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The results of the biggest-ever survey into the arrival of spring are revealed, as Bill Oddie, Kate Humble and Simon King reunite for *Springwatch* – three weeks of wildlife reports from around the UK, during which viewers can take part and make pledges to actively help the nation's wildlife thrive.

Since January, people across the UK have been recording their first sightings of six key species. Now the BBC's *Springwatch* survey (in association with the Woodland Trust) reveals where the first bumblebees, seven-spot ladybirds, peacock butterflies, swifts, cuckoo-spawn and hawthorn have been spotted. This, the most complete picture of the season unfolding across the UK, will enable scientists to understand how spring is changing and what needs to be done to help wildlife thrive in the UK. Viewers can help by pledging to Make Space For Nature at bbc.co.uk/springwatch

Meanwhile, returning to their Devon farm base, Bill and Kate also catch up with the creatures that captured viewers' hearts last year, find out whether the fledgling chicks survived the winter and discover how the mischievous badgers have fared. DC

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This feature-length drama investigates Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's tortured relationship with his world-famous detective. In real life, the writer experienced what appears to have been a nervous breakdown in a period when he had the world at his feet, with his acclaimed novels and his creation, Sherlock Holmes, known the world over. David Pirie's drama delves into the dark secrets that drove the author to create the fictional phenomenon.

Arthur Conan Doyle (Douglas Henshall) is a physically vital but troubled man at war with his creation. He is further tortured by his feelings for another woman, Jane (Emily Blunt), as his wife succumbs to illness.

Brian Cox is Doyle's mentor, Joseph Bell, Tim McInnerny is the biographer, Selden, and Sinead Cusack is Arthur's mother, Mary.

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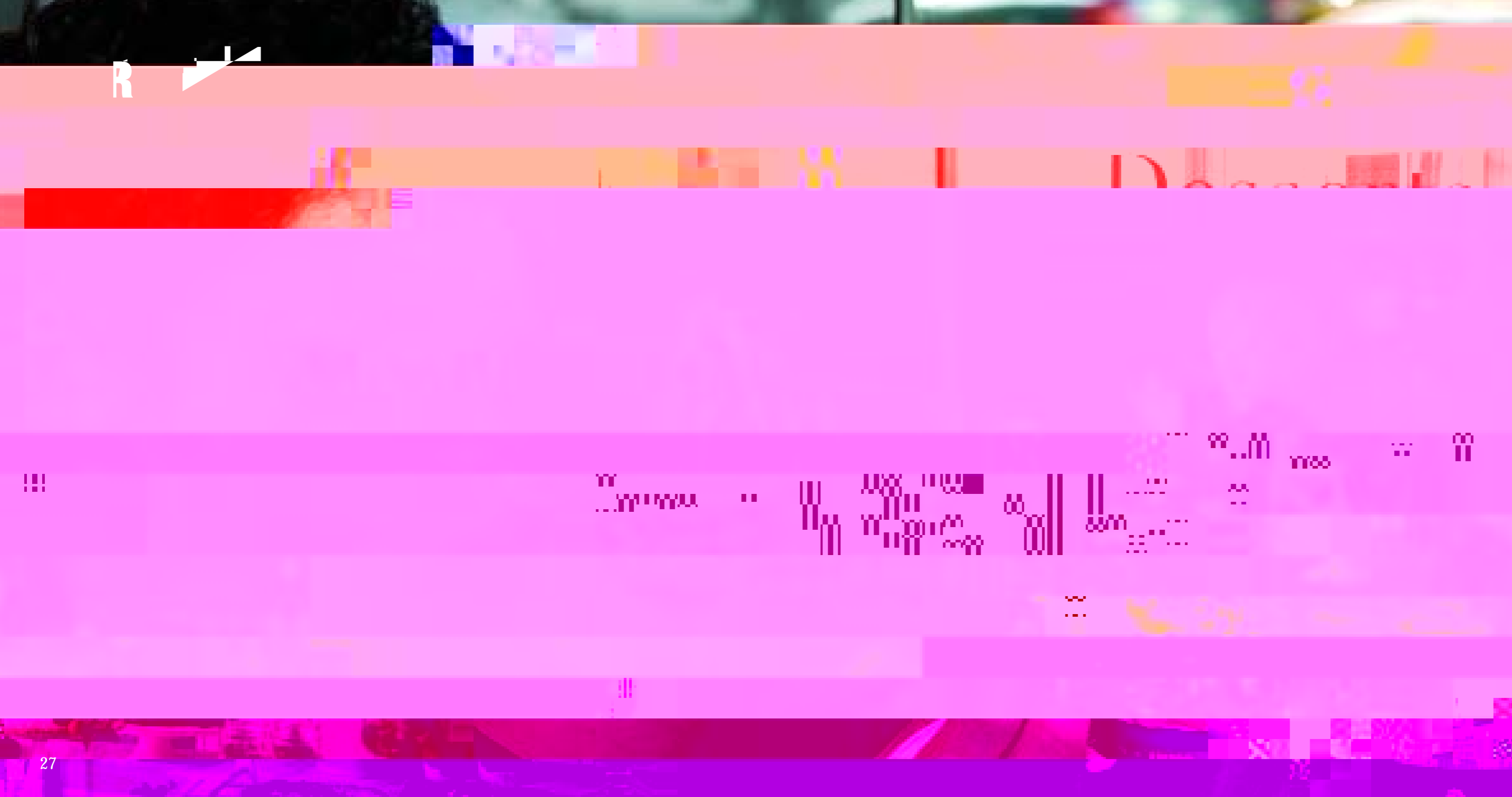
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Dick & Dom (aka Richard McCourt and Dominic Wood) burst onto BBC Two this spring with their new early evening quiz show, *stc & o*

The new weekday series is an update of the classic BBC general knowledge quiz show hosted by Robert Robinson.

Bafta award-winning Dick & Dom's unique and wacky sense of humour promises to ensure that *stc & o* is a very lively and entertaining show. The presenters challenge four members of one family – consisting of two adults and tw



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Film-maker Jamie Campbell moves to the US to investigate the story of a woman who made herself richer than Her Majesty The Queen, JK Rowling and Madonna by teaching middle America the secrets of how to cook vol-au-vents, trim lawns and stencil their walls.

Jamie sets up a “Martha Stewart-style home” in Alderson, meets Martha’s friends, business associates, lawyers and fans, and tries to gain an audience with the extraordinary (but imprisoned) founder of Martha Stewart Omnimedia.

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Episode one focuses on how Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak tried to negotiate peace with Syria and then, at Camp David, under President Clinton's eye, with Yasser Arafat.

The second instalment explores how Ariel Sharon, in response to a Passover suicide bomb, launched Operation Defensive Shield against the Palestinians and bombed Arafat's compound to rubble. The programme learns how President Bush and Prime Minister Blair intervened to save him.

The final programme tells the inside story of the birth – and death – of President Bush's Road Map to Peace, and how Arafat's death has changed everything.

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David Akinsanya hates being gay. He has been living as a gay man for 20 years but, if he could take a pill to make him heterosexual, he'd pop it without a second thought.

In this documentary, David sees if it's possible to go straight. He believes that his homosexuality is learned behaviour, so sets about trying to unlearn it. He attends a controversial treatment centre in America that claims to teach people how to stop being "gay". The film follows the ups and downs of David's turbulent journey and asks whether being gay is something you can choose.

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For the first time, the BBC has coverage of the UEFA European Women's Championships, which, in 2005, is hosted by England, from 5-19 June.

BBC Two will broadcast live coverage of all England games, with comprehensive highlights of all the other seven nation's games on the nights when England are not playing.

Women's Euro 2005 will be presented by Celine Hinchcliffe

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Britons own 22 million cars and spend a significant chunk of their lives behind ad 5-19 June.

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In a major new programme presented by actor Adrian Lester, *Witness to History* celebrates the achievements of today's black role models by connecting them with black icons who have gone before them.

If global black history were drawn like a tube map, how would Condoleeza Rice and Nelson Mandela be associated and what would link Mike Tyson with Richard Pryor? By exploring this idea, *Witness to History* constructs an iconic black history map.

The programme features contributions from Nelson Mandela, Desmond Tutu, Maya Angelou, Morgan Freeman, Jesse Jackson,

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Against the background of Thatcher's Britain, one scruffy rock star marshalled the cream of Britain's pop talent and tried to pull off the impossible – a global televised concert, never before attempted, to save the lives of the millions starving in Africa and force the establishment to sit up and take the problem seriously.

In two 90-minute documentaries, stars from the event remember the day music brought the world to a standstill, while those who watched it, including Prime Minister Tony Blair, recall how they didn't miss a minute of this extraordinary event.

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Some brings a season of feature-length international documentaries to BBC Two, kicking off with Errol Morris's Academy Award-winning *The Fog of War*.

How does an idealist justify a distinguished military and political career in the United States during turbulent international times? In 1943, Robert S McNamara was commissioned as captain in the US Air Force and served in the UK, India, China and the Pacific. During the Second

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