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RULE THE SCHOOL

Please feel free to pass on the following information about disruption to TV and radio services between September 1 and 19 to your readers:

ENGINEERING WORK AT THE BLACKHILL TRANSMITTER

The Blackhill transmitter mast which provides television and FM radio signals for the bulk of Central Scotland is to have its supporting wires greased to prevent corrosion. The work is being carried out by transmission contractor NTL.

To ensure the safety of the workers carrying out this task, both analogue and digital television transmissions, along with all FM radio services, will require to operate at reduced power from time to time. These services will also be completely shut down on a number of occasions for periods of up to two hours. Viewers are advised not to make any alterations to their sets or aerials.

The work is scheduled to begin on Wednesday 1st September but is very dependent on weather conditions and it is not possible to give exact times when these interruptions will take place. Every effort will be made however to minimise inconvenience to BBC viewers and listeners.

Along with its relay stations, Blackhill serves around three million analogue television viewers in an area extending across Scotland from beyond Edinburgh in the East to as far as the Isle of Barra in the West including much of the Borders and Ayrshire.

Listeners who experience problems with reception of Radio Scotland FM should re-tune to 810 medium wave.

Radio Scotland, and all other BBC radio services, are also available via digital satellite, Freeview, DAB digital radio and on-line.

The BBC would like to take this opportunity to apologise for any inconvenience this work may cause.

HIGHLIGHTS

Programmes are subject to change as the bulletin goes to press before the schedule is confirmed. This will not necessarily be reflected in Press Information, although there will be a Schedule Additions section with some changes included each week.

BBC TWO

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

THE SATURDAY SHOW

8.30am – 10.00am

All good things must come to an end as it's the last in the series of *The Saturday Show*. Helping the show go out with a bang is pop sensation **Peter Andre** and Pop Idol's cheeky chappies **Sam & Mark**.

Also on this week's show is the final of the **Sugababes** karaoke and one lucky winner will be given the chance to meet the gorgeous girls and get an exclusive Sugababes goody bag.

Plus cartoon fun with *Woody Woodpecker*, *Rugrats* and *Looney Tunes*, and the games *Pie In The Eye* and *Gunge Grant*.

With Simon Grant, Angellica Bell and Jake Humphrey.

BBC ONE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

THE EDINBURGH MILITARY TATTOO

5.35pm – 6.20pm

Edinburgh Castle is the stunning backdrop for this colourful, moving and internationally famous spectacle, which this year includes over one thousand performers from all over the world.

They include the magnificent sights and sounds of the *Massed Pipes and Drums*, *The South African Navy Band*, *The 61st Cavalry with The Military Band*, *Pipes and Drums*, the *Massed Highland dancing display* featuring the *Tattoo Highland Dancers* and *The Australian Highland Dancers*, *The Queen's Colour Squadron RAF*, Estonian gymnastics from *Club Pirouette*, *The Squadronaires* and their Big Band Sound, *The People's Liberation Army Band* and *Cultural Dancing Group* from *The People's Republic of China*, *The Massed Military Bands of the RAF*, *The Dragoon Guards*, *The Lowland Division* and *Piping Hot* from *The Pipes and Drums of The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards* and *The City of Invercargill Pipes and Drums* from New Zealand.

The grand finale, featuring the entire cast will include the well loved classic, *Highland Cathedral* and a special Tattoo arrangement of *The Millennium Prayer*, before the climatic close as the Lone Piper, high on the floodlit castle ramparts, plays a haunting lament.

Tom Fleming provides the commentary for this spectacular international pageant of music and colour.

ADOPTION STORIES

10.35pm – 11.05pm

Adoption Stories is a compassionate and sympathetic series reflecting the different aspects of adoption as seen through the eyes of individuals involved in the adoption process.

In filming with prospective adopters, children awaiting adoption, birth parents, foster parents, adopters, people who have been adopted, adoption agencies and social workers, over a year, this series observes how their individual stories and circumstances develop.

The series looks at where children awaiting adoption come from and the broad range of circumstances of the people wishing to adopt and has been filmed across the whole of Scotland.

Adoption can be a lengthy process for both prospective adopters and children waiting to be adopted. The series shows the reality of this highlighting the importance of the process of matching the children with families. Adoption, after all, is about finding families for children and not finding children for families – the best interests of the child must always come first.

In this, the first in a series of six, looks at how children come into care. Children in care are often fostered before they are put forward to be adopted. We meet the Woodrows and their foster daughter Samantha as they celebrate a family birthday. Birth mum Lynne talks about her problems with drugs which led to her having her own children taken from her and then adopted. Mabel, a foster carer who has looked after 183 children, introduces us to Billy who has been waiting to be adopted for over three years. We also meet some prospective adopters at the very start of the adoption process in their first session at Scottish Adoption – they must consider the difficult backgrounds of many children awaiting adoption.

BBC ONE

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

PUBLIC OPINION

11.05pm – 11.35pm

Smart, sharp and engaging, *Public Opinion* is the entertainment panel show which finally gives celebrities the chance to answer their critics. It brings together the most talked about and talkative celebrities in the UK to discuss their respective places in the media spotlight.

Going beyond the tabloid tales and urban myths, each week six celebrities try to redress the balance as they challenge public opinion and discuss the general perceptions of them in this new series hosted by Gyles Brandreth.

Each week, the celebrity guests are shown four words which have been chosen by members of the public as best describing one of them. Then, guided by their provocative host, and using their knowledge of one another, as well as press coverage each has received throughout their careers, they try to work out which one of them the four characteristics, and the public, are referring to.

In this six part series, learn to expect the unexpected as we find out what the public think about the stars and what the stars think about the public.

Throughout the series the participating guests are Uri Geller, Keith Floyd, Anthea Turner, Nick Bateman, Christine Hamilton, Nina Myskow, Max Clifford, David Icke, Carol Smillie, Kevin Kennedy, James Hewitt, Kate Lawler, Gary Bushell, Vanessa Feltz, Rowland Rivron, Les Dennis, Shaun Williamson, Anna Ryder Richardson, Paul Daniels, Jim Bowen, Paul Burrell, Dani Behr, Richard Park, John Fashanu, Craig Charles, Sir Jimmy Savile, John Altman, Danniella Westbrook, Rhona Cameron, 'Handy' Andy Kane, David Soul, Dave Lee Travis, Darren Day, Dean Gaffney, Tania Strecker and Lucy Speed.

Misunderstood or just misrepresented? You decide...

BBC ONE Scotland

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

RIVER CITY

8.00pm – 8.30pm

Bob and Kelly Marie are worried about Deek's excessive drinking and try to encourage him to stop but to no avail. If that wasn't enough, Stevie continues to sell drugs at the ice cream van. Kelly Marie confronts him about it and threatens to tell Scarlett if he doesn't stop.

Dr. Vinnie Shah's dad, Ishwar is in town, but he is not quite the gentleman Eileen expected. After having to endure a lunch with him she looks for comfort in Callum's arms, and he is only too happy to oblige.

Ruth finds out that she has been reported to social services for her behaviour towards baby Franco. Unable to contain her rage and convinced it was her sister Jo, she goes on a war path to track her down only to discover that it wasn't her sister who betrayed her.

Bob is played by Stephen Purdon, Kelly Marie by Carmen Pieraccini, Deek by Gordon McCorkell, Stevie by Cas Harkins, Dr Vinnie Shah by Archie Lal, Dr. Ishwar Shah by Saeed Jaffery, Eileen by Deirdre Davis, Callum by Gordon Pirie and Ruth by Morag Calder.

BBC ONE Scotland

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

SPORTSCENE: SCOTLAND V SLOVENIA

10.35pm - 11.25pm

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Comprehensive highlights of Scotland v Slovenia. Berti Vogts's career and Scotland's World Cup hopes hinge on success in this crucial opening Qualifying tie at Hampden.

The Slovenians are a reasonable European side with genuine hopes of finishing second in Group Five. Sadly, the chances of Scotland either topping or finishing runner up in a group also containing Italy, Norway, Moldova and Belarus appear slim after a humiliating thrashing at Hampden against the lowly Hungarians.

Scotland's German manager implores people to judge him on his competitive record only, but unless Scotland qualify for Germany 2006, the SFA will have little option other than to replace him.

Introduced by Dougie Donnelly with Gordon Smith and Pat Nevin.

BBC ONE Scotland

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

BEECHGROVE GARDEN

7.00pm – 7.30pm

In the Beechgrove Garden, Carole Baxter tackles a common garden problem, that of deep shade. What on earth will grow in these conditions? Carole puts a few shady lady favourites to the test and plants ferns, ivies and hellebores.

Lesley Watson is looking forward to colourful colder weather as she fills up borders, pots and containers with a range of autumn and winter flowering pansies and violas.

Lesley is also in the centre of Glasgow at the Kelvinside allotments with Alan Hinshelwood. Beechgrove have been following Alan's allotment progress throughout this year and now Lesley returns to find that the very future of the allotments is in jeopardy.

Carolyn Spray comes to the end of her series on creating a garden on a tight budget. With Jeanette Hodge in Newton Grange near Edinburgh, Carolyn's challenge is to turn an uninspiring site into a designed back garden on a budget of only £1,000, as well as turning Jeanette into a gardener. The final result is announced this week.

BBC ONE Scotland

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

RIVER CITY

8.00pm – 8.30pm

The Rossi sisters are taken into the police station for questioning.

Meanwhile, Eileen continues to spend time with her young lover Callum while her father, Malcolm tries desperately to get in contact with her regarding the tragic accident. Poor Malcolm can't believe what has happened to his family as it is being torn apart.

McCabe catches on to Stevie's new sideline at the ice cream van and decides it's time to pay him a visit.

Bob pulls out all the stops to impress Michelle with a romantic candlelit picnic. Could romance be blossoming between them?

Jo is played by Allison McKenzie, Ruth by Morag Calder, Gina by Libby McArthur, Eileen by Deirdre Davis, Callum by Donald Pirie, Malcolm by Johnny Beattie, McCabe by Tam Dean Burn, Bob by Stephen Purdon and Michelle by Laura O'Donnell.

All the BBC's digital services are now available on Freeview, the new free-to-view digital terrestrial television service, as well as on satellite and cable. Freeview offers the BBC's eight television channels, including BBC THREE, as well as six BBC radio networks.

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