

SATURDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2008

SAT 19:00 Diary of a Nobody - Shorts (b007d8r3)
Episode 5

Andrew Davies's adaptation of George and Weedon Grossmith's novel about the diary of archetypal 'little man' Charles Pooter.

Following a lovely holiday, Pooter is relieved to be home again. He indulges in some home improvements, Mrs James comes to stay and they finally find a position for Lupin, who announces his membership of the Holloway Comedians and his engagement to be married.

SAT 19:10 Diary of a Nobody - Shorts (b007gm0h)
Episode 6

Andrew Davies's adaptation of George and Weedon Grossmith's novel about the diary of archetypal 'little man'. Pooter feels troubled about Lupin's sudden engagement to Daisy Mutler, but he and Carrie decide to throw a party despite their disappointment. The party is a raging success and even Mr Perkupp drops in.

SAT 19:20 Pride and Prejudice (b0074rph)
Episode 5

A dramatisation of Jane Austen's classic story of social mores. Darcy is pleased to introduce Elizabeth to his sister, Georgiana, and to welcome her and her aunt and uncle to Pemberley. In spite of Miss Bingley's best efforts, their relationship is growing warmer, until Elizabeth receives a piece of distressing news from Longbourn.

SAT 20:10 Pride and Prejudice (b0074rph)
Episode 6

A dramatisation of Jane Austen's classic story of social mores. Mrs Bennet is delighted to have one of her daughters married at last. Elizabeth sees Wickham in his true colours when she meets him again after his elopement. There is great excitement in the neighbourhood when Bingley returns to Netherfield, bringing Darcy with him.

SAT 21:00 Pride and Prejudice Revisited (b0074rnb)
Documentary exploring the enduring appeal of Jane Austen's classic mixture of romance, wit and scathing social satire. Contributors include Deborah Moggach and Andrew Davies.

SAT 21:30 Savile Row (b00909d4)
New Blood

Three-part documentary series about Savile Row, the London street famous for its bespoke tailoring establishments. The tailors face their toughest challenge - encouraging the next generation to take up their mantle and become apprentices. Training is long and arduous, with limited financial rewards so companies treat new recruits with care and compassion. The programme follows those hoping to make the cut as they try to win The Golden Shears - tailoring's equivalent of the Oscars.

SAT 22:30 How to Murder Your Wife (b0078m0w)
Lively comedy about a successful cartoonist - a confirmed bachelor - who wakes up one morning to find that he's married a girl who popped out of a cake at a stag party. When all his efforts to get rid of her fail, he reluctantly settles down. However, when he carries out a mock murder of his wife to use as a story for his cartoon strip, there are disastrous consequences.

SAT 00:25 The Jet Stream and Us (b00909b0)
Documentary tracing how human understanding of the jet stream - a ribbon of fast moving air high in the atmosphere - has grown.

It has been responsible for bewildering effect on bomber pilots during the Second World War, turbocharging modern transatlantic flyers, the infamous 1987 hurricane and devastating floods. Scientists believe this powerful weather phenomenon is now changing its pattern of behaviour and could have an even bigger impact on our climate and the way we live our lives.

Interviewees include Sir Brian Hoskins, University of Reading and Kirsty McCabe from the BBC Weather Centre.

SAT 01:25 Citizen Smith (b0090b8b)
Corby

Writer Michael Smith takes on the guise of a contemporary

Citizen Smith, scouring the country in search of a modern day definition of nationality. In the final part, Smith attacks the English lack of national pride. After viewing a pitiful turnout for St George's Day celebrations at Trafalgar Square, he travels to Corby in Northamptonshire, a town flooded by Scottish steel workers in the 1970s. He compares the Scots who he believes still define themselves by national identity to his English countrymen who do not.

SAT 01:55 Brecon Jazz Festival (b0090cbw)
2007

World of Jazz

Pianist Julian Joseph meets leading fusion acts who performed at the 2007 Brecon Jazz Festival to learn about their musical roots. Acts include Robert Pla's Latin Jazz Orchestra, Eduardo Niebla and Jazz Jamaica.

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SAT 03:25 Citizen Smith (b0090b8b)
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SUNDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2008

SUN 19:00 Doctors to Be: 20 Years On (b008ftj7)
The Anaesthetist's Tale

Update on the 1980s series about a group of doctors just starting out on their careers. Dr Sarah Martindale spent three years gaining extra skills in Australia, but having returned to Britain in the expectation of a consultant's job, finds herself the victim of the NHS's cash problem. Sarah and her family want to settle down for good, and disillusionment is setting in. Should she stay here in the hope that a permanent job will eventually be advertised, or take the offers to return to Australia?

SUN 19:30 Going for a Song (b0092xs0)
Series 13

Breamore House

Antiques quiz show presented by Max Robertson from Breamore House in Hampshire, with experts Arthur Negus and Ian Harris and guests Julian Bream and Caroline Stacey.

SUN 20:00 Howards' Way (b0091tc3)
Series 1

Episode 13

1980s drama series portraying the life and loves of the Howard family in the privileged world of sailing, high fashion and commerce. The court case between the Mermaid Yard and the evil Shellet begins, while Avril is approached with an attractive proposition.

SUN 20:50 The Cult of... (b0091tc4)
Sunday Night

Howard's Way

Series which unearths the history and anecdotes behind cult British Sunday night drama series looks at Howards' Way.

It was nearly called The Boatbuilders, which didn't really communicate creator Gerard Glaister's desire for a British serial drama with all the glamour of the American soaps of the day. But borrowing from Dallas and Dynasty proved to be inspired and the re-named Howard's Way became a Sunday night must-see for millions, as well as giving Marti Webb an appearance on Top of the Pops.

Unashamedly aspirational and said to capture the ethos of the eighties, it outlasted Margaret Thatcher's term as prime minister by a mere three days. So how does it look from a 21st century vantage point? And could it possibly be true that many of us aspired to dress like Ken Masters and Jan Howard?

SUN 21:20 The Great British Sunday (b008x370)
Comedian Sean Lock looks at what Sundays always meant to him - from hangovers to Jack Hargreaves, from Sunday school and stately homes to utter boredom.

SUN 22:20 Story of Light Entertainment (b00792f0)
All Round Entertainers

Straight from the Victorian music halls with their traditional mix of song, dance and comic skit came the tradition of the all round entertainer - an artist who could 'do it all'. But despite this incredible mix of skills and after ruling the world of light entertainment for years, their chief mode of employment was to become hosts of variety shows, game shows, quizzes and competitions. And whilst an obvious waste of their talents, it did provide huge fame and money, as game shows quickly became the biggest hits on TV.

But the all round entertainers are the masters of reinvention - from Bruce Forsyth to Michael Barrymore and Bob Monkhouse to Cilla Black, they adapted their skills to keep their place at the top of the slippery showbiz ladder, even as reality TV took hold of the schedules and fame rather than talent became a passport to TV stardom.

But becoming a jack of all trades brings its own problems, and unappreciated talents, fragile egos and a craving for attention have forever blighted the world of the all rounder.

Stars featured include Bruce Forsyth, Jimmy Tarbuck, Cilla Black, Brian Conley, Joe Pasquale, Lionel Blair, Una Stubbs, Michael Grade and many more.

SUN 23:50 The Late Edition (b0090blw)
Series 4

Episode 15

Satirical comedy show, with host Marcus Brigstocke and guests.

SUN 00:20 The Cult of... (b0091tc4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 20:50 today]

SUN 00:50 Jonathan Meades: Magnetic North (b0090bzs)
Episode 1

Jonathan Meades travels from the flatlands of Flanders to Germany's spectacular Baltic coast in an attempt to decipher exactly what northerness entails. Is it to be found in gothic spires, herrings, grotesquerie, fantastical skylines or creepily dark woods?

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MONDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2008

MON 19:00 World News Today (b0091tfg)
The latest news from around the world.

MON 19:30 Dave Cameron's Incredible Journey (b008kj8z)
Award-winning reporter Michael Cockerell tells the behind-the-scenes story of David Cameron's first two years as Conservative Party Leader. When he won the job, Cameron told his party 'come with me, it will be an incredible journey'. Since then it has been a roller-coaster ride as Cameron has sought to give the Tories an attractive, fresh image. Special access, interviews with key insiders and critics plus revealing archive provide a candid picture of the Tory Leader's personality and methods. And "call me Dave" Cameron tells whether he has any doubts about his ability to fulfil the role of Prime Minister.

MON 20:30 The Cult of... (b0091tc4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 20:50 on Sunday]

MON 21:00 Portillo on Thatcher: The Lady's Not for Spurning (b009223q)
Former cabinet minister Michael Portillo assesses the legacy and continued influence of Margaret Thatcher on the Conservative Party.

He talks with former colleagues about the highs of the Thatcher years and the lows that followed for the Tories, speaking frankly about his own personal regrets and the damage Thatcher inflicted on the party in the wilderness years after John Major's premiership.

MON 22:30 The Worst Job In British Politics? The Leader of the Opposition (b0074sq4)

Julia Hartley-Brewer examines the role of Leader of the Opposition and asks what lessons David Cameron can learn from history as he plots his path to power. He has already abandoned his party's confrontational stance as he bids to recast the image of the Tories as the nasty party and rebrand it as modern, compassionate and caring. The programme looks at what he can learn from the tactics of previous opposition leaders, from Winston Churchill to Tony Blair.

MON 23:30 The Cult of... (b0091tc4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:50 on Sunday]

MON 00:00 Are We Having Fun Yet? (b0074tjc)

Baby Boomers

The centrepiece of 1997 week, this series examines how much Britain has changed in the last ten years. Baby boomers are redefining old age, but at what cost?

MON 01:00 Are We Having Fun Yet? (b0074ktk)

This Life

Series examining change in the UK in the past ten years looks at young singles. As a nation we are more educated, richer and have more choice, but are we happier?

MON 02:00 Are We Having Fun Yet? (b0074tk4)

Happy Families?

Series looking at changing Britain examines how childhood and families have transformed over the last decade. But from the scramble to get into the best schools to the pressures on working parents, are we too stressed to be happy?

MON 03:00 Portillo on Thatcher: The Lady's Not for Spurning (b009223q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 today]

TUESDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2008

TUE 19:00 World News Today (b0091tjh)

The latest news from around the world.

TUE 19:30 Pop Go the Sixties (b0088xv2)

Series 1

Helen Shapiro

A colourful nugget of pop mined from the BBC's archive, as Helen Shapiro performs Walking Back to Happiness.

TUE 19:35 Batman (b009224v)

Series 2

Hot off the Griddle

Fantasy adventure series. Catwoman is back and Batman lays a trap, but the feline fiend is forewarned. What will happen to the Dynamic Duo?

TUE 20:00 Around the World in 80 Treasures (b0078vxj)

Series 1

India to Sri Lanka

Documentary series in which Dan Cruickshank travels the world in search of man's greatest creations. In Calcutta, he tangles with a ten-armed naked goddess and is moved to passion in the Cave of Heavenly Maidens. Dan's on a journey of personal enlightenment and finds the key to the cosmos in the city of Jaipur, worships at the Temple of the Tooth, is blessed by an elephant and ends up in the world's greatest shrine to love, the Taj Mahal.

TUE 21:00 Storyville (b0091tjj)

Tito's Ghost

Documentary revealing how the cult of Marshall Tito remains alive and well in the former Yugoslavia over 25 years after the Communist dictator's death. Every year Tito devotees celebrate his birthday as if they hadn't noticed that the country he helped found had long since vanished in bloody civil wars. The protective fog of nostalgia surrounding his legacy has started to clear, and the hidden story of his long reign is now finally being told.

TUE 22:00 Goodness Gracious Me (b0077n6q)

Series 2

Episode 2

British Asian comedy sketch show. Featuring characters such as the Bhangra Muffins, the Competitive Mothers and Bollywood superstar Chunky La Funga.

TUE 22:30 The Hard Sell (b0091tnn)

Sex

Phill Jupitus narrates a series looking at 50 years of British TV advertising. This edition examines how sex has been used to sell, sell, sell to the public, with contributions from Melanie Sykes, Lord Tim Bell, Sir John Hegarty and Jennifer Clulow among others.

TUE 23:00 The Armstrong and Miller Show (b008fn10)

Series 1

Episode 6

Scratch beneath the surface of po-faced British respectability and you'll find a wealth of great characters. Alexander Armstrong and Ben Miller star in a sketch show.

TUE 23:30 Portillo on Thatcher: The Lady's Not for Spurning (b009223q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 on Monday]

TUE 01:00 Storyville (b0091tjj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 today]

TUE 02:00 BBC Proms (b007t3v6)

2007

American Classics - Prom 5

Charles Hazlewood introduces the BBC Symphony Orchestra under David Roberston as they perform two 20th century American classics - Leonard Bernstein's Second Symphony, The Age of Anxiety, and Charles Ives' Fourth Symphony. The programme begins with the first BBC commission of the season, Substratum by British composer Sam Hayden.

WEDNESDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2008

WED 19:00 World News Today (b0091tqp)

The latest news from around the world.

WED 19:30 Pop Go the Sixties (b008d00q)

Series 1

Tony Bennett

A colourful nugget of pop mined from the BBC's archive.

WED 19:35 Batman (b009225p)

Series 2

The Cat and the Fiddle

Fantasy adventure series. Catwoman impersonates a wealthy recluse in order to steal a couple of rare violins. Batman employs a new accessory to foil her.

WED 20:00 Monarchy: The Royal Family at Work (b008fm5g)

Headquarters

Documentary series providing insight into the work of The Queen and other members of the Royal Family over the course of a year.

A look behind the doors of Buckingham Palace - the Head of State's official offices, a museum, a residence, and a focal point for national celebrations and important State occasions. Some 2,500 people come to the Palace each year to receive an honour, and even public figures such as Steven Gerrard are nervous as they line up for their moment with the Monarch.

WED 21:00 The Worlds of Fantasy (b0090blv)

The Child Within

Three-part documentary series about fantasy fiction, which has become one of the biggest-selling genres in publishing thanks to JK Rowling's Harry Potter books and Philip Pullman's His Dark

Materials trilogy. This part explores the changing role of child heroes and heroines, from Peter Pan to Harry Potter, and asks why they have such an enduring appeal to writers of fiction for all ages. With contributions from writers including Pullman, Alan Garner, Will Self and Alasdair Gray.

WED 22:00 Masterpieces of Vienna (b008m61x)

The Tempest: Kokoschka

Series about Vienna's cultural artefacts looks at Oskar Kokoschka's expressionist masterpiece The Tempest, the product of a passionate love affair between the impoverished Viennese artist and a wealthy, older woman. The film tells the extraordinary story of their relationship and the bizarre behaviour it inspired from the rebellious Kokoschka.

WED 22:30 The Late Edition (b0091tqq)

Series 4

Episode 16

Satirical comedy show, with host Marcus Brigstocke and guests.

WED 23:00 Mark Lawson Talks To... (b0091tqr)

Nicholas Parsons

Just a Minute host and raconteur Nicholas Parsons in conversation with Mark Lawson.

WED 00:00 The Worlds of Fantasy (b0090blv)

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WED 02:30 The Worlds of Fantasy (b0090blv)

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WED 03:30 The Late Edition (b0091tqq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 22:30 today]

THURSDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2008

THU 19:00 World News Today (b0091tsg)

The latest news from around the world.

THU 19:30 Masterpieces of the East (b007t30n)

The Hamzanama

Series revealing the stories behind iconic artefacts from the Indian subcontinent. One of the great masterpieces of Mughal art, the 16th century Hamzanama paintings took 15 years to complete and were commissioned by Akbar, 13-year-old boy who was to become one of the greatest rulers in history. Of the original 1,400 paintings, just a precious few remain to demonstrate the extraordinary skills of the Iranian and Indian painters who created them.

THU 20:00 Michael Wood: The Story of India (b007zn52)

The Meeting of Two Oceans

The documentary series about the history of India charts the coming of Islam to the subcontinent and one of the greatest ages of world civilisation: the Mughals. Michael Wood visits Sufi shrines in Old Delhi, desert fortresses in Rajasthan and the cities of Lahore and Agra, where he offers a new theory on the design of the Taj Mahal. He also looks at the life of Akbar, a Muslim emperor who decreed that no one religion could hold the ultimate truth, but whose dream of unity ended in civil war.

THU 21:00 Jonathan Meades: Magnetic North (b0091tsh)

Episode 2

Jonathan Meades travels through the Baltic states to Finland in an attempt to decipher exactly what the concept of northernness entails. On his way he sees massive castles, tiny pasties, Lith dancing, totem poles, terrestrial sputniks and many, many crosses.

THU 22:00 Ashes to Ashes (b0090d3n)

Series 1

Episode 3

Drama series following the exploits of Life on Mars DCI Gene Hunt. With two faithful sidekicks, Hunt is drawn to the action and intrigue of the London Met, where he turns his attentions to taking on London's criminals.

THU 23:00 Pop Britannia (b008ptkd)

Two Tribes

Three-part documentary series telling the story of popular music and its place in British culture since the 1950s. This last part looks at the constant struggle between the forces of art and commerce. In the early 80s, punk-inspired art students such as The Human League and ABC took British pop to the top of the world's charts, but from the late 80s onwards, dynasties of star-makers such as Stock Aitken and Waterman have tried to mould British pop into a highly-profitable production line.

THU 00:00 How Pop Songs Work (b008nk4h)

Celebration of the magic of pop music and the skill and musical dexterity that goes into writing, performing and producing hit records. Conductor Charles Hazlewood explores the mechanics of pop songs such as Imagine, Tomorrow Never Knows and Back to Black by breaking them down into six key areas, aided by contributions from a cast of writers, producers and arrangers including Guy Chambers, Martin Fry, Steve Levine, Richard Niles, Nick Ingman, John Altman and Rob Davis.

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THU 02:00 Pop Britannia (b008ptkd)

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FRIDAY 29 FEBRUARY 2008**FRI 19:00 World News Today (b0091twr)**

The latest news from around the world.

FRI 19:30 Transatlantic Sessions (b007yys)

Series 3

Episode 1

The best of Nashville, Ireland and Scotland come together in an exclusive Highland location and with no audience except one another to make music in what have been called 'the greatest backporch shows ever'.

Paul Brady remembers Louisiana, Karen Matheson astonishes with some Gaelic mouth music and American star Joan Osborne makes her UK television debut.

FRI 20:00 Legends (b00879rc)

Al Bowlly - the Very Thought of You

Profile of the debonair 1930s crooner Al Bowlly. Listening to his songs today, one is transported back to the dreams, aspirations and style of the inter-war years. The film tells the colourful and chaotic story of how a South African barber travelled halfway across the world to become Britain's first pop star. From busking on the streets of London to his own radio show in New York, it tells how Bowlly led a life of extraordinary success that ultimately ended in disappointment and tragedy.

FRI 21:00 Rob Brydon's Identity Crisis (b0091tws)

Comedian Rob Brydon explores Welsh identity and tries to discover what makes his patriotic countrymen so defensive.

Along the way, he talks to a host of Welsh celebrities, including Griff Rhys Jones, Goldie Lookin' Chain and actress Ruth Jones, as he examines the national psyche, in particular questioning his own belief that the Welsh have a natural leaning toward pessimism.

Rob also constructs a stand-up routine of Welsh-based material which he tries out in surprise appearances at comedy clubs around Wales.

FRI 22:00 Timeshift (b0081mbk)

Series 7

Emmylou Harris's Ten Commandments of Country

Live performance in which Emmylou Harris presents her ten rules of what makes a great country song, personally chosen from her own extensive repertoire. Filmed in Los Angeles in an intimate venue, the show features songs with Emmylou accompanied by her blue grass band. Each track illustrates one of her ten commandments, with a short introduction to explain why it was chosen and what element of country music it best represents.

FRI 23:00 Timeshift (b0081mb)

Series 7

Emmylou Harris at the BBC

BBC collection of performances which traces Emmylou Harris's musical development from her first British TV appearance on the Old Grey Whistle Test right up to recent UK festival shows. Rarely seen archive from the BBC vaults nestles alongside more widely known material as Harris covers a broad spectrum of styles from country rock to Celtic traditional.

FRI 23:35 Batman (b009224v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:35 on Tuesday]

FRI 00:00 Batman (b009225p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:35 on Wednesday]

FRI 00:25 Timeshift (b0081mbk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 22:00 today]

FRI 01:25 Legends (b00879rc)

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