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Newspapers

I get the Daily Telegraph, mainly for the letters page and obituaries which I always turn to first. At weekends I get the Sunday Express, having grown rather irritated with the Sunday Times. It's become bossy and too fond of dictating my agenda every weekend. Every time I read it I felt grumpy, so I gave up.

Magazines

Country Life is my great solace; I wouldn't miss it for anything. Not just for the houses, it has great features, too. I also get Gardens Illustrated and the Garden, which is the journal of the Royal Horticultural Society.

Books

I'm halfway through a volume of James Lees-Milne's diaries. I tend to do most of my reading before I go to sleep at night and find that diaries are particularly good because they're in nice short, bite-size chunks. There's a biography of landscape gardener William Kent, too, which I keep meaning to read.

TV

I watch less and less TV. I'll turn on the news at 6pm and turn it off five minutes later. But I do enjoy Waking the Dead and love things like Miss Marple and Poirot. David Suchet is brilliant and I love the cast. But one of my favourite programmes of all time is

Dinner Ladies. I think Victoria Wood is very funny indeed, and I'm a big Alan Bennett fan as well.

Radio

I listen to Radio 3 if I'm in the bath and the programme in question is palatable. I also like Classic FM apart from the ads, most of which appear to be for personal injury claims: I don't want to sue any-

Alan Titchmarsh
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one. And if I'm in the car I'll listen to Radio 4 for the music and I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue, which is brilliant.

Ads

I tend to go and put the kettle on when adverts come on, but I can still remember the jingle for the Robinson's Lemon Barley ad from when I was little, which is rather worrying.

New media

I don't use the internet for news but it is very useful for ordering books. My favourite site has to be www.abebooks.com, which does second-hand and out of print books.

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