brett as Maxim De Winter, Anna Massey as the sinister Mrs Danvers and Joanna David as the un-named heroine.

BBC | 1979 | Series & Serials | 53 mins

14560 Rebel Tyke, The

To mark the 100th anniversary of J B Priestley's birth, this documentary celebrates the life and work of the Bradford born writer, including excerpts from his plays and wartime radio broadcasts.

YTV | 1994 | Documentaries & Features | 26 mins

14288 Red Dwarf ('Me2')

Science fiction sitcom set in a spacecraft. This is the final episode of the first series, which emphasises the tension between Craig Charles' Lister and Chris Barrie's Rimmer.

BBC | 1988 | Comedy | 30 mins

14135 Red Letter Day: Ready When You Are Mr. McGill

Classic comedy play about television itself. An incompetent and egotistical television director and his dispirited film crew, battle to produce a drama despite a throng of onlookers, awful English weather and a bit part actor with a single line and dreams of stardom.

Granada | 1976 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 54 mins

14555 Redcap ('Epitaph for a Sweat')

John Thaw's first starring role was as John Mann in this drama series about the Special Investigation Branch of the Royal Military Police.

BBC | 1964 | Series & Serials | 54 mins

14670 Rentaghost

Cult children's comedy series in which a strangely assorted group of ghosts, such as medieval jester and a Scottish witch, decide to hire themselves out to undertake various unlikely tasks. The series ran from 1976 to 1984.

BBC | 1976 | Children | 25 mins

14392 Revolver

Short lived pop show hosted by Peter Cook. The music is mixed and so are the audience: some pogo, some do robotics, some jog manically on the spot, others shuffle around awkwardly. Performers include Julie Driscoll, The Boomtown Rats, The Stranglers and Steel Pulse.

ATV | 1978 | Music & Variety | 45 mins

14540 Richard Dimbleby, Voice of a Nation

A review of the life and career of this remarkable journalist, from war correspondent to commentator on solemn state occasions. He covered all the major news events from 1935 to 1965, but was not averse to a little humour such as the famous spaghetti harvest spoof on Panorama.

BBC | 1990 | Documentaries & Features | 60 mins

14427 Ripping Yarns ('Tomkinson's Schooldays')

Written by and starring Michael Palin and Terry Jones from Monty Python, this series spoofed Boys Own Paper style popular fiction of the nineteenth century. This parody of Victorian school stories was the pilot episode.

BBC | 1976 | Comedy | 30 mins

14329 Rising Damp (episode 1)

Sitcom featuring Leonard Rossiter as Rigsby, self-styled aristocrat of bed sitter land and his unfortunate tenants, Philip (Don Warrington), Alan (Richard Beckinsale) and the dotty spinster Miss Jones (Frances De La Tour).

YTV | 1974 | Comedy | 30 mins

14508 Rock Follies ('The Show Business')

A lively six part drama series starring Charlotte Cornwell, Julie Covington and Rula Lenska, which followed the progress of a struggling female rock band called The Little Ladies.

Thames | 1976 | Series & Serials | 53 mins

14904 Rome (episode one, 'The Stolen Eagle')

I, Claudius meets Sex and the City in this lavish take on Roman history from the BBC and HBO. Mixing historical fact with some fiction, a dash of profanity and a heap of debauchery, Rome puts every penny of its \$1 million per episode budget on screen, with sumptuous sets and costumes that evoke an Empire at its licentious peak. Please note that this is an 18 certificate programme.

BBC | 2005 | Series & Serials | 53 mins

14405 Roy Orbison Show, The

Variety show hosted by singer Roy Orbison and featuring many of his songs as well as such curios as a French ventriloquist and Ted Rogers (of 3-2-1 fame) in his days as a topical comedian.

ATV | 1969 | Music & Variety | 35 mins

14675 Royal, The (episode 1)

The hospital drama series which is a spin-off from the highly successful Heartbeat. Once again set in the 1960s, the Royal of the title refers to the fictional St Aiden's Royal Free Hospital in Whitby. The programme is actually filmed in Whitby, Scarborough and a disused part of St Luke's Hospital in Bradford, and it stars Wendy Craig and Ian Carmichael.

YTV | 2003 | Series & Serials | 50 mins

14499 Royle Family, The (series 1, episode 2)

Innovative fly-on-the-wall comedy, set in a Manchester council house with most of the "action" taking place in front of the TV. Written by (and starring) Caroline Aherne and Craig Cash.

BBC | 1998 | Comedy | 30 mins

14854 Royle Family, The (series 1, episode 2) (subtitled)

Innovative fly-on-the-wall comedy, set in a Manchester council house with most of the "action" taking place in front of the TV. Written by (and starring) Caroline Aherne and Craig Cash. This selection is subtitled.

BBC | 1998 | Comedy | 30 mins

14366 Russell Harty's Christmas Special

You either loved him or hated him- and no, this is not the one where he gets belted by Grace Jones. In this edition Russell interviews the cast of Upstairs, Downstairs as the series came to an end.

LWT | 1975 | Light Entertainment and Lifestyle | 32 mins

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14628 Saga of Noggin the Nog, The (2 episodes)

The first of many animated series by Peter Firmin and Oliver Postgate, Noggin the Nog was inspired by a set of Norse chessmen in the British Museum. Noggin was a peaceful King, the antithesis of the stereotypical Viking Warrior, but his deadly enemy Nogbad the Bad was "the vilest of all wicked uncles".

BBC | 1982 | Children | 20 mins

14096 Sailor (episode 1)

A ten-part documentary series about the aircraft carrier HMS Ark Royal, accompanied by Rod Stewart's appropriately named hit song Sailing.

BBC | 1976 | Documentaries & Features | 31 mins

14098 Saint, The ('The Angel's Eye')

Roger Moore plays the debonair hero tackling dangerous foes and beautiful women with only raised fists and eyebrows. Based on the books by Leslie Charteris.

ATV | 1966 | Series & Serials | 50 mins

14100 Saki

Adaptation of Munro's witty tales from "the days when Britain was great and the Empire was a music hall." Each episode told a number of Munro's originally unconnected stories now woven together as reminiscences.

Granada | 1962 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 47 mins

14102 Sam (episode 10, 'Where the Heart Is')

John Finch's ambitious drama series about a boy growing up in a 1930s mining town, with Mark McMannus in the title role.

Granada | 1973 | Series & Serials | 53 mins

14103 Sandman, The

Grim adult fairy tale revealing what happens to little boys who do not go to sleep when the Sandman calls with his pouch of magic sand. Expressionistic puppet animation which fascinates and disturbs.

Channel Four | 1991 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 10 mins

14105 Saturday Live (episode 10)

Live stand up and sketch show featuring Ben Elton, Stephen Fry, Hugh Laurie, Rik Mayall and Adrian Edmondson.

Channel Four | 1986 | Light Entertainment and Lifestyle | 83 mins

14365 Saturday Night Theatre ('Bangelstein's Boys')

This raucous play which established Colin Welland's writing talents. The play is based on the exploits of a rugby team outing and was filmed entirely on location.

LWT | 1969 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 53 mins

14097 Saturday Night Theatre ('Moonlight on the Highway')

Dennis Potter's first play dealing with the mythology of popular music. Ian Holm stars as the troubled loner running a 'fanzine' dedicated to the memory of Al Bowlly, the crooner killed in the London blitz.

LWT | 1969 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 54 mins

14748 Saville's Yorkshire Travels (episode 1)

Before 1968, television in Yorkshire (both the BBC and ITV) was beamed across the Pennines from Manchester via the Holme Moss Transmitter. But eventually production facilities were established in Leeds and apart from news, one of the first regular local programmes was this show presented by Jimmy Saville, one of Yorkshire's most famous personalities.

BBC | 1971 | News & Current Affairs | 31 mins

14099 Scab

Drama interspersed with newsreel footage, telling the story of the 1984 miners' strike from the point of view of the miners and their families.

YTV | 1986 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 79 mins

14750 Scene By Scene

In this series, Mark Cousins (former director of the Edinburgh Film Festival) interviewed a range of film actors and directors, and discussed key scenes in their movies. This edition features Sean Connery interviewed in his hometown of Edinburgh, and includes clips from many of his films.

BBC | 1997 | Series & Serials | 50 mins

14641 Screen Two ('The Lost Language of Cranes')

A powerful drama about the contrasting behaviour of two homosexual men. Philip (Angus McFadyen) leads a relaxed gay lifestyle but his father (Brian Cox) lives as a straight man with his wife (Eileen Atkins), secretly visiting gay porno theatres at weekends. Based on the book by David Leavitt, with screenplay by Sean Mathias and directed by Nigel Finch, this film was a breakthrough in the treatment of homosexuality. Contains explicit material.

BBC | 1992 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 88 mins

14101 Screenplay

Marvellous puppet animation by Bare Boards. Using sign language and Japanese theatre traditions it tells a dramatic and ultimately tragic story inspired by the willow pattern.

Channel Four | 1993 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 11 mins

14407 Screenplay ('Black Daisies for the Bride')

A dramatic piece by poet Tony Harrison looking at the life of an opera singer now suffering with Alzheimer's Disease and living in an old persons' home.

BBC | 1993 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 56 mins

14104 Scully (episode 5)

Alan Bleasdale's adaptation of his novels Scully and Who's Been Sleeping in My Bed, tells the story of a likeable young man who dreams of greatness.

Channel Four | 1984 | Comedy | 27 mins

14106 Search for The Nile, The (episode 6, 'Conquest and Death')

Drama-documentary about the search for the source of the river Nile. This episode looks at Henry Morton Stanley's attempts to bring Christianity to Africa and the later years of the Victorian adventurer Richard Burton.

BBC | 1971 | Documentaries & Features | 58 mins

14107 Secret Hospital, The: Rampton

One of the most influential and damning documentaries of the seventies, about conditions at Rampton, the top security mental hospital. Produced and directed by John Willis, later to become Channel Four's Controller of Programmes.

YTV | 1979 | Documentaries & Features | 114 mins

14320 See Hear on Saturday

Long running magazine programme for the deaf. This edition includes an examination of police deaf awareness training, a book review, a short story competition, and the setting up of a new type of deaf club.

BBC | 2000 | Light Entertainment and Lifestyle | 44 mins

14108 Selkie Bride, The

First shown as an animation competition winner in the Kellogg's sponsored children's programme, The Magic Mirror.

Central | 1989 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 7 mins

14775 Sex and the City

An episode of the raunchy comedy series set in New York, which ran from 1998 to 2004. Starring Sarah Jessica Parker, Kim Cattrall, Kristen Davis and Cynthia Nixon, it focussed on the sex lives of four thirty-something friends, but also dealt with social issues such as the status of women.

Channel Four | 2001 | Comedy | 31 mins

14686 Sez Les

A series of comedy sketch shows which ran for seven years from 1969.

YTV | 1976 | Comedy | 27 mins

14242 Shabby Tiger (episode 1, 'A Wife in Watercolours')

Serial based on a Howard Spring novel about a wild Irish girl and her love for an artist.

Granada | 1973 | Series & Serials | 54 mins

14832 Shades of Green ('Dream of a Strange Land')

Another of the excellent Thames television adaptations of Graham Greene's short stories in which a distinguished doctor rejects his patient's unlawful request to keep his disease a secret, only to have a difficult decision to make when an old military friend arrives at his office.

Thames | 1976 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 36 mins

14831 Shades of Greene ('The Overnight Bag')

The Goodies' Tim Brooke-Taylor plays Henry, a seemingly mild-mannered (if somewhat secretive) man determined to get his bag past curious plane passengers and Heathrow Customs in this sinister episode from the 'Shades of Greene' anthology.

Thames | 1976 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 17 mins

14830 Shades of Greene ('When Greek Meets Greek')

Another of the excellent Thames television adaptations of Graham Greene's short stories, in which Paul Schofield stars as Mr Fennick, a con man responsible for selling degrees from Oxford 'college' through the post. His successful business is soon under threat, however, when Lord Driver (Roy Kinnear) enrolls his son.

BBC | 1975 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 53 mins

14884 Shakleton (part 1)

Based on excerpts from Earnest Shackleton's own diaries and accounts from some of his crew, this epic dramatisation tells the story of Shackleton's perilous 1914 expedition to the Antarctic, where he and his men became stranded when their ship, Endurance, was crushed in the pack ice of the Weddell Sea.

Channel Four | 2002 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 104 mins

14885 Shakleton (part 2)

This is the second half of the epic television dramatisation of Earnest Shackleton's perilous 1914 expedition to the Antarctic. Shackleton and his men must decide whether to abandon their frozen ship, Endurance, and try and make the hazardous journey to land by foot and lifeboat.

Channel Four | 2002 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 104 mins

14244 Shelley (episode 1, 'Moving In')

Hywel Bennett plays an over-educated, unemployed cynic in this clever comedy series by Peter Tilbury. Gillian Taylforth makes an early television appearance in a small role.

Thames | 1979 | Comedy | 26 mins

14245 Shelley (episode 2, 'The Nelson Touch')

More caustic comments on the state of Britain from graduate drop-out James Shelley. He could be described as a modern day Hancock.

Thames | 1979 | Comedy | 26 mins

14246 Shelley (episode 3, 'Gainfully Employed')

This popular comedy series about a witty misfit ran until 1982. A further series of 'Shelley' stories was made between 1988 and 1992 but it never quite lived up to the success of the original.

Thames | 1979 | Comedy | 27 mins

14251 Shine on Harvey Moon ('Getting Results')

Writers Laurence Marks and Maurice Gray set out to capture the mood of England in the months immediately after World War II. With ingenuity, optimism and the support of his mum, Harvey is determined to create a good life for himself and his children, despite his estranged wife. In fact, she would rather have had a widow's pension.

Central | 1982 | Comedy | 52 mins

14247 Shoestring (episode 2)

Trevor Eve plays Eddie Shoestring, a scruffy reporter who investigates cases arising from a Bristol phone-in radio show. The series attracted 23 million viewers but there were only 20 episodes because Eve wanted to avoid being typecast.

BBC | 1979 | Series & Serials | 51 mins

14886 Shooting the Past (episode 1)

The staff at a vast photographic archive battle against an American property developer in this BBC drama series written and directed by Stephen Poliakoff.

BBC | 1999 | Series & Serials | 71 mins

14582 Signs of the Times ('Red Drives Me Nuts')

An edition of Nicholas Barker's amusing and incisive series which looked at how we use interior decor to project our identities.

BBC | 1992 | Documentaries & Features | 50 mins

14248 Silver Sword ('The Last Lap')

The final episode of a children's serial which recounted the adventures of a group of homeless Polish children during the Second World War. It featured a very young Frazer Hines, later made famous by 'Emmerdale Farm'. The original story was written by Ian Serraillier and adapted for television by C E Webber.

BBC | 1958 | Children | 31 mins

14717 Simpsons Live and Uncut, The

A fascinating documentary which traces the history of this phenomenally successful American show, including interviews with creator Matt Groening and members of the cast, such as Nancy Cartwright, the voice of Bart Simpson.

BBC | 1997 | Documentaries & Features | 40 mins

14284 Singing Detective, The (episode 3, 'Lovely Days')

One of Dennis Potter's most acclaimed dramas. a musical thriller which mixes past and present, fantasy and reality. It features Michael Gambon as a crime writer, who while confined to his hospital bed, reflects on his own life and the lives of his fictional characters.

BBC | 1986 | Series & Serials | 64 mins

14577 Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes ('A Study in Scarlet')

This series of Sherlock Holmes stories starring Peter Cushing was produced by William Sterling, scripted by Hugh Leonard and directed by Graham Evans. Nigel Stock had already played the sensible GP, Dr Watson, in the 1965 series which starred Douglas Wilmer as Holmes.

BBC | 1968 | Series & Serials | 49 mins

14575 Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes ('The Blue Carbuncle')

One of fifteen Sherlock Holmes stories dramatised by the BBC in 1968, starring Peter Cushing and Nigel Stock. Peter Cushing was already familiar with the character, having portrayed Holmes in the 1959 Hammer film production of The Hound of the Baskervilles.

BBC | 1968 | Series & Serials | 49 mins

14576 Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes ('The Boscombe Valley Mystery')

Peter Cushing again plays the great detective and Nigel Stock his reliable assistant Dr Watson, in this dramatisation of the Conan Doyle book. Unlike the 1980s Jeremy Brett version, with his drug fuelled mood swings, Cushing portrayed Holmes as a thoroughly decent man.

BBC | 1968 | Series & Serials | 49 mins

14574 Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes ('The Sign of Four')

Another Sherlock Holmes detective story starring Peter Cushing and Nigel Stock. The BBC produced the first television version of the stories in 1951 with Alan Wheatley (later to be the Sheriff of Nottingham in The Adventures of Robin Hood). Another version in 1965 starred Douglas Wilmer.

BBC | 1968 | Series & Serials | 51 mins

14252 Sir Francis Drake ('The Lost Colony of Virginia')

Terence Morgan is Sir Francis in another piece of ATV historical adventure. This episode features sightings of a young Michael Crawford and Barry Foster, plus the wonderful villainy of Roger Delgado.

ATV | 1962 | Children | 25 mins

14718 Six Five Special

One of the first pop music shows on British television, Six Five Special was produced by Jack Good, and introduced by Pete Murray and Josephine Douglas. It featured singers, instrumentalists, and other entertainers of the period, before an audience of jiving teenagers. Amongst those appearing in this edition are Chris Barbar, Michael Holliday, The Deep River Boys, Freddie Mills, Spike Milligan and Don Lang.

BBC | 1957 | Music & Variety | 56 mins

14253 Six Wives of Henry VIII, The (episode 1, 'Catherine of Aragon')

Award-winning drama series that broke previous viewing records for BBC2. Like its successor, Elizabeth R, it was written as a series of six individual plays by different writers, combining to tell the story of the monarch's life. Through the course of the series Keith Michell's Henry passed from young trim adulthood to a bloated death, while a variety of fates befell his wives.

BBC | 1970 | Series & Serials | 90 mins

14249 Sky at Night, The ('Ten Years of Astronomy')

A tenth anniversary edition of the programme devoted to astronomy and space research. The series is now television's longest running programme. Patrick Moore, the presenter throughout all its history, looks back at some of the stories the programme covered in its early years.

BBC | 1967 | Documentaries & Features | 18 mins

14250 Sky at Night, The ('The Year of the Comet')

In this edition of the long running astronomy programme, excitement mounts with the approach of Halley's Comet, and Patrick Moore tells viewers how they can observe it and describes the various scientific plans to monitor it with space probes. The programme has advanced greatly technically since its early days, benefitting from improved graphics and multiple recording takes which were not originally available to it.

BBC | 1985 | Documentaries & Features | 20 mins

14605 Snowman, The

Repeated by Channel Four every Christmas since 1982, this magical animation tells the story of a boy who makes friends with a snowman, only to learn that nothing lasts forever. This is the original edition introduced by Raymond Briggs on whose picture book the film was based. The director was Dianne Blake, the evocative music was by Howard Blake and *Walking in the Air* was sung by Peter Auty.

Channel Four | 1982 | Children | 25 mins

14254 So It Goes

Tony Wilson's pop programme with a bias towards New Wave and Punk music. This edition focuses on Elvis Costello.

Granada | 1977 | Music & Variety | 26 mins

14255 Softly, Softly ('Arrival')

A spin-off from *Z Cars* that began in 1966. The series followed the police career of Stratford John's character Barlow away from Newtown. This episode sets up the format for the following series, *Softly, Softly: Taskforce*, with Barlow creating a new rapid response unit at Thamesford CID. Although *Softly, Softly: Taskforce* continued until 1976, Stratford John left the show for a further spin-off in 1971, *Barlow At Large*.

BBC | 1969 | Series & Serials | 50 mins

14256 Some Mothers Do Ave Em (series 3, episode 2)

Raymond Allen wrote this sitcom about an accident-prone halfwit with Norman Wisdom's clumsy little man character in mind. However, Michael Crawford made the lead role of Frank Spencer very much his own and by this final series Crawford even had an input to storylines. This episode pits Frank against a stray dog, a Wendy house, some super glue and Richard Wilson (Victor Meldrew from *One Foot in the Grave*) as an exasperated insurance man.

BBC | 1978 | Comedy | 35 mins

14611 Songs of Praise

Television's longest running religious programme has been broadcast on Sunday evenings ever since 1961. Featuring hymns, prayers and interviews, the presenters have included amongst others, Pam Rhodes, Roger Royle, Sally Magnusson, Cliff Michelmore and Harry Secombe. This particular edition was recorded at Walmer Lifeboat Station and naturally enough includes hymns related to sea-faring such as *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*.

BBC | 1974 | Music & Variety | 35 mins

14679 Songs of Praise (40th Anniversary Edition)

A fascinating look at the history of this long running hymn-fest, which contributions from some of its presenters such as Geoffrey Wheeler, Thora Hird, Cliff Michelmore and Pam Rhodes. With the aid of clips from numerous editions, it looks at how the program is made and how it has commemorated notable world events.

BBC | 2001 | Music & Variety | 44 mins

14302 Sooty (episode 2)

An early edition of the long running glove puppet show created by Harry Corbett. The original puppet first appeared on television in 1952.

BBC | 1955 | Children | 12 mins

14257 Sooty Show, The

Sooty, the popular puppet created by Harry Corbett in 1948, had been axed by the BBC in 1968. However, the plucky yellow bear refused to lie down. This Thames show gave him and his friends a new lease of life.

Thames | 1970 | Children | 25 mins

14763 Sopranos, The (season 3, 'Second Opinion')

Acclaimed by television critics as one of the best American drama series ever, *The Sopranos* (staring James Gandolfini as Tony Soprano) is a complex blend of Mafia violence, suburban soap opera, psychology and black humour. This episode concerns the health of Tony's sadistic uncle, Junior Soprano.

Channel Four | 2001 | Series & Serials | 55 mins

14258 Sorrell and Son ('April 1921')

Classic family saga, spanning two decades of tragedy and joy. Captain Sorrell returns home after World War I to face unemployment, poverty and finally his wife's desertion. Forced to accept any job he can, his son Kit becomes his pride and happiness. A programme that would probably not be made today because it could not be guaranteed as a ratings success.

YTV | 1984 | Series & Serials | 54 mins

14259 South Bank Show (episode 1)

Successor to LWT's earlier arts programme *Aquarius*, *The South Bank Show* made its reputation by choosing its subjects carefully and giving them adequate airtime. The first half of the show is a general arts discussion with Melvyn Bragg, Germaine Greer and Gerald Scarfe. The second half is an interview with Paul McCartney.

LWT | 1978 | Documentaries & Features | 55 mins

14261 South Bank Show, The ('Alan Bennett')

Playwright Alan Bennett discusses his life and plays and we take a look behind the scenes on the locations for his film, A Private Function. An entertaining and interesting documentary full of Bennett's gentle but sly humour.

LWT | 1984 | Documentaries & Features | 55 mins

14563 South Bank Show, The ('Bryn Terfel')

A look at the life and career of the outstanding bass-baritone who was born on a sheep farm in North Wales and now performs in opera houses throughout the world.

LWT | 1996 | Documentaries & Features | 53 mins

14262 South Bank Show, The ('Coronation Street')

A look behind the scenes at the making of ITV's longest running drama series, which also examines the series' long history and the reasons for its popularity.

LWT | 1995 | Documentaries & Features | 53 mins

14537 South Bank Show, The ('David Hockney')

The subject of this edition of the show is the life and work of Bradford-born artist David Hockney, and particularly an exhibition of his work at the Tate Gallery.

LWT | 1981 | Documentaries & Features | 52 mins

14521 South Bank Show, The ('Francis Bacon')

Melvyn Bragg interviews the outstanding twentieth century painter Francis Bacon in this edition of the long-running arts series.

LWT | 1985 | Documentaries & Features | 55 mins

14260 South Bank Show, The (Ingrid Bergman/ Dennis Potter)

An early edition of the ITV arts show. The first half features an interview with Ingrid Bergman and a brief film item from Ken Russell complaining at the way the home of the composer, Elgar, had been allowed to fall into disrepair. In the second half of the programme Melvyn Bragg shows excerpts from Dennis Potter's television plays and talks to him about his career and the themes of his work.

LWT | 1978 | Documentaries & Features | 54 mins

14719 South Bank Show, The ('Kay Mellor')

An edition of the LWT show which looks at the career of Leeds born playwright Kay Mellor. Like many writers she began her career by writing episodes of soaps (in her case Brookside) and she went on to achieve great success with gritty Northern drama Band of Gold, Playing the Field and Fat Friends.

LWT | 1997 | Documentaries & Features | 56 mins

14542 South Bank Show, The ('Ken Loach')

A profile of the film and television director Ken Loach, who has pursued a distinctive documentary style with social conscience, ever since directing plays such as Up the Junction and Cathy Come Home in the 1960s.

LWT | 1993 | Documentaries & Features | 50 mins

14544 South Bank Show, The ('Ken Russell')

Melvyn Bragg talks to the idiosyncratic British film director about his work in cinema and television, beginning with his famous biographies of composers for the Monitor arts series.

LWT | 2001 | Documentaries & Features | 51 mins

14545 South Bank Show, The ('Michael Powell')

A profile of the inspirational and controversial British film director, with clips from innovative films such as Black Narcissus and The Red Shoes.

LWT | 1986 | Documentaries & Features | 54 mins

14530 South Bank Show, The ('Peter Brook's Carmen')

This edition of the long-running arts series is concerned with an unusual production of the much loved opera Carmen by the distinguished theatre director Peter Brook at his workshop in Paris.

LWT | 1983 | Documentaries & Features | 54 mins

14543 South Bank Show, The ('Steven Spielberg')

Broadcast just before the release of ET, this edition of The South Bank Show sees Bragg in conversation with the most commercially successful film director in film history.

LWT | 1982 | Documentaries & Features | 57 mins

14826 South Bank Show, The ('Terence Davies')

Terence Davies, the lauded British director of *Distant Voices*, *Still Lives*, talks to Melvyn Bragg and discusses, among other things, his upbringing, his career and his love of Doris Day in this episode of the popular arts magazine.

LWT | 1992 | Documentaries & Features | 53 mins

14538 South Bank Show, The ('The Making of Sergeant Pepper')

To mark the 25th anniversary of the remarkable psychedelic album, Melvyn Bragg talks to producer George Martin and the surviving members of The Beatles, and listens to many of the original tapes.

LWT | 1992 | Documentaries & Features | 54 mins

14518 South Bank Show, The ('The Velvet Underground')

This edition of the long-running arts show focuses on the influential American rock group, The Velvet Underground, who were managed for a while in the 1960s by pop artist Andy Warhol.

LWT | 1986 | Documentaries & Features | 57 mins

14564 South Bank Show, The ('Tony Harrison')

The Leeds born poet discusses his private and public writings, particularly his feature length film in verse called *Prometheus* based on the Greek tragedy.

LWT | 1999 | Documentaries & Features | 51 mins

14263 South Riding (episode 1)

An adaptation of Winifred Holtby's novel about a progressive school mistress in 1930s Yorkshire. Voted the year's best drama series by BAFTA.

YTV | 1974 | Series & Serials | 54 mins

14264 Soviets (episode 1, 'Can You Hear Us?')

A unique and frank insight into the prevailing social and political mood of Russia at the end of the 1980s. Directed by Latvian film maker Juris Podnieks, the programme looks at Russia through the eyes of the people. Voted best documentary in the 1990 Prix Italia Awards.

Central | 1989 | Documentaries & Features | 51 mins

14265 Space Between Words, The ('Family')

One of a series of five documentaries about communication by Roger Graef. This film follows a family going through group therapy to try and sort out their problems.

BBC | 1971 | Documentaries & Features | 80 mins

14266 Special Branch (episode 1, 'Smokescreen')

Drama series about the police department involved in matters of national security. As the series progressed the stories of intrigue in high places became more action-packed and the programme took on elements of more conventional police series like *The Sweeney*.

Thames | 1969 | Series & Serials | 52 mins

14267 Special Branch ('Reliable Sources')

A typical episode from the early years of the programme which is almost entirely recorded in the studio with only brief sequences filmed on location. In later years it was made entirely on film.

Thames | 1969 | Series & Serials | 52 mins

14269 Spitting Image ('Election Special')

Spitting Image at the height of its powers, full of cynicism, bile and a well judged mix of sophisticated humour and slapstick. The concluding sketch from this special has been removed for legal reasons.

Central | 1987 | Comedy | 45 mins

14268 Spitting Image (episode 1)

Satirical puppet show featuring famous names from the worlds of politics, music, television, royalty and show business. The essence of the show was topicality, with only five days between the start of recording and transmission.

Central | 1984 | Comedy | 20 mins

14682 Stand Up Show, The

A comedy series which ran from 1994 to 2002 and featured a wide range of artists from the British stand-up scene. The first two series were presented by Barry Cryer (as here), later series by Ardol O'Hanlon and Tommy Tiernan. The comedians appearing in this edition are Paul Tonkinson, Caroline Hook (later called Caroline Aherne) and Phil Jupitus.

BBC | 1995 | Comedy | 29 mins

14270 Stanley and the Women (episode 4)

John Thaw leads in this comedy drama based on a Kingsley Amis novel. Despite a sterling adaptation by Nigel Kneale the viewers, as before and since, did not quite take to their favourite detective doing comedy.

Central | 1991 | Comedy | 55 mins

14271 Stanley Baxter Picture Show, The (episode 1)

The most praised entertainment show of the year - an elaborate variety show with plenty of over-long Hollywood spoofs usually featuring the Scottish comedian in drag.

LWT | 1972 | Comedy | 27 mins

14291 Star Cops ('Intelligent Listening for Beginners')

The BBC's attempt at a hard science fiction detective series, a kind of Bergerac meets 2001. It had impressive special effects but somehow failed to catch the imagination.

BBC | 1987 | Series & Serials | 49 mins

14272 Stars Look Down, The (episode 3, 'Love')

Alan Plater's thirteen part adaptation of A J Cronin's novel on life in a Northumbrian mining community in the thirties.

Granada | 1975 | Series & Serials | 64 mins

14273 Stars on Sunday

The first religious programme to reach the television top twenty. A mixture of hymns, Bible readings, showbiz and Jess Yates' holier-than-thou form of presentation. This compilation of the best, and worst, is believed to be all that survives.

YTV | 1969 | Light Entertainment and Lifestyle | 60 mins

14720 State of Play

Paul Abbott's award-winning thriller, starring David Morrissey, John Simm and Bill Nighy. The gripping story involves murder, political intrigue, drug-dealing, illicit affairs, and the dogged determination of investigative journalist Cal McCaffrey (Jon Simm).

BBC | 2003 | Series & Serials | 58 mins

14749 Steel City Blues

A documentary about the collapse in the fortunes of Sheffield's once great steel industry which was paralleled by a decline in the two city football clubs. Narrated by Harry Gration and another example of regional programming made specifically for Yorkshire viewers.

BBC | 1984 | Documentaries & Features | 37 mins

14274 Steptoe and Son (episode 26, 'My Old Man's A Tory')

Ray Galton and Alan Simpson's greatest success. Centred on a love-hate relationship between father and son, rag and bone men that never quite resolves. This edition focuses on the son's political ambitions and discusses politics in a way that would have been impossible in the days before *That Was The Week That Was*. The original BBC master tape of this episode was wiped and the picture quality poor as it is taken from a private copy belonging to the writers.

BBC | 1965 | Comedy | 30 mins

14275 Stingray ('Countdown')

"Anything can happen in the next half hour!" More of Gerry Anderson's science fiction puppetry, this time set under water.

ATV | 1965 | Children | 25 mins

14298 Stone Tape, The

One of the scariest dramas ever shown on television, this Nigel Kneale play was first broadcast on Christmas Day 1972. It concerns a research team's investigations into a haunted house, and the awful fate that awaits one of them (played by Jane Asher).

BBC | 1972 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 90 mins

14276 Stones in the Park, The

A documentary record of the Rolling Stones' free concert in Hyde Park. Six cameras units shot twelve hours of material to capture this snap shot of the band and the half-a-million strong audience.

Granada | 1969 | Music & Variety | 55 mins

14721 Story of Tracy Beaker, The

Tracy Beaker is a ten year old girl with behavioural problems who lives in a children's home. This popular drama series which manages to be both funny and moving, is based on the books by Jacqueline Wilson.

BBC | 2003 | Children | 15 mins

14856 Story of Tracy Beaker, The (subtitled)

Tracy Beaker is a ten year old girl with behavioural problems who lives in a children's home. This popular drama series which manages to be both funny and moving, is based on the books by Jacqueline Wilson. This selection is subtitled.

BBC | 2003 | Children | 15 mins

14513 Strand: Under the Dark Cloth

An award-winning documentary by Canadian photographer/cinematographer John Walker, about the life and work of Paul Strand, one of the seminal photographers of the twentieth century. Strand's photographs of Hebridean Islanders were the subject of an exhibition in this Museum from December 2001 to February 2002.

Telefilm Canada | 1989 | Documentaries & Features | 83 mins

14277 Strauss Family, The (episode 1, 'Anna')

Part one of a seven part drama starring Derek Jacobi, telling the story of the famous musical family of Vienna.

ATV | 1972 | Series & Serials | 53 mins

14581 Subject of Scandal and Concern, A

A dramatised account of a Victorian cause celebre, in which a diffident socialist reformer called George Holyoake was imprisoned for speaking in public about his atheist views. Written by John Osborne, directed by Tony Richardson, narrated by John Freeman and starring Richard Burton and Rachel Roberts.

BBC | 1960 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 63 mins

14279 Supercar ('The Magic Carpet')

Supercar was an all purpose vehicle designed by Professor Popkiss and Doctor Beaker. It could fly, go under water or run along the ground. Mike Mercury, little Gerry Gibson and Mitch the Chimp had lots of adventures in this amazing machine. Gerry Anderson's first tentative steps into puppet science fiction.

ATV | 1961 | Children | 26 mins

14280 Surgical Spirit ('Joyce's Ulcer')

Nicola McAuliffe leads as an acid tongued surgeon in one of the few medical sitcoms where women are not just sexy nurses and dragon matrons.

Granada | 1989 | Comedy | 26 mins

14281 Surprise, Surprise (episode 4)

Series devised for Cilla Black (her first for over eight years) with surprises set up for unsuspecting victims.

LWT | 1984 | Light Entertainment and Lifestyle | 54 mins

14282 Survival ('Here be Dragons')

Award winning film about Nile crocodiles in Africa. The Survival series of nature documentaries began in 1961 and still runs today. The series has been sold to 112 countries, more than any other British television show.

Anglia | 1990 | Documentaries & Features | 54 mins

14314 Survivors (series 3, episode 9, 'The Enemy')

Grim science fiction series about an assorted group of people left alive following a global epidemic, and their attempts to contact other survivors. Written by Dalek creator Terry Nation.

BBC | 1977 | Series & Serials | 50 mins

14627 Sykes ('Bus')

An episode of Eric Sykes' series of sitcoms which began in 1960 and finally ended in 1979. As usual his co-stars are Hattie Jacques and Deryck Guyler, but unusually this episode takes place not in their home at Sebastopol Terrace but on a London bus, as the trio take jobs with London Transport, with the usual hilarious consequences.

BBC | 1973 | Comedy | 28 mins

14557 Sykes and the Elephant

An episode from Eric Sykes' first series of comedy shows, in which he remembers his experiences as an elephant trainer in the circus. Also featuring Hattie Jacques, Deryck Guyler, Joan Hickson, Colin Douglas and Burma the elephant.

BBC | 1964 | Comedy | 23 mins

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14647 Take Hart

Tony Hart began his television career in Vision On, a programme for children with hearing difficulties, in which encouraged viewers to send in their paintings and drawings to "The Gallery". This led to Take Hart with an exclusive focus on art, and then Hartbeat. One feature of his shows was a little plasticine man called Morph, created by future Wallace and Gromit Oscar-winner Nick Park.

BBC | 1977 | Children | 21 mins

14785 Take Your Pick

Take Your Pick was ITV's first Friday night game show and the first British quiz show to give away a cash prize. It was hugely popular, attracting 78% of the audience share in the London area alone. One 1959 episode became the second highest rated programme of the decade, attracting 13.15 million viewers, beaten only by a 1959 episode of the American western series Wagon Train (1957-1965) which attracted 13.62 million viewers. Please note that this programme is incomplete.

ATV | 1955 | Light Entertainment and Lifestyle | 19 mins

14768 Takin' Over the Asylum (episode 6, 'Let it Be')

The final episode of a black comedy drama from BBC Scotland, in which Ken Scott played a DJ working on hospital radio. He becomes friendly with some of the mentally ill patients (played by Kate Murphy and David Tennant), but in seeking to improve their self-esteem he has to admit to his own weakness alcoholism.

BBC | 1994 | Series & Serials | 51 mins

14847 Tales of the Unexpected ('The Man From the South')

The original Tales of the Unexpected were written by author Roald Dahl, better known by most people for his children's stories than these blackly comic tales of horror and suspense. In this, the first episode of the series, a young man is tempted into a bet to win a Cadillac but must stake one of his fingers in return.

Granada | 1979 | Series & Serials | 24 mins

14469 Talking Heads ('A Cream Cracker Under The Settee')

One of Alan Bennett's series of sensitive monologues, amusing and moving. Thora Hird stars as an old lady coming to the end of her life, too scared and too proud to ask for help from outside agencies.

BBC | 1988 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 31 mins

14300 Telegoons, The ('The Terrible Revenge of Fred Fu Manchu')

Puppet version of the famous radio Goons with Harry Secombe, Spike Milligan, and Peter Sellers supplying the silly voices. The scripts were edited from the original radio show.

BBC | 1963 | Comedy | 15 mins

14669 Teletubbies ('Funny Ladies, Naughty Cloud')

Two episodes of the series for small children which became a hit all over the world, even if some parents objected to the babyish language of Tinky Winky, Dispy, Laa-Laa and Po.

BBC | 1997 | Children | 15 mins

14457 Telford's Change (episode 1)

Peter Barkworth and Hannah Gordon star in this story about an international banker who grows weary of his high powered, high stress, career and gives it up in search of a quieter life.

BBC | 1980 | Series & Serials | 77 mins

14732 Tenant of Wildfell Hall, The

Anne Bronte was the youngest of the Bronte sisters, and this dramatisation of her melancholy novel about a farmer and a young widow, starring Tara Fitzgerald, Toby Stephens, Rupert Graves and Kenneth Cranham.

BBC | 1996 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 53 mins

14616 Tenko

Well-received wartime drama series which portrayed the appalling conditions endured by a group of English women in a Japanese prisoner of war camp. It starred Anne Bell, Stephanie Beecham, Stephanie Cole, Louise Jameson and Jean Anderson, with Bert Kwouk as Major Yamauchi.

BBC | 1981 | Series & Serials | 52 mins

14451 Thank You Comrades

Ben Kingsley, Connie Booth and Stephen Rea star in this comic telling of the true story of how, in the early days of the Russian film industry, con man Roberto Cibrario swindled the Soviet Union out of a million dollars.

BBC | 1979 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 58 mins

14471 That Was The Week That Was

Often abbreviated to 'TW3', this Saturday night review show, was the first programme to satirise the week's news. Presented by David Frost and produced by Ned Sherrin, it succeeded in offending a number of politicians and influenced many later shows.

BBC | 1962 | Light Entertainment and Lifestyle | 62 mins

14866 The Day India Burned: Partition

This BBC documentary recalls the lead up to the Partition of India in 1947 and the unimaginable violence inflicted upon 15 million people. An important, if harrowing, film.

BBC | 2007 | Documentaries & Features | 90 mins

14888 The Slate: The Wonderful World of Joanna Quinn

This edition of The Slate traces Joanna Quinn's career as an animator from Girls Night Out (1986) to Wife of Bath (1998), and includes interviews with Claire Kitson (Channel 4), John Coates (producer of Famous Fred) and Rob Brydon. Please note that this programme contains strobe lights at the start.

BBC | 2000 | Documentaries & Features | 30 mins

14336 The World of Whicker ('Papa Doc: The Black Sheep')

Alan Whicker's celebrated interview with the notorious dictator of Haiti, Papa Doc Duvalier. The crew said there was not a moment when they were not scared stiff.

YTV | 1969 | Documentaries & Features | 28 mins

14443 Theatre 625: Talking to a Stranger (episode 4, 'The Innocent Must Suffer')

The final play of a quartet described by George Melly in the Observer as "the first authentic masterpiece written directly for television". The four plays by John Hopkins depict a suburban family at the point of collapse. Each play concentrates on a different family member. Michael Bryant, Judi Dench, Maurice Denham and Margery Mason star.

BBC | 1966 | Series & Serials | 92 mins

14757 They Think It's All Over (Christmas Special)

The outrageous quiz show hosted by Nick Hancock, which combines comedy and sport, with comedians and sports personalities both represented on the two teams. Those taking part in this edition are Gary Linneker, Rory McGrath, David Baddiel, David Gower, Lee Hurst and Steve Backley.

Central | 1996 | Light Entertainment and Lifestyle | 30 mins

14476 This Is Your Life (T E B Clarke)

Eamonn Andrews introduces this edition of the long running show in which famous people are unexpectedly presented with their life history. T E B Clarke was a scriptwriter for many British films such as The Blue Lamp, and Ealing comedies like Passport to Pimlico.

BBC | 1960 | Light Entertainment and Lifestyle | 32 mins

14315 This Life (episode 7, 'Brief Encounter')

This cult late night drama series by Amy Jenkins, traced the complex relationships between a group of young solicitors sharing a London flat. Its convincing characters and fine acting made it essential viewing for many people.

BBC | 1996 | Series & Serials | 40 mins

14410 This Week ('Death on the Rock')

Controversial documentary about the SAS shooting of IRA members in Gibraltar. The government opposed the screening of the programme, but it was cleared of any unfairness by an independent inquiry in 1989.

Thames | 1988 | News & Current Affairs | 45 mins

14064 This Week ('Everest')

This edition of the long-running current affairs programme features Chris Bonnington's attempt on Everest's treacherous South West face.

Thames | 1972 | News & Current Affairs | 27 mins

14339 This Week ('The Biggest Event in the History of the Earth')

This Week, broadcast from 1956 to 1994, was ITV's answer to the long-running BBC current affairs programme, Panorama. This edition looks at the hype surrounding the first Muhammed Ali v Joe Frazier fight, and features some of Ali's classic pre-match rhymes.

Thames | 1971 | News & Current Affairs | 28 mins

14723 Thomas the Tank Engine

Adapted from the books of Rev W Awdry, this animated children's series tells the story of the Sodor railway on the Isle of Man.

Central | 1984 | Children | 5 mins

14173 Thoughts of Chairman Alf, The ('At Christmas')

Johnny Speight resurrected his bigoted anti-hero Alf Garnett, first with this special and then with the episode 'Till Death...' a sitcom featuring a retired Alf living in Eastbourne. In this programme Alf addresses the nation and gives us the benefit of his opinions on race, religion, politics and football.

ATV | 1980 | Comedy | 26 mins

14294 Threads

Author Barry Hines' answer to The War Game, a chilling evocation of the effects of a nuclear strike on Sheffield, meticulously researched, hugely plausible and deeply disturbing.

BBC | 1984 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 115 mins

14878 Three Men in a Boat

A television adaptation of Jerome K Jerome's humorous account of a boating holiday on the Thames shared by a trio of friends who bicker, offend the local population, and discover the hazards of outdoor life along the way. Starring Michael Palin, Tim Curry and Stephen Moore.

BBC | 1975 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 66 mins

14559 Thunderbirds (episode 1, 'Trapped in the Sky')

The most successful of Gerry Anderson's Supermarionation shows. The explosive missions undertaken by International Rescue were popular with adults and children alike.

BBC | 1965 | Children | 50 mins

14179 Till Death Us Do Part (episode 19, 'The Blood Donor')

Johnny Speight's sitcom that celebrates yet condemns his own East End background. Alf Garnett is an ignorant bigot who retains a basic humanity.

BBC | 1968 | Comedy | 32 mins

14573 Time and the Priestleys

The Bradford-born writer talks with his son Tom about his life and work, illustrated with family photographs and readings by Derek Jacobi.

Central | 1984 | Documentaries & Features | 53 mins

14687 Time Shift ('Alistair Cooke's Postcards From America')

Alistair Cooke's erudite Letter From America was broadcast weekly on BBC Radio 4 from 1945 until his death in 2004. This programme combines excerpts from 20 different letters with film of key news items of that period such as the assassination of President Kennedy and the events of September 11, 2001.

BBC | 2002 | Documentaries & Features | 59 mins

14905 Time Shift ('Jack Rosenthal: The Voice of Television Drama')

This excellent documentary looks at the work of Jack Rosenthal, one of Britain's most prolific and talented screen writers, including his television plays The Evacuees, Bar Mitzvah Boy, The Knowledge, and Eskimo Day, all of which are available to view in full in TV Heaven.

BBC | 2004 | Documentaries & Features | 40 mins

14861 Time Shift ('The Kneale Tapes')

This fascinating documentary looks at the life and work of Nigel Kneale, often described as one of the best television writers of all time. Kneale's work includes the Quatermass series, dramas such as The Stone Tape and Year of the Sex Olympics, and the television adaptation of Susan Hill's 'The Woman in Black.' These titles, and many of Kneales' others, are available to watch in TV Heaven.

BBC | 2003 | Documentaries & Features | 40 mins

14180 Timeslip ('Year of the Burn Up')

A popular 1970s science fiction series. Two children meet their surprisingly forgetful future selves in a world suffering from the greenhouse effect. Although shown in colour this episode only survives in black and white.

ATV | 1971 | Children | 25 mins

14182 Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy

An intellectual spy thriller based on the novel by John Le Carre, featuring Alec Guinness as George Smiley, who comes out of retirement to track down a double agent.

BBC | 1991 | Series & Serials | 41 mins

14660 Tipping The Velvet (episode 1)

A colourful and passionate lesbian love story set in England in the 1890s, adapted from Sarah Walters' novel by Andrew Davies. It starred Rachel Stirling, Keeley Hawes, Anna Chancellor and Hugh Bonneville.

BBC | 2002 | Series & Serials | 59 mins

14184 Tiswas

Anarchic kids television that adults either adored or hated. Chris Tarrant, Sally James, Lenny Henry and Frank Carson serve up cartoons, competitions, pop videos and daftness. The Big Breakfast of its day. Please note that this programme is incomplete.

ATV | 1981 | Children | 54 mins

14186 To The Manor Born

Popular comedy series about a widowed lady of the manor forced to sell her home and live in reduced circumstances nearby. Penelope Keith stars alongside Peter Bowles as the nouveau riche business man who takes over her old home.

BBC | 1980 | Comedy | 28 mins

14188 Tommy Cooper Hour, The

Tommy Cooper in one of his occasional specials presenting sketches and routines with no right to be funny that some how are.

Thames | 1973 | Comedy | 54 mins

14569 Tomorrow's World ('Radiophonic Workshop')

An incomplete early edition of the weekly popular science series, which features items on the BBC Radiophonic Workshop, investigations into the origins of life, and the development of a small car for urban areas.

BBC | 1965 | Documentaries & Features | 29 mins

14190 Tonight

A daily news magazine programme introduced in the early evenings by Cliff Michelmore. It ran from 1957 to 1965, becoming almost a national institution.

BBC | 1960 | News & Current Affairs | 37 mins

14192 Too Long a Winter

Documentary by Barry Cockcroft featuring Hannah Hauxwell, living alone on her 80 acre farm in the Yorkshire Dales and surviving without many of the things most people regard as essentials. Overnight she became a celebrity.

YTV | 1973 | Documentaries & Features | 47 mins

14613 Top Gear

A motoring magazine programme which began in 1978, keeping drivers informed especially through the test driving of new models of cars. Its many presenters over the years have included Angela Rippon, Noel Edmunds, Quentin Wilson and Tiff Needell. But the personality most associated with Top Gear has been Jeremy Clarkson, who has recently returned to present a more jokey version of the show.

BBC | 1982 | Light Entertainment and Lifestyle | 30 mins

14610 Top of the Pops

An edition of the long-running charts show which features Ultravox, Elaine Page, Hazel O'Connor, Bucks Fizz, Landscape, Coast to Coast, Randy Crawford, Enigma and Smokey Robinson. The presenter is Jimmy Saville.

BBC | 1981 | Music & Variety | 36 mins

14194 Top of the Pops (1964-1974)

In December 1973 Jimmy Saville hosted a look back at the first nine years of the BBC's famous pop programme, featuring artists like The Beatles, The Bachelors, Sandie Shaw, The Tremeloes, The Faces, David Bowie, Wizzard, The Dave Clark Five, The Supremes, The Who, Procul Harem, Status Quo and Free.

BBC | 1973 | Music & Variety | 50 mins

14195 Top Secret Life of Edgar Briggs, The (episode 1, 'The Assassin')

Sitcom starring David Jason as a bumbling fool who becomes a secret agent by clerical error and who somehow always triumphs despite his appalling incompetence.

LWT | 1974 | Comedy | 25 mins

14552 Torchy The Battery Boy

Puppet show created by Roberta Leigh, in which neglected toys such as Torchy, Flopsy the ragdoll and Sparky the baby dragon, found a safe haven in Topsy Turvy Land.

ABC | 1960 | Children | 15 mins

14684 Travellers Tales: Armand and Michaela Denis on Safari ('Big Tuskers')

Belgian-born Armand Denis and his glamorous wife Michaela were the first wildlife specialists on British television. Their first series was broadcast in 1954 but it was On Safari (1957 onwards) for which they are most famous. This edition looks at elephants in Uganda, pelicans and hippos.

BBC | 1958 | Documentaries & Features | 26 mins

14428 Trinity Tales (episode 1)

Alan Plater's comic updating of Chaucer's Canterbury Tales. A group of Rugby League supporters on their way to see Wakefield Trinity at Wembley by minibus, regale each other with tall tales.

BBC | 1975 | Series & Serials | 50 mins

14197 Troubleshooters, The ('Camelot on a Clear Day')

Originally called Mogul, this drama series dealt with the boardroom and international problems of a multinational oil company, based loosely on BP. In this episode the company is involved with relocating a leprosy hospital in an area in which it plans to drill for oil.

BBC | 1970 | Series & Serials | 50 mins

14601 Tube, The

An influential rock magazine show from Newcastle which combined live bands, star interviews and reports on the music scene. Presented by Jools Holland and Roy Kinnear, this edition begins with a 25 minute special report on Duran Duran and ends with an episode featuring The Smiths, Madness, Howard Jones, Escape Club and The Weather Girls.

Channel Four | 1984 | Music & Variety | 100 mins

14200 Tutti-Frutti (episode 6)

A hilarious six-part drama series featuring the Majestics, an ageing Glaswegian rock band. It stars Robbie Coltrane as lead singer Danny McGlone and Emma Thompson as his old flame Suzi Kettles.

BBC | 1987 | Series & Serials | 69 mins

14201 Two Ronnies, The

Popular sketch comedy from Ronnie Corbett and Ronnie Barker. The series ran from 1971 until 1988, when Ronnie Barker decided to retire from performing.

BBC | 1971 | Comedy | 45 mins

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14202 University Challenge (episode 3)

A very early edition of the general knowledge quiz with Bamber Gascoigne as question master and teams representing their universities. The programme was revived in the 1990s and is now hosted by Jeremy Paxman.

Granada | 1962 | *Light Entertainment and Lifestyle* | 27 mins

14204 Up Pompeii

This comedy series set in ancient Pompeii was written in the farcical style of a Carry On film. It stars Frankie Howerd as Lurcio, the Roman slave, in one of his most memorable performances.

BBC | 1970 | *Comedy* | 31 mins

14206 Upstairs, Downstairs (episode 1, 'On Trial')

Life in an aristocratic household early this century. The idea came from actress friends Eileen Atkins and Jean Marsh, whose parents had been in domestic service. Script writer Alfred Shaughnessy and producer John Hawksworth had enjoyed 'upstairs' childhoods with royalty dropping in. This episode was written by Fay Weldon.

LWT | 1971 | *Series & Serials* | 55 mins

V

14207 Van Der Valk (episode 1, 'Herring's Not Enough')

Cases of a Dutch police inspector based on the characters of Nicholas Freeling's books. Cops and robbers with a different background. Its theme tune, Eye Level was at number one for four weeks in 1971.

Thames | 1972 | Series & Serials | 54 mins

14875 Vanity Fair

Based on the novel by William Makepeace Thackeray, this BBC adaptation stars Eve Matheson as Rebecca Sharpe, and was nominated for four BAFTA awards.

BBC | 1987 | Series & Serials | 35 mins

14678 Vic Reeves' Big Night Out

An edition of the absurd offbeat comedy series from alternative comedians Vic Reeves and Bob Mortimer, which had a cult following in the early 1990s. Later series by the duo included The Smell of Reeves and Mortimer and Shooting Stars.

Channel Four | 1991 | Comedy | 28 mins

14688 Vicar of Dibley, The ('Love and Marriage')

Dawn French starred in this rural sitcom about a liberal and liberated female vicar called Geraldine Granger, her flock including a dim-witted verger and a collection of eccentric parish councillors. This highly popular series began in 1994 and was written by Paul Mayhew-Archer and Richard Curtis.

BBC | 1998 | Comedy | 30 mins

14524 Victoria Wood, As Seen on TV

A comedy sketch show written and performed by the Lancashire comedienne, ably assisted by Julie Walters, Celia Imrie, Duncan Preston and Susie Blake, and featuring the Crossroads spoof, Acorn Antiques.

BBC | 1985 | Comedy | 30 mins

14209 Vietnam (episode 4, 'LBJ Goes to War')

A comprehensive, unbiased series on a war that split two countries in half - Vietnam physically and America psychologically.

Central | 1983 | Documentaries & Features | 53 mins

14210 Village, The

Animated tale of adultery, jealousy, greed, robbery, murder and hypocrisy in an enclosed community where everyone knows each others business. Cell animation in an art-style reminiscent of Tim Hunkin and Steven Appleby.

Channel Four | 1993 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 15 mins

W

14534 Walking With Dinosaurs ('Giant of the Skies')

The acclaimed natural history series which used computer animation to recreate life in prehistoric times. This episode looks at the Early Cretaceous period when some creatures took to the air.

BBC | 1999 | Documentaries & Features | 30 mins

14857 Walking With Dinosaurs ('Giant of the Skies') (subtitled)

The acclaimed natural history series which used computer animation to recreate life in prehistoric times. This episode looks at the Early Cretaceous period when some creatures took to the air. This selection is subtitled.

BBC | 1999 | Documentaries & Features | 30 mins

14211 War and Peace (episode 14, 'Escape')

An excellent 20 part adaptation of Tolstoy's epic novel starring Anthony Hopkins, Rupert Davies and Morag Hood.

BBC | 1972 | Series & Serials | 45 mins

14212 War Game, The

Peter Watkins controversial drama-documentary showing the effects of a nuclear attack on Britain. The BBC would not allow the harrowing film to be shown in 1965, but it was eventually screened in 1985.

BBC | 1965 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 48 mins

14390 Warhol

David Bailey's film about Andy Warhol was a cause celebre at the time. Attempts to have it withdrawn on grounds of obscenity failed but the publicity generated a huge audience, many of whom were disappointed by its tameness.

ATV | 1973 | Documentaries & Features | 47 mins

14213 Watch With Mother ('Andy Pandy')

Andy Pandy lived in a large wicker basket, and played with Teddy and Looby Loo. A puppet series that children loved for twenty years.

BBC | 1953 | Children | 10 mins

14639 Watch With Mother ('Rag, Tag and Bobtail', episode 3)

On Thursdays under the Watch With Mother umbrella title, young children could see the adventures of three creatures that lived in the hedgerow - a hedgehog, a mouse and a rabbit. The glove puppets were created and controlled by Sam and Elizabeth Williams, the writer was Louise Cochrane and the producer was Freda Lingstrom.

BBC | 1953 | Children | 14 mins

14214 Watch With Mother ('The Flower Pot Men')

"Flobalobalob! Weeeeed!" The adventures of Bill and Ben, who lived in plant pots at the bottom of the garden. The programmes were repeated regularly until the 1970s.

BBC | 1952 | Children | 12 mins

14638 Watch With Mother ('The Woodentops', episode 3)

The Woodentops were a family of five string puppets plus Spotty Dog and Buttercup the Cow, who appeared every Friday in the Watch With Mother slot. They were created by the same team that made Andy Pandy and The Flowerpot Men - Freda Lingstrom (producer), Maria Bird (writer), Audrey Atterbury and Molly Gibson (puppeteers).

BBC | 1955 | Children | 16 mins

14377 Wedding on Saturday, A

Documentary about the wedding of a Yorkshire miner. This was the first time that mobile video recording facilities had been used for a documentary. It was only just fly-on-the-wall, the equipment needed an hour to warm up and that hardly encouraged spontaneity.

Granada | 1964 | Documentaries & Features | 40 mins

14215 Wednesday Play, The ('Cathy Come Home')

Famous documentary style play telling the story of a young homeless family. It is widely seen to have changed attitudes to homelessness in Britain and been indirectly responsible for the founding of the charity Shelter. The writer was Jeremy Sandford, the director was Ken Loach, and the main parts were played by Carol White and Ray Brooks.

BBC | 1966 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 77 mins

14217 Wednesday Play, The ('Son of Man')

Dennis Potter's play about Jesus, which emphasised His basic humanity. There were some complaints about Colin Blakely's portrayal of Christ as rough and angry rather than meek and mild, but this remains a powerful re-interpretation of the Gospel story.

BBC | 1969 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 90 mins

14216 Wednesday Play, The ('The Lump')

A play by Jim Allen which used the story of Yorky, an old guard socialist labourer, and his friendship with a young student, to graphically illustrate the terrible conditions endured by manual workers in the building trade.

BBC | 1967 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 75 mins

14218 Wednesday Play, The ('Up the Junction')

Nell Dunn's play about the life of young working class women in Battersea in the 1960s. There were complaints about the disturbing sequence in which a woman went for a back street abortion, but Ken Loach's documentary style direction created a new trend in television. It was also made almost entirely on film which was unusual at the time but became much more common in the 1970s.

BBC | 1965 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 70 mins

14219 Wednesday Play, The ('Vote, Vote, Vote for Nigel Barton')

Dennis Potter's cynical but humorous play about politics, based on his own experiences as a young man standing for parliament as a Labour candidate, and starring Keith Barron in the title role. It was the sequel to Stand Up Nigel Barton in which the hero found that as a result of his university education he was unable to relate to his working class parents (again an autobiographical theme).

BBC | 1965 | Plays, Films and Single Dramas | 78 mins

14344 Weegee the Famous

A documentary about the man who stalked New York by night with a camera to give the city a vision of itself without its masks. Filmed in Birmingham, New York and London, it includes original colour footage by Weegee, but is mainly in black and white to reflect the feel of his photographs.

Central | 1984 | Documentaries & Features | 55 mins

14373 Weekend World ('29 October 1972')

Sunday lunchtime news and current affairs programme, a mix of interviews with politicians and analysis of social and economic trends. Its executive producer was John Birt, later to become Director General of the BBC. The presenters of this edition were Peter Jay and Mary Holland.

LWT | 1972 | News & Current Affairs | 81 mins

14220 We'll Meet Again (episode 3)

An old forties weepy reborn, with over-paid, over-sexed Yanks over here again for a series of love affairs - principally with Susannah York. The thirteen episode series was very popular, despite the critics finding it rather stereotypical and sets unconvincing.

LWT | 1982 | Series & Serials | 54 mins

14328 West at Work, The (episode 4)

A topical series investigating all aspects of social and economic activity in the south west of England. This edition looked at unemployment, tourism and potato processing.

Westcountry | 1993 | Documentaries & Features | 26 mins

14332 West Country Live

A regional news programme transmitted every weekday between 6pm and 7pm and covering anything of current interest in the West Country.

Westcountry | 1993 | News & Current Affairs | 59 mins

14221 What Ever Happened to the Likely Lads ('Absent Friends')

A classic comedy series which was the sequel to the sixties sitcom The Likely Lads. Bob Ferris has finally married Thelma and gone off on honeymoon, with his old mate Terry Collier looking after the house. The stars are Rodney Bewes, James Bolam and Bridget Forsyth, with Bill Owen (Compo from Last of the Summer Wine) also featuring in this episode.

BBC | 1974 | Comedy | 30 mins

14374 What the Papers Say (episode 1)

Britain's longest current affairs programme. A review of the week's papers by a leading journalist, in this case Brian Inglis, in the week dominated by the Suez crisis. The programme is currently shown on BBC2 but is still produced by Granada.

Granada | 1956 | News & Current Affairs | 15 mins

14123 Wheeltappers and Shunters Social Club, The

This natural successor to The Comedians featured variety acts from the northern club circuit. It was set in a fictitious working man's club and compered by Bernard Manning, with Colin Crompton as chairman of the club's entertainment committee. Guests in this edition include Freddie Garrity and Tessie O'Shea.

Granada | 1974 | Music & Variety | 39 mins

14442 When the Boat Comes In ('Fish in Woolly Jumpers')

James Bolam leads as Jack Ford in this series set in north-east England during the 1920s. Created by James Mitchell, the writer of Callan, the series gave an unsentimental view of working class life in the earlier part of the century. Three series were made between 1976 and 1977. In 1981 the programme returned for one final series set in the 1930s which saw Jack Ford die in the Spanish Civil War.

BBC | 1976 | Series & Serials | 51 mins

14222 Whicker ('The Road from Rose Linda's: aka The Cats' Eyes Man')

Globetrotter Alan Whicker meets Percy Shaw, the inventor of 'cats-eyes' which have so improved road safety. The title refers to the landlady of his local pub in Queensbury (between Bradford and Halifax) - it was the difficulty of driving home from this establishment which led him to invent cats' eyes in the 1930s.

YTV | 1968 | Documentaries & Features | 42 mins

14535 Who Wants to be a Millionaire?

Chris Tarrant presents an edition of the phenomenally successful quiz show, the format for which has been sold all over the world.

Carlton | 2000 | Light Entertainment and Lifestyle | 56 mins

14447 Whoops Apocalypse (episode 4, 'Lucifer and the Lord')

A darkly comic sitcom by Andrew Marshall and David Renwick, about how political madness could bring about the end of the world in a nuclear war. It proved popular, but perhaps unsurprisingly did not spawn a sequel. The strong cast included Alexi Sayle, John Cleese and John Barron.

LWT | 1982 | Comedy | 25 mins

14608 Wildlife on One ('Meerkats United')

An edition of the long-running natural history series presented by Richard Attenborough. This particular programme, about the appealing meerkats of the Kalahari desert, has been voted as one of the most popular.

BBC | 1987 | Documentaries & Features | 30 mins

14386 Will Shakespeare (episode 2)

John Mortimer's version of the Bard's life starring Tim Curry. In the absence of documentation Mortimer made most of it up, suggesting that incidents from Shakespeare's plays were inspired by events in his life. The series, full of educated guesses, hints and suggestions about Shakespeare and his time, gave a delicate and clever portrayal of Elizabethan life for a family audience.

ATV | 1978 | Series & Serials | 51 mins

14397 William Tell ('The Avenger')

Snowdonia doubles for the Alps in this ATV family adventure starring Conrad Philips. This episode also features John Le Mesurier as the Duke of Burgundy.

ATV | 1957 | Children | 26 mins

14452 Within These Walls (episode 1, 'Cause for Concern')

Googie Withers played Faye Boswell, the governor of a women's prison, in this popular drama series, which ran until 1978. The programme pitted a succession of prison governors against the day to day dramas of prison life. A cosier but more convincing view of a women's prison than Australia's Prisoner- Cell Block H.

LWT | 1973 | Series & Serials | 51 mins

14632 Without Walls

A very moving programme which television playwright Dennis Potter recorded only three months before his death from cancer. Sometimes having to pause in order to take morphine, he talked to Melvin Bragg with humour and courage about his illness, and his concerns for the future of television and society.

Channel Four | 1994 | Documentaries & Features | 71 mins

14756 Wogan

An edition of the long-running early evening chat show which was normally presented by the genial Irishman Terry Wogan, but in this case by Nationwide and Desert Island discs presenter Sue Lawley. Those appearing include fashion designer Vivienne Westwood, chat show host Russell Harty, rock singer Robert Palmer, and journalist Janet Street Porter.

BBC | 1988 | *Light Entertainment and Lifestyle* | 40 mins

14842 Woman in Black, The

A young solicitor is sent to the remote town of Crythin Gifford to settle the affairs of Mrs Drablow, but during his stay he is plagued by a malignant spirit, sighting of which, villagers claim, heralds the death of a child. Nigel Kneale's chilling adaptation of Susan Hill's novel.

Central | 1989 | *Plays, Films and Single Dramas* | 108 mins

14578 Wombles, The (10 Episodes)

Elizabeth Beresford wrote the original books about these furry creatures with names like Orinoco and Tobermory, who collected rubbish on Wimbledon Common. The first television version was animated and directed by Ivor Wood and narrated by Bernard Cribbins, with Mike Batt supplying the catchy theme tune.

BBC | 1975 | *Children* | 5 mins

14223 World at War, The (episode 3, 'France Falls')

Narrated by Laurence Olivier, this popular documentary series made skilful use of a combination of archive film and new interviews.

Thames | 1973 | *Documentaries & Features* | 53 mins

14138 World in Action ('Ebbw Vale')

A documentary about the steel workers of Ebbw Vale in Wales and their opposition to the proposal by the Secretary of State for Employment, Michael Foot, to close their steel works.

Granada | 1975 | *News & Current Affairs* | 27 mins

14227 World in Action ('Mrs Currie's Sauce')

A look at the north-south health divide, prompted by the controversial remarks of Government Health Minister Edwina Currie about its causes.

Granada | 1986 | *News & Current Affairs* | 26 mins

14225 World in Action ('Seven Up')

A documentary about 14 British seven year olds from different backgrounds, speculating about their futures. It was originally intended to have just one follow up programme in the year 2000, but in fact there have been sequels every seven years, all directed by the original researcher Michael Apted. Ten of the original 14 subjects appeared in the 1998 edition entitled Forty Two Up. Versions have also been made in America and Russia.

Granada | 1964 | *Documentaries & Features* | 30 mins

14226 World in Action ('The Demonstration')

A documentary examining the 1968 Grosvenor Square demonstration against the Vietnam War. The event ended in violence and the programme examined the conduct of both police and protestors.

Granada | 1964 | *News & Current Affairs* | 54 mins

14572 World of J B Priestley, The

A group of eight actors, including Michael Cashman, Robert Stephens, Noel Dyson, Marcia Warren and Frank Middlemass, perform excerpts from the novels and plays of J B Priestley on the occasion of his 80th birthday.

YTV | 1979 | *Documentaries & Features* | 81 mins

14724 Worzel Gummidge

Children's drama series about a disaster prone scarecrow, played by Jon Pertwee. It was based on the books of Barbara Euphan Todd and adapted for television by Keith Waterhouse and Willis Hall.

Southern Television | 1980 | *Children* | 25 mins

14526 Wrong Trousers, The

Plasticine adventures from Aardman Animations. This is the second film in the Wallace and Gromit trilogy, directed by Nick Park with echoes of Alfred Hitchcock. Peter Sallis provides the voice of Wallace.

BBC | 1993 | *Children* | 30 mins

14858 Wrong Trousers, The (subtitled)

Plasticine adventures from Aardman Animations. This is the second film in the Wallace and Gromit trilogy, directed by Nick Park with echoes of Alfred Hitchcock. This selection is subtitled.

BBC | 1993 | *Children* | 30 mins

X

14762 X-Files, The (season 2, 'Humbug')

This long-running cult American drama series focused on the exploits of FBI agents Mulder and Scully (David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson), investigating the paranormal. This particularly creepy episode concerns the murder of a circus performer.

Fox | 1995 | Series & Serials | 44 mins

14228 XYY Man, The ('The Big Bang')

A series about the exploits of a criminal, Spider Scott, played by Stephen Yardley. The programme introduced the television detective Bulman who went on to appear in two spin-off series, Strangers' and 'Bulman.

Granada | 1977 | Series & Serials | 54 mins

Y

14229 Year Zero: The Silent Death of Cambodia

John Pilger's harrowing account of Cambodia's devastation at the hands of Khmer Rouge. It was the first footage to come out of the country for four years and prompted huge donations to the British relief fund.

ATV | 1979 | News & Current Affairs | 52 mins

14230 Yes Minister ('Party Games')

A special Christmas double episode of the popular comedy series with Jim Hacker attaining the top job in the land through the machinations of his Permanent Under Secretary, Humphrey Appleby. The sequel series Yes, Prime Minister followed the following year.

BBC | 1989 | Comedy | 60 mins

14231 Young Ones, The ('Demolition')

The 'cult' alternative comedy series starring Rik Mayall, Adrian Edmondson and Nigel Planer as eternal students living in a disgusting flat. The show explored some of the more violent and surrealistic aspects of humour.

BBC | 1982 | Comedy | 35 mins

14432 You're Only Young Twice

Situation comedy set in an old folk's home called Paradise Lodge, where the residents were led by two troublemakers - Flora Petty (Peggy Mount) and Cissie Lupin (Pat Coombs).

YTV | 1977 | Comedy | 26 mins

Z

14232 Z Cars (episode 1, 'Four of a Kind')

The famous and influential drama series which brought action and realism to portrayals of the police on television, compared for instance with the earlier Dixon of Dock Green. It was set on Merseyside and used police crime cars as the basis of the show. Although criticised by Lancashire Police, it regularly attracted 14 million viewers.

BBC | 1962 | Series & Serials | 46 mins