

Kenneth Branagh hints to TVeasy that love may be on the cards for the troubled Swedish detective...

The first film of this new threepart series, An Event in Autumn, is pretty harrowing for Wallander... Yes, it's a tough one, but I'm pleased with how it tries to develop Wallander's character. As the story begins, he's starting a new life in a new home, and he's almost smiling. Then he finds the body of a young woman buried at the bottom of his garden, which ruins this dream. Wallander starts thinking he's destined never to be happy.

How does his story develop across the three episodes?

There's a terrible event in the first film involving his colleague Ann-Britt Hoglund (Sarah Smart) and he ends up carrying around this phenomenal guilt. The second film, The Dogs of Riga, takes him to Latvia. It's a real adventure story, full of espionage. Might we see a happier Kurt

Wallander this time round? He's a romantic and this series sees Kurt, in the face of unbelievably bad luck, trying to pursue some romantic adventures. He also begins to consider his own mortality and wonders if he can ever have a relationship with his grown-up daughter, Linda.

What is it about Wallander that you think appeals to viewers? It's the misery of Wallander that draws people in - maybe people find relief in the idea that life will never be as bad as that for them. Author Henning Mankell, who wrote the Wallander books, said that every time he gave Wallander another 'punch', his books flew off the bookshop shelves!

Is it easy to switch off after a day's filming Wallander?

While filming this series in Sweden, I made sure I got a house by the sea, so I could walk down to the water's edge, feel the wind in my face and blow that man right out of my hair!

How does it feel to have been knighted by The Queen?

When I got a letter from the Cabinet Office, I thought it was a parking fine! It's a great honour - I'm very happy.

#### Wallander

Sunday • 9.00pm • BBC1 • Drama

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WALLANDER BBC1 • 9.00pm

The Swedish detective (Kenneth Branagh) finds a skeleton buried in the garden of his new home

### **SCOTLAND VARIATIONS**

#### BBC1

SUN

5.30-6.30pm Antiques Roadshow Weald and Downland: Antiques challenge series. (S) 37392 8.00-9.00pm LITEVP Scotland's Finest: The Story of the Highland Games Documentary exploring the tests of strength and speed. (S) 8069

#### BBC2

9.00am Saturday Kitchen Best Bites (S) 65021
10.30-11.30 River City Leyla's alcoholism reaches worrying levels. (S)(R) 84934 10.00pm
T in the Park Highlights of the music event. (S) 57137 10.30 Episodes As England, 11.30pm.
(S)(R)(AD) 66885 11.00pm-12.00m\*t Line of Duty As England, 10.30pm. (S)(R)(AD) 54601

#### STV

9.30-10.25am The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)(SL) 8043663 11.30am-12.25pm The Hungry Sailors Exmouth. (S)(R)(HD) 4144361 1.35-2.40 Ade in Britain Norfolk. (S)(R)(HD) 7777137 10.45 EXIVD Passenger 57 Action thriller. An anti-terrorist expert finds himself on board a hijacked plane. Stars Wesley Snipes. (S)(AD) (1992, 15, 100mins) \*\*\* 23010311 12.25-5.30am The Nightshift (S) 17937002

#### **S4/C**

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Wales, 8.30 INEVO Karl Jenkins: Llangollen

## BBC1

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- 6.00 AM Breakfast (S)(HD) 580866
- 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show (S) 90576
- 10.00 Sunday Morning Live Samira Ahmed hosts topical debates. (S)(HD) 55330
  11.00 Country Tracks Presenter Ellie Harrison
- 11.00 Country Tracks Presenter Ellie Harrison travels through western Cumbria. (S)(R) 42866 Weather for the Week Ahead
- 12.00 NOON News (S) 4571069
- 12.05 PM LIVE F1: British Grand Prix Jake Humphrey looks ahead to this afternoon's race, which takes place at Silverstone. Coverage continues on BBC2. (S) 9618021
- 12.55 Wimbledon Sue Barker introduces coverage of the men's singles final. Novak Djokovic was victorious last year, overcoming Rafael Nadal 6-4, 6-1, 1-6, 6-3. It was the first time a player other than Nadal or Roger Federer had won the title since Lleyton Hewitt in 2002. (Subsequent programmes subject
- to change) (S)(HD) 99514408

  5.30 Escape to the Country Property series.
  Today, a home in Somerset. (S)(R) 37392
- 6.30 News; Local News; Weather (S) 175
- 7.00 Countryfile Rural magazine.

  Tonight, the team explores the uplands of Kent, where John Craven learns about the life of social reformer and National Trust founder Octavia Hill, and Ellie Harrison samples a pint made using locally grown hops. (S)(HD) 2021
- 8.00 Antiques Roadshow Weald & Downland: Antiques series. Tonight, the team of experts visits the Weald and Downland Open Air Museum in West Sussex, where items include an old family toy and a letter written by a convict sent to Australia in 1800. (S) 8069
- in Autumn: 1 of 3. Return of the crime drama series starring Kenneth Branagh. The Swedish detective moves into a new home with his girlfriend, only for their dreams of domestic bliss to be shattered when they find a skeleton in the garden. Also stars Saskia Reeves. (S)(HD)(AD) 3381 See feature, page 19
- 10.30 News; Weather (S) 958773

# Sneak peek

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# **Saturday**



# Monday

## **Tuesday**



Casualty

BBC1 • Drama

You can cut the atmosphere in the ED with a knife after Sam's revelation that she's no longer returning to the army and is staying at the hospital. Estranged husband Dylan is livid, and retaliates by refusing to sign the divorce papers.



Wallander

BBC1 • Drama

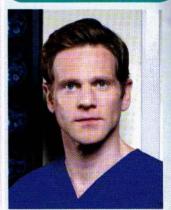
Kenneth Branagh returns to our screens as the dour detective in this third series of the popular Swedish detective drama based on the best-selling novels of Henning Mankell. Kurt has moved to the country, but can he find peace?



**Blackout** 

BBC1 • Drama

Feted as a hero, Daniel is elected mayor and is determined to seek some kind of redemption through his civic duty. But how long will he be able to conceal his dark secret from Alex? As Bevan asks questions, Ruth starts piecing together the truth...



**Holby City** 

BBC1 • Drama (Regions vary)

When Simon gets some shock news this week, consultant Dan is forced to make a big decision about their relationship and his career. The agency nurse has been offered a permanent position in Leeds and he's determined to take it.

