



Stars of the Dales

More than two hundred people walked the red carpet at the premiere of a new television series about the Yorkshire Dales. Stars of the new series which, in a no-nonsense Yorkshire way, is called *The Dales*, were joined by the production team from ITV at Skipton's Plaza Cinema for a sneak preview of the first two episodes ahead of the show's scheduled return to the nation's screens.

Welcome to Yorkshire, which supported the production of the new series, hosted the event to celebrate the series' return, after the first series attracted an average of 4m viewers a night.

The show, presented by Bradford-born Ade Edmondson, revisits Dales' farmers Clive and Amanda Owen and their five children as they face another eventful summer on their remote farm in Swaledale, and he pops in on mother and son farmers Carol and Phil Mellin who have set up a sheepdog training enterprise on their farm near Keighley.

Ade meets community choir the Buckden Singers and joins in their rehearsals as they prepare for their annual summer concert. He's also interviewed by Drystone Radio's 10 year-old DJ Daisy Watkiss – who could claim to be the youngest DJ in the country.

'I think it's just a completely different world compared to where a lot of us live,' said Ade. 'The appeal lies in the families we follow, their lifestyles, the scenery and the remoteness. It's such a massive area and it's surprising the time it takes to get around it. I still haven't seen it all, and I even got lost a couple of times making this new series.'

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Josie Cowpe, founder member of Buckden Singers with conductor Anne Vetch and singer Jade McLellan



Mark Robinson with Gary Verity toast the new programme

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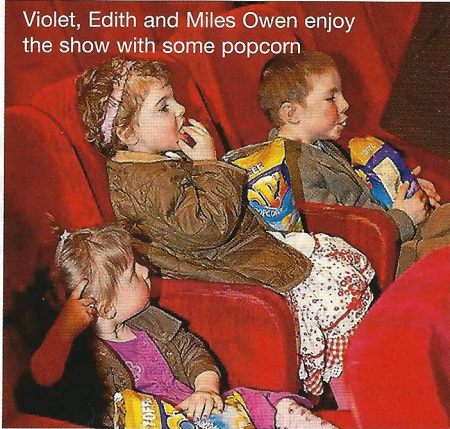
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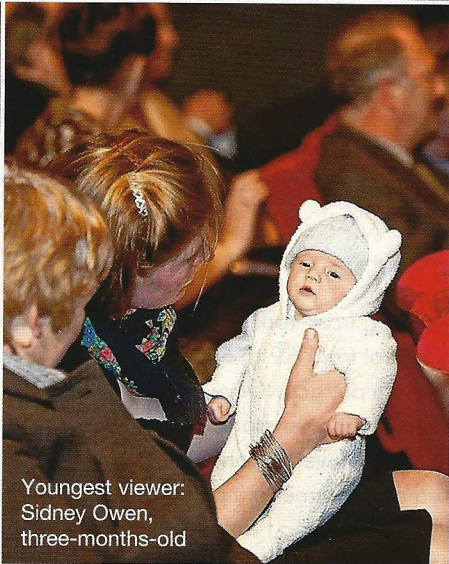
The Buckden Singers are filmed during the screening



Jade McLellan and Daisy Watkiss, DJ on Drystone Radio



Violet, Edith and Miles Owen enjoy the show with some popcorn



Youngest viewer: Sidney Owen, three-months-old



Skipton Plaza cinema manager Paul Stone gets the film ready to roll



Reuben and Miles Owen who feature in the programme



Nick Mead and Gina Alexander who own the Lady Teal, a floating boutique hotel and features in the programme



Sandy and Cathleen Robb with Alan Rowley enjoy their ice cream at the start of the screening

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