

The BBC Licence Fee - challenges and changes

Speaker: Alex Leger

Luck played its part when Alex Leger joined the Blue Peter programme in 1975 and for 36 years he witnessed first hand how the BBC changed as technology forced it along different paths.

In this talk, Alex describes pivotal events in broadcasting as well as memorable encounters with an erupting volcano, stalking gorillas in Uganda, and a life-threatening storm at sea. These and other events, like John Noakes climbing Nelson's Column, secured his position as a TV producer.

He describes how some episodes caused a stir - like LuLu the baby elephant who ran amok and created probably the funniest moment in Blue Peter history. He tells stories - all absolutely true - to show that life as a television programme maker is full of surprises.