

BBC Charter Review Consultation
Dpt of Culture, Media + Sport
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Dear Sir/Madam,

YOUR BBC YOUR SAY

Here are some comments from my wife and I.
I am 76 yrs old, my wife 68 yrs old.

Comments in note form:—

- ① Some commentators + presenters are trying feebly to be comedians, i.e. 'Watchdog' and 'Scambusters' +, +,
- ② News programmes v. Good. BBC 1 6.00pm and local 6.30 P.M.
- ③ Popular programmes with us, Antique Road Show, Down to Earth, Alistair M^cGowan, Bill Oddie, Natural World, Watchdog, This Land, Rough Science, Crafty Tricks of War, Crisis Command, Could you run this country, National Trust, Inventions that changed the world, Horizon, Notorious, Heartbeat. etc.
- ④ Programmes that we avoid.
Auf Wiedersehen Pet, the present series has a weak plot + it is not real. We have Tyneride connections, Wild life programmes with killing + eating in, Changing Rooms, Soaps.

- ⑤ Popular programmes Fred Dibnah, University Challenge, Room 101, What the Romans did for us,

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Hidden Gardens, How to be a gardener,
Time watch, Have I got News for you,
Mansfield Park, Rugby Matches, Thin Blue Line.
Porridge, Open all hours.

- ⑥ We prefer to watch programmes that are worth remembering.
- ⑦ We prefer Clive Anderson to Michael Parkinson, when he stood in for him Sunday Parkinson talks too hesitatingly, Clives talking flows well.
- ⑧ Comedy new shows, are not as good as the old ones mentioned above.
- ⑨ Generally BBC 9 out of 10 score compared with U.S.A. Canada, S. Africa, New Zealand 1 out of 10.

Yours Sincerely

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