

## The Mystery of The Diamond Ring



Let me set the scene. It's the 9<sup>th</sup> November 1954, the family is gathering around the radio set just before 9:30 this chilly Tuesday evening to listen to the second radio edition of Hancock's Half Hour.

But what episode will the family be listening to? Well that's obvious I hear you say. It's The Diamond Ring. Tony Hancock Artiste says that it's the Diamond Ring and Ray and Alan's original script says that The Diamond Ring is to be broadcast on the 9<sup>th</sup> November.

But earlier that day, you had popped down to the Newsagents and handed over your three pennies to purchase the Radio Times for the following week....and there on the front cover was Tony and Moira with the headline 'A Ring From Tony'. 'That persistent Suitor Anthony Hancock gives Moira Lister a glimpse of the promised ring. Whether she gets it or not will appear in the course of Hancock's Half Hour in the Light

Programme on Tuesday'....but that's Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November when the episode to be broadcast was The Idol (according to Artiste (and the original scripts).

Is this just an error in The Radio Times or does any Member have any other explanation for this mystery?

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### Light Programme

1,500 m. (200 kc/s) 247 m. (1,214 kc/s)

<p><b>5.0 p.m.</b> THE KURSAAL ORCHESTRA Directed by Louis Voss</p> <p><b>5.45</b> BILLY TERNETT and his Orchestra with Gerry Grant, Eva Beynon and the Ternetters</p> <p><b>6.15</b> The Younger Generation PARADE PRESENTS 'Parents on Trial—The Appeal' At a hearing of October 5, 1954 THE DEFENDANTS (The Parents of) The Younger Generation) being charged with Gross Negligence <i>Failure to Apply a Firm Hand When and Where Appropriate</i> were found, by postal ballot, to be GUILTY On the receipt of new evidence an appeal against the verdict has been lodged by the defendants. The case will be heard this evening at 8.15 o'clock before an Extraordinary Court of Appeal PRESIDENT, Mr. Claud Mullins THE CASE FOR THE PROSECUTION will be conducted by Mr. John Glyn-Jones THE CASE FOR THE DEFENCE will be conducted by Mr. Jack Lowland (BBC recording)</p>	<p><b>6.45</b> 'THE ARCHERS' (BBC recording)</p> <p><b>7.0</b> Greenwich Time Signal News and RADIO NEWSREEL</p> <p><b>7.25</b> app. Sport</p> <p><b>7.30</b> Wilfred Pickles in 'HAVE A GO!' visits Britain's oldest Guildhall at King's Lynn, Norfolk with Mabel 'at the table' Pianist, Harry Hudson Presented by Stephen Renaud Williams <i>To be repeated on Saturday at 12.25 (Home); Sunday at 11.0 a.m. (Light)</i></p> <p><b>8.0</b> John Gielgud and Ralph Richardson in 'THE ADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES' The original tales of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle dramatised for radio by John Keir Cross A Harry Alan Towers Production Directed by Martyn C. Webster 7—'The Second Stain' Sherlock Holmes..... John Gielgud Dr. Watson..... Ralph Richardson Mrs. Hudson..... Elizabeth Maude Lady Hilda Trelawney Hope Lestrade..... John Cazaban Lord Bellinger..... Raf de la Torre The Rt. Hon. Trelawney Hope Constable MacPherson Guy Verney Michael Finlayson (Recording)</p> <p><b>8.30</b> ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL Wolverhampton Wanderers v. Spartak Football Club See column 3</p>	<p><b>9.15</b> DANNY KAYE on gramophone records</p> <p><b>9.30</b> Tony Hancock with Moira Lister, Bill Kerr and Sidney James in 'HANCOCK'S HALF-HOUR' Being a chronicle of the life and misadventures of Anthony Hancock, the celebrated waif The 'Hancock Theme' and other incidental music composed by Wally Stott Written and adapted by Alan Simpson and Ray Galton Produced by Dennis Main Wilson (BBC recording) <i>(Sidney James is appearing in 'Goy and Dolly' at the Golden Green Hippodrome)</i></p> <p><b>10.0</b> Greenwich Time Signal NEWS</p> <p><b>10.15</b> TOPIC FOR TONIGHT</p> <p>ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL  Wolverhampton Wanderers Spartak Football Club Commentary by Raymond Glendinning on part of the second half of the match with summaries of play by Charles Becken FROM MOULINEUX GROUNDS, WOLVERHAMPTON at 8.30</p>	<p><b>10.20</b> EXPEDITION SOUTH—3  News from the men journeying to the unknown wastes of Graham Land in the Antarctic The programme is presented by John Hillaby (BBC recording)</p> <p><b>10.35</b> BBC SWING SESSION with Ted Heath and his Music with Dennis Lolis Kathy Lloyd and Bobbie Britton <i>On the Beat</i> Ronnie Aldrich and his Swing Shop Introduced by Ted Heath Produced by John Hooper</p> <p><b>11.5</b> A BOOK AT BEDTIME 'The Letter' by Somerset Maugham (to be read in five instalments) Reader, Carleton Hobbs 2—'Unwanted Evidence'</p> <p><b>11.20</b> BBC SWING SESSION Ted Heath and his Music with Dennis Lolis, Kathy Lloyd and Bobbie Britton Ronnie Aldrich and his Swing Shop Introduced by Alan Dell</p> <p><b>11.50</b> Weather Forecast Highlights of tomorrow's programmes and News Summary</p> <p><b>12</b> midnight Big Ben Close Down</p>
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