

PICK OF THE DAY



LIFE OF A LOVING SPIRIT

DAPHNE

BBC2, 9PM

Adapting Daphne du Maurier's life for television must be a somewhat daunting affair. *Rebecca*, her most famous novel, works because of the void at its centre, the hole that its anti-heroine once filled, and du Maurier was herself something of an enigma, a successful woman who remained uncomfortable within her own skin for most of her life. Thankfully, *Daphne* picks up on this, using the post-war period, when du Maurier (played with just the right mixture of wit and torment by Geraldine Somerville, above) travelled to America to defend herself against charges of plagiarism, and its immediate aftermath to illustrate the contradictions that drove her life. It was during this time that she met the publisher's wife Ellen Doubleday (a charming, suitably glacial Elizabeth McGovern) and the actress Gertrude Lawrence (Janet McTeer, who has a ball). She fell in love with both.

It would be all too easy at this point to describe du Maurier as a lesbian and to say that her position in society and her upbringing prevented her from coming out, but Amy Jenkins's script (adapted from Margaret Foster's 1993 biography) is more subtle than that. It is sharp and witty and, despite the odd anachronism, pays homage to its subject. She succeeds not simply in capturing du Maurier's personality but, best of all, in capturing something of the haunting (and haunted) feeling that pervades her finest books. **Sarah Hughes**

SPORT

FOOTBALL

FA Trophy Final: Kidderminster Harriers v Stevenage Borough (Sky Sports 1, 2pm). Football

GOLF

European Tour Golf: Open de Andalucia (Sky Sports 3, 11am).

SPEEDWAY

Speedway: Peterborough

BBC1

6.00 **Breakfast** (T) 3622831 10.00 Saturday Kitchen (T) Culinary ideas to brighten up the weekend. 12183 11.30 **Great British Menu** (T) (R) 8744 12.00 **BBC News; Weather** (T) 6075893 12.10 **Football Focus** (T) Manish Bhasin and guests review the week's on-pitch action and look forward to the coming week. 3715676 1.00 **Racing from Ascot and Haydock Park** (T) Clare Balding presents. 72454 2.30 **Live Rugby League: Challenge Cup Fifth Round** (T) Leeds Rhinos v Wigan Warriors. Kick-off 2.45pm. Live coverage from Headingley Carnegie Stadium. 17353305 4.35 **News; Regional News and Weather** 4.55 **My Family** (R) 5.25 **Just For Laughs** 5.55 **Weakest Link**

6.45 **Any Dream Will Do?** (T) The tension mounts as the remaining seven contestants perform. 7.50 **The National Lottery Draws** Michael Ball sets the balls rolling. 222522

OTV CHOICE



8.00 **The Eurovision Song Contest 2007** (T) Terry Wogan commentates on the 52nd annual musical extravaganza from the Hartwall Arena in Helsinki, Finland, where, following a record-breaking 42 entrants, the final will see 24 countries battling it out for the title. Scooch are representing the United Kingdom with 'Flying the Flag (For You)', Hanna Pakarinen will be hoping to score a second victory for the host country while Germany's Roger Cicero (above) is weighing in with 'Frauen Regier'n die Welt'. Ireland are relying on Dervish to bring the contest back to the Republic. Jaana Pelkonen and Mikko Leppilampi oversee proceedings; subsequent programmes may run late. 16109744

11.15 **News** (T) 238367 11.35 **FILM Dragonfly** (Tom Shadyac, 2002) (T) A recently widowed man throws himself into his work in an effort to distract himself but becomes convinced that his dead wife is trying to contact him. Kevin Costner stars with Susanna Thompson. 839251 1.15 **Friday Night with Jonathan Ross** (T)

BBC2

6.00 **CBeebies** 7.00 **CBBC** 10.00 **What's New Scooby-Doo?** (R) 8915015 10.20 **CBBC: Cramp Twins** (R) 8725725 10.30 **Totally Doctor Who** (R) 34560 11.00 **Tracy Beaker** (R) 5657 11.30 **CBBC: The Fairly OddParents** (R) 4957837 11.45 **Sportsround** 3402742 12.00 **See Hear** 25812 12.30 **The Sky at Night** (R) 56270 1.00 **Coast** 1.10 **Animal Park** 1.40 **FILM The Philadelphia Story** (1940) Comedy romance with Katharine Hepburn, Cary Grant, James Stewart. 3.30 **FILM Guess Who's Coming to Dinner** (1967) Drama. Katharine Hepburn stars with Spencer Tracy, Sidney Poitier. 5.15 **FILM Rebecca** (1940) (T) Laurence Olivier and Joan Fontaine lead the cast in Hitchcock's take on Daphne du Maurier. 87305522

7.20 **The Culture Show** (T) Charlie Brooker looks at the rise and rise of elimination shows from *Any Dream Will Do* to *The Apprentice*. The 24-year-old pianist Lang Lang demonstrates his virtuosic skills and talks about the debt he owes to the cartoon music of Tom and Jerry and Bugs Bunny. To celebrate the start of summer, Andrew Graham Dixon reviews his favourite pieces of British land art - from the sky - while music comes from ex-Sugababe Mutya Buena and Groove Armada with 'Song 4 Mutya'. 130473

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8.10 **Rick Stein in du Maurier Country** The chef pays tribute to Daphne du Maurier in Cornwall, visiting locations she brought to life in novels including *Frenchman's Creek*, *Jamaica Inn* and *Rebecca*. 842812 9.00 **Daphne** (T) Period drama with Geraldine Somerville. See pick of the day. 6522 10.30 **Have I Got a Bit More News for You** Extended version of Friday's edition. 11.15 **TOTP2 Goes Eurovision!** (T) (R) 12.15 **FILM Blow Dry** (Paddy Breathnach, 2001) (T) British comedy drama starring Alan Rickman, Natasha Richardson, Josh Hartnett, Rachel Griffiths and telling the tale of what happens when the annual British Hairdressing Championships come to Keighley, West Yorkshire. 11.27

ITV1

6.00 **GMTV: Wakey! W** 7.25 **Toonattik** (T) 4851 CITY: **Horrid Henry** (T) Grizzly Tales for Grues (R) 3955893 9.50 **Jung** 6830367 10.20 **America** 6495183 11.20 **America** (T) 6680589 12.20 **ITV Weather** (T) 6896265 1 News (T) 7246706 12.3 Grand Prix Qualifying (2.20 **British Superbike** (T) 7105164 3.20 **FILM Christie: Murder in Thr** (T) Peter Ustinov is He with Tony Curtis, Emm Jonathan Cecil. 5.10 **Lo** 5.25 **ITV News and Sp** 5.40 **New You've Been**

6.40 **Vernon Kay's Marathon** (T) contestants in Michael Le V Le Saux and E battle it out in final which se resurrecting a classic series 7.45 **Grease Is the** (T) The rema take the stage a routine in th winning view Judges David Friedman, Da Sinitta have t the contestar before the lin the public to choice. Zoe B 9.25 **Who Wants Millionaire?** group of cont up for the cha the hotseat a 15 questions of winning £

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