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SATURDAY 13 JUNE 2026 SAT 19:00 Timeshift (b03p7jh9) Series 13 Hurricanes and Heatwaves: The Highs and Lows of British Weather A glorious national obsession is explored in this archive-rich look at the evolution of the weather forecast from print via radio to TV and beyond - and at the changing weather itself. It shows how the Met Office and the BBC have always used the latest technology to bring the holy grail of accurate forecasting that much closer - even if the odd messenger like TV weatherman Michael Fish has been shot along the way. Yet as hand-drawn maps have been replaced by weather apps, the bigger drama of global warming has been playing itself out as if to prove that we were right all along to obsess about the weather. Featuring a very special rendition of the shipping forecast by a Cornish fishermen's choir. SAT 20:00 Heatwave (m002xvfy) Dramatised documentary. An alarming vision of Britain caught in the grip of an environmental and social nightmare. It's summer 2006, and temperatures have topped 100 degrees, with no end in sight. SAT 21:30 1976: Summer of... Heat (m002xvg0) Documentary looking at the heatwave of 1976. The longest driest spell on record led to drought, water rationing and forest fires. As the country sweltered, tensions rose. SAT 22:30 The World About Us (m002xvg2) The Year of the Ladybirds Documentary exploring the long, hot summer of 1976, the driest for two centuries. It was seen by many as a year of disaster for the countryside. But was it really? SAT 23:20 Horizon (m002xvg4) The Great British Drought Documentary from 1976 that explores the drought crisis of that year, going behind the scenes to discover its impact on farming, the landscape and industrial and domestic consumers. SAT 00:00 Summer of '76: Away from It All (m002xvg6) Herbie and June Harris and their children waited all year to go on holiday. But quite unexpectedly, Herbie lost his job, and Stephen, their eldest, left school and couldn't find work. Despite their misfortunes, the Harris family were determined to go through with the holiday, rather than disappoint the boys and the other families going with them. Herbie and June tell their own story of the summer of 1976 - how they coped with their problems, learnt the value of friends and discovered the importance of making the best of things - away from it all. SAT 00:50 Keeping Up Appearances (b007b81t) Series 2 The Three Piece Suite Hyacinth is eager for her neighbours to view the arrival of her new suite, proudly boasting that it's an exact replica of one at Sandringham House. But the rest of the family conduct themselves less than regally. SAT 01:20 Keeping Up Appearances (b007b855) Series 2 A Picnic for Daddy Sitcom about an irrepressible snob. Hyacinth's plan to take Daddy on a picnic backfires when he takes the car, leaving the rest of the family stranded. SAT 01:50 The World About Us (m002xvg2) [Repeat of broadcast at 22:30 today] SAT 02:40 Horizon (m002xvg4) [Repeat of broadcast at 23:20 today]	SUN 19:00 Afoot Again in the Past (m002xvhv) Wallpaper and Chimneys Lucinda Lambton visits the last surviving traditional wallpaper factory in London, and Dan Cruickshank investigates the hidden jewels of British architecture - chimneys. SUN 19:15 Timeshift (b00xf6xk) Series 10 The Modern Age of the Coach Documentary which brings the story of the coach up to date, as it explores the most recent phase of Britain's love affair with group travel on four wheels - from school trips and football away-days to touring with bands and 'magic bus' overland treks to India. The establishment of the National Coach Company may have standardised the livery and the experience of mainstream coach travel in the 1970s, but a multitude of alternative offerings meant the coach retained its hold on the public imagination, with even striking miners and New Age travellers getting in on a very British act. SUN 20:15 Remembers... (m002xvhy) Michael Palin Remembers... Michael Palin's Hemingway Adventure Few people have followed in Ernest Hemingway's footsteps quite like Michael Palin. In this fascinating interview, the much-loved broadcaster, writer and traveller reflects on his journey through the landscapes, cultures and stories that shaped one of the 20th century's most celebrated authors. From Hemingway's homes and favourite haunts to the adventures that inspired his greatest works, Michael shares the highlights of his travels, revealing what he learned about the man behind the legend. SUN 20:30 Michael Palin's Hemingway Adventure (p00xb6vx) Episode 1 Michael Palin follows in Ernest Hemingway's footsteps across Europe, Africa and America. He starts in Spain for Pamplona's bull run and Valencia's bullfighting. SUN 21:15 Michael Palin's Hemingway Adventure (p00xb6z3) Episode 2 Michael Palin moves from the busy streets of Chicago to a suburb of Oak Park, Illinois. Here, in a town that Hemingway apparently called a place of 'wide lawns and narrow minds', his ambitious and creative mother dressed him as a girl and wrote some melancholy music. Later, in Michigan, Michael visits the family summer cottage. He tries fishing and shooting, which according to Hemingway's young diaries were his favourite sports. Michael then travels to Europe and arrives at Milan station. After a quick course in first aid, he finds himself behind the wheel of an ambulance. He goes to the Italian front, where Hemingway was shot and wounded, and ends up at Italy's largest war memorial in Redipuglia. Michael drives a tank in Paris and visits Hemingway's shoe-box apartment. He ends up in an American hospital in Neuilly after an encounter with a broken lavatory chain and a skylight. SUN 22:05 Windrush: Portraits of a Generation (m001n4cw) Marking the 75th anniversary of the arrival of HMT Empire Windrush to British shores in 1948, this documentary from 2023 follows a remarkable project spearheaded by the King, who commissioned ten leading artists from Britain and abroad to create portraits of ten pioneering members of the Windrush Generation. The completed portraits will become part of the Royal Collection and stand as a lasting memorial to all the men, women and children who came to Britain from the Caribbean and gave so much of themselves to rebuild a nation devastated by war. Featuring first-person testimony from the Windrush sitters, many of whom are in their 90s, as they speak frankly about their experiences of arriving in Britain, making lives for themselves and the overwhelming contribution they have made to their communities and the nation as a whole. SUN 23:20 Michael Palin's Hemingway Adventure (p00xb6vx) [Repeat of broadcast at 20:30 today]	SUN 00:10 Michael Palin's Hemingway Adventure (p00xb6z3) [Repeat of broadcast at 21:15 today] SUN 01:00 Windrush: Portraits of a Generation (m001n4cw) [Repeat of broadcast at 22:05 today] SUN 02:15 Timeshift (b00xf6xk) [Repeat of broadcast at 19:15 today] MONDAY 15 JUNE 2026 MON 19:00 University Challenge (m001jpmv) 2022/23 Episode 25 The quarter-final stage of the tournament begins. Two teams are looking for the first of the two wins they need to advance to the semi-finals. Jeremy Paxman asks the questions. MON 19:30 Only Connect (b00pws9c) Series 3 Polymaths v Strategists Quiz show presented by Victoria Coren in which knowledge will only take you so far, as patience and lateral thinking are also vital. The Polymaths pool their disparate skills in chicken husbandry, musical theatre and urban geography to challenge the brainpower of the Strategists, a team unified by their love of sophisticated strategy board games. They compete to draw together the connections between things which, at first glance, seem utterly random, including Cakes and Ale, The Dogs of War, Brave New World and The Darling Buds of May. MON 20:00 Stonehenge: The Lost Circle Revealed (m000s5xm) In a world exclusive, Professor Alice Roberts follows a decade-long historical quest to reveal a hidden secret of the famous bluestones of Stonehenge. Using cutting-edge research, a dedicated team of archaeologists led by Prof Mike Parker Pearson have painstakingly compiled the evidence to fill in a 400-year gap in our knowledge of the bluestones – and to show that the original stones of Britain's most iconic monument had a previous life. From the grand fantasy of medieval Merlin legends, to the chemical signatures in microscopic rock fragments, no stone is left unturned in the search for new evidence. By combining innovative 3D scanning techniques, traditional field archaeology and novel laboratory analysis, the team have discovered when and where the stones for Stonehenge were quarried and where they first stood. Alice shows how the team discovered that the stones must have been quarried 400 years before they were first erected at Stonehenge. The team then focuses on trying to find out if the same stones had an earlier life. Alice joins Mike as they put together the final pieces of the puzzle – not just revealing where the stones came from and how they were moved from Wales to England, but also solving one of the toughest challenges that archaeologists face. Their revelations will rewrite the history of Stonehenge forever – this is the story of Stonehenge's lost circle. MON 21:00 Art of America (b017sryq) What Lies Beneath In the final part of his United States odyssey, Andrew Graham-Dixon feels the pulse of contemporary America. Beginning in Levittown - the first mass-produced suburb - Andrew uncovers the dark side of post-war consumerism and the role artists have played in challenging the status quo. He visits New York's Metropolitan Museum to see the most subversive artwork of 1950s America, Jasper Johns's White Flag. Pop art defined the 1960s and Andy Warhol was its greatest artist. Andrew examines Warhol's soup can paintings, meets his former lover Billy Name and interviews one of the last great surviving pop artists, James Rosenquist. He travels west down the open road, exploring its art, arriving in Los Angeles, an artificial dream world that has inspired the
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graphic style of Ed Ruscha and the city's own unique contribution to 20th century design - Google architecture.

Back east, Andrew visits the home of one of his favourite 20th century artists, the late Philip Guston, and gets a private view of his work. He drops into the studio of Jeff Koons to learn how the enfant terrible of contemporary art continues to challenge the boundaries of American taste. Finally, he explores the impact 9/11 has had on America and how a new generation of artists, such as Matthew Day Jackson, have made sense of this tragic event.

MON 22:00 American Visions (p00g6w9z)
The Gilded Age

Robert Hughes considers how the Civil War industrialised society, bringing steam power, the Brooklyn Bridge, plutocrats and an urban underclass. Nostalgia for loss entered the culture and brought the Museum Age.

MON 23:00 Vienna: Empire, Dynasty and Dream (b0851kfd)
Episode 2

Simon Sebag Montefiore tells the story of Vienna, triumphant after the Ottoman threat receded at the end of the 17th century. No longer an outpost defending the west from Islamic invaders, the imperial capital was to become the most glittering in the world. The Habsburg emperors transformed the city from a fortress into a great cultural capital. Vienna became a city that would define the arts: a magnet for musicians, including Mozart, Haydn and Beethoven.

MON 00:00 Timeshift (b03p7jh9)
[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Saturday]

MON 01:00 Summer of '76: Away from It All (m002xvg6)
[Repeat of broadcast at 00:00 on Saturday]

MON 01:50 Only Connect (b00pws9c)
[Repeat of broadcast at 19:30 today]

MON 02:20 Art of America (b017sryq)
[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 today]

TUESDAY 16 JUNE 2026

TUE 19:00 University Challenge (m001jw8k)
2022/23

Episode 26

Two more teams return for their first quarter-final match out of a possible three. Jeremy Paxman asks the questions.

TUE 19:30 Only Connect (b00q0hpx)
Series 3

Choir Boys v Brasenose Postgrads

Quiz show presented by Victoria Coren in which knowledge will only take you so far, as patience and lateral thinking are also vital.

Three members of the Brighton and Hove (Actually) Gay Men's Chorus square up to a trio of postgraduates of Brasenose College, Oxford.

They compete to draw together the connections between things which, at first glance, seem utterly random.

TUE 20:00 Keeping Up Appearances (b007b692)
Series 3

Early Retirement

Count your blessings, they say. For some early retirement can be a blessing - for Hyacinth's Richard, this particular blessing comes very heavily disguised.

TUE 20:30 One Foot in the Grave (b007b8bs)
Series 2

In Luton Airport No-one Can Hear You Scream

The Meldrews return from a disastrous Greek holiday to discover that their home has burnt down. Six months and a pile of insurance headaches later, they are ensconced in their new

home and decide to throw a house-warming party. What could possibly go wrong?

TUE 21:00 A History of Britain by Simon Schama (b0074n44)
Series 3

The Two Winstons

Simon Schama tackles the 20th century through the lives of two men - Winston Churchill and George Orwell. Both men, so very different in almost every way, lived through and wrote about the key moments of British 20th-century life - the Depression, Empire, two world wars and the Cold War. What unites them, argues Schama, is one shared theme - forget history at your peril.

TUE 22:00 The American Revolution (m002wx9f)
Series 1

In Order to Be Free (May 1754 – May 1775)

American colonists oppose efforts by the British Crown and Parliament to seize greater control in North America, escalating simmering tensions over land, taxes and sovereignty into a violent confrontation. After protesters dump tea in Boston Harbor, the British government enacts martial law in Massachusetts. Fighting at Lexington and Concord ignites a war that will last eight years.

A film by Ken Burns, Sarah Botstein and David Schmidt.

TUE 23:00 The American Revolution (m002wx9j)
Series 1

An Asylum for Mankind (May 1775 – July 1776)

New Englanders rush to surround the British Army in Boston, but as war begins, Americans find themselves sharply divided. After the Battle of Bunker's Hill, George Washington of Virginia arrives to command the newly created Continental Army. In July 1776, the Continental Congress issues the Declaration of Independence, insisting on the people's right to resist tyranny and govern themselves.

A film by Ken Burns, Sarah Botstein and David Schmidt.

TUE 00:00 Heatwave (m002xvfy)
[Repeat of broadcast at 20:00 on Saturday]

TUE 01:30 Only Connect (b00q0hpx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 19:30 today]

TUE 02:00 Stonehenge: The Lost Circle Revealed (m000s5xm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 20:00 on Monday]

WEDNESDAY 17 JUNE 2026

WED 19:00 University Challenge (m001k3vc)
2022/23

Episode 27

Two more teams begin their quarter-final campaigns, hoping to secure the first of the two wins they need to progress to the semi-finals. Jeremy Paxman asks the questions.

WED 19:30 Only Connect (b00qbyhl)
Series 3

Philosophers v Hitchhikers

Quiz show presented by Victoria Coren in which knowledge will only take you so far, as patience and lateral thinking are also vital.

Three philosophy students pit their wisdom against a trio of Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy fans.

They compete to draw together the connections between things which, at first glance, seem utterly random.

WED 20:00 Universe (p09ybq37)
Series 1

Alien Worlds: The Search for Second Earth

Humans have long gazed up at the night sky, wondering

whether other lifeforms and intelligences could be thriving on worlds far beyond our own.

Answering that question seemed fated to remain pure speculation. But over the last few decades, ultra-sensitive telescopes and dogged detective work have transformed alien planet-hunting from science fiction into hard fact. Gone are the days of speculation; the hunt for extraterrestrials has become a matter of serious scientific inquiry.

As the hunt for alien worlds began, we expected to find worlds similar to the planets in our own solar system, but we instead discovered a riot of exotic worlds. Vivid animation based on data from the most successful planet hunter of them all, the Kepler space telescope, brings these worlds into view: puffy planets with the density of polystyrene, unstable worlds orbiting two suns and 1,000-degree, broiling gas giants with skies whipped into titanic winds.

But perhaps the most startling discovery was the number of worlds that may be contenders for a second Earth. Our latest survey of the galaxy estimates that there are billions of rocky planets at the right distance from their sun to have that ingredient so crucial for life as we know it, liquid water. Amongst them, we witness the most tantalizing discovery of all: a so-called 'super-Earth', situated in the Goldilocks zone - the area just the right distance from a sun to potentially support life - and with the faint signal of water in its atmosphere.

With over 2,800 exoplanets confirmed by Kepler and discoveries still rolling in, Brian lays out his own answer to the age-old question with thrilling new science: are we alone?

WED 21:00 The Nazis: A Warning from History (b0074knp)
Chaos and Consent

A look at the extraordinary popularity of both Hitler and the Nazis, as well as the astonishing degree of voluntary support ordinary Germans gave the infamous Gestapo.

Despite the popular mythology of Nazi efficiency, Dr Gunter Lohse, a former German Foreign Office official and member of the Nazi party, recalls that behind the scenes 'it was total chaos'.

WED 21:50 One Foot in Arthur's Seat (m002xv4)
Actor Ian Richardson walks up the hill to Arthur's Seat, which overlooks the city of Edinburgh, as he did during lunch hours as a bored office clerk 50 years ago.

WED 22:00 Remembers... (m002xv6)
W Stephen Gilbert Remembers... Only Connect

As part of Pride Month, W Stephen Gilbert looks back on the BBC drama Only Connect that he commissioned and produced in 1979. Today, it is considered a landmark but overlooked piece of television history thanks to its sympathetic portrayal of a homosexual relationship.

In this special interview, Gilbert recalls his struggle to bring Only Connect to the screen, the challenges of making an openly gay drama for mainstream television and the impact the piece has had in the decades since its original broadcast.

WED 22:15 The Other Side (p03x5fr7)
Only Connect

Young academic Graham visits the elderly John Bury to learn more about pioneering socialist and gay rights campaigner Edward Carpenter for his thesis on the early UK Labour movement. Graham wants the facts but discovers, to his advantage, that people are not text books.

WED 23:05 Remembers... (m002dfcp)
Alison Steadman Remembers... Girl

National treasure Alison Steadman tells the story of one of the most groundbreaking and yet also most overlooked moments in British television.

Despite the popular perception that Channel 4's Brookside broadcast TV's first lesbian kiss in 1994, in reality it was Alison and Myra Frances who first broke the taboo 20 years earlier, in the 1974 drama Girl.

Once thought lost forever, due to the fact that not every programme was archived back in those times, the drama later resurfaced, thanks to a random video recording – giving Alison the opportunity to share her memories of how she approached the moment and the reaction it received.

WED 23:20 Second City Firsts (m0019dxx)

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Girl 1970s drama. Just as she is about to leave the army, Jackie has an encounter with an old lover. Stars Alison Steadman in an early TV role. WED 23:50 Vienna: Empire, Dynasty and Dream (b0851kfd) [Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday] WED 00:55 The Nazis: A Warning from History (b0074knp) [Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 today] WED 01:45 Only Connect (b00qbyhl) [Repeat of broadcast at 19:30 today] WED 02:15 Universe (p09ybq37) [Repeat of broadcast at 20:00 today] THURSDAY 18 JUNE 2026 THU 19:00 University Challenge (m001kbyw) 2022/23 Episode 28 The last of the eight quarter-finalists return to play their first of a maximum of three matches in this round. Jeremy Paxman asks the questions. THU 19:30 Only Connect (b00qjnjl) Series 3 Neuroscientists v Rugby Fans Quiz show presented by Victoria Coren in which knowledge will only take you so far, as patience and lateral thinking are also vital. Three neuroscientists hailing from Australia, South Africa and Canada scrum down against the intellectual brawn of three rugby fans, as they compete to draw together the connections between many disparate elements that, at first glance, seem utterly bereft of associations. So what connects cream, quotation marks, tennis matches and yellow lines? THU 20:00 Horizon (p0327fp0) 2016 Tim Peake Special: How to Be an Astronaut In December 2015, Tim Peake became Britain's first astronaut on board the International Space Station. For two years, he had been filming a video diary for Horizon as he prepared to leave. From family life to the rigorous training, this is an intimate portrait and remarkable insight into the world of an astronaut. THU 21:00 The Magnificent Seven (m000crzp) After the latest raid by bandits, the villagers in a small settlement in Mexico band together to hire a group of disparate gunfighters to protect them. THU 23:05 Parkinson (m002qlzf) Yul Brynner Michael Parkinson in conversation with stage and screen star Yul Brynner. Featuring film clips from The Ten Commandments, The King and I, The Magnificent Seven and Catlow. THU 00:05 American Visions (p00g6w9z) [Repeat of broadcast at 22:00 on Monday] THU 01:05 Horizon (p0327fp0) [Repeat of broadcast at 20:00 today] THU 02:05 Only Connect (b00qjnjl) [Repeat of broadcast at 19:30 today] FRIDAY 19 JUNE 2026	FRI 19:00 Top of the Pops (m002xvy0) Christmas 1999 Gail Porter, Jamie Theakston and Jayne Middlemiss present the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 25 December 1999 and featuring DJ Jurgen Presents Alice DeeJay, Cliff Richard, Martine McCutcheon, Robbie Williams and Steps and Westlife. FRI 20:00 Top of the Pops (m00037t8) Janice Long and Simon Mayo present the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 18 June 1987, and featuring Samantha Fox, Whitesnake, Tom Jones, ABC, Chris Rea, Janet Jackson, Curiosity Killed the Cat, The Firm and Broken English. FRI 20:30 Top of the Pops (m000r6hy) Jakki Brambles presents the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 22 June 1990 and featuring Magnum, Roxette, Big Fun & Sonia, Wilson Phillips, Yazz, Craig McLachlan and Check 1-2, Luciano Pavarotti and Elton John. FRI 21:00 Elvis Presley: '68 Comeback Special (m001zjgk) In this remastered and extended concert recording, Elvis struts his stuff in his own charming and inimitable style, performing a massive collection of his hits, including Hound Dog, All Shook Up, Heartbreak Hotel, Are You Lonesome Tonight?, That's All Right, Jailhouse Rock, Blue Suede Shoes, Don't Be Cruel and Love Me Tender. FRI 22:15 Chuck Berry in Concert (m001gn1l) Legendary rock 'n' roller Chuck Berry performs at the BBC Television Theatre in 1972. Johnny B Goode, Roll Over Beethoven and Nadine are just some of the highlights of this concert, shown in an extended cut. This version includes, for the first time, an epic rendition of My Ding-a-Ling that carries all before it and raises innuendo to an art form. FRI 23:35 Tales of Rock 'n' Roll: Heartbreak Hotel (m001zjgq) A look at Elvis Presley's first million-selling release, Heartbreak Hotel. This film tracks down the song's writers, schoolteacher Mae Axton and country musician Tommy Durden, and discovers that Heartbreak Hotel was inspired by a real-life suicide in Miami in 1955. FRI 00:10 Top of the Pops (m002xvy0) [Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 today] FRI 01:10 Top of the Pops (m00037t8) [Repeat of broadcast at 20:00 today] FRI 01:40 Top of the Pops (m000r6hy) [Repeat of broadcast at 20:30 today] FRI 02:10 Elvis Presley: '68 Comeback Special (m001zjgk) [Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 today]	
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