

Case Histories of Scotland Yard ★

UK (Anglo Amalgamated Films) Police Drama Anthology, ITV 1955
DVD (part of *Best of British TV Crime Series* compilation)

Host

Edgar Lustgarten

Producers

Jack Greenwood
Alec C. Snowden

Drama series based on actual Scotland Yard case files.

Introduced by noted journalist and criminologist Edgar Lustgarten, this early half-hour film series was particularly popular in the USA (where it was known simply as *Scotland Yard*). It offered dramatized accounts of real-life crimes which had been investigated by the men of the Metropolitan Police. Although casts changed every episode, a few characters like Inspector Duggan (played among other police roles by Russell Napier) appeared on a semi-regular basis. The series was compiled from a collection of cinema second features. 

Casebook of Sherlock Holmes, The

See *Adventures of Sherlock Holmes, The*. 

CASEY, Daniel

(1972-)

Actor born in Stockton-on-Tees, son of former *Nationwide* and *The Money Programme* presenter Luke Casey. Daniel Casey is probably still best known as Sgt Troy in *Midsomer Murders*, although since leaving the series he has also starred in *Steel River Blues* (Tony Barnes) and *Marchlands* (Scott Maynard), and appeared in *Silent Witness*, *Murder in Suburbia*, *Hex*, *Doctors*, *The Bill*, *The Royal*, *M.I. High* and *Inspector George Gently*. Earlier credits include *Our Friends in the North* (Anthony Cox), *Peak Practice*, *A Touch of Frost*, *Catherine Cookson's The Wingless Bird* (Robbie Felton) and *The Grand*. 

Casey Jones ★★

US (*Briskin/Screen Gems*) Children's Western, BBC 1958
(US: Syndicated 1958)

John Luther 'Casey' Jones

Casey Jones Jr

Alice Jones

Wallie Sims

Red Rock

Sam Peachpit

Producers

Alan Hale Jr

Bobby Clark

Mary Lawrence

Dub Taylor

Eddy Waller

Pat Hogan

Harold Greene

Kenneth Gamet

Samuel Bischoff

Excitement on a Midwestern railroad in the 1890s.

Based on the mournful ballad in which the hero is tragically killed, this series for youngsters is much more perky. Casey Jones (steamin' and a-rollin') is an engineer for the Midwest and Central Railroad, the man behind the throttle of the celebrated *Cannonball Express*. Living with his wife, Alice, his young son, Casey Jr, and small

dog, Cinders, in Jackson, Tennessee, and loyally supported by his railroad colleagues, Wallie Sims, the fireman, and Red Rock, the conductor, as well as native American friend Sam, Casey somehow always manages to fulfil his missions, in the face of the greatest adversity. This is one Casey Jones who will not die. 

CASH, Craig

(1960-)

Manchester-born comic actor and writer, jointly responsible with Caroline Aherne for *The Royle Family*, in which he played gormless boyfriend Dave. With Aherne he also appeared as Malcolm in *Mrs Merton and Malcolm*, and made a documentary entitled *Back Passage to India*. Later, Cash co-wrote (with Phil Mealey) and directed *Early Doors* (also playing pub regular Joe) and *Sunshine* (also playing bin man Bob). 

CASSIDY, David

(1950-)

Actor/singer heart-throb of the 1970s, soaring to international fame as Keith Partridge in *The Partridge Family*, in which he starred with his own stepmother, Shirley Jones. On the back of the series he topped the record charts on both sides of the Atlantic with songs like 'How Can I Be Sure' and 'Daydreamer', as well as having *Partridge Family* hits. Since those heady days TV work has been thin, except for an unusual detective series created specifically for him in 1978, *David Cassidy - Man Undercover*, in which he played Officer Dan Shay. His earliest work consisted of minor parts in programmes like *Bonanza*, while more recent guest appearances include a role in *Malcolm in the Middle*. Cassidy's first wife was actress Kay Lenz. His father was actor Jack Cassidy and his brother, Shaun, has also made showbiz his career and created David's most recent US TV series, *Ruby & the Rockits* (in which he played David Gallagher). 

CASSIDY, Ted

(1932-79)

Giant American actor, chiefly remembered in his guise of Lurch, the groaning butler in *The Addams Family*. (He also played the hand, Thing, unless Lurch was also in shot.) Later Cassidy appeared as Injun Joe in *The New Adventures of Huck Finn* and provided the voice for numerous Hanna-Barbera characters, including Frankenstein Jr. He died following heart surgery in 1979. 

Castaway 2000 ★★

UK (BBC/Lion) Documentary, BBC 1 2000-2001

Executive Producers

Jeremy Mills

Colin Cameron

Chris Kelly

Producer

Year-long social experiment on a barren Scottish island.

Castaway 2000 took 36 men, women and children out of their day-to-day existence and asked them to live together for one year in basic conditions. The setting was

PARISH, Sarah

(1969-)

Somerset-born actress who gained early television exposure as one of the girls in the Boddingtons beer commercials. Her major roles have been as Dawn Rudge in *Peak Practice*, Jane in *The Vice*, Amanda Thomas in *Hearts and Bones*, Ali Pearson in *Sirens*, Allie Henshall in *Cutting It*, Annie Naylor in *Trust*, Lydia Gray in *Unconditional Love*, Dr Charlotte Woods in *Reversals*, Natalie Holden in *Blackpool*, Maggie Joy Blunt in *Our Hidden Lives*, Beatrice in *Much Ado about Nothing*, Sharon Myers in *If I Had You*, Sue in *Aftersun*, Tricia Hamilton in *Recovery*, Jess Turner in *Sex, the City and Me*, Katie Roden in *Mistresses* Regan Hamleigh in *The Pillars of the Earth* and Jenny Bremner in *Monroe*. Sarah also appeared in the *Table 12* series of short films, and other roles have come in *City Central*, *Agatha Christie's Marple*, *Doctor Who* and *Merlin*, and the sitcoms *Babes in the Wood*, *Beast* and *Brotherly Love*. ☒

PARKER, Fess

(1924-2010)

American actor, an instant hit as Disney's *Davy Crockett*. Enjoying his American hero status, Parker followed up with tales of another pioneer, *Daniel Boone*, ten years later. In between he starred as Senator Eugene Smith in *Mr Smith Goes to Washington*. ☒

PARKER, Nathaniel

(1962-)

English actor, the son of former British Rail chairman the late Sir Peter Parker. Parker's earliest starring roles came in *A Piece of Cake* ('Flash' Gordon), *Never Come Back* (Desmond Thane), *Catherine Cookson's The Black Candle* (Lionel Filmore) and *Look at It This Way* (Miles Goodall). Although he is best known as the toff detective Thomas Lynley in *The Inspector Lynley Mysteries*, he has also starred as Gabriel Oak in *Far from the Madding Crowd*, Dr Dan Gallagher in *McCallum*, Capt. Rawdon Crawley in *Vanity Fair*, Andrew Pearce in *Trust*, Charles II in *The Private Life of Samuel Pepys*, James in *Pretending to be Judith*, Harold Skimpole in *Bleak House*, Albert Speer in *Nuremberg: Nazis on Trial*, Anthony Troth in *A Class Apart*, Lord Lawrence Hoxley in *Land Girls* and Martin Newall in *Injustice*. Guest roles have come in *Inspector Morse*, *Agatha Christie's Poirot*, *Rik Mayall Presents*, *A Touch of Frost*, *Hotel Babylon*, *My Family and Lewis*, among other series. Parker is married to actress Anna Patrick. ☒

PARKIN, Leonard

(1929-93)

British reporter and newscaster, with ITN for many years. Initially working as a newspaper journalist in his native Yorkshire, Parkin joined the BBC news team in 1954, later becoming its Canadian and then Washington correspondent. As such, he was the first British reporter to break the news of President Kennedy's assassination. For the BBC, he also worked on *Panorama* and *Twenty-Four Hours*. In 1967, the year that *News at Ten* was launched, he switched to ITN, for whom he also presented election programmes and, later, the lunchtime

news (*First Report* and *News at One*) and *News at 5.45*, eventually leaving in 1987. ☒

PARKINSON, Sir Michael

CBE (1935-)

Undoubtedly king of the chat shows in the 1970s, Barnsley-born Michael Parkinson's career began in newspaper journalism, graduating to work for Granada, where he contributed to local news magazines, *World in Action*, *What the Papers Say* and *Cinema*. He then joined the BBC's *Twenty-Four Hours* team, produced sports documentaries for LWT and ventured into talk shows with *Tea Break*, before, in 1971, embarking on his 11-year run as host of *Parkinson*. BBC 1's extremely popular Saturday night series specialized in featuring the biggest names in Hollywood and elsewhere, providing memorable moments such as Muhammad Ali at his verbal best, some classic early exposure for Billy Connolly and, much to the host's displeasure, a rough-and-tumble encounter with Rod Hull's Emu. In 1983 he became one of TV-am's 'Famous Five', largely working on the weekend output, and later sharing the limelight with his wife, Mary. Parkinson has since chaired the quiz and game shows *Give Us a Clue*, *All Star Secrets*, *Going for a Song* and *2000 to 1*, worked on *The Help Squad*, written and narrated the animation *The Woolfitts*, presented a history of rugby league in *A League Apart*, appeared in *Ghostwatch* (a *Screen One* special), and resurrected *Parkinson* with no little success, finally calling it a day in 2007. ☒

PARSONS, Nicholas

OBE (1928-)

Grantham-born actor and presenter, first seen on TV in guest roles in series like *The Adventures of Robin Hood*, sketch shows like *Look at It This Way* and *Here and Now*, and, more prominently, as stooge to Arthur Haynes, Eric Barker and, later, Benny Hill. At around the same time he was providing the voice for Gerry Anderson's puppet cowboy Tex Tucker in *Four Feather Falls*, and pursuing a bright career in British film comedies. In the late 1960s Parsons appeared in an American sitcom, *The Ugliest Girl in Town*, and in the BBC comedy *The Very Merry Widow* (Francis). More successfully, in the 1970s, Parsons hosted the remarkably popular quiz show *Sale of the Century*. In the 1990s, he chaired TV versions of his successful radio-series *Just a Minute*. His has also been a familiar face on other panel games, and Parsons has never been afraid to mock his own smoothie image with cameo roles in *The Comic Strip Presents*, *The New Statesman* and other comedies, plus the game shows *Ciuedo* (Reverend Green) and *The Alphabet Quiz*. More recently, he took a guest role in *Agatha Christie's Marple*. His first wife was actress Denise Bryer. ☒

Partridge Family, The ★★

US (*Screen Gems*) *Situation Comedy*, BBC 1 1971; ITV 1972-4 (US: ABC 1970-74)

DVD

Shirley Partridge
Keith Partridge
Laurie Partridge
Danny Partridge

Shirley Jones
David Cassidy
Susan Dey
Danny Bonaduce

Christopher Partridge

Tracy Partridge
Reuben KinkaidCreator
Executive Producer
ProducersJeremy Gelbwaks
Brian Forster
Suzanne Crough
Dave Madden
Bernard Slade
Bob Claver
Paul Junger Witt
Larry Rosen
Mel Swope**Life at home and on the road with a family pop group.**

When suburban widow Shirley Partridge casually joins her children's band as a singer, little does she know that a career as a pop star beckons. Putting together a song called 'I Think I Love You' in the family's garage-cum-rehearsal-room, the group sells the track to a record company. It becomes a hit and turns the family into top performers. Climbing aboard a painted-up old school bus, Shirley and her kids then head off on tour across America from their home in San Puelo, California. Apart from Mom, the family consists of 16-year-old Keith, 15-year-old Laurie, freckly Danny, aged ten (who organizes the band), Chris, aged seven, and five-year-old Tracy. Their agent (who dislikes children) is Reuben Kinkaid. The family has a dog called Simone.

Like *The Monkees* before them, *The Partridge Family* grew into a real-life pop group and had hits on both sides of the Atlantic. However, they never claimed to perform on the actual recordings, apart from vocals by Shirley Jones and David Cassidy. Their biggest hits in Britain were cover versions of 1960s classics like 'Breaking Up is Hard to Do', 'Looking through the Eyes of Love' and 'Walking in the Rain'. David Cassidy quickly outgrew the series, branching out on his own and becoming one of the 1970s' first teenage idols. Shirley Jones was his real-life stepmother. Cast members Susan Dey, Danny Bonaduce, Brian Forster and Suzanne Crough reprised their roles vocally for animated guest parts in the cartoon series *Goober* and *The Ghost Chasers*. There was also a *Partridge Family* cartoon series set in the future and entitled *Partridge Family: 2200 AD*. The same four actors contributed, with other actors filling the remaining cast parts.

The Partridge Family was inspired by the experiences of the Cowsills, a Rhode Island family of a mom and her kids who had American hits in the 1960s. ^(v)

Party Animals ★★UK (World) Drama. BBC 2 2007
DVDScott Foster
Danny Foster
Kirsty MacKenzie
Ashika Chandiramani
James Northcote
Jo Porter
Sophie Montgomery
Matt Baker
George Morgan
Stephen Templeton
Richard Bracewell

Writers

Executive Producer
ProducerAndrew Buchan
Matt Smith
Andrea Riseborough
Shelley Conn
Patrick Baladi
Raquel Cassidy
Clemency Burton-Hill
Pip Carter
Peter Wright
Colin Salmon
Alexander Hanson
Ben Richards
Robert Jones
Fintan Ryan
Simon Heath
Eleanor Greene**Career rivalries among bright young things at the heart of government.**

The highly charged back offices of Westminster are filled with back-stabbing researchers and over-ambitious lobbyists - at least if this drama holds true. *Party Animals* is a *This Life*-esque tale of determined young people with one eye on their career and the other on an equally competitive social life. At the forefront of the action are brothers Scott and Danny Foster. Scott is a lobbyist, always chasing work that involves pressing the people in power into supporting the latest cause that pays his wages. Danny is more moral, a researcher working for stressed Labour MP Jo Porter, a Home Office junior minister. Jo's opposite number in the Commons is suave Tory James Northcote and his researcher/lover is Ashika Chandiramani who has parliamentary ambitions herself. Also seen is Kirsty MacKenzie, who works alongside Danny and is as much a rival as a colleague/potential girlfriend. Over eight episodes, viewers are exposed to a dog-eat-dog world of sex, sleaze, spite and scandal. ^(v)

Pastry, MrSee *Hearne, Richard*. ^(v)**PATERSON, Bill**

(1945-)

Glasgow-born actor in scores of prominent dramas and comedies. These have included *Licking Hitler*, *United Kingdom*, *Smiley's People* (Lander Strickland), *The Singing Detective* (Dr Gibbon), *Dutch Girls*, *Auf Wiedersehen, Pet* (Ally Fraser), *Traffic* (Jack Lithgow), *Yellowbacks*, *Shrinks* (Matt Hennessey), *Tell Tale Hearts* (Anthony Steadman), *Lenny Henry: In Dreams*, *The Writing on the Wall* (Bull), *Oliver's Travels* (Baxter) and *The Ghostbusters of East Finchley* (Mr Small). Paterson has also been seen in *The Crow Road* (Kenneth McHoan), *Melissa* (DCI Cameron), *Mr White Goes to Westminster* (Ben White MP), *Rebel Heart* (James Connolly), *The Whistle-Blower* (DI Neil Sleightholme), *Swallow* (Angus Tighe), *Othello* (Sinclair Carver), *Wives and Daughters* (Mr Gibson), *Doctor Zhivago* (Alexander Gromeko), *Ed Stone is Dead* (Nigel Winterbourne), *Danielle Cable: Eyewitness* (DI Nick Biddis), *Canterbury Tales* (Theo), *Sea of Souls* (Dr Douglas Monaghan), *Born and Bred* (Harry Woolf), *Lie With Me* (DCI Collman), *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (Theo), *Sherlock Holmes and the Baker Street Irregulars* (Dr Watson), *Criminal Justice* (Harry Box), *Little Dorrit* (Mr Meagles), *No Holds Bard* (Gibby 'Fingers' McPherson), *Into the Storm* (Clement Atlee), *Spanish Flu: The Forgotten Fallen* (Dr James Niven), *Law & Order: UK* (George Castle) and *The Man Who Crossed Hitler* (Kurt Ohnesorge). He also provided voices for *Shoobox Zoo*. Guest appearances have come in series such as *Boon*, *Murder Most Horrid*, *Trust*, *Foyle's War*, *Doctor Who* and *Agatha Christie's Marple*. ^(v)

PATERSON, Jennifer

(1928-99)

London-born society cook, coming to fame as one of TV's *Two Fat Ladies*, alongside Clarissa Dickson-Wright. Unfortunately, TV celebrity proved short lived as Jennifer died only three years after the series made its debut. She also worked as a cook for *The Spectator* magazine. ^(v)