



ALL A TWITTER

Bring back *Don't Scare The Hare*, all is forgiven.
#pitchbattle

@AndiMcLellan (Andi McLellan)
Producer



Adios Brian Cant. Brilliant because he wasn't the slightest bit afraid to make a tit of himself to make kids laugh.

@davelee1968 (Dave Lee)
Writer/director

Fun and strange to be writing *The League Of Gentlemen* again. Evidently it's true... we'll never leave.

@ReeceShearsmith (Reece Shearsmith)
Writer/actor



TEAM TWEET

I don't think #brexitwifeswap [above] is helpful to this debate. We already know the blind spots in each side's perception of the issues. #tooshouty

@theJournoHan (Hannah Gannagé-Stewart)
Senior reporter

Ed's career down the pan

Good to see Ed Miliband taking the BBC's impartiality rules seriously in his radio DJ debut. In a highlight of his week-long stint as stand-in for Jeremy Vine on Radio 2's lunchtime show, Ed eschewed politics to focus on the more pressing issue of toilet flushing. In a feature that even Alan Partridge might have thought a bit much, he invited owners of Victorian toilets to demonstrate their flushes live on air and compare them with the British Toilet Association's modern flush. One lamented that modern toilets "lack the drama" of their predecessors, while a nation choked on its lunch as another documented that his new toilets need "three or four flushes" to swallow a "big job" – and still leave "skid marks down



the bottom". Scraping the bottom and literally talking shit – how can next week's guest host Iain Duncan Smith possibly follow this?

Life imitates House Of Cards

The BBC's original 1990s series of *House Of Cards* was acclaimed for its authentic and savage skewering of Westminster life, thanks to its writer, MP and now Lord Michael Dobbs. But it was eerily predictive of recent events: the third series, *To Play The King*, looked at the political fallout of a devastating London tower block fire. While the king rushes in to help victims, PM Francis Urquhart tells the press: "I think the best thing we can do now is stay out of their way." The question is, will Theresa May employ Urquhart's solution to the class divisions he saw at the fire's root: bring back national service?



BT Sport completed their hat-trick at last week's UKTV Ladle five-a-side tournament. The winning team of 2015 and 2016 proved once again unstoppable, fending off Talk Talk, whose player Ali Soussi picked up the golden boot for his 13 goals. Pre-tournament favourites A+E Networks, meanwhile, languished in sixth place, with UKTV's own Dave team even further back. Organised by UKTV senior scheduler Jim Tanner, the event took place in White City, west London, and raised £850 for the Alzheimer's Society and a Hammersmith food bank.

AND FINALLY...



Will Best
Co-host,
The Art Show
(8pm, Tuesdays,
Sky Arts)

Tell us one of your most hilarious faux pas

Getting EDM DJ Nicky Romero confused with EDM DJ Alesso while interviewing the former during a live stream being watched by more than 1 million people.

Which TV or radio programme would you resuscitate?

The Goon Show. People aren't silly enough any more.

Who would you be on Stars In Their Eyes?

I think I can sing like Pavarotti. It would be good to be proved wrong on national TV.

What's the most unusual drink you've ever had?

A mixture of custard, tobacco sauce, Marmite, coffee, chicken, mayonnaise, mustard and a few cocktails. I had to drink it as some sort of forfeit during an interview with Little Mix.

What would you do with a million quid?

Buy a restaurant around the corner from me whose lease is up and surprisingly cheap. I'd put in the best custom-built sound system money could buy and let my friends drink there for free, forever.

What words or phrases do you most overuse?

"Jeez Louise" and "crikey". I really wish I didn't.

What are the best and worst things about working in TV or radio?

Best: getting paid to do things I would happily pay to do, like racing a classic car or going around a gallery with an art historian.

Worst: being forced to drink vomit-inducing cocktails by Little Mix.

What do you do to relax?

Practice the drums or play on my decks – basically, live out what I wanted to do as a teenager but couldn't.

What is your greatest extravagance?

Eating out. I read that gout is massively on the rise among young men, and I'm sure I'm going to get it – unless London restaurants bankrupt me first.