

Saturday 31 October

Critics' choice



Pick of the day

The Ghostman Of Skye (BBC2, 10.40pm)

A memorable Hallowe'en instalment of the Wonderland series centres on Donald Angus Maclean, who records sightings of the dead and other paranormal experiences on Skye. With the island's landscape adding to the atmosphere, his interviewees tell their own stories, which include seeing a strange light and a spectral child, and being passed on the road by a ghost car.

The Season (BBC2, 12.25pm) is a new

"constructed reality" series following the romances of young "seasonaires" at a French ski resort. Resembling a junior version of Bewitched, **Jinx** (CBBC, 10.30am) stars Amber Beattie as a schoolgirl with a magic cookbook and a sassy fairy godmother. **Bela Lugosi — The Fallen Vampire** (Sky Arts 2, 7pm) chronicles the Dracula star's postwar troubles; typecast and labelled a communist sympathiser, he ended up in Ed Wood stinkers. In **The Thick Of It** (BBC2, 10.10pm), someone has wiped 170,000 people's records from the computer.

JOHN DUGDALE

Pink Martini
The sumptuous new album
'Splendor In The Grass'
OUT NOW



Film choice

Get Smart (Sky Movies
Premiere, 10.30am/8pm)

Steve Carell does a decent job as the hero of this espionage comedy: a luckless secret agent who struggles to keep up with his glamorous partner (Anne Hathaway). Even with that asset, though, Peter Segal's film is only occasionally amusing. Looking for a young audience, its jokes intersperse with lots of

The Host (C4, 12.55am)

This Korean film is a creature feature with a particularly splendid beastie. Looking like a cross between a giant tadpole and a tyrannosaurus rex, it emerges from the Han river in Seoul for a superb opening scene in which it rampages through a park gobbling up people. The story's human characters — a family of eccentrics who have a score to settle with the monster — are a drag at times, but the beast is never

BBC1

- 6.00 **Breakfast News** updates. 4731832
10.00 **Saturday Kitchen** With the guest host Matt Tebbutt. 32073
11.30 **Football Focus** A look ahead to the weekend's fixtures. 5126
12.00 **News; Weather Bulletin.** 9516847
12.10 **Formula 1** The qualifying session for the first Abu Dhabi Grand Prix, live at the Yas Marina circuit in the United Arab Emirates. 926870
2.10 **International Rugby League:** England v Australia. Clare Balding introduces live coverage of the Four Nations series match at the DW stadium in Wigan. Kickoff is at 2.30. 40704603
4.30 **Final Score** Results. 1080580
5.15 **News; Weather Bulletin.** 3277967
5.30 **Hole In The Wall** Game. 156122
6.05 **Merlin** Having married Uther, Queen Catrina increases her influence over Camelot, and her accusation that Merlin is a thief forces him into hiding. (2/2) 511035
6.50 **Strictly Come Dancing** Bruce Forsyth and Tess Daly present as the 10 remaining couples take to the floor for either a ballroom or Latin dance. With a performance by the Bee Gees. 75895615
8.45 **The National Lottery** Featuring the three prize draws. 834967
8.55 **Casualty** Zoe's former boyfriend steals a memory stick containing patient data; Polly hints to Jeff how much she is going to miss him after his move to the rapid-response team; and Jordan proves he still has sparkle. 559696
9.45 **The Impression Show** New series. Comedy sketch show featuring Jon Culshaw and Debra Stephenson portraying celebrities and public figures. 807561
10.15 **News; Weather Bulletin.** 308073
10.30 **Match Of The Day** Gary Lineker introduces highlights of today's Premier League games, including Arsenal against Tottenham Hotspur, and Manchester United v Blackburn Rovers. 4566141
11.55 **The Football League Show** Manish Bhasin presents highlights of today's fixtures. 706509
1.10 **Friday Night** Jonathan Ross is joined by Christopher Walken, Dara O'Briain and Dominic Cooper, with music provided by the pop-punk band Green Day. (R) 6060791
2.15-6.00 **Joins BBC News** 12361555

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Top 10 TV programmes

BBC1

- 1 EastEnders 9.73
- 2 Strictly Dance 9.06
- 3 Waking Dead 7.09
- 4 Casualty 6.37
- 5 Merlin 6.09
- 6 Holby City 5.52
- 7 Antique Road 5.26
- 8 Countryfile 5.08
- 9 Ten News 4.93
- 10 Emma 4.84

C4

- 1 Cutting Edge 2.81
- 2 Secret Million 2.62
- 3 US Road Trip 2.57
- 4 Location 2.28
- 5 Beat A Casino 2.18

BBC2

- 1 Masterchef 3.3
- 2 Uni Challenge 3.1
- 3 Autumnwatch 2.9
- 4 Match Of Day 2.9
- 5 The Choir 2.6
- 6 Last Chance 2.3
- 7 Strictly Dance 2.3
- 8 Mastermind 2.2
- 9 Escape To ... 2.1
- 10 Garden World 2.1

FIVE

- 1 Flashforward 4.1
- 2 Monsters, Inc 3.0
- 3 CSI: Miami 2.7
- 4 CSI: New York 1.7
- 5 Neighbours 1.6