

SATURDAY 21 JANUARY 2023

SAT 19:00 Arctic with Bruce Parry (b00xjyfx)
Greenland

Bruce Parry journeys to the far north of Greenland, home to the last traditional Inuit hunters.

Bruce experiences the realities of life - and death - on a seal hunt, and learns how climate change is threatening their ancient way of life.

But while global warming is causing problems for the hunters, it is providing others with new opportunities. As the vast Greenland ice sheet melts, new mineral riches are being revealed. Bruce works with a mining team who are about to strike it big. Greenland is changing fast - but will there still be a place for hunters in the Arctic of the twenty-first century?

SAT 20:00 Sicily: The Wonder of the Mediterranean (b08cwr9)
Series 1

Episode 1

Historian Michael Scott begins his journey through Sicily on the slopes of Mount Etna, Europe's largest active volcano. For the ancient Greeks, the island was a land of gods and monsters - a dangerous and unpredictable world. Michael discovers how 3,000 years ago, the Greeks began to settle on Sicily's east coast - planting their olives and vines and building great city-states that soon came to rival even Athens itself.

He learns how great battles were fought between the Greeks and the Carthaginians for control of the island. How the Romans made it their first foreign colony and stripped Sicily of its forests to plant vast fields of grain. When Rome fell, waves of Barbarian invasions followed, before Sicily was conquered by the Byzantines - the eastern Roman Empire. How have those early invaders helped to shape the character of the island we see today? And what lessons have Sicilians learnt from their turbulent past?

SAT 21:00 Mystery Road: Origin (p0dp7v11)
Episode 5

The gang's true motive is revealed, but Jay alienates his colleagues, and lawyer Anousha harbours a suspicion about the old killing.

SAT 21:55 Mystery Road: Origin (p0dp7vjv)
Episode 6

Jay gets in harm's way at a violent showdown, but Mary is even more at risk when she learns that the name of a witness has been withheld.

SAT 22:50 Early Doors (b0078kfw)
Series 1

Episode 5

Comedy series set in a small Manchester public house. It is Joan and Eddie's anniversary, and they plan to celebrate in style at The Grapes with a fish supper for later. Eddie's mother-in-law Nellie is causing him concern, so Tommy offers the sympathetic advice of putting her in a home. Duffy involves Joe in an extramarital deception.

SAT 23:20 Early Doors (b0078kjr)
Series 1

Episode 6

Comedy series set in a small Manchester public house. It is the trip out to York races, and the Big Boys' Beano is ready for take-off. Melanie finally gets to meet her real dad as Ken waits nervously for her return. The pub goes into uproar as Tommy buys a round, and the mystery over who is putting fag ends in the urinals is finally solved.

SAT 23:50 To the Manor Born (b007881n)
Series 3

Birds vs Bees

Audrey starts a business selling honey. A rare bee-eating bird spotted by Marjorie brings lots of people to the village. Audrey sees this as an ideal opportunity to sell her honey.

SAT 00:20 The Many Faces of... (b00pk7ny)
June Whitfield

June Whitfield worked alongside the greats Arthur Askey, Tony Hancock, Frankie Howerd, Ronnie Barker, Benny Hill, Bob Monkhouse, Terry Scott and Jennifer Saunders.

In this film June tells her own story, from her early days in the West End working with Noel Coward, her ill-fated Broadway debut, and with the help of rarely seen archive, impeccable comedy performances on radio and TV.

June reveals that a lack of confidence about her looks caused her to play it for laughs. She also offers insights into her onscreen relationship with Terry Scott and the secret behind her success.

SAT 01:20 Reginald D. Hunter's Songs of the Border (p06bjc1v)

Against the backdrop of President Trump's much-trumpeted wall, Reginald D. Hunter takes a 2,000-mile road trip along the US-Mexico border to explore how romance and reality play out musically where third-world Mexico meets first-world USA on this broken road to the American dream.

Classic American pop and country portray Mexico as a land of escape and romance, but also of danger - think of Marty Robbins's El Paso, The Drifters' Mexican Divorce or Ry Cooder's Across the Borderline. Against this evocative western soundtrack, Hunter explores the border music as it is today, much of it created by musicians drawn from the 36 million Mexican-Americans who are US citizens. Robin Hood tales of Mexican cartels, South American dance, Tex-Mex accordion, Mexican-American rap, border fence sound art and country music of both Mexican and American flavours shed fascinating insight into the topical issues of immigration, drug smuggling and Mexican-American identity, and throw the western songwriter's dream of Mexico as a place of romance, fun and escape into sharp relief.

Reg's natural empathy and gentle humanity guides us on this cinematic journey, featuring Lyle Lovett, Los Tucanes de Tijuana, Frontera Bugalu, Calexico, Carrie Rodriguez, Asleep at the Wheel, Los Texmaniacs, Glenn Weyant, Eva Ybarra and Cecy B.

SAT 02:35 Arctic with Bruce Parry (b00xjyfx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 today]

SUNDAY 22 JANUARY 2023

SUN 19:00 Come Dancing (m001hhc5)
1979

Episode 4

Terry Wogan introduces another round in the classic interregional amateur dance contest as Wales compete against the North West at the Top Rank Suite in Swansea. Ray Moore provides the commentary. Featuring latin, ballroom, old time, formation and disco.

SUN 19:45 Romeo and Juliet: Beyond Words (m000crzw)

As members of the feuding Capulet and Montague families, Romeo and Juliet should be sworn enemies, but they fall deeply in love and marry in secret. That very day, disastrous circumstances lead Romeo to fight and kill Juliet's cousin Tybalt, setting off a chain of events that culminate in tragedy. Juliet takes a potion to avoid the love match her parents have set up for her, and Romeo, believing she is dead, poisons himself. When she wakes from her deep sleep, Juliet finds the body of her love and is so distraught that she stabs herself, joining him in death.

Romeo and Juliet is a drama feature film shot on location in Hungary, starring the dancers of the Royal Ballet in Sir Kenneth MacMillan's classic ballet. The film is set to Sergei Prokofiev's original score for Romeo and Juliet, and is unique in telling this classic story through dance. The score was adapted especially for the film. It was recorded at AIR Studios in Hampstead, London, with the Orchestra of the Royal Opera House, in early 2019. The 85 players were conducted by the renowned Royal Opera House music director Koen Kessels, and the leader was Vasko Vassilev.

Highlighting the essence of MacMillan's original choreography, Michael Nunn and William Trevitt's Romeo and Juliet takes viewers into the action with a striking intimacy. Through detailed portrayals by the Royal Ballet dancers, the film is a gripping story about real characters through an audacious experience that is by turn epic and intimate. With the story presented in a groundbreaking new light, the film captures the extraordinary performances that have earned the Royal Ballet the reputation of producing the greatest actor-dancers in the world. Seizing the opportunity to perform scenes with unparalleled subtlety, the dancers' artistry pays tribute to what is internationally recognised as the zenith of the dance

storytelling. Reimagined for the camera by the International Emmy Award winners Michael Nunn and William Trevitt, the film delivers a new realism and reaches a global audience of theatre, dance and film fans alike.

SUN 21:15 Westwood: Punk, Icon, Activist (m0009v35)

Dame Vivienne Westwood is punk rock's grande dame. This one-time agent provocateur became the doyenne of British fashion, an eco-conscious Boudicca and one of the most influential originators in recent history.

This film reflects on her extraordinary career from her early uphill struggle to success, and looks closely at her artistry, her activism and her cultural significance. Blending iconic archive and newly shot observational footage, this era-defining yet intimate origins story is told in Vivienne's own words, and through touching interviews with her inner circle of family, friends and collaborators.

This is the first film to encompass the remarkable story of one of the icons of our time, as she fights to maintain her brand's integrity, her principles - and her legacy.

SUN 22:35 Vivienne Westwood Talks to Kirsty Wark (p026f8fn)

Kirsty Wark interviews the fashion icon Vivienne Westwood about her career as one of Britain's most inventive and influential fashion designers.

Filmed on location at her V&A retrospective, Vivienne Westwood discusses her career from the early days of designing clothes worn by the Sex Pistols to her catwalk shows.

She gives an insight into how she works, including her use of very British fabrics such as Harris tweed and tartan and her reinterpretation of historic garments such as the corset and crinoline.

SUN 23:05 Byzantium: A Tale of Three Cities (b03kp6hg)
Episode 1

Simon Sebag Montefiore traces the sacred history of Istanbul. Known as the 'city of the world's desire', it's a place that has been the focus of passion for believers of three different faiths - Paganism, Christianity and Islam - and for nearly 3,000 years its streets have been the battleground for some of the fiercest political and religious conflicts in history.

Montefiore uncovers the city's ancient Greek roots, maps its transformation into the imperial capital of a Christian empire by Emperor Constantine the Great and reveals how ecclesiastical clashes forced eastern and western churches apart.

SUN 00:05 The Search for the Lost Manuscript: Julian of Norwich (b0716bd0)

Medieval art historian Dr Janina Ramirez tells the incredible story of a book hidden for centuries in the shadows of history, the first book ever written in English by a woman, Julian of Norwich, in 1373.

Revelations of Divine Love dared to present an alternative vision of man's relationship with God, a theology fundamentally at odds with the church of Julian's time. The book was suppressed for 500 years. It re-emerged in the 20th century as an iconic text for the women's movement and was acknowledged as a literary masterpiece.

Janina follows the trail of the lost manuscript, travelling from Norwich to Cambrai in northern France to discover how the book survived and the brave women who championed it.

SUN 01:05 Ancient Worlds (b00w5iff)
The Age of Iron

Archaeologist and historian Richard Miles looks at the winners, losers and survivors of the great Bronze Age collapse, a regional catastrophe that wiped out the hard-won achievements of civilisation in the eastern Mediterranean about 3,000 years ago. In the new age of iron, civilisation would re-emerge, tempered in the flames of conflict, tougher and more resilient than ever before.

SUN 02:05 Sicily: The Wonder of the Mediterranean (b08cwr9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:00 on Saturday]

MONDAY 23 JANUARY 2023

MON 19:00 Great British Railway Journeys (m0002jrh)
Series 10

Belfast to Portrush

Michael Portillo continues his rail journey through Northern Ireland steered by his Bradshaw's Guide. In Belfast's grand Edwardian City Hall, Michael investigates the scene of a watershed moment in Irish history and hears how thousands of Ulster Protestants were mobilised by train to sign a document pledging opposition to Home Rule for Ireland.

Michael follows Belfast author CS Lewis into the wardrobe to reach the magical world of Narnia and learns how religion influenced Lewis's work. From Antrim, he heads to the shores of Lough Neagh, the biggest lake in the British Isles, where he finds the largest wild eel fishery in Europe and joins a fisherman and his wife for a traditional eel meal.

On the greens of Portrush, Michael visits the Royal Portrush Golf Club to find out how Ireland's fair sex dominated the fairways at the time of his guide.

MON 19:30 The Joy of Painting (m000hqmt)
Series 1

Ocean Sunset

In another 30-minute challenge, Bob Ross captures the beauty of the beach as the sun goes down, in a seascape painted in gold, purple and orange.

MON 20:00 Winterwatch (b01q9d86)
1963: The Big Freeze

Chris Packham introduces a classic documentary from the BBC's archive, which takes a look at the worst winter of the 20th century in 1963. He also explores what we now know about how this big freeze affected Britain's wildlife, and how it would cope if we experienced another equally bad winter.

MON 21:00 Timeshift (b04c36md)
Series 14

Killer Storms and Cruel Winters: The History of Extreme Weather

If you think Britain has recently been on the end of some of the worst floods and storms ever experienced, think again. So says solar scientist Dr Lucie Green, as she takes a journey back through our most turbulent and dramatic weather history.

She finds an 18th-century storm surge that killed over a thousand people working in open Somerset fields, a hurricane that drowned a fifth of the British Navy and winters so bitter that the country came close to total shutdown. But she also explores how our reactions to killer storms and cruel winters helped forge a weather science that today allows us to predict - and protect ourselves from - the worst extremes.

MON 22:00 The US and the Holocaust (p0dm3gdg)
Series 1

The Homeless, Tempest-Tossed (1942-)

First reports of the industrial scale of killing reach the United States. A group of dedicated government officials establish the War Refugee Board to finance and support rescue operations. As the Allies advance, soldiers uncover mass graves and liberate German concentration camps, revealing the full horror of the Holocaust. The danger of its reverberations soon become apparent.

MON 00:05 Ancient Worlds (b00w8wpw)
The Greek Thing

Richard Miles explores the power and the paradox of the 'Greek Thing' - a blossoming in art, philosophy and science that went hand in hand with political discord, social injustice and endless war.

He paints a fascinating picture of the internal and external pressures that fuelled this unique political and social experiment, one that would pioneer many of the political systems that we still live with today, from oligarchy to tyranny, from totalitarianism to democracy.

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MON 01:35 The Joy of Painting (m000hqmt)
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MON 02:05 Winterwatch (b01q9d86)

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TUESDAY 24 JANUARY 2023

TUE 19:00 Great British Railway Journeys (m0002jsz)
Series 10

Larne to Dumfries

Michael Portillo continues his journey from Northern Ireland across the water to Scotland. Leaving from the seaport of Larne he reaches Stranraer and the Mull of Galloway, where in a lighthouse built by railway engineer Robert Stevenson, he discovers a magnificent machine, installed at the turn of the 20th century.

In the Lowland town of Cumnock, canvassers are out in force - it is the cradle of the Labour Party and home of its founder, Keir Hardie. Michael braves enemy territory to discover Hardie's influence today.

Close to the border with England, Michael arrives in Dumfries, where he seeks out an enchanted land and a boy who would never grow up. Peter Pan and Neverland were the creations of author JM Barrie, who played at Moat Brae as a child. With assistance from Peter, Tinkerbell, and Wendy, Michael helps the Moat Brae trust with the restoration of its garden.

TUE 19:30 The Joy of Painting (m000hq7)
Series 1

Triple View

Bob Ross encourages his viewers to follow him step by step as he paints a mountain view through a window, complete with cosy cabin and meadow.

TUE 20:00 To the Manor Born (b00788t9)
Series 3

Cosmetics

DeVere negotiates an important business deal with the beautiful Mademoiselle Dutoit, but when she decides to mix business with pleasure, he invents a wife... Audrey!

TUE 20:30 The Mistress (m001hhf9)
Series 1

Episode 3

Comedy series written by Carla Lane. Luke is on dangerous ground, with both Maxine and Helen feeling they could do with a bit more attention.

TUE 21:00 A History of Britain by Simon Schama (b0074kyy)
Series 1

Dynasty

Henry II built one of the greatest empires the medieval world had seen - only to see his wife, Eleanor of Aquitaine, and his scheming sons tear it all to pieces. He also created the jury system and the first legal statute books, but is best remembered as the man who ordered the murder of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Thomas Becket, his best friend turned bitterest enemy.

TUE 22:00 Storyville (m001hhfc)
Three Minutes: A Lengthening

Three minutes of footage is all that remains of the Jewish community of Nasielsk, Poland, filmed in 1938 by photographer David Kurtz. This Storyville documentary unravels the tales hidden within the celluloid, including insights from the film-maker's grandson and a boy who appears in the faded footage - one of the few survivors of the decimated village.

Kurtz's footage was made available courtesy of the Steven Spielberg Film and Video Archive in the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

TUE 23:10 The Lost Libraries of Timbuktu (b00hkb0z)
Aminatta Forna tells the story of legendary Timbuktu and its long-hidden legacy of hundreds of thousands of ancient manuscripts. With its university founded around the same time as Oxford, Timbuktu is proof that the reading and writing of books have long been as important to Africans as they are to Europeans.

TUE 00:10 Horizon (b04b763n)
2013-2014

What's Wrong with Our Weather?

Our weather in Britain has become more extreme.

The winter of 2013/14 was the wettest ever recorded, as deadly storms battered the country for weeks on end. But previous winters have seen bitter lows of minus 22, as Britain was plunged into a deep freeze.

Everyone wants to know why our weather is getting more extreme, whether we can expect to see more of it in the future, and if it has got anything to do with climate change.

Physicist Dr Helen Czerski and meteorologist John Hammond make sense of Britain's recent extreme weather and discover that there is one thing that connects all our recent extreme winters - the jet stream, an invisible river of air that powers along 10km above us. What's worrying is that recently it has been behaving rather strangely.

Scientists are now trying to understand what is behind these changes in the jet stream. Helen and John find out if extreme winters are something we may all have to get used to in the future.

TUE 01:10 Hope Street (p0ddgdhw)
Series 2

Episode 9

Finn is away receiving treatment for his PTSD, so Concepta takes his place on a fishing trip with Shay and Barry. Their pleasure cruise goes horribly wrong, however, when the boat's engine explodes - and crew member Brendan is seriously injured.

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TUE 02:25 The Joy of Painting (m000hq7)
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WEDNESDAY 25 JANUARY 2023

WED 19:00 Great British Railway Journeys (m0002jvp)
Series 10

Glasgow to Cumbrae

Michael Portillo continues his journey through western Scotland by exploring the industrial heartland of Glasgow and its mighty River Clyde before taking the ferry to the island of Cumbrae.

With his early 20th-century Bradshaw's guide in hand, he is put to work behind the scenes at Glasgow's circular subway, explores the future of shipbuilding on the Clyde and hears how one woman led a successful mass protest against high rents in the city's notorious tenements.

On the island of Cumbrae, Michael investigates a forgotten Scottish expedition to the Antarctic and discovers the beauty of intertidal marine life.

WED 19:30 The Joy of Painting (m000hy0r)
Series 1

Mountain Stream

American painter Bob Ross offers soothing words of encouragement to viewers and painting hobbyists in an enormously popular series that has captivated audiences worldwide since 1982. Ross is a cult figure, with nearly two million Facebook followers and 3,000 instructors globally. His soothing, nurturing personality is therapy for the weary, and his respect for nature and wildlife helps heighten environmental awareness.

In this series, Ross demonstrates his unique painting technique, which eliminates the need for each layer of paint to dry. In real time, he creates tranquil scenes taken from nature, including his trademark 'happy' clouds, cascading waterfalls, snow-covered forests, serene lakes and distant mountain summits.

Many of Bob's faithful viewers are not painters at all. They are

relaxing and unwinding with Bob's gentle manner and encouraging words, captivated by the magic taking place on the canvas.

In this half-hour segment, Bob Ross paints a cool blue waterway winding effortlessly down from faraway high peaks and evergreens.

WED 20:00 Michael Palin's New Europe (b0080sp3)
Wild East

From the tiny, breakaway state of Transnistria to the rolling hills of sunny Moldova, across the Carpathians mountains of Northern Romania and through Transylvania to the Danube, this is a journey into some of the poorest and most beautiful parts of south-eastern Europe.

Moved by Tatiana's theatre group, who warn teenagers of the dangers of people trafficking, to lunch with Olga and her mum in the sunny south of Moldova, Michael then passes the Byzantine painted churches of Bucovina, eats pork fat and brandy with lumberjacks in the forests of Maramures, and delights in the Merry Cemetery of Sapanta where the painted tombs are witty celebrations of life.

In Saxon Sighisoara and the imposing Bran Castle, made famous by Bram Stoker's Dracula, the truth behind the Transylvanian hero is unravelled.

In Bucharest he sees for himself Ceausescu's legacy in the People's Palace, but discovers a people who have survived the communist rule and are embracing the freedoms within a united Europe.

Tennis ace Ilie Nastase gives him a very personal view of that period, before National Theatre actor Dan Badarau takes him up the Danube through the famous Iron Gates towards the very heart of Europe.

WED 21:00 The Beginning and End of the Universe (b075dxsq)
The End

Professor Jim Al-Khalili carries us into the distant future to try to discover how the universe will end - with a bang or a whimper? He reveals a universe far stranger than anyone imagined and, at the frontier of our understanding, encounters a mysterious and enigmatic force that promises to change physics forever.

WED 22:00 Angelou on Burns (m0013ves)
African American writer and poet Maya Angelou goes on a pilgrimage to Burns Country in Scotland.

She is welcomed to Ayrshire by a group of Burnsians who hold a party in her honour to celebrate Robbie Burns's genius. They sing his songs and read his poems, while Angelou, in return, performs one of her own works.

Originally broadcast to commemorate the bicentenary of Burns's death in 1996, it is an evening where a shared passion for the Scottish bard creates a unique atmosphere.

WED 22:50 Beyond Burns (m000rs49)
Robert Burns's story has been told over and over, year after year, and with good reason. But in this programme, Scotland's national poet Jackie Kay looks beyond Burns to some of the other extraordinary, and often overlooked, poets Scotland has produced. She brings them out from Robbie's shadow to see how they have told, and continue to tell, our nation's story.

She looks at some of the poets who have influenced her including Robert Fergusson, Margaret Tait, Liz Lochhead and Norman MacCaig, and meets writers including Val McDermid, James Robertson, Hannah Lavery and Kevin MacNeil, to learn more about the overlooked poets and hear some of their stunning works.

The interrogation of identity and themes of belonging have always been at the heart of Kay's work, and it's a theme that has resonated with Scottish poets for centuries. Jackie candidly shares some painful stories and events from her past that have shaped her life and work, and this honest film never shies away from confronting the shameful issues of racism that stalked her growing up in Scotland.

Beyond Burns highlights the fact that, for a small nation, Scotland undeniably punches above its weight in poets. It also highlights the nations' breathtaking land and seascapes from the Isle of Lewis, Dunbar, Biggar and more.

WED 23:50 Catching Britain's Killers: The Crimes That Changed Us (m0009mg4)
Series 1

Interrogation

Beginning in 1972, this episode tells the story of a miscarriage of justice that would lead to major changes in police powers.

In 1972, the body of Maxwell Confait was found in a house in Catford, south London. After a short investigation, three local boys confessed to arson and murder. At the Old Bailey, all three were convicted, despite retracting their statements and protesting their innocence.

Following the unfolding story, the programme explores how, after taking up their case, their local MP made sure it received maximum publicity, which finally led to an appeal where all three of the convictions were quashed. The fact that three teenage boys could have confessed to something they hadn't done would shine a light on dangerous police practices and lead to a royal commission and an overhaul of the law.

Weaving together archive and interviews with police officers, lawyers, politicians and relatives of the accused boys and of the late MP Christopher Price, this episode tells the story of the new rights for suspects that were brought in following the boys' wrongful convictions. One miscarriage of justice would lead to a change in the law which brought in the right to a lawyer, a responsible adult and the tape recording of all police interviews.

As the programme moves forward, the consequences of the case go further still, as tape recording reveals police practices have not yet universally caught up with the changes in the law. Further reforms have led to the search for evidence, rather than pressing for confessions, as the goal for UK police investigations. As the episode shows, one single murder investigation in 1972 led to major reforms in British policing, transforming the rights of us all.

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WED 02:50 The Lost Libraries of Timbuktu (b00hkb0z)
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THURSDAY 26 JANUARY 2023

THU 19:00 Great British Railway Journeys (m0002k0s)
Series 10

Hillhead to Connel Ferry

Armed with his Edwardian Bradshaw's Guide, Michael Portillo falls into line with the University of Glasgow's Officer Training Corps. Founded in the early 20th century, the Corps flourishes today and Michaels joins students for drill.

From Glasgow, Michael heads west along the Firth of Clyde to Helensburgh, where he discovers a pioneering group of artists known as the Glasgow Boys.

The idyllic West Highland Line takes Michael deep into the Highlands to Inveraray and the ancestral home of the Clan Campbell and the Dukes of Argyll. Here, he discovers an unconventional royal marriage between Queen Victoria's spirited daughter, Princess Louise, and a commoner, the Marquess of Lorne, later the 9th Duke of Argyll.

Michael's final stop is Connel Ferry, near Oban, where, on the Achnaoloch Estate, he discovers Lily, a pedigree Highland calf. Michael learns how Lily's herd has been owned continuously by the Nelson family since 1901 and hears how the breed has become an icon of the Highlands.

THU 19:30 The Joy of Painting (m000hy0m)
Series 1

Country Cabin

Follow Bob Ross for a relaxing 30 minutes as he paints an old weathered dwelling burrowed deep in the snow and lined with protective evergreens.

THU 20:00 Elizabeth I's Secret Agents (b09fb54t)
Series 1

Episode 3

Elizabeth I is dead and King James of Scotland travels south to take the throne at the invitation of Robert Cecil. Meanwhile, John Gerard, a Catholic priest who has dedicated his life to the destruction of the Protestant state that developed in Elizabeth's England, has escaped and made contact with a splinter cell in the Catholic underground containing an extremist called Guy Fawkes, who has a plan to blow up parliament with the king inside.

Cecil hears about the gunpowder plot, but is unaware of when and how they will strike, and his investigation is hampered as he's also trying to manage King James, who has a wildly ambitious idea of unifying Scotland and England in a new kingdom of Great Britain.

THU 21:00 Schindler's List (m001hhg5)

Krakow, Poland. Wheeler-dealer Oskar Schindler exploits the German confinement of Jews to build a business, but the cruelty of Nazi officers, including the vicious Amon Goeth, prompts him to acts of compassion and defiance.

THU 00:05 Balloon (m000pyt7)

1979, Thuringen, East Germany. Like many of the country's citizens, the Strelzyk family are desperate to escape to the west.

Under the watchful eye of the Stasi and the fearsome lieutenant colonel Seidel, they pursue a plan so crazy that most of their neighbours would not believe it if they saw it. With the help of their friends the Wetzels, they try to cross the border in a homemade hot air balloon.

In German with English subtitles.

THU 02:05 Around the World in 80 Treasures (b0078vzw)
Series 1

Uzbekistan to Syria

Documentary series in which Dan Cruickshank travels the world in search of man's greatest creations.

Dan hits some of the most mysterious and secret countries in the world, where the weary western traveller cannot be sure of a warm welcome. But he's in for a surprise as he is accosted by young girls in Bukhara and Persian carpet sellers in Iran. He couldn't be more welcome if he tried.

Tile making in Samarkand, the extraordinary Trading Domes of Bukhara in Uzbekistan and the Fire Temple of Baku in Azerbaijan take Dan to some of the most incredible but least-visited places in the world. There is also a real mystery to solve as he gingerly edges himself up a cliff face towards the biggest archaeological puzzle of the 19th century - the Behistun carvings.

After the pleasures of Iran, Dan heads for one of the glories of the ancient world - the great city of Persepolis, vanquished by Alexander the Great in 330BC. In its day, it was the most beautiful city in the world and there's more than enough left to savour the brilliance - like the Palace of One Hundred Columns and the Gate of All Nations.

Lastly, Dan visits Damascus in Syria and one of the most exotic souks in the world. Worn to a frazzle, he heads for the local hammam - the town steam bath - for pampering and a hubble-bubble pipe.

FRIDAY 27 JANUARY 2023

FRI 19:00 Top of the Pops (m001hhgz)

Simon Mayo presents the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 3 February 1994 and featuring Red Hot Chili Peppers, Rozalla, The Charlatans, Wendy Moten, Gin Blossoms, Mariah Carey and D:Ream.

FRI 19:30 Top of the Pops (m001hhh1)

Mark Goodier presents the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 10 February 1994 and featuring Aretha Franklin, Elastica, D:Mob with Cathy Dennis, The Cranberries, Carleen Anderson, Suede, Shara Nelson and D:Ream.

FRI 20:00 Top of the Pops (b01q6xrs)

David 'Kid' Jensen presents the pop chart programme, first shown on 26 January 1978 and featuring Rich Kids, Althea & Donna, Gordon Giltrap, Terry Wogan, Yellow Dog, Gallagher & Lyle, Bob Marley and the Wailers, Baccara, Wings and Legs & Co.

FRI 20:30 Top of the Pops (b07jbqvh)

Simon Bates presents the pop chart programme, first shown on 28 January 1982 and featuring Tight Fit, Stiff Little Fingers,

Elkie Brooks, Alton Edwards, Haircut 100, Olivia Newton-John, The Stranglers and Shakin' Stevens.

FRI 21:00 Wayfaring Stranger with Phil Cunningham (b08n8hpk)

Series 1

Episode 3

Music and history combine as renowned Scottish performer Phil Cunningham explores age-old musical connections between Scotland, Ulster and America. Featuring a wealth of music, sacred and secular, in this final programme in the series are country and bluegrass legends Rosanne Cash and Ricky Skaggs, as Phil's journey takes him to the Grand Ol' Opry and the Country Music Hall of Fame in Nashville, Tennessee.

FRI 22:00 Transatlantic Sessions (b00hhhlw)

Series 1

Episode 5

Folk musicians come together in what have been called 'the greatest backporch shows ever' at Strathgarry House in the Perthshire Highlands, introduced by Aly Bain and Jay Ungar. Featuring Emmylou Harris, Dougie McLean, Kathy Mattea, Iris Dement, Guy Clark, Kate and Anna McGarrigle, and Michelle Wright.

FRI 22:30 Transatlantic Sessions (b00hkbm4)

Series 1

Episode 6

Folk musicians come together in what have been called 'the greatest backporch shows ever' at Strathgarry House in the Perthshire Highlands, introduced by Aly Bain and Jay Ungar. Featuring Emmylou Harris, Iris DeMent, Kate and Anna McGarrigle, Mark O'Connor, Mairead ni Mhanaigh, Kathy Mattea, Dougie MacLean and John Martyn.

FRI 23:00 Country at the BBC (b08qgkzv)

Grab your partner by the hand - the BBC have raided their archive and brought to light glittering performances by country artists over the last four decades.

Star appearances include Tammy Wynette, Kris Kristofferson, Johnny Cash and, of course, Dolly Parton. All the greats have performed for the BBC at some point - on entertainment shows, in concert and at the BBC studios. Some of the rhinestones revealed are Charley Pride's Crystal Chandeliers from The Lulu Show, Emmylou Harris singing Together Again on The Old Grey Whistle Test and Glen Campbell's Rhinestone Cowboy from The Val Doonican Music Show.

We're brought up to date with modern country hits from Top of the Pops and Later...with Jools Holland.

FRI 00:00 Glastonbury (m000xhc9)

2013

Arctic Monkeys

Six years after their debut at the festival, Sheffield band Arctic Monkeys returned to headline the Pyramid Stage for the second time in 2013. Highlights include Do I Wanna Know, Brianstorm, Fluorescent Adolescent and many more.

FRI 00:40 Wayfaring Stranger with Phil Cunningham (b08n8hpk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 today]

FRI 01:40 Top of the Pops (m001hhgz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 today]

FRI 02:10 Top of the Pops (m001hhh1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:30 today]

FRI 02:40 Top of the Pops (b01q6xrs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:00 today]

FRI 03:10 Top of the Pops (b07jbqvh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:30 today]