

BGT WINS THE RATINGS BATTLE

Britain's Got Talent (8pm ITV) has overtaken BBC1's *Call the Midwife* to become the most-watched TV show of 2017 so far.

An average of 9.2 million people tuned in to the second episode of the ITV talent show, which featured eight-

year-old magician Issy Simpson (right).

But Cowell shouldn't pat himself on the back just yet. The same episode of *BGT* last year drew an average of 10.3 million viewers, while in 2015 the average for episode two was 10.1 million.



Paula

9.00pm **BBC2**

DRAMA There was a point in the second part of this hysterical, chaotic thriller when I wondered whether it's supposed to be some kind of black comedy. It's certainly preposterous enough, what with its sinister odd-job man who hallucinates a dead girl and keeps women in cupboards, and an absolutely awful eponymous heroine who bewitches every gormless sap who crosses her path.

The dreadful Paula (played by the excellent Denise Gough) has brought all manner of wickedness down upon herself and her family after she fatefully invited weird James (Tom Hughes) to rid her cellar of rats.

He did much more and now stalks her every step, with catastrophic results. **ALISON GRAHAM**

The Great Village Green Crusade

9.00pm **BBC4**

DOCUMENTARY Robert Llewellyn is an actor (*Red Dwarf*), presenter (*Scrapheap Challenge*) and green energy advocate. Now he's taking on a new challenge: persuading the residents of his quaint Cotswold village of Temple Guiting to generate all of their power through renewable technology. For ideas, he heads to Las Vegas, which has plans to power itself solely by renewable electricity.

Llewellyn works hard to sell the idea to his neighbours, but there's a major hurdle (and not from where you expect). A genuinely interesting story, helped by clear explanations of the science involved. You won't look at a battery the same way again...

GILL CRAWFORD

The Good Fight

9.00pm **More4**

DRAMA It's fitting that this terrifically sharp spin-off from *The Good Wife* should end with an accidentally pertinent story – a cyber-attack threat to a major public utility.

Dylan Stack, the Bitcoin bloke from *The Good Wife*, rushes into Diane's office claiming someone's planted malware on his computer that will disable Chicago's electricity grid and plunge the city into darkness at exactly 9pm. He wants Diane to alert the authorities. But the law firm is quickly embroiled in a fight with the justice department, with Lucca on the front line. It's a great finale, and *The Good Fight* will return. Hooray! (Though not until next year. Boo!) **AG**

Scott & Bailey

9.00pm, 10.00pm **ITV Encore**

DRAMA Suranne Jones and Lesley Sharp made a good team, a kind of Mancunian Cagney and Lacey, in Sally Wainwright's hard-edged detective drama. *Scott & Bailey* (Encore starts repeats from the start of 2011's first series) always felt authentic, and the procedural aspects were bang-on.

In the opening case Scott and Bailey investigate when a young woman is found dead at her home after she apparently killed herself. **AG**

DISCOVER TV PICK

Today's best of BBC3, iPlayer, Netflix and beyond



British Jews, German Passports

iPlayer (expires today)

Brexit has caused a spike in the number of Brits coveting citizenship of EU countries. This thoughtful, poignant doc meets the descendants of Jews who fled the Nazis – and who are now reconciling with their family's past by looking into becoming German.

CHILDREN'S CHOICE

Blue Peter

5.30pm **CBBC**
Mime artist Tape Face puts on a show, and for some reason Lindsey has been persuaded to try on a beard of bees...

Nella the Princess Knight

5.30pm, 5.45pm **Nick Jr** (Sky 615, Virgin 715)

A phoenix is keeping the kingdom up all night.

BEST LIVE SPORT



Champions Trophy Cricket: England v Bangladesh

10am **SS2**
The opening match at the Oval, with 90mph bowler Mark Wood back in England's squad.

French Open Tennis, day five

9.30am **ITV4, Eurosport 1;**
10am **Eurosport 2**

European Golf: Scandinavian Masters, day one

10am, 2pm **SS4**
World Cup of Darts 7pm SS1

FILM OF THE DAY

The Wizard of Lies

9.00pm **Sky Atlantic**
Crime drama based on the true story of financial fraudster Bernie Madoff, starring Robert De Niro. **See page 38**



Catching a Killer

9.00pm **C4**

DOCUMENTARY OF THE WEEK

A small boy shuffles in a chair as a woman asks in a kindly voice: "I want you to tell me about the last time you saw Mummy." He's six years old and his mother, Natalie Hemming, has disappeared. On the night she

vanished he heard loud noises in the living room: "It felt like thunder." Weeks later Natalie's body is found naked in woodland. She'd been beaten to death by her husband Paul.

This absorbing but painfully sad documentary follows the police investigation from the first emergency call made by Natalie's mother.

What emerges, quite apart from the

processes of an urgent police inquiry that starts as the hunt for a missing person, is a story of an unhappy woman abused by a controlling man.

We hear from Natalie's close and loving family as they face the inevitable. "I can't imagine not being able to speak to her again," says her sister. **AG**

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ON THE CASE

From left, Det Supt Simon Steel, DC Nikki Smith, DI Stuart Blaik and DC Natalie Golding