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BBC Charter Review,
Department of Culture, Media and
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Dear Sir or Madam,

Beeb telly--- especially Beeb-1----is absolutely FULL of that "sport" calling itself "football", and it is also full of "soap".

I certainly wouldn't want to deny any "football" fan their enjoyment, but on the other hand NON-football fans are having to put up with an ever-constant barrage of this silly "game". There are other sports besides "football" (yawn! yawn!)---- like tennis, snooker, ice-skating, curling, (yes! curling! that's quite fascinating) show-jumping, cricket, darts, hockey and swimming for instance. Actually, I must admit that tennis fans have been quite well served(!) this year, as BBC-2 did actually show the closing stages of the Australian Open, AND also, one full match and highlights from this year's very thrilling Davis Cup tie, between Britain and Israel.

The BBC has "Soaps" on every single day, (it must be quite a clean channel by now!) people fighting each other, people going to bed together (unmarried) and now, more people being murdered. There is no let-up to these "soaps" either, as they are also transmitted at week-ends.

The BBC wastes licence payers' money, i.e. no less than 40 commentators, and "back-up" staff went to Athens this year. Also, there are subsidised meals, (guess who pays for them) various "junkets", free flights here and there, and also fancy limosines---- especially for the "top brass". All this at licence payers' expense.

The BBC should have more

ENTERTAINMENT

on it's channels, not the "dumbed down" bilge that is usually put out. Mind you, there are beginning to be a few signs of improvement. "Strictly Come Dancing", a lovely programme on romantic songs, which was very enjoyable, and also, I'm delighted to see "The Two Ronnies Sketch Book". After this series is over, why not have the Two Ronnies back for another season, of more up-dated material, and sketches that make you laugh, until the tears roll down one's face, and one's stomach is hurting, through all the laughter! Peter Kay should also get his own series, he is one of the better new comedians around, at the moment. It is also a great pity that Ant and Dec are not on the Beeb; their "Saturday Night Take-away" is what comedy is all about. There seems to be this bond between them--- just like ~~the~~ ^{the} Precambe and Wise, and the Two Ronnies.

The BBC also has some very interesting "docus" on as well.

So, a bit LESS of the "football", and the "soaps", and FAR MORE entertainment shows, and "docus"

As for radio; can you please tell me, does ANYONE ~~xxx~~ actually listen to Mr. Woss??? (He infect the telly as well) He is so interested in himself--- always always butting in, when his poor guests are trying to speak, and his "jokes" are just not funny. Maybe that's why two other people are employed on his "show" --- to laugh at all his jokes. (I find the great Stephen Fry much drier, and much funnier with his humour) There are this

"Terrible Trio" on Radio 2. Woss, Lamarr and McConie. Half the time you can't actually hear what any of them are saying; they all talk far too fast, and all of them are egotists.

Also on Radio 2, the music has got slightly better, having been dumbed RIGHT down to become more popular with youngsters, (--- and WHY must everything be done for youngsters these days?????) but we never hear such excellent singers such as Vince Hill, Val Doonican, Jack Jones, Susan Maughan, Clodagh Rogers and Billie Davis on Radio 2 any more. (Except perhaps, on Ed Stewart's show, if you are lucky)

At present, I feel that the Charter SHOULD be revoked----- at least until the BBC stop "dumbing down", and until all "perks" and "jollies" are taken away. The BBC used to be a public service, but now, it's more like a public convenience.

Sine Campbell (Mrs.)

P.S We're soon off to another great MUSIC night, with not one bloody "rap" to be heard. We're certainly going to give our lungs a jolly good airing, with the Searchers, the Swinging Blue Jeans, Gerry and the Pacemakers and the Mersey-beats. This is just like a very largely extended version of every body having a good old "sing-song" around "the piano in the parlour" like in the good old days of yore!

Incidentally, all these "60's" groups have now been together for----- 40 years! I just sometimes wonder if Darkness, McFly, Girls Aloud et al. will still be around in 2045??????