

DIGITAL TV SWITCHOVER - MAY, 2010

First, an outline sent in by John Reid, of the problems you may face in 4 months time, when all terrestrial TV signals will be switched off. He writes that unless you have purchased a digi-box, or have a Sky digi-box, you won't receive anything. Free leaflets are and have been available to pick up from Lowerhammerfield for a long time. Since the last time John put a message in the Review, he hasn't had one enquiry, and no leaflets have been collected. He says that on the 19th of September 2009, the Digital signals will be switched off, and it will be necessary to retune your digibox. To do this you will have to reset the box, and follow on-screen instructions. This applies to the whole of the UK. For those of you who are still watching analogue TV, (4 or 5 stations), and who haven't purchased any digital equipment, you should do it now before it's too late. He suggest that systems that will work next year (and at present) are:- Analogue TV and a Digital freeview box , (boxes cost about £30); Analogue TV and a Sky subscription; Analogue TV and a Virgin or other box; Digital TV; or a Digital TV with built in freeview. Systems he says won't work next year are:- Analogue TV; Analogue TV and Video, (even a built-in video). At present John says that it's not possible to guarantee that a video with any digital system will continue to work in 2010. The digital system will, but as to the video, we will have to wait and see, (but DVD is fine).....



Now, according to "digitaluk", who are leading the switchover process to digital television, the Keelylang Hill transmitter group serving Orkney will switch to digital in two stages. If you haven't yet got digital TV in your home or you have a service like Freeview, BT Vision or Top Up TV, there are two dates you will need to remember and you need to be ready before the first switchover date. On the 12th May, 2010 BBC2 will go to digital and some new digital channels become available. This means that if you haven't switched, you'll lose BBC2 and, if you have Freeview, BT Vision or Top Up TV you'll need to re-tune your equipment. Then on the 26th May, 2010 all the remaining analogue channels will switch to digital and the remaining extra digital channels will become available. This means that if you haven't switched to digital, you will lose your TV service; if you have Freeview, BT Vision or Top Up TV you'll need to re-tune your equipment again. However, if you have Sky TV, Freesat from Sky or freesat on all of your TV sets you will not be affected by switchover.

To explain all this in more detail, Alan Cowie from "digitaluk", will be in Rousay on Friday the 25th of September, to hold a drop in session between 9.00 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. at the Rousay Community School.

He will bring a range of material on switchover which gives free, fair and impartial advice on the Orkney switchover which starts on **May 12th 2010**, the main point being that all televisions not yet digital should be converted **before switchover**. Old televisions do not have to be replaced, (unless you want to), as virtually every television can be converted with a digi-box.

There is also a help scheme for those aged 75 and over, and further details can be found on:-

www.digitaluk.co.uk

WILD GEESE



This recipe, from a Scottish National Heritage post card, was sent in by a reader in the hope it might help to get rid of a few of the million geese plaguing the farmers.



Wild Goose Breasts

4 goose breasts
olive oil

1 tbsp. brandy (optional)

Finely grated zest & juice of 1 orange & 1 lemon

2 tbsps. good quality marmalade

1 tsp. treacle

2 tbsps. soy sauce

1 garlic clove, crushed

Salt & freshly ground black pepper

Preheat oven to 190C/fan170C or gas mark 5. Rub the breasts with olive oil, salt & pepper then quickly brown on both sides in a hot pan. Place skin side up in a baking dish. Mix the optional brandy with the orange & lemon zest & juice, marmalade, treacle, soy sauce & garlic. Spoon the glaze over the breasts & bake for 15-20 mins. for pink, 20-30 mins. for well-cooked, basting at least twice. Remove from the oven & allow to rest in a warm place for 5 mins. Serve sliced with the pan juices spooned over.

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