

17.5.05.

Dear Sir,

Re. Your B.B.C; Your Say Daily Mail 7.3.05.

As you see I am a TV. viewer in Wales, and thereby has my concern. The radio programmes I enjoy, I have BBC 4 and BBC 3. and I have choice. Not so with TV.

Until the advent of Wales 2 Digital all was well. We had a choice of West of England & London TV as well as Welsh TV. Now Wales 2 digital programmes are parochially Welsh, some good, some so incoherent looking, and uninteresting; and one would wish to have the option of alternative programmes. Some times we can tune into the old analogue channels, reception is not always good, but at least the content is challenging. We have to do this to receive University Challenge, on Monday evenings.

Another example - we were enjoying the N.U. Gordon Championships from Birmingham earlier this year. The world class athletes were competing in many events, Svetlana Stokova was clear to attack the world record in the Pole Vault and we were transferred back to Wales 2 digital to hear pundits 'talking' about Rugby - not the actual game.

The match was between the Dragons & Ulster. I'm a rugby fan too, but I would have liked to choose not have others to choose for me.

I did write to BBC Wales on this, but I respect 'things' reign supreme. We're not set to Timeswatch & many other programmes.

Could we not have an alternative channel? When analogue channels close down in a few years, what then?

Even so, many of our previous analogue channels only carry Wales programmes. Occasionally we get University Challenge. but we cannot be certain. The BBC preach choice - not much in Wales.
This is my contribution for your consideration.
Yours Faithfully,
V.A. Palmer (Mrs).

P.S. Another statement recently on TV. Wales concerning ^{future} programmes.
I quote "Made in Wales, for Wales" This proclaimed with
much enthusiasm, so may we have a TV. channel which
allows viewers the choice of looking out to the world or
just looking inwards.

V.P.

No Reply (already made
Comments by
Review Letter)

95.5.05.

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Dear Miss McCarthy,

BBC Charter Review: Green Paper Consultation.

Thank you for your prompt reply to my observations
of 17th May.

May I say that my complaint was not entirely
lack of challenging content of Welsh programmes. Some viewers
would be happy with this situation, but rather our lack
of choice. For example we can choose to listen to Radio 4,
or 3, or 2, or whatever. We can't choose what BBC Wales or
BBC 2 digital churns up for us. Only last night we were
denied the PKelso Flower Show for a purely Welsh alternative
at 8pm.

Nasir Technology progressed sufficiently
to provide us with a national channel - choice of viewing
would then be in action, rather than political promises of
wider choice, yet to be enacted.

Mine is not a lone voice.

Yours sincerely,

U.A. Palmer.