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SATURDAY 25 OCTOBER 2025 SAT 19:00 The Flying Gardener (b007tlxq) Series 1 Shorts Wales Chris Beardshaw meets keen gardeners Jane and Chris Goodrick from Rhuddland, Wales, and helps turn their garden into an impressive mixture of plants and shrubs. SAT 19:20 All Creatures Great and Small (p031d0dz) Series 6 The Call of the Wild Calum has an article published in the Veterinary Record, much to James's delight, but Siegfried finds it galling. He takes Calum to meet Mrs Bond and her cats. SAT 20:10 All Creatures Great and Small (p031d0f8) Series 6 The Nelson Touch James castrates Lord Hulton's pigs and wins the pools, but Siegfried wins the day with Mr Hopps, who has a digestive problem. SAT 21:00 The Crime Is Mine (m002lhnf) Penniless aspiring actress Madeleine Verdier is surprised to find herself accused of the murder of a powerful theatre producer. Her equally impoverished roommate, Pauline Mauleon, an aspiring lawyer, persuades her that a sensational trial is all that is needed to give her career a much-needed boost. In French with English subtitles SAT 22:40 Parkinson (m001qwqj) Parkinson Meets Shirley MacLaine Michael Parkinson interviews American actress Shirley MacLaine. SAT 23:05 Keeping Up Appearances (b007cky1) Series 5 Episode 3 Hyacinth is in a sunny disposition, which mystifies Richard. The real horror of his situation dawns on him when he realises that he has forgotten their anniversary and that Hyacinth is beaming in anticipation of a gift which he has not bought her. SAT 23:35 Miss Pym's Day Out: Bookmark (m0022nnt) Dramatised documentary about the writer Barbara Pym, depicting one day in her life - 23 November 1977 - when she travelled to London to attend the Booker Prize ceremony. Patricia Routledge plays Barbara Pym. SAT 00:25 Talking Heads (b00pchyv) Series 1 A Lady of Letters Irene Ruddock's mother died some years ago and she lives alone. A one-woman Neighbourhood Watch scheme, her habit of writing letters to the appropriate authorities gets ridiculously out of hand. SAT 01:00 All Creatures Great and Small (p031d0dz) [Repeat of broadcast at 19:20 today] SAT 01:50 All Creatures Great and Small (p031d0f8) [Repeat of broadcast at 20:10 today] SAT 01:40 The Flying Gardener (b007tlxq) [Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 today] SAT 02:00 How to Get Ahead (b03z08mx) At Versailles Stephen Smith explores the flamboyant Baroque court of the Sun King, Louis XIV. Louis created the Palace of Versailles so he could surround himself with aristocrats, artists, interior designers, gardeners, wigmakers, chefs and musicians. Hordes of ambitious courtiers scrambled to get close to the king, but unseemly goings-on in the royal bedchamber reflected the	quickest path to power. SUNDAY 26 OCTOBER 2025 SUN 19:00 Fred Dibnah's Age of Steam (b0078kym) The Early Pioneers Fred Dibnah traces the development of steam power from the earliest experiments in the ancient world to the modern nuclear power station. Fred visits Cornwall to look at the early history of the steam engine, first developed to pump water from tin mines. SUN 19:30 BBC Cardiff Singer of the World (m002lhw6) A Celebration Concert Gareth Malone and Danielle de Niese host highlights of a special concert, at the Wales Millennium Centre, featuring an all-star line-up of previous winners and finalists from BBC Cardiff Singer of the World. From Bizet's flirtatious Habanera to Dvorak's much-loved Song to the Moon, popular arias by Mozart, Verdi, Puccini and more, this is a concert full of musical treats. Artists include Welsh soprano Natalya Romaniw, mezzo-soprano Catriona Morison from Scotland, Swedish mezzo-soprano Katarina Karnéus, Turkish-Austrian tenor Ilker Arcayürek and Ukrainian baritone Andrei Bondarenko, accompanied by the BBC National Orchestra of Wales conducted by Xu Zhong. SUN 21:00 The Chatterley Affair (b00876jt) In 1960 the novel Lady Chatterley's Lover became the subject of an obscenity trial, a touchpaper for the decade when attitudes towards class and sex exploded. This drama offers a fictional account of a love affair between two of the jurors as they fall under the influence of DH Lawrence's words. SUN 22:30 The Age of Uncertainty (m002l6zm) Series 1 3. Karl Marx - The Massive Dissent JK Galbraith investigates the impact of Karl Marx on our economic interpretation of society. The life and work of Marx set the pattern for a socialist future, but the revolution he so much wanted did not materialise in his lifetime. SUN 23:25 The Age of Uncertainty (m002l6zp) Series 1 4. The Colonial Idea Professor Galbraith traces the colonial adventure, from the Crusades to the present, from the fall of Acre to the fall of Saigon. He looks at the potent myths that sustained colonialism and the real motives behind them. SUN 00:20 Arena (m0019dwz) Bette Davis: The Benevolent Volcano Ian Holm narrates this documentary, originally broadcast in 1983, about Hollywood star Bette Davis. Spanning her life and career from the 1920s to the 1980s, on stage and on screen, the programme includes an interview with the actress herself. SUN 01:05 Arena (m002k96l) Art and Design: The Journey Singer and writer George Melly takes a walk from his home in north London to the Hayward Gallery, reminiscing along the way about the influence of surrealism on his early life. 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MON 20:00 Stolen: Catching the Art Thieves (m001cbqm) Series 1 Stockholm This episode looks at the theft of a self-portrait of Rembrandt in a brutal robbery in Stockholm and hears from the investigators leading a complex hunt from Russian organised crime to America. The investigation takes a surprising twist involving charismatic FBI agents operating in Hollywood. MON 21:00 Call My Bluff (m002lhtq) Robert Robinson chairs as Frank Muir, Hannah Gordon and Tim Rice compete against Arthur Marshall, Moira Stuart and Charles Dance in a duel of words and wit. MON 21:30 Face the Music (m002lhts) Presenter Joseph Cooper invites viewers to match their musical wits against his guests, Joyce Grenfell, David Attenborough and Robin Ray. With guest musician Benjamin Luxon. MON 22:00 Arena (p0370w28) Masters of the Canvas When pop artist Peter Blake confessed that his fantasy was to be the mysterious masked wrestler Kendo Nagasaki, who never speaks and never removes his mask, little did he know what the consequences would be. Poet and television producer Paul Yates, also fascinated by the persona of Nagasaki, read the article and proceeded to research the possibility of Blake painting Nagasaki's portrait as a centrepiece for a film which would also, he hoped, include an exclusive interview with Nagasaki himself. Does he exist outside the ring and, if so, who is he? MON 23:00 The Great Philosophers (m002l4zk) Series 1 Locke and Berkeley Bryan Magee discusses the work of English philosopher John Locke (1632-1704) and Irish philosopher George Berkeley (1685-1753) with his guest, Dr Michael Ayres. MON 23:45 The Great Philosophers (m002l4zn) Series 1 Hume Bryan Magee discusses the work of the Scottish philosopher David Hume (1711-1776) with professor John Passmore. MON 00:30 40 Minutes (b0074tkn) Heart of the Angel Acclaimed observational documentary by BAFTA award winning director Molly Dineen set at London's Angel tube station in 1989, three years before its desperately needed renovation. The programme provides a humorous account of 48 hours in the life of the tube station, from the daily round of fraught commuters, overburdened lifts and cancelled trains to the nightly activities when 'fluffers', women who clean human hair and rubbish off the tracks to avoid a fire hazard, and the Permanent Way, the gangs of men who work with pickaxes in almost pitch-black conditions to renovate parts of the track, spring into action to prepare the line for the following day. 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TUE 20:00 The Good Life (p02r70qx) Series 4 Sweet and Sour Charity Mrs Weaver has moved, and Tom wants to take the oil from her central heating tank. Jerry is trying to discredit a colleague, and Margo is asked to play the lead in a production. TUE 20:30 Yes, Prime Minister (b0074qvc) Series 1 The Smoke Screen The health minister wants to abolish smoking using prohibitive taxation, losing the Treasury £4bn revenue. Jim sees how he can use this to stop Treasury opposition to his plans for tax cuts. TUE 21:00 How the Celts Saved Britain (b00kps7h) A New Civilisation Dan Snow blows the lid off the traditional, Anglo-centric view of history and reveals how the Irish saved Britain from cultural oblivion during the Dark Ages, in this provocative, two-part documentary. Travelling back in time to some of the remotest corners of the British Isles, Dan unravels the mystery of the lost years of 400-800 AD, when the collapse of the Roman Empire left Britain in tatters. In the first episode, Dan shows how in the 5th century AD Roman 'Britannia' was plunged into chaos by the arrival of Anglo-Saxon invaders. As Roman civilisation disappeared from Britain, a new civilisation emerged in one of the most unlikely places - Ireland. Within a few generations, Christianity transformed a backward, barbarian country into the cultural powerhouse of early medieval Europe. This is a visually and intellectually stimulating journey through one of the least known chapters of British history. TUE 22:00 Storyville (m002lj10) Welded Together Katya is a young welder, tough, self-reliant and determined to leave her traumatic childhood behind. But when she's unexpectedly forced to care for her vulnerable half-sister, everything changes. Thrown into a role she never asked for, Katya must confront painful memories and an estranged family, all while trying to shield the little girl from the world they've both come from. As the sisters grow closer, Katya faces an impossible decision - one that could change both their lives forever. Filmed with striking intimacy and visual power, this film is a raw and moving portrait of sisterhood, sacrifice and survival. It's a story about growing up too fast, about second chances and about the unbreakable bonds that can emerge in the most	unlikely places. TUE 23:35 imagine... (b00t15v1) Summer 2010 Tom Jones: What Good Am I? Alan Yentob examines the extraordinary story of one of Britain's most recognisable pop icons. In a frank and revealing interview, Sir Tom Jones describes the dizzying ascent from his humble beginnings as a miner's son in south Wales to becoming a headline act in Las Vegas and recalls many of his most cherished moments from a career that enabled him to sing alongside Elvis, establish himself as a hairy-chested sex symbol and make one of the most successful comebacks in pop history. 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He then heads west to the Llansteffan Peninsula where his guide, artist Osi Rhys Osmond, leads him through the beautiful countryside which was home to many of Dylan's relatives. They visit his aunt's farm, which would provide the inspiration for Dylan's poem Fernhill, before dropping down to the stunning Three Rivers estuary where the Taf, Tywi and Gwendraeth meet. WED 19:30 Canal Boat Diaries (m001lmjn) Series 4 Sheffield to Keadby Robbie Cumming begins his 300-mile boating adventure across the north of England and the Midlands. He is forced to make a running repair to his narrowboat, the Naughty Lass, and on the Tinsley lock flight in South Yorkshire, he cruises beneath Conisbrough's magnificent viaduct and must wait for an unusual sliding railway bridge to open on the Stainforth and Keadby Canal. WED 20:00 Archaeology: A Secret History (p0109k4g) The Power of the Past Archaeologist Richard Miles presents a series charting the history of the breakthroughs and watersheds in our long quest to understand our ancient past. He shows how 20th-century attention turned from civilisation and kings to the search for the common man against a background of science and competing political ideologies. WED 21:00 Thatcher: A Very British Revolution (m00062r1) Series 1 Downfall The final episode covers the period after the 1987 election, when Mrs Thatcher secured a third term as prime minister. She sets out to play a full part in international affairs, partnering with American presidents Reagan and Bush to engage with the Soviet Union and play a pivotal role in the journey to the end of the Cold War.	Her international prominence augments her dominant role in British politics, where her long period in office of nearly a decade is unprecedented in the 20th century. Within Downing Street, she has a loyal coterie of advisors who project her influence and protect her position, but some feel she has become overdependent on loyalists and detached from opinion with the country and the party. She continues to push hard for the introduction of a radical reform of local government finance, the community charge. The policy is known as the poll tax and is widely disliked. Despite warnings that the tax will negatively affect her constituency in the country, Mrs Thatcher refuses to compromise. Protests against the tax explode in violence in central London, but more damagingly, there is widespread disenchantment in Tory strongholds across the country. Fractures emerge with senior cabinet colleagues over European policy that will jeopardise her authority. Her preference for the counsel of a part-time advisor over the views of her chancellor on how to position sterling against other European currencies leads to Nigel Lawson's resignation. Her prototypical scepticism about Brussels' ambitions for the EU lead to a growing tension with long-term ally Geoffrey Howe. A bravado performance in the House of Commons, where she denounces the EU, tips Howe into resignation. Howe's departure provokes a leadership challenge from Michael Heseltine, who had left the cabinet some years before in protest at Mrs Thatcher's leadership style. Mrs Thatcher is plunged into a leadership contest. In contrast to the contest that propelled her to the party leadership in the 70s, her campaign is poorly organised, and she has been weakened by the resignation of senior colleagues and the reverberations of the poll tax. To her shock, she does not defeat Mr Heseltine in the first ballot and is forced into a second ballot. Over a dramatic few days, she consults senior colleagues about whether she can depend on their support in a second ballot. Cabinet members tell her they believe she could lose and that she has lost control of the political momentum. Faced with this, she decides to resign. In a highly-dramatic cabinet meeting, she offers a tearful resignation and prepares to leave Downing Street. In the country, emotions run high as supporters lament and opponents celebrate her departure. The episode features interviews with Charles Powell, senior advisor; Bernard Ingham, press secretary; Caroline Slocock, private secretary; senior political figures Michael Heseltine, Nigel Lawson, Norman Tebbit, Ken Clarke, Ken Baker, Chris Patten, Peter Lilley and Malcolm Rifkind; and journalist Simon Jenkins. WED 22:00 Remembers... (m002lj3b) David Hare Remembers... The Absence of War Screenwriter David Hare recalls his 1995 drama The Absence of War, adapted from his own successful stage play, a fictional account of a Labour general election campaign. David Hare looks back at the research and how, to the dismay of some of Neil Kinnock's colleagues, he was given access to his team in the 1992 election. On watching the production, Kinnock called it 'the three most difficult hours of my life'. David talks about the joy of working with a cast drawn mainly from the original National Theatre company production, and he discusses the universal themes the play covers, as relevant today as they were when the film was first shown 30 years ago. WED 22:15 Screen Two (m002jm23) The Absence of War Political drama written by David Hare and starring John Thaw. Labour leader George Jones battles with his party on the campaign trail of a general election. 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THU 19:30 Canal Boat Diaries (m001lldy) Series 4 Keatby to Kiveton Park Robbie Cumming tackles the fast-flowing tidal River Trent and is invited to join a night-time illuminated boat parade. However, his journey is hampered by a damaged wall in Workop and a water shortage on the picturesque Chesterfield Canal. Will he make it by boat to Kiveton Park? THU 20:00 Vasa: The Ghost Ship (m001zyvm) The Vasa, one of the most majestic galleons ever to put to sea, sank 18 minutes after leaving Stockholm harbour on her maiden voyage in 1628. The loss of the Vasa was a major setback for Sweden's ambitions to become a power in the Baltic during a turbulent period of European history. Three centuries later, in 1961, the wreck of the Vasa was raised. Remarkably well preserved by the mud and water in the Baltic Sea, she is a 17th-century time machine. Following the work of archaeologists, divers and historians, this programme plunges into Stockholm harbour to make new discoveries and reveal more about the lives of those who built, sailed and died on one of the most powerfully armed warships of her time. THU 21:00 Halloween (b007494k) Classic horror. Fifteen years after murdering his sister, Michael Myers escapes from an asylum and returns to the small town of Haddonfield. Dr Sam Loomis, a psychiatrist who has been treating Michael, races to track him down before he kills again. THU 22:25 The Others (b00790z1) Supernatural thriller set at the end of WWII about a devoutly religious mother who moves to a Jersey mansion with her ailing children to await the return of her soldier husband. Soon, a series of strange and chilling events prompts the newcomers to believe that the house is haunted. THU 00:05 Hauntings (m002389f) Series 1 The Edinburgh Executioner On the night of Christmas 1998, a homeless man enters the infamous Greyfriars Kirkyard in Edinburgh. Seeking refuge, he broke into the tomb of George Mackenzie - Edinburgh's famous executioner - and then fell into an assembly of decomposing corpses. His screams were heard above ground, but something else had been disturbed. Within weeks, stories of blackouts and inexplicable attacks began to spread. The injuries were so severe that Edinburgh City Council locked the gates and declared the area out of bounds for public safety. Jan Andrew Henderson began to chronicle the Mackenzie Poltergeist - only to claim to become a target of its malice. THU 00:50 Hauntings (m002389g) Series 1	The Lady of the Lake In 1958, two young women travel together in a Ford Sedan to a nightclub in Georgia, on the other side of Lake Lanier. But they never return. Weeks later, reports begin of a ghostly figure: a lady wearing a blue dress, walking across the lake, whilst calls for help are heard from the waters below. Then, stories of unexplained drownings emerge. Mysterious deaths at Lake Lanier abound, whilst survivors report the feeling of being pulled into the depths or held beneath by unseen hands. THU 01:35 Weatherman Walking (b042689s) [Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 today] THU 02:05 Canal Boat Diaries (m001lldy) [Repeat of broadcast at 19:30 today] THU 02:35 Vasa: The Ghost Ship (m001zyvm) [Repeat of broadcast at 20:00 today] FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER 2025 FRI 19:00 Top of the Pops (m002lj3p) Kate Thornton presents the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 4 September 1998 and featuring Boyzone, Steps, Mansun, Honeyz, Faithless, The Corrs, Madonna and Manic Street Preachers. FRI 19:30 Top of the Pops (m002lj3r) Jamie Theakston presents the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 11 September 1998 and featuring Five, Jennifer Paige, Sheryl Crow, Manic Street Preachers, Aerosmith, Hole and All Saints. FRI 19:55 Top of the Pops (b084zy9d) Simon Bates presents the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 28 October 1982 and featuring Raw Silk, Blue Zoo, Culture Club, Dionne Warwick, Melba Moore, The Beatles, Tears for Fears and Eddy Grant. FRI 20:30 Top of the Pops (b01778m9) Tony Blackburn presents the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 28 October 1976 and featuring Alan Price, Chicago, Leo Sayer, Joan Armatrading, Simon May, Pussycat and a Legs & Co dance routine. FRI 21:00 Bruce Springsteen at the BBC (m002d3jp) A journey through the BBC archives celebrating some of Bruce Springsteen's finest songs and moments. From the early days when he was making a name for himself in the UK, championed by the experts on The Old Grey Whistle Test, to the Glory Days of 80s chart success that came with his biggest album, Born in the USA, and beyond. Bruce has shared a number of exclusive moments with the BBC over the years, and the best of them are featured here in a collection that showcases his supreme skills as a songwriter and live performer. FRI 22:00 When Bruce Springsteen Came to Britain (m002d3jr) To mark the 50th anniversary of Bruce Springsteen's first UK concert, this one-hour documentary examines the American singer-songwriter's unique relationship with the UK. It tells the story of how he first arrived in the UK in 1975, along with the E Street Band, for two sold-out performances at the Hammersmith Odeon, giving his album Born to Run its European premiere. This was later followed by successful tours in 1981 and 1985, with the story being brought up to date with the triumphant 2024 UK tour. As well as an exclusive, revealing interview with Springsteen himself, the documentary uses archive footage and interviews with friends, contributors and fellow musicians, along with the stories of 'ordinary' fans. Together, these reveal the huge impact Britain and British music has had on Springsteen's life and career. FRI 23:00 Bruce Springsteen and The E Street Band: Hammersmith Odeon 1975 (m002d3jt) A key concert filmed by The Old Grey Whistle Test, which includes Born to Run, Jungleland and Backstreets.	FRI 01:10 Top of the Pops (m002lj3p) [Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 today] FRI 01:40 Top of the Pops (m002lj3r) [Repeat of broadcast at 19:30 today] FRI 02:05 Top of the Pops (b084zy9d) [Repeat of broadcast at 19:55 today] FRI 02:40 Top of the Pops (b01778m9) [Repeat of broadcast at 20:30 today]
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