

BBC Charter Review

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Dear Sir,

In reply to your 'opinion advert' in The Times, I consider it a privilege to be able to offer my opinions.

For 60 or more years, the Radio has been my friend & companion. The talks & music have helped me during sleepless nights, especially when nursing my late wife. Never a day or evening pass when I do not listen to the BBC.

Being also a SWave listener my fingers do take me around the globe during the "dark hours". After listening to English broadcasts my opinion is that the BBC stands head & shoulders above other countries.

Radio 3 is an excellent station and you have a good balance of music & talks. However, the Saturday evening slot gives room for improvement. Opera does not come over well on the air & I would like to listen to a wider selection of poetry.

Being well past my sell by date - have about some programmes devoted to

Wartime nostalgia - ITMA for instance  
or the old programmes of "In Town Tonight"  
or some of the old plays of Priestley,  
Somerset Maugham.

I realize that our New Labour have  
tried to stifle some programmes, such as "Today".  
Long may it continue, the contents stir  
up comment & discussion and if some  
of the cabinet ministers cannot stand a bit  
of criticism - well - jolly hard luck. I  
do not want a propaganda machine  
which other countries have.

On the whole, with a huge variety  
of tastes from the public, I would say  
that you manage to put out on a  
daily basis - a good programme of  
talk, music, news, sport etc which covers  
a wide variety of listeners tastes,  
and I am very satisfied - but don't  
forget the old folk.

Yours faithfully

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