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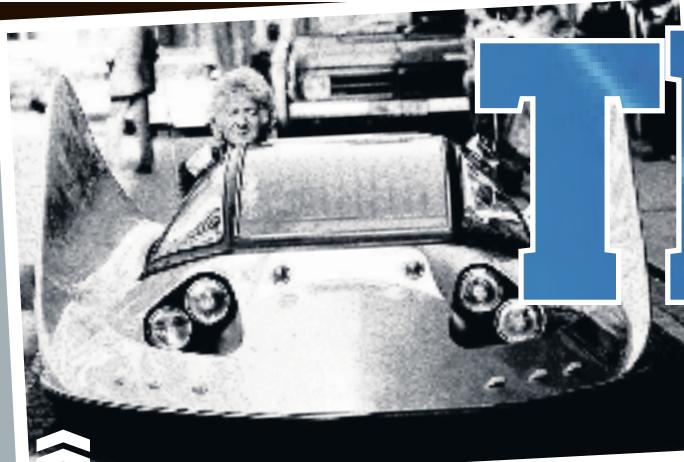
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The Doctor at 50

By Dr Who scriptwriter RUSSELL T DAVIES



When the Time Lord got a bit James Bond

THIRD Doctor Jon Pertwee at the wheel of his 'Whomobile' - a name he coined for the car he had built for himself so he could drive up and down looking rather splendid.

The production team liked it so much they put it in the programme. I saw this episode at 10 - and to see the Doctor being a little bit James Bond, a bit more "outer space" was exciting.

Carry on Doctor for 20th special

THIS Doctors reunion was for the 20th anniversary special in 1983. Sadly, William Hartnell had died by then and his place was taken by actor Richard Hurndall. He and Patrick Troughton, the second Doctor, are carrying a waxwork of Tom Baker who didn't want to be in the anniversary show. The waxwork was loaned from Madame Tussauds.

We all get an Eiffel

HERE'S fourth Doctor Tom Baker and Lalla Ward in 1979, the first time an episode was filmed abroad.

Tom and Lalla got married eventually so Paris would have been a romantic backdrop for them.

The episode, City of Death, got the highest viewing figures for Doctor Who ever - 16 million. Even now you can get that story on DVD and it's perfect.

I was 16 at the time and I loved it. To film in Paris would have seemed quite glamorous but this story could be set in Skegness and it would still be fantastic. It's so witty and clever.



The daddy who dreamed up the Daleks

DALEK designer Raymond Cusick and his little daughter play with his amazing invention. Who could ever have realised in 1963 that a daft robot like this would still be a successful children's toy 50 years later?

I had about four or five of these toys when I was a kid. I still collect them now - it's my weakness. I have one from every era, I love them. When I took over the show, I was absolutely determined to restore them to their former glory. People said they'd had their day and we should come up with new monsters, but I knew they would work - and I was right!



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EX-FACTOR-MATE!!

THERE wasn't just Beatlemania in the Sixties - there was Dalekmania too. This is the Go Gos who wrote a song called I'm Gonna Spend My Christmas With A Dalek in 1964. I think it was a bit of a gimmick. That said, they could have re-released it for the 50th anniversary so they missed a chance there!



Heads back in time in lost episode
THE first Doctor Who William Hartnell is pictured here with some weird aliens called the Teknix who were part of one of the huge epic stories in the series called The Daleks' Master Plan. This was a cheap way of doing aliens - just get the actors to shave their heads! This is a lovely photo of William in his element, enjoying himself. It's one of the episodes that has been lost over time.



When Lalla became leading lady
TIME for walkies, K-9. Here's Lalla Ward on a photoshoot to introduce her as the Doctor's new assistant Romana in 1979. She and Tom Baker made an incredibly witty duo, kind of like a rom com double act.

And Lalla herself is absolutely lovely, she's always been a supporter of the show.

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Yetis grrreat at being scary

WHO'S more scared - the Yetis or the dog? This episode, The Web of Fear from 1967, was missing for 45 years and found and released onto iTunes a couple of months ago. I remember watching it when I was five and it was a very, very scary story.

No cyber bullying, lad

AN awed young fan takes a walk with two deadly Cybermen around 1967. I think they were from a story called The Moonbase in 1967. I can remember it clearly even though I was only three or four. We brought back the Cybermen in 2006. People liked them. We always tried to have a mix of old monsters and new ones.

Dai the Tardis returned

WHEN we revived the show in 2004 we set up the Tardis in Cardiff in the middle of the night. We had Billie Piper there so hoards of paparazzi descended. She really drew the crowds and we weren't used to it so it was an eye-opener. None of us knew then how it would go, or whether anyone would watch it, so I was feeling a lot of pressure.



798
episodes

Since the Time Lord first appeared on our screens 50 years ago

97
missing

Episodes that are still lost - many were destroyed by the BBC, although some have been found in TV archives abroad

26
years

Time off-air after the show was cancelled in 1989. It came back as a series in 2005 but there was a TV movie in 1996

33
seasons

Made up 26 classic series, seven since it was revived in 2005, and three Dr Who films

321
lifetimes

Number of alien species said to be encountered by the 11 regenerations of the Doctor



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