

# LAURENCE WILLIAMSON - FILM EDITOR

I have edited many types of peak time documentaries for all the main TV channels on film, tape, Lightworks, Final Cut, Adobe Premiere Pro and Avid. I was voted fourth top UK documentaries editor in a one off survey of 250 producers in 1999.

In 2007 a film I edited won the BAFTA Specialist Factual Award. Six films that I edited have won RTS awards. Other films have been nominated for RTS, BAFTA, Broadcast Digital and Grierson awards, and been part of an EMMY winning series.

## Credits include:

### Trump and the Tech Titans

BBC1

Panorama 60' looking at how an oligarchy of Tech Titans, like Elon Musk, are trying to influence the Trump Presidency.

Produced and Directed  
by Matthew Hill

### My Teacher the Abuser: Fighting for Justice

BBC1

Following Nicky Campbell and other ex pupils of two Edinburgh schools who were all abused by a teacher and their attempts to get him extradited. A Panorama special.

Produced and Directed  
by Matthew Hill

### Paul Whitehouse – Our Troubled Rivers

BBC2

Paul sees the effects of agricultural pollution in the River Wye and sewage dumping in the sea

Produced and Directed  
by Jamie Hamilton and Samuel Palmer

### Panorama: Return From ISIS: A Family's Story

BBC1/Mongoose Pictures

60 min special - The story of an American family who went to Raqqa to join ISIS - and what happened to them.

'A powerful film about one family's traumatic odyssey' The Telegraph

'This remarkable doc' The Guardian

Nominated 2021 Grierson Awards

Nominated 2021 Emmy Awards

Nominated 2022 RTS Awards

Produced and Directed  
by Joshua Baker and Leo Telling

### The Killer Nanny – Did She Do It?

C4/Naked - Fremantle

1 of 3 editors on 3 part series looking back at the Louise Woodward case.

Edit Producer Nick London  
Filmed, Produced and Directed  
by Richard Wylie

## Panorama: Manchester Arena Bombing Saffie's Story

Following the parents of the youngest victim of the bombing  
as they got to the public inquiry.

BBC 1

Produced and Directed  
by Samuel Palmer

## Trump: A Second Chance?

Panorama 60' special looking at Trump's followers and why  
they support him in spite of the negative press and his criminal  
record.

BBC 1

Produced and Directed  
by Matthew Hill

## Panorama: Wild Weather Our World Under Threat

Justin Rowlatt looks at how climate change  
is already causing havoc around the  
world.

BBC 1

Produced and Directed  
by Matthew Hill

## Our Queen at War

This tells the story of how the Second World War transformed a  
teenage princess into the country's longest reigning monarch.

ITV1/BBC Studios

Produced and Directed  
by Christopher Bruce

## Addicted to Opioids? Britain's Opioid Crisis

In America the misuse of prescription opioids is an epidemic.  
But what is the situation in Britain?  
An Horizon investigation presented by Dr Michael Mosley.

BBC2/Wingspan Productions

Filmed, Produced and Directed  
by Dan Murdoch

## Britain's Greatest National Treasures

90 min prime time doc listing the top 20 most popular buildings  
and places in Britain.  
Presented by Julia Bradbury and Sir Trevor McDonald

ITV1/Denhams TV

Produced and Directed  
by Christopher Bruce

## The River: A Year in the Life of The Tay

90 min doc filmed over a year exploring life along and  
in the River Tay, Britain's biggest river.  
Presented by author and naturalist Helen McDonald  
'An absolute gem of a programme - it was endlessly captivating'  
The Guardian

BBC4/Rare TV

Produced and Directed  
by Nathan Budd

## Lockerbie : The Unheard Voices

90 min doc telling the stories of six survivors and six victims.  
1 of 2 editors

C5/360 Production

Produced and Directed  
by Richard Sanders

## Contagion! The BBC4 Pandemic

75 min doc on the biggest citizen science experiment of its kind. Thousands of people download the BBC Pandemic app and help limit the next Spanish Flu like outbreak.

Shortlisted 2018 Broadcast Digital awards

BBC4/360 Production

Executive Producer Danielle Peck

## Coming Home -

### Bowe Bergdahl vs The United States

90 min doc for Storyville with unprecedented access to US Army deserter and Taliban Hostage branded a traitor by Donald Trump.

BBC4/Pathfinder Productions

Presented and Directed  
by Sean Langan

## The British Garden -

### Life and Death on Your Lawn

90 min doc filmed over a year recording how much wildlife can be found in a typical back garden. Presented by Chris Packham

BBC4/Windfall

Produced and Directed  
by Tom Cook

## Ireland with Ardal O'Hanlon

3x50 min docs filmed around Ireland as Ardal discovers what it means to be Irish.

More 4/Big Mountain Productions

Produced and Directed  
by Christopher Bruce

## The Royal Good Guys

60 min doc about the charitable works of four Royal Princes. Shown throughout Europe and the USA.

France 5/CB Productions

Produced and Directed  
by Alison Homewood  
and Christian Bidault

## Griff's Great Britain

8x30 min docs with Griff Rhys Jones exploring different regions of Britain.

ITV1/Modern TV

Produced and Directed  
by Christopher Bruce

## OAP's Behaving Badly

2 of 6 docs about people growing old gracefully - or not.

C5/Barcroft TV

Produced by Lucy Sandys- Wunsch,  
Sean Grundy and Richard Nash

## Man & Beast with Martin Clunes

2x60 min docs. Martin travels the world exploring man's relationship with animals. 'Martin Clunes's affection for all creatures great and small is especially touching.' The Guardian

ITV1/Buffalo Films

Produced and Directed  
by Christopher Bruce

## The Men with Many Wives

Obdoc exploring the world of polygamy as practiced by British Muslims. 'An unusually clear-eyed documentary' The Guardian

C4/Shiver TV

Produced and Directed  
by Masood Khan

## The Auction House

1 of 3 docs about Britain's most eccentric auction house and its wealthy customers.

C4/Dragonfly

Executive Produced  
by Charlotte Desai

## A Great Welsh Adventure - with Griff Rhys Jones

8x30 min docs of Griff exploring eight different regions of Wales. Documentary pick of the day - The Observer.

ITV1/Modern TV

Produced and Directed  
by Christopher Bruce

## When Bjork Met Attenborough

The two mutual fans discuss the origins of music and the relationship between nature and Bjork's Biophilia. I was brought in by C4 to bring this ambitious film to a successful conclusion.

'A delight to the senses' The Telegraph

C4/Pulse Films

Produced and Directed  
by Louise Hooper

## William, Kate and the Royal Baby

The latest instalment in our Royal soap opera screened throughout (republican) Europe and the USA.

France 3/CB Productions

Produced and Directed  
by Christian Bidault

## Perspectives - Portillo on Picasso

Michael Portillo finds the parallels between his father's exile from fascist Spain and Picasso's exile from his homeland.

ITV1/Plum Pictures

Produced and Directed  
by Christopher Bruce

## Mary - Queen of The High Street

Mary Portas tries to save Margate High Street in spite of some local doubts.

C4/Optomem

Produced and Directed  
by Colin Rothbart

## Escape from Colditz

Feature length doc recreating the most famous, planned WW2 prison break - flying a glider off the roof of Colditz Castle.

Shortlisted 2013 Grierson Awards.

C4/Windfall

Filmed, Produced and Directed by  
Tom Cook

## Perspectives - Sergeant on Spike

John Sergeant explores the comic genius of Spike Milligan. 'Excellent - an intelligently edited pleasure of a programme' The Observer

ITV1/Silver River

Produced and Directed  
by Christopher Bruce

## Britain's Lost Routes with Griff Rhys Jones

2 of 4x 60min docs of Griff retracing forgotten routes. A pilgrimage route through Wales and a cattle droving route through Scotland.

BBC1/Modern TV

Produced and Directed by Christopher Bruce

## Poms in Paradise

Eight half hour ob docs about life on Australia's Gold coast for British ex-pats. 1 of 2 editors.  
'Funniest show of the week' The Sunday Express

ITV1/Century Films

Produced and directed by Bruce Fletcher and Peter Beard

## Wicked Pirate City

Two hour drama doc about the sunken city of Port Royal and the real pirates of the Caribbean. 1 of 2 editors.  
'Choice of the day' The Observer

Nat Geo/Wall to Wall

Directed by Diene Petherle

## First Cut – The Pawn King

Looking at the boom in easy but expensive money from online pawnbrokers.  
'Shocking but eminently watchable' The Observer

C4/Keo Films

Directed by Kirsty Garland

## Valentine Warner Eats The Sixties

Valentine Warner explores how we ate in the swinging sixties.  
2 x 44 minute films edited, graded and on-lined by me in just three weeks for each film.

UKTV/Optomem

Produced and Directed by Joe Harding

## Wonderland – High Society Brides

What happened to five 'girls in pearls' who appeared on the frontispiece page of Country Life magazine during the last fifty years.

BBC2/Keo Films

Directed by Hannah Berryman

'This beautifully crafted documentary' TV Times  
'Unexpectedly touching, thoroughly engaging' Radio Times  
**Nominated Most Entertaining Documentary  
2011 Grierson Awards**

## The Supreme Court

90 minute ob doc following the first year of Britain's new Supreme Court. 1 of 3 editors

More 4/KHP

Directed by Karen Hamilton

## Greatest Cities of The World - Rome

Griff Rhys Jones explores the ancient city.  
'Thank you for your excellent work - immaculately edited'  
ITV Factual Editor

ITV1/Modern TV

Produced and Directed  
by Christopher Bruce

## Ration Book Britain

Valentine Warner, Andrew Castle and Jodie Kidd  
explore what it meant to live through the rationing years in  
Britain.

4 x 44 minute films edited, graded and on-lined by me  
in just three weeks for each film.

Shortlisted 2011 Broadcast Digital Awards.

UKTV/Optomem

Produced and Directed  
by Diene Petterle and  
David Robertson

## The Hospital

The episode in series two of the award winning programme  
about the hidden epidemic of Diabetes

C4/North One

Produced and Directed  
by Tom Coveney

## The Best Job in The World

Following four young Brits as they try to win the job  
that's too good to be true...  
'Many, many thanks for being superbly brilliant' BBC Exec

BBC1/BBC Wales

Filmed and Directed by  
Agnieszka Piotrowska

## Make Me A New Face

Ben Fogle travels to Ethiopia with a team of specialist surgeons  
who perform life changing surgery on children  
severely disfigured by Noma.

'The work of the surgeons is incredible to watch and the life  
changing difference it makes to the children ultimately joyful'  
The Times

BBC2/ORTV

Produced and Directed  
by Abigail Priddle

## Kevin McCloud and The Big Town Plan

Filmed over five years, can good design rescue  
the failing town of Castleford in Yorkshire?  
4x50mins. 1 of 3 editors.

Nominated 2008 RTS Awards

C4/Talkback Thames

Produced and Directed  
by Hugo Smith

## The Posters Came From The Walls

The fans of Depeche Mode filmed by  
Turner Prize winning artist Jeremy Deller

Selected 2008 London Film Festival

'The most fun film of the Festival' The Observer  
'Hilarious, brilliantly edited and politically fascinating'  
Dazed and Confused

Mute Records/Brown Owl Films

Directed by Jeremy Deller  
and Nick Abrahams

## The Making of Me - Vanessa Mae

The violinist tries to discover whether her musicality was the result of nature or nurture.

BBC1

Directed by John Holdsworth

## Married to The Eiffel Tower - Strangelove

Examines the little known phenomenon of Objectum Sexu-als - women who have relationships only with objects, like The Eiffel Tower...

'Beautifully shot and fascinating - the film has reminded me why I like watching television.' The Observer

C5/Blink Productions

Filmed and Directed by Agnieszka Piotrowska

## Dawn Goes Lesbian

The intrepid journalist tries living as a lesbian for a month

BBC3/Zig Zag

Filmed and Directed by Alex Berk

## One Life – The Brick In The Wall Kids

The kids who sang on the Pink Floyd hit tell their story and of how they came through the controversy

BBC1/Silver River

Directed by Hannah Berryman

## Into The Big Wide World

Following a project in south London trying to give a better chance in life to teenagers leaving the care system

C4/Ricochet

Filmed and Directed by Jessie Versluys

## Cutting Edge – Bus Pass Workaholics

A look at Britain's 1.2 million pensioner workforce finding humour and sadness in their stories

C4/Silver River

Filmed and Directed by Hannah Berryman

## Jamie's Chef

Jamie Oliver gives one of his trainees the chance to run their own business.

4 of 4 docs. (Co - editor of 1,2+4)

'It is shaped with loving care. If it were a sculpture it would be a Henry Moore. If it were a steak it wouldn't have an ounce of fat on it. Each scene whizzes by and each character zings off the screen.' Radio Times

C4/Fresh One

Directors: Kim Maddever, Paddy Wivell

## One Life – Gail Porter Laid Bare

The TV presenter comes to terms with alopecia

BBC1/ Maverick Television

Producer: Hannah Berryman

## Nuremberg – Goering's Last Stand

Two-hour drama doc about Goering's rise to power and downfall at the Nuremberg Trials  
'Superbly made, thought-provoking and gripping' The Observer.

2007 BAFTA Specialist Factual award

C4/ 3BM tv

Producer: Peter Nicholson

## Extraordinary People – The Boy With A New Head

Following 13 year old Petero from rural Uganda to Dallas for dramatic surgery

Shortlisted 2007 Grierson awards

C5/At It Productions

Producer: Alex Berk

## Hannah Glasse – The First Domestic Goddess

Clarissa Dickson-Wright presents a drama doc about the Georgian author

2007 Glenfiddich award runner up

BBC4/Optomem

Producer: Diene Petherle

## The Baby Race – Who's the father?

1 of 3 ob docs following would be mums without men.

C4/ Hart Ryan

Producer: Diana Hill

## The British Middle Class

Tristram Hunt explores the origins of middle class values

C4/ Blakeway

Producer: Peter Nicholson

## Who Got Diana Dors' Millions?

A code cracking thriller biography

2004 RTS Award (North West)

Best Factual Entertainment Programme

C4/Granada

Producer: Isabel Tang

## The Real John Curry

Bio of Britain's first openly gay sportsman.

2003 RTS Award Best Sports Documentary

2003 RTS (North West) Award Best Sports Programme

C4/Granada

Producer: Ralph Lee

## Brit School

6 of 10 films following the lives of children at a performing arts school in south London

BBC/Touch

Producer: Ken McGill

## Fifteen

2 of 3 films about fifteen year olds in south London  
2000 RTS Award Best documentary series  
2000 BAFTA Nominated Best factual series

C4/Windfall

Camera/Director: Daisy Asquith  
Executive Producer: Oliver Morse

## Diary of a Teenage Nudist

Exploring the funny but murky world of Nudism.  
'Thought provoking' The Times

C4/ZKK

Producer: Alex Berk

## The World's Worst Century - The Black Death

'A gripping historical documentary' Daily Express

C4/Granada

Producer: Peter Nicholson

## The Decision

2 of 3 films about children and social services.  
1999 RTS Award Best documentary series

C4/Windfall

Camera/Directors: Daisy Asquith,  
Nichola Koratjitis  
Executive Producer: Oliver Morse

## New Servants

1 of 3 films reflecting affluent lifestyles

BBC2/Talkback

Producer: Hannah Berryman

## Cutting Edge – Sleeping with the Au Pair

The damaged wrecked by falling for the au pair

C4/Twenty Twenty

Producer: Hannah Berryman

## The Diagnosis

Co-editor with Simon Rose of three films following  
junior doctors under pressure in A+E.

C4/Windfall

Producers: Emma Bowman,  
Jeremy Llewellyn-Jones

## Who Rules The Roost?

First episode in format series about working parents  
trying full time childcare

BBC3/Ricochet Digital

Producer: Francine Shaw

## I'll Show Them Who's Boss

First in series of top boss Gerry Robinson  
advising family firms. Gained 22 'pick of the days'.

BBC 2

Producer: James Van der pool

## Living The Dream – Cabbies on Safari

From zebra crossings to zebras crossing

BBC2

Producer: Nicola Gibson

## The Real Tony Blackburn

Bio of Britain's first superstar DJ's decline and revival

C4/Granada

Producer: Sue Bourne

## The Heart of the Dragon

4 of 12 films about life in China.

1984 Emmy winning series

C4/ASH

Producers: Mischa Scorer,  
Peter Montagnon

## Inside Clouds - A drink and drugs clinic

2 of 4 sixty-minute films following patients through rehab.

BBC2

Producers: Kevin Jarvis,  
Gabe Solomon

## Coast of Dreams - Paradise in the Sun

English ex-pats on the Costa del Sol - largest ever audience for a documentary on C4 when shown

C4/Touch

Producer: Malcolm Brinkworth

## Modern Times - Amsterdame

Retired English drug mules in Amsterdam

BBC2

Producers: Alastair Cook, Robert Davis

## Back to the Floor - Dating Agency

Boss of Britain's biggest dating agency experiences real work

BBC2

Producer: James Van der pool

## Equinox - Near Miss

New York air traffic controllers under pressure  
'Brilliant, compelling and insightful' C4 Commissioning Editor

C4/Windfall

Producers: Emma Bowman,  
Jeremy Llewellyn-Jones

## Trouble at the Top

Actuality lead films inside businesses with problems.  
13 films in 8 series.

BBC2

Producers: Daniel Barry, Sue Bourne,  
Clare Duggan, Robi Dutta, Mary FitzPatrick,  
Bill Grist, Emma Jones, Michele Kurland,  
Colm Martin, Ashok Prasad

## Perfect Breasts

Should teenagers have breast implants?  
A film that caused front-page headlines.

C4/Wellpark

Producer: Sue Bourne

## Secret Lives of the Pharaohs

1 of 3 films exploring new evidence about ancient Egypt

C4/TV6

Producers: Dev Varma,  
Richard Reisz

## Troubleshooter

9 films in 5 series of Sir John Harvey Jones  
sorting out ailing companies, including Morgan Cars  
1991 Bafta winning series

BBC2

Producers: Michelle Kurland,  
Anne Laking, Michael Mosley,  
Judi Rose, Robert Thirkell

## Island of Dreams

3 films about 'real Shirley Valentines'

C4/Touch

Producer: Malcolm Brinkworth

## Cutting Edge - Home Fires

how the Gulf War affected army wives and mothers

C4/Touch

Producer: Malcolm Brinkworth

## Submarine

4 of 6 films about life on Navy subs - achieved  
audiences of over 7 million against Coronation Street.  
'As tense and gripping as many a fictional drama' Daily Mirror

BBC1

Producer: Jonathan Crane

## Pioneers - My Special Children

1 of 6 in series about the early days of the NHS

BBC2

Producer: Robin Brightwell

## Odyssey

5 of 12 fifty minute ethnographic docs

C4/Griffin

Producers: Simon Normanton,  
Gerry Troyna

## QED - Simon's Return

Simon Weston returns to The Falklands

BBC1/Touch

Producer: Malcolm Brinkworth

## QED - A Song for Annie

a single mother facing up to death from cancer

BBC1/Touch

Producer: Sue Bourne

## Short Stories - Crash Course

a light look at learners on intensive driving course  
'Bounces along with delightful comic zest' Daily Mail

C4/Touch

Producer: Madeline Hall

## The Planets

3 of 7 films presented by astronomer Heather Couper

C4/Moving Picture Company

Producer: Paul Fisher

## The Stars

3 of 6 films presented by astronomer Heather Couper

C4/Moving Picture Company

Producer: Stuart Carter

## Ever Thought of Sport?

6 films shown on C4 and also BBC1

C4/Team Two

Producer: Richard Collins

## Champions 'Fit to Ride'

Doc about jump jockeys in the Grand National

C4/Mann Made

Producer: Kevin Mann

## Champions 'Speedway Stars'

The sport with one foot in the grit - and the past

C4/Small Back Room

Producers: Debbie Shuter  
and Adam Tysoe

## Watching the Detectives

3 of 5x50 minute films about private eyes in UK and USA

C4/Touch

Producer: Malcolm Brinkworth

## Horizon 'The Long Road to the West'

The unification of German science

BBC2/Windfall

Producer: Viv King

## Bullying

Shot mainly on Hi8 in a school with a pupil lead  
solution to bullying.

BBC2/Windfall

Producer: Oliver Morse

## The Beer Hunter

5 of 6 films about great beers  
presented by writer Michael Jackson

C4/Hawkshead

Producers: Bob Bee, John Carlaw

Plus music videos, commercials, corporate films, Government Information films,  
television news and even a cinema newsreel!

For over 30 years I had my own film cutting room/edit suite in Soho and then  
Charlotte Street but now edit anywhere, even at home with my own suite!

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