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Sir/Madam,

I have only a few responses:

BBC should continue to be paid for by means of TV licence.

BBC should continue to raise money by use of and expansion of BBC Enterprises.

BBC should re-evaluate its mainstream channels BBC1 and BBC2. The channels are badly run with poor scheduling, too many reality shows with only the odd gem arising out of the current dross broadcast. The amount of filmed drama has decreased, there are no cutting edge plays to stimulate debate and the Sport coverage is declining in its ability to screen major events such as Rugby World Cup. There has been no major documentary series since David Attenboroughs last outing and History is being neglected. The debate about Dr Who continues, and I would like a return to the old Sunday evening serialisations of famous books. News coverage is still excellent however and I trust the BBC content implicitly.

I can find the odd gem on BBC3 and BBC4, but only if I look very carefully in the listings, and then I find that often, listings magazines other than Radio Times give more information concerning these channels. Radio Times is losing its way in the listings periodicals battle and regrettably, owing to the poor coverage it gives of cable channels, I now buy an alternate magazine.

BBC Radio is still excellent and Radio Two "does it for me" whenever I listen.

Thank You,

Mr Michael Gordon