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July 2012 Highlights



Cycle Slam: Dallaglio Vs. Flintoff

UK PREMIERE TWO-PART SPECIAL
THURSDAYS FROM 5TH JULY, 9.00PM

Join international sports stars Lawrence Dallaglio and Freddie Flintoff as they push themselves to the limit on a gruelling bike ride from Greece to London in extraordinary two-part special *Cycle Slam: Dallaglio vs Flintoff*.

Follow the sportsmen as they cycle 3,000km from Olympia, the birthplace of the ancient Olympic Games in Greece, travel the length of Italy, across the Alps, and through the Champagne region. There they take part in the legendary one day Paris-Roubaix ride before finally reaching Stratford, East London, the venue of the 2012 Olympic Games. To make life more difficult, they compete against each other

in a number of extreme challenges along the way, from racing up killer mountains to abseiling down freezing waterfalls. As they ride through some of the most spectacular scenery in Europe, Lawrence and Freddie are joined by members of the public and celebrity cyclists, including James Cracknell, Lee Dixon and Graeme LeSaux, who accompany them on their arduous mission and take part in team contests. Follow this heroic duo as they power through 140km every day, navigate across tough terrain and tackle intense 4000 foot climbs on the ride of their lives. How will they fare? Who will win the most challenges? And who will raise the most money for charity on this ultimate cycling adventure?

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Mythbusters

UK PREMIERE SERIES

MONDAYS FROM 23RD JULY, 9.00PM

Mythbusters returns this July with all-new explosive episodes. Join Jamie Hyneman, Adam Savage, Tory Belleci, Grant Imahara and Kari Byron, as they put popular myths and urban legends to the test, using modern science to separate the fact from the fiction. In these latest instalments, Adam and Jamie find out if a roll of duct tape could be used to secure a camp, trap food, and attract rescuers if they were stranded on a deserted island; investigate whether wrapping themselves in bubble packing

could really protect them from a multi-storey fall; and test five age-old gender clichés to discover if women really are superior to men. Plus, Kari, Grant and Tory see if it is possible to glue a roomful of furniture to the ceiling of a hotel room; and take on a classic scene from the silver screen when they try to replicate a James Bond ejector seat stunt using a rocket! Follow the team as they put skills, brains and personal-safety to the test in this exciting high stakes extravaganza.

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The Skunk Whisperer

UK PREMIERE SERIES

MONDAYS FROM 2ND JULY, 8.00PM

Are wild animals encroaching on your domestic bliss? Do you have rodents in your bedroom or bats in your attic? If so, Ned Bruha and his crew are the experts to call. Ned, also known as *The Skunk Whisperer* is an animal control specialist whose expertise lies in humane wildlife removal, as well as strategically repairing properties and building nesting boxes and feeders, so that creatures no longer need to seek refuge in human homes. This eight part series follows the exploits of Ned and his lively team, Stormy, Johnny and Chris, as they face the challenges of capturing wild animals that have moved into people's homes, without trapping, harming or killing them. Tackling everything from squirrels, possums, bats and even mountain lions, to the most unwanted, invasive, creepy-crawly, the team must work together to ensure the animal and the client are safe and satisfied.

In the first episode, Ned races to save an owlet with its leg caught in a tree, while Stormy comes to the aid of a raccoon that is stuck under the wheel arch of a car. Plus, can he locate the source of a strange noise emanating from a family's loft?

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Wildest Latin America

UK PREMIERE SERIES

SATURDAYS FROM 7TH JULY, 8.00PM

Animal Planet embarks on a thrilling exploration of the breath-taking South American continent in brand new series *Wildest Latin America*.

Trek across the mountainous peaks and volcanic slopes of the Andes; explore the windswept plains of the Patagonian wilderness; journey into the teeming forests of the Amazon, and wade through the giant swamps of Venezuela, as this beautiful five-part series celebrates the region's most iconic and dramatic locations. Combining the extraordinary stories of the animals and people, each episode

explores the latest revelations about life in this land of extremes. From army ants to armadillos, jaguars to giant otters, find out how each species has developed unique ways to stay alive. Through ingenuity and determination, people have also found ways to make the most of what the continent has to offer. Uncover the vital skills, incredible lifestyles and ancient rituals that continue to shape the identity of Latin America's diverse people. Experience all this fascinating continent has to offer and gain an exciting and in-depth understanding of Latin America's most spectacular places.

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Bad Dog

UK PREMIERE SERIES

FRIDAYS FROM 13TH JULY, 8.00PM

Find out just how far some animals can push their owners and still retain their affections as entertaining six-part series *Bad Dog* continues to travel the globe in search of the naughtiest pets on the planet! From cunning cats and destructive dogs; to rampaging rodents and bad mouthed birds; not to mention a whole hoard of wily pets and big beasts determined to wreak havoc, man's best friends are caught on camera acting like our worst enemies! But which crafty critter or furry fiend will be crowned 'Baddest of the Bad'?

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The Housewives of Alabama

UK PREMIERE SERIES

WEDNESDAYS FROM 11TH JULY, 10.00PM

New to Discovery Real Time, three-part series, *The Housewives of Alabama*, follows a group of strong, opinionated women in rural Dothan, Alabama as they juggle their careers, home lives and relationships with one another. Dealing with everything from packed work schedules, to getting down and dirty hunting, fishing, four wheeling and tailgating at stock car races, follow Amie, Jana, Melissa, Dakota, and Val as they show everyone how real women do it on the other side

of the Mason Dixon line. In this entertaining new series, Dakota returns to town amidst rumours of infidelity and reunites with the girls. But will she come to blows with Val over a new beau? Jana meets with a fertility doctor and talks to her husband Grant about trying to have children again and Amie struggles with the idea of turning 40. Plus, will New York newcomer Val upset the group dynamic with her city ways? Join these larger than life Southerners for a slice of Alabama life.

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Death Machines

CHANNEL PREMIERE SERIES

SUNDAYS FROM 1ST JULY, 10.00PM

Take a never-before-seen look at man's most unkind inventions as sinister new series *Death Machines* investigates history's most brutal contraptions, designed to torture, maim or execute their hapless victims. Delving into the macabre mechanics of these deadly devices, six darkly compelling episodes deconstruct the ingenious technology behind some of antiquity's most appalling apparatus to find out how they work. From early methods such as the crucifix, wicker man and Perilus's shocking brazen bull; to the medley of malicious machinery used in the Middle Ages such as the Rack, the Skull Crusher and the Pendulum; to the sophisticated engineering of modern day methods like the Electric Chair and the Gas Chamber, examine the design, construction and uses of each fatal instrument and explore the scientific and sociological concepts behind them.

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The Imploders

UK PREMIERE SERIES

THURSDAYS FROM 26TH JULY, 9.00PM

Meet the Kellys, America's first family of explosive demolition, in brand new series *The Imploders*. Eric Kelly has been in the business of demolishing buildings for over thirty years. Together with his wife, the president of the family business, Advanced Explosives Demolition, and their four year old daughter Eliyah, he journeys across America risking life and limb to raze condemned buildings. In over 1000 implosions, he has never had a failure and is considered one of the world's best imploders. Despite his 100% safety record, he is acutely aware

of the risks, having lost both his father and brother to the job. One small slip, and he, his family or anyone unlucky enough to be in the wrong place, would be buried under thousands of tons of concrete and steel. From flattening a 140 foot tower in Arizona, to knocking down the 3500 ton arena in Texas without using explosives, follow this feisty family as they manage their business, juggle family issues, and, most importantly, struggle to stay alive in one of the world's most deadly businesses.

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Young Doctors

UK PREMIERE SERIES

WEDNESDAYS FROM 4TH JULY, 10.00PM AND 10.30PM

Young Doctors is a new eight-part observational documentary following seven first and second-year junior doctors as they leave their training behind to start work on the wards at John Hunter Hospital in Australia. This inspiring series will show the difficulties they face juggling new responsibilities as well as the trials and tribulations of being a young doctor in one of the liveliest cities down under. We will be with our junior doctors as they make their first diagnosis, perform their first emergency surgery, and face their first Saturday night in accident and emergency. They are thrown in at the deep end with heart attacks, car accidents, binge drinkers, embarrassing procedures and difficult patients who look them in the eye and ask "How many times have you done this before?"



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Obese & Expecting

UK PREMIERE ONE-OFF

THURSDAY 12TH JULY, 9.00PM

Maria, Alissa, Denise, and Jeanette are four mums-to-be with an increasingly common problem: morbid obesity. Filmed at hospitals across America, hour-long documentary *Obese and Expecting* follows them through their pregnancy struggles and charts their hopes of delivering healthy babies. The cameras go inside the women's homes and lives as their relationships with their husbands, parents, friends and children bear the brunt of this emotionally and physically exhausting process. We follow the women from their first consultation, through their pregnancy and the birth itself and up until they leave hospital with their babies. These women are challenging the perception – and the odds – of obese pregnancies, as they become mothers, no matter their size or complications.



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Shocking Lives

UK PREMIERE ONE-OFFS

THURSDAYS FROM 5TH JULY, 10.00PM

This month, Discovery Home and Health explores the uplifting and inspirational stories of courageous people who fight to live normal lives in the face of almost unimaginable adversity.

In *Help! I'm Turning Into a Giant* (Thursday 5th July, 10.00pm) we meet three people who suffer from Agromegaly, an extremely rare, long-term condition in which there is too much growth hormone causing the body to grow uncontrollably. 31-year-old Tanya Angus' extreme growth has transformed her from an average teenage girl to a towering 6'6", 35 stone woman; Igor Vovkovinsky struggles through day-to-day activities in a world not designed for his 7'8" frame; and sufferer Mary White has decided to undergo a risky surgery which is often the only cure for sufferers of the condition.

The Bubble Man (Thursday 12th July, 10.00pm) features Chandra Wisnu who has skin so badly ravaged by tumours he is known as 'The Bubble Man' and as a result, rarely leaves the house. We follow World-renowned dermatologist Dr. Anthony Gaspari as he travels in Indonesia to try to find a cure for Chandra and save his children from the affliction he has endured since he was 19.

Born in the Dominican Republic, conjoined twins Maria and Theresa Tapia were declared doomed in the delivery room. *Dominican Conjoined Twins* (Thursday 19th July, 10.00pm) follows them as they travel to the US to see if anything can be done. While one of the twins' life hangs in the balance, doctors do their best to separate them and keep both alive.



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Confronting

UK PREMIERE SERIES

SATURDAYS FROM 21ST JULY, 10.00PM

Confronting is a brand new four-part series that takes viewers inside the prison mediation process as a victim and offender meet, face to face, for the most important conversation of their lives. Each episode follows the story of a crime and its aftermath, documenting the powerful, painful and transformative journeys of the victim and offender as they try to come to terms with the incident that links them. The mediation process culminates in a poignant and honest meeting in prison. During the confrontation, the offender learns of the pain

and suffering caused by their misdeeds and is offered the opportunity to apologise and ask for redemption. Meanwhile, the victim has a chance to express their feelings and must ultimately decide whether or not forgiveness is possible. The series opens with the story of Lisa who is preparing to meet the drunk driver who killed her son on prom night, destroying her life in the process. Will meeting her son's killer help her to manage her pain?

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Evil, I

UK PREMIERE SERIES

FRIDAYS FROM 13TH JULY, 10.00PM

Delving into the dark recesses of the minds of murderers, brand new series *Evil, I* examines the shocking stories of real murder investigations from the killer's perspective. Relying on extensive research into the life, personality and movements of the killer, this compelling 12-part series gives voice to thoughts that until now have been silent. While interviews with the victim's family and the investigators guide viewers through the facts of the case, the imagined voice of the killer describes his own thoughts and movements, building up a

visceral picture of his murderous activities. From the serial killer, profiled as an unassuming man with a violent streak, capable of hiding in plain sight; to the madman who captured and killed many terrified women in his basement; to the local nurse with a troubled past, who poisoned his patients, explore the life of the victim and the murderer and uncover the killer's motivation for their heinous crimes.

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Confessions of an Animal Hoarder

UK PREMIERE SERIES

TUESDAYS FROM 3RD JULY, 10.00PM

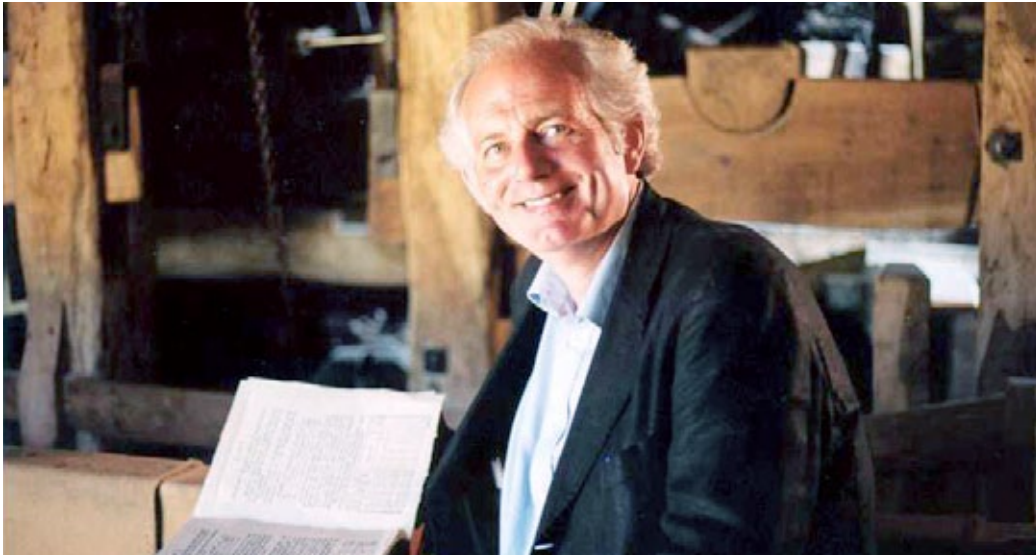
Continuing throughout July, new series *Confessions of an Animal Hoarder* takes a frank look at the human condition, 'animal hoarding' - a compulsive need to possess and control animals. There is no official psychological diagnosis or treatment for the disorder and, in most cases, the problem is not addressed until it becomes a crime. This eye-opening series reveals how animal hoarding puts immense strain on families, finances, the 250,000 animals affected annually and the health of everyone involved. It also delves into the hearts and minds of individuals afflicted, and the family members and friends who want to help prevent their loved ones spinning further out of control.

In the first episode, we meet Don, whose 30 cats have driven his wife from their home, and Bonnie, whose refusal to let her dogs go outside is so unhygienic that she is putting herself and her animals at risk.

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What The Industrial Revolution Did For Us

NETWORK PREMIERE SERIES

TUESDAYS FROM 10TH JULY, 10.00PM AND 10.30PM

From medical advancements, to urban living, to the innovations of war, much of the modern world was shaped by the achievements of the Industrial Revolution. In fascinating six-part series, *What The Industrial Revolution Did For Us*, architectural historian Dan Cruickshank uncovers the scientific, technological and political changes of the 19th century that have had a major impact on life in Britain today. Learn how John Harrison solved the longitude problem, opened up

trade routes, and helped to invent the toaster. Discover what inspired Alessandro Volta to create the world's first electric battery and find out how James Watt's obsession with his aunt's boiling kettle inspired him to build the first steam engine. See how the key ideas, principles and technologies which drive the modern world were developed and explore the ingenuity and vision of this heroic and pioneering age through the stories of men and women who made it happen.



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Thinking Tackle

NETWORK PREMIERE SERIES

TUESDAY 17TH JULY, 10.00PM

Join Discovery Shed for more top tactics, fantastic fishing challenges and some unbelievable hauls as *Thinking Tackle* returns for a superb sixth series. Covering the sort of fishing that's accessible to everyone, follow the carp fishing crew over the course of nine episodes as they take on some of the most pressured carp in the country. This series Gareth Fareham and Danny Fairbrass tackle Sandhurst Lake; Ali Hamidi joins England Internationals Jake and Dan Wildbore on the banks of Thorpe Lea in Surrey; and Tom Dove and James Armstrong test their mettle at Walthamstow reservoirs in London. Plus, margin-fishing experts Adam Penning and Simon Scott push their skills to the limits when they visit the pressured Blue Pool carp at CEMEX. But who will win the battle of wits, man or carp?

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Battle Machine Bros

CHANNEL PREMIERE SERIES

WEEKDAYS FROM 2ND JULY, 8.00PM

Follow the family business of identical twin brothers Mike and Geoff Howe, as they build some of the most exciting machines around. From fire fighting robots, to amphibious tanks, the *Battle Machine Bros* work hard to push the boundaries of innovative design by constructing new, ingenious and highly specialised machines. Working with their wives and their loyal shop crew, the Howe brothers put everything they have into their inventions. No idea is too crazy, but the success or failure of each creation could make or break their small shop and affect their relationship

with their important clients. In the first of twelve explosive episodes, the twins are inspired to upgrade the armour on their ultra-mini tank "The Badger", after it secures a spot in the Guinness Book of World Records for "Smallest All-Terrain Armoured Vehicle. But will their new design stand up against high calibre guns and deadly amounts of TNT? Also this series, the brothers modify two high-speed tanks for the US army. But will a last minute technical glitch jeopardize their all-important military contracts?

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How Do They Do It?

UK PREMIERE SERIES

WEEKDAYS FROM 23RD JULY, 10.00PM

Prepare to expand your mind as the brand new series of *How Do They Do It?* goes behind-the-scenes to explore the manufacture and operation of a variety of ordinary objects. Meeting the problem-solving engineers and the visionary industrial designers who constantly strive to improve our modern world, this fascinating programme puts everyday items to the test to explain the technology, designs and processes behind how they are made. In

this series, discover how the latex produced by the chicle tree is turned into chewing gum. Learn how the complex engine of a Formula 1 Racing Car is assembled, and find out how the people of Tequila make Mexico's most famous drink from cactus. Plus, how do Florida's snake catchers track down escaped Burmese pythons; how does Facebook connect a billion people around the globe; and how do they design and print millions of Jubilee postage stamps?

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