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The Project

Peter Kosminsky and Leigh Jackson's major new two-part drama charting New Labour's rise to power and landslide General Election victory of 1997 stars Matthew Macfadyen (*Spooks*), Naomie Harris (*White Teeth*) and Paloma Baeza (*The Way We Live Now*).

Set against the backdrop of real events, *The Project* follows the lives of three young Labour activists from their final days at university to Westminster's corridors of power. Their journey takes viewers deep into the world of New Labour's headquarters in Millbank, and later Downing Street, exposing the machinations behind the party's transformation into the sharp, media-aware voice of professional middle England.

Jeffrey Archer – The Truth

For years the facts have been concealed for reasons of state and to protect the innocent, but now the shocking truth can be told. Jeffrey Archer (Damian Lewis), athlete, statesman and man of letters, takes viewers on a roller-coaster ride through his unbelievable life story.

With characteristic modesty, Lord Jeffrey charts his stratospheric rise to fame and fortune, revealing details of his friendships with the great and the good and exposing the malign forces who sought to destroy him. It's a story of intrigue, conspiracy, heroism and romance – and almost all of it true.

Also starring Greta Scacchi as Margaret Thatcher, this alternative, irreverent history of modern Britain, according to writer and director Guy Jenkin, "owes more to *Naked Gun* than to Jonathan Swift".



Daniel Deronda

Hugh Bonneville, Romola Garai, Hugh Dancy and Jodhi May star in Andrew Davies's three-part adaptation of George Eliot's *Daniel Deronda*, one of literature's most emotionally intense masterpieces, which is directed by Tom Hooper.

From the moment he sees her, Daniel Deronda (Hugh Dancy) is drawn to Gwendolen Harleth (Romola Garai), as she is to him. But Gwendolen is soon forced into an oppressive marriage with Grandcourt (Hugh Bonneville), a powerful aristocrat. Daniel is torn between his feelings for Gwendolen and a young Jewish woman, Mirah Lapidoth, (Jodhi May), and because he is uncertain of his parentage, embarks on a quest to discover his true identity. Fate, however, leads to a surprising twist which opens the eyes of all those involved.

The cast also includes Edward Fox, Celia Imrie, Amanda Root and Hollywood stars Greta Scacchi and Barbara Hershey.

Sparkhouse

Joe McFadden and Sarah Smart star in Sally Wainwright's heart-wrenching love story set on the stormy and barren Yorkshire moors. Carol Bolton (Sarah Smart) is feisty, passionate and reckless. Living in squalor at Sparkhouse Farm with her younger sister and drunken father (Alun Armstrong), Carol escapes to the arms of the only person who cares about her, Andrew (Joe McFadden). From an affluent and secure background, Andrew's life is worlds apart and his ruthless family will go to any lengths to keep it that way. Is their love strong enough?

Sparkhouse also features Celia Imrie, Nicholas Farrell, Siobhan Finneran and Richard Armitage.



Trust

Robson Green, Sarah Parish and Ian McShane star in *Trust*, a new drama series set in the world of a big city law firm. Created and written by Simon Block (*North Square*, *Cold Feet*) and produced by Jake Lushington (*Men Only*), *Trust* is being filmed on all three stages at Twickenham Film Studios. The cast also includes Neil Stuke, Eva Birthistle and Chiwetel Ejiofor.

Trust sees some of the City's sharpest lawyers wrestling with their spectacular private lives, as well as a minefield of complex cases. Although the senior partners are experts in their field, their ability to solve their clients' problems isn't always matched by their ability to sort out their own.



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Murphy's Law

James Nesbitt is back as undercover Detective-Sergeant Tommy Murphy and is joined by newly promoted boss Claudia Harrison (*attachments*) as Detective-Inspector Annie Guthrie.

Tommy Murphy is a likeable, dishevelled police officer whose outspoken style hides his sensitivity. Instead of blending in, he sticks out because he is something of a loner with little to lose. He is very much an individual, dealing with life and his job on his own terms. However, Murphy has an ally in DI Guthrie – but is that where their relationship ends?



Dalziel & Pascoe

Warren Clarke and Colin Buchanan return as television's top detective team with four powerful and compelling new murder investigations.

Det Supt Andy Dalziel, the bluff and politically incorrect Yorkshireman, joins forces with Det Insp Peter Pascoe, his university educated younger sidekick, to solve some intricate crimes. Fighting bad health, as well as his superiors, Dalziel brings with him the wit, humour and warmth that has become a trademark of this hugely popular series.

Guest artists include Sanjeev Bhaskar, James Bolam, Norman Wisdom, Tony Booth, Roger Lloyd Pack and Diana Quick.

Red Cap

Tamzin Outhwaite is the uncompromising Jo McDonagh, an army detective in the elite Special Investigations Branch of the Royal Military Police.

Jo uses her considerable intelligence and ingenuity to get to the bottom of some tricky cases at the German army base, while her sometimes maverick behaviour gets her into trouble with her more traditional and straight-laced superiors.

Tough and cynical Sergeant-Major Burns is her boss and her closest colleagues are the unco-operative Sergeant Roper and the supportive Sergeant Hornsby.

Red Cap also stars Douglas Hodge (Burns), James Thornton (Roper) and Gordon Kennedy (Hornsby).



Silent Witness

Award-winning Amanda Burton returns to the role which established her as one of the nation's favourite actresses. This time the cool and collected Professor Sam Ryan has two new colleagues working alongside her at the University pathology lab – Dr Leo Dalton (William Gaminara) and Harry Cunningham (Tom Ward).

Together the trio delves deep into a variety of mysterious and suspicious deaths, unravelling the clues that will lead to the killers. Their cases include an horrific traffic pile-up, a dead man found in a derelict lift shaft and a multiple murder at a family home which reunites Sam with one of her old flames.



Out Of Control

Out Of Control, Dominic Savage's third film about the lives of young people in Britain today, is BBC One's first wholly improvised drama, starring four newcomers opposite David Morrissey and Tamzin Outhwaite. The story follows the lives of four teenagers sent to a young offenders institution and how the experience affects them.

Dean (Danny Young) lives on an estate with his mum (Tamzin Outhwaite). They're very close. But when Dean's friend, Charlie-boy (Bronson Webb), is released from his latest spell inside, it's not long

before the two of them are in trouble again. Meanwhile, Sam (Leo Gregory) and his mate Danny (Akemnji Ndifornyan) are sent down for armed robbery. Once inside, Sam taunts the weaker inmates, including Dean – and although the prison officer, Mike (David Morrissey) tries to keep an eye out, it ends in tragedy.

Out Of Control is to be shown as part of BBC One's *Cracking Crime Day* which aims to dispel the myths and give a true picture of crime across the UK (see page 14).



Judge John Deed

Mr Justice Deed has built his reputation through asking difficult questions and refusing to compromise the truth in the pursuit of justice.

In this new series, Deed deals with corruption within the jury; the suspected murder of one of his colleagues; a complicated case in which a man with the mental age of 13 stands trial for murder; and three siblings accused of killing their tyrannical father.

Away from the courtroom, Deed continues his tempestuous affair with prosecution barrister Jo Mills (Jenny Seagrove). His ex-wife Georgina Channing QC (Caroline Langrishe) is now engaged to Cabinet Minister Neil Haughton (Nick Reding) and Deed's daughter Charlie (Louise Clein) faces a tough decision when she discovers she is pregnant.

Judge John Deed is written and produced by GF Newman.



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Linda Green

Paul Abbott's comedy drama is back. Returning alongside Liza Tarbuck's *Linda Green* are Claire Rushbrook as best friend Michelle, Sean Gallagher as her let's-have-sex-with-no-commitment mate Jimmy, and Daniel Ryan as Darren, Michelle's partner and father of their two kids. Linda's down-to-earth parents Frank and Iris are played by Dave Hill and Rachel Davies and her younger sister Katy is played by Jessica Harris.

Special guest stars include: Peter Kay, Meera Syal, Jane Horrocks, Jamie Theakston and Jeremy Sheffield.

Returning series

Casualty

Waking The Dead

Holby City

Monarch Of The Glen

Merseybeat

Doctors

“Mac” McGuire (Christopher Timothy) and his wife Kate (Maggie Cronin), together with the other members of the medical staff, welcome two newcomers to Riverside Medical Centre in the fourth series of the Bafta-nominated drama.

Dr Oliver Berg (Laurence Penry Jones) soon becomes the surgery pin-up and single mum Carolina Shaw (Ela Kay) joins as the new receptionist.

Mac and Kate are working hard to keep their marriage on an even keel. Dr Jude Carlyle (Natalie Robb) faces new challenges in her role as police surgeon, whilst Faith (Eva Fontaine) looks like she may have finally found the man of her dreams. Meanwhile, Helen is still coming to terms with the death of her husband, Phil, and struggles to be a parent and a wage earner.



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