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Five shows you MUST NOT MISS!

Sinbad

Sky1 • Sunday DRAMA

Join handsome newcomer Elliot Knight (above) as he dons pantaloons and sandals to play the swashbuckling hero Sinbad, in Sky1's most spectacular new series to date. This Arabian Nights adventure for all the family is brought to life by the latest in hi-tech effects, plus a star-studded cast that includes Naveen

Andrews, Timothy Spall,
Orla Brady and Sophie
Okonedo. See page 8

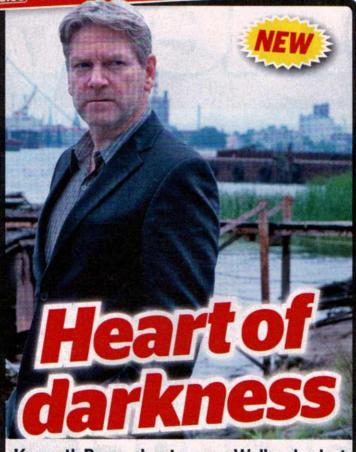
BBC1 • Sunday DRAMA

The recently knighted Sir Kenneth Branagh (left) returns as everyone's favourite Scandinavian detective. As this third series gets under way, Kurt Wallander has relocated to the countryside in search of some peace. However, his hopes are crushed when a young woman's body turns up in his back garden...

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Wallander

tv This week



Kenneth Branagh returns as Wallander, but will his new-found happiness last?

Wallander
BBC1 • Sunday DRAMA

Kurt Wallander has never been what you'd call a cheery chap, but the fictional Swedish 'tec is back on our screens for a new series, and he actually appears to be happy!

We see him moving to a house in the country with his girlfriend Vanja and her son. Has the hard-drinking workaholic really settled down?

'He's trying to start a new life,' says actor Kenneth Branagh, who plays Wallander. 'For a minute you think he may be able to enjoy normality with someone he loves.'

But his domestic bliss is shattered when he discovers the body of a girl under a bush in the back garden, sparking a grisly investigation into the murders of young prostitutes. And Wallander finds himself on the dark side again.

'He tries not to feel it so much, but he can't help it,' Kenneth, 51, continues. 'He gets so outraged by the violent crimes he deals with.'

Kenneth himself also finds

the role especially gruelling.

'For the first couple of series I did find it difficult to switch off. You're doing these raw scenes and feel very wrung-out.

'My wife [film art director Lindsay Brunnock] was very good about it. But she'd remind me, usually many months later, that Wallander did get into my system a bit more than I ever realised during it.'

But this time around, he took steps to ease the pain of filming.

'Previously I'd been staying in a little house on my own, so it was an isolating experience. But for this one, Lindsay was there for all of it and we shared a lovely house with Mark Hadfield, who plays a new member of the police team and whom I've known for a trillion years. So it was all much more sociable.'

But Kenneth understands that Wallander's anguish lies at the very core of his appeal.

'It's the misery of Wallander, the darkness, that's part of what draws people in,' he says. 'Henning [Mankell, the creator] says as soon as soon as he gave Wallander diabetes, his book sales went up!'

Emma Messenger



SUNDAY 8 JULY

TODAY'S CHOICE



Not known for his sunny outlook Swedish detective Kurt Wallander (Kenneth Branagh) seems to have found happiness, but the discovery of a girl's body is about to change that... Wallander

Wallander BBC1 9.00pm



From Elvis' Jailhouse Rock in the 1950s to Adele's Someone Like You in 2011, Fearne Cotton counts down the all-time top of the pops across seven decades

The Nation's Favourite Number One Single ITV1 9.00pm

REGIONAL VARIATIONS

■ BORDER as STV except: 9.30-10.25am House Gift Interior design challenge. 8043663 11.25-12.25pm The Hungry Sailors The duo visit Poole. 7350427 1.35-2.40 Murder, She Wrote: If A Body Meet A Body Jessica attends an old friend's funeral. 7777137 10.45 FILM: Children Of Men Thiller. With Clive Owen. (Cert 15, 2006) 170750 12.45am The Store 918064 2.45 Golden Balls Game show. 4351002 3.35 Motorsport UK Action from Oulton Park. 1554809 4.25-5.30 Nightscreen 4063996

BBC1

- 6.00 AM Breakfast A roundup of national and international news, plus sports reports, weather forecasts and arts and
- entertainment features. (S) (HD) 580866

 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show The political journalist is joined by actor
- Simon Russell Beale and musician Garland Jeffreys. (S) 90576

 10.00 Sunday Morning Live Samira Ahmed hosts topical interactive debates on religious, moral and ethical issues. (S) (HD) 55330
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 11.00 Country Tracks Ellie Harrison travels through western Cumbria, beginning in the Eskdale valley to Honister Pass. En route, she rides on a Harley-Davidson motorbike, examines a major archaeological discovery at St Bees, and visits sheep farmers in Borrowdale. Includes archive clips from past BBC programmes that feature the area. (R/S) 42866 Followed by Weather For The Week Ahead/BBC News (S)
- 12.05 PM F1: British Grand Prix Preview: Jake Humphrey's joined by David Coulthard and Eddie Jordan to look ahead to this afternoon's race (shown on BBC2 at 12.55pm) at Silverstone, the ninth round of a closely fought season. A number of drivers are expected to be in contention to take the chequered flag in the race won by Mark Webber last year. (S) (HD) 9618021

12.55 Wimbledon Sue Barker presents live coverage of the 126th staging of the Men's Singles Final at the All England Club.

- Novak Djokovic was victorious in 2011, overcoming Rafael Nadal 6-4, 6-1, 1-6, 6-3. It was the first time someone other than Nadal or Roger Federer had won this title since Lleyton Hewitt triumphed in 2002, but last year's runner-up avenged that defeat by overcoming Djokovic in last month's French Open Final, and Federer also entered the competition hopeful of making a major impact. Continues on BBC2. (S) 99514408
- 5.30 Antiques Roadshow Fiona Bruce and the team return to the Weald and Downland open Air Museum in West Sussex, where items of interest include an elaborate clock. (S) 37392
 6.30 BBC News/Regional News/Weather (S) 175
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7.00 Countryfile

The team head to the Kent Hills, where John Craven learns about the life of National Trust founder Octavia Hill and Ellie Harrison samples a pint made with locally grown hops. Including Weather For The Week Ahead (S) (HD) 2021

• Repeated on Thursday at 12.45am

8.00 Scotland's Finest:

The Story Of The Highland Games

Documentary exploring the history and characters at the heart of the tests of strength and speed that constitute the Highland Games, beginning in the Fife village of Ceres, which is said to host Scotland's oldest tournament. (S) 8069

9.00 Wallander

NEW 1/3. An Event In Autumn: The recently knighted Kenneth Branagh returns to his BAFTA-winning role as the Swedish detective in three new adaptations of the best-selling crime novels by Henning Mankell. Tonight, Wallander moves into a dream home with his new girlfriend Vanja (Saskia Reeves), but their happiness is shattered when they discover the skeleton

of a girl in the garden. Subsequently it emerges that the body was buried more recently than at first thought and what follows is a particularly grisly investigation that plunges Wallander back into the dark side... With Sarah Smart. (S) (HD) 3381

10.30 BBC News/Regional News (S) 958773

