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DEAR SIR,

I HOPE ALL OF THIS LETTER WILL BE READ.
THERE ARE MANY INFURIATING ASPECTS MY WIFE AND
I FIND, REF: BBC TELEVISION.

FIRSTLY, THE MANUFACTURERS OF OUR T.V. SET
HAD THE FORESIGHT TO MARK OR LABEL THE
SWITCHES OR BUTTONS "BBC 1" "BBC 2" "ITV" ETC ETC,
WHICH WORK REMARKABLY WELL, SO WHY DO YOU
WASTE MILLIONS OF POUNDS ON THE REDICULOUS
PROGRAMME "LEADERS" SHOWING TAP DANCING YOBBO'S,
SKATEBOARDING KIDS, 3 BLOKES DOING THE SPLITS
ON HANGING CURTAINS, 2 GUYS TRYING TO
CARTWHEEL OFF A ROOF, THE FEMALE ST. VITUS
DANCE CLONES IN KNICKERBOCKERS ETC, BEFORE
EVERY PROGRAMME CHANGE, WHICH AVERAGES 50
A DAY AT 30 SECONDS A TIME = 50 MINUTES DAILY
= 5.8 HRS WEEKLY = 30.3 HRS P.A, ALL OF WHICH ARE
DAMN SIGHT WORSE THAN THE REPORTED £15M
SPENT ON THAT BLOODY BALLOON!

THE ONE ITEM WHICH WAS HANDY, WAS THE TIME
CLOCK — AND YOU SCRAPPED THAT.

SECONDLY — NEWS. THERE ARE NEWS FLASHES AND
BULLETINS THROUGH MOST OF THE DAYS, CROWNED
BY YOUR "NEWS 24," SO WHY DO WE HAVE TO
ENDURE ANOTHER 30 MINUTES OF PURGATORY HALF-
WAY THROUGH AN EVENING FILM OR DRAMA??

THIRDLY — MUSIC. WE LIKE MOST MUSIC — CLASSICS

LIGHT, MODERN AND SOME OF THE "POPS" AS WELL, BUT WHY THIS "NOISE" IN EVERY WAKING MOMENT?

IN OUR YOUNGER YEARS, WE USED TO ENJOY HILL WALKING IN THE AUSTRIAN ALPS — THE SILENCE WAS UNBELIEVABLE — PERHAPS THE ODD COW BELL COULD BE HEARD FAR BELOW — THE SIGHING OF THE WIND ETC. NOW IF A PROGRAMME ABOUT MOUNTAINS IS SHOWN, THE NARRATOR IS DROWNED OUT BY SOME SCREAMING DIVA WITH FULL ORCHESTRA, OR IF BILL ODDIE IS SHOWING A WILD LIFE PROGRAMME, PERHAPS A TADPOLE IN A PUDDLE, WE GET BLASTED BY THE THEME FROM "LAWS" — WHY ???

WE USED TO LIKE DAVID ATTENBOROUGH AND HIS EXCELLENT DOCUMENTARIES FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD, BUT THE SO CALLED "MUSIC" THAT NOW ACCOMPANIES HIS FILMS EVEN INTRUDE OVER HIS NARRATION AND YOU CANNOT HEAR WHAT HE'S SAYING — SO WE CHANGE TO COMMERCIAL TV, OR SWITCH OFF.

FOURTHLY — SNOOKER. ARE THE AUDIENCES IN THE CRUCIBLE (OR ANY OTHER VENUE) WATCHING THESE PROGRAMMES, SUBJECTED TO THE SAME DIATRIBE BY FAILED EX-PLAYERS, AS US MILLIONS OF OBVIOUSLY MORONIC AND DIM WITTED VIEWERS ARE?

WHY DON'T YOU PEOPLE GET REAL ??

COME OUT OF YOUR PLUSH IVORY TOWERS AND LIVE IN THE REAL WORLD !!!

THE BBC USED TO BE SUPREME IN PERIOD DRAMA'S AND GENUINE COMEDY ETC.

IF WE MUST HAVE REPEATS, WHY NOT RE-RUN "THE FORSYTHE SAGA" OR SIMILAR SERIES, INSTEAD OF THE CONTINUOUS MISERY OF EASTENDERS.

STOP BEING SO DAMNED "POLITICALLY
CORRECT."

OH YES! WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO PENSION OFF
BRUCE FORSYTH? - PLEASE?

WE ARE NOT HOLDING OUR BREATH,
BUT I SUPPOSE WE CAN DREAM!!!

YOURS FAITHFULLY



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