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BBC,
Dept. for Culture, Media and Sport.

Ref: Your BBC, Your Say.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for the invitation to air my views regarding the BBC and programmes produced.

My greatest concern is the coverage of sport, particularly in the summer months. It is nothing unusual to find 'sport', not only on BBC 1,2, channel 3 and 4, but very often screened at the same times. There are vast numbers of folk who are not interested in sport, and many, for one reason or another, are unable to leave their homes. Often, it is the elderly, living alone, who rely on television for both company and entertainment. I feel strongly that it is this section of the viewers who are not getting the service that they are entitled to. Whilst I am not a sports 'fanatic', I do have the opportunity and ability to go out, or rent a video when the screens are full of uninteresting features, I am more fortunate than some.

Is it not time that there is put into operation one or tow channels specifically for the screening of various sports. Bearing in mind, that a great many people have sets which them with only four channels, and perhaps cannot afford to buy the set top boxes or subscribe to Sky etc.

I have to say that I was disappointed with the latest version of 'Dr Who'. Having watched this gentleman, on and off, since the days of William Hartnel, I felt that the latest effort was too full of special effects and not nearly enough of a story. No doubt newcomers to the series would have found it better than I did. I also feel that it was a great mistake to show it at the same time as the brilliant Ant and Dec!!

I do look forward to a great improvement in the quality and variety of programmes in the future.

Yours,
Sincerely,


Tony Watson