

Channel 4 and the sick show they call comedy: Comedians guzzle wine and egg each other on to trade obscene jokes about the Queen, Philip and Susan Boyle

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I have heard that three nurses hung themselves following the broadcasting of this diabolical program. How dare they take the piss out of the Royal Family... Everyone knows thats my job. And, I do it so much better than them... Amateurs.

A primetime Channel 4 quiz in which drunken comedians made obscene jokes about the Queen has outraged viewers.

The Big Fat Quiz Of 2012, which featured countless vile sexual jokes, was broadcast on Sunday only seconds after the 9pm watershed.

The pre-recorded show, presented by controversial comedian Jimmy Carr, also featured puerile remarks about sprinter Usain Bolt, President Obama and singer Susan Boyle.

Crude: Big Fat Quiz of the Year featured guests Richard Ayoade, Russell Howard, Jonathan Ross, Jimmy Carr, Jack Whitehall, James Corden and Gabby Logan

Last night TV watchdog Ofcom confirmed it had already received complaints. Most of the crass humour came from Gavin And Stacey star James Corden, 34, and comedian Jack Whitehall, 24, who were seen to drink a bottle of wine each on screen.

They were egged on by Jonathan Ross – who lost his job with the BBC after making an abusive phone call to the veteran actor Andrew Sachs during a radio show.

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Channel 4 last night stood accused of failing to learn from the Sachsgate scandal, which was also a pre-recorded

broadcast.

Margaret Morrissey, founder of campaign group Parents Outloud, said: 'It is amazing this programme was ever broadcast. This was not live television, someone made the decision to allow this to go out at 9pm during the holidays when young children will still be up and watching television.'

'It's as if broadcasters have learned nothing from the Sachsgate scandal. This is proof that we need a clean-up of television.'

Within minutes of the annual quiz show starting guests began to make infantile jokes about the Queen and the Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

Marlborough-educated Whitehall said he 'had a theory' about why the Queen had stood up throughout the jubilee pageant on the Thames.

He then made a crude joke linking it to the fact that Prince Philip was taken ill with a bladder infection soon afterwards.

He justified his offensive remarks by saying: 'I'm just saying what everyone's thinking.'

OFFENSIVE AND CRUDE, THE COMEDIANS' BANTER

Obscene:
Jack Whitehall,
left, and
James Corden



This is a selection of the more vulgar 'jokes' from the show that aired at 9pm. Readers may be offended by some of the material. But we've included it so people can make up their own minds as to whether it was suitable for broadcast

Quizmaster Jimmy Carr: 'In 2012 we had the wettest summer on record thanks to 50 Shades Of Grey.'

Carr: 'Britain went back into recession so it's a relief we didn't p*** all our money away on a giant sports day and a party for an old lady.'

Jack Whitehall on actor Gerard Butler: 'He's got a beautiful voice, it's like someone holding your head down and making love to your ear with a condom made of velvet.'

Carr: 'I'll tell you what's embarrassing, when you get an erection during your prostate exam and they realise you are not a doctor.'

Whitehall: 'I have a theory, she (The Queen) didn't sit down for the entirety of that thing, and people were talking about that. It was the day after the night of her anniversary and Prince Philip woke up with a urinary infection ... I'm just saying what everyone's thinking people.'

Whitehall on Usain Bolt: 'You know that horse Frankel, the fastest horse on the planet, it's retired now and has been put out to stud. His **** is going at one hundred grand a pop. Usain Bolt, the fastest man on the planet, they

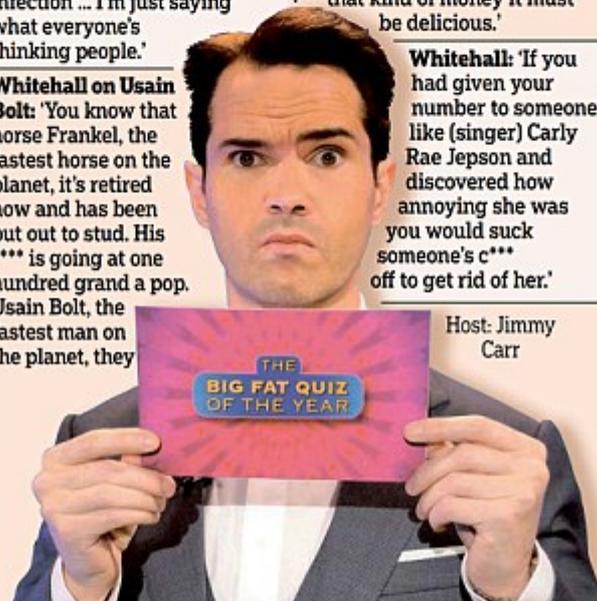
should start milking that man's penis and sell that stuff because he could rake it in.'

Gabby Logan corrects: 'I think Frankel's sperm is £2m.'

Jonathan Ross: '£2m! For that kind of money it must be delicious.'

Whitehall: 'If you had given your number to someone like (singer) Carly Rae Jepsen and discovered how annoying she was you would suck someone's c*** off to get rid of her.'

Host: Jimmy Carr



Asked what Twitter hashtag had been used to promote an album by Susan Boyle, Whitehall and James Corden answered: 'Subo loves it in the a***.'

Corden adds: 'This is where I do myself in and I forget we're recording this and it's going to be on TV... I just think we are having a great time eating pizza... she clearly loves it in the a***.'

Carr asked Corden and Whitehall: 'Barack Obama was sneakily pretending to do something in the Oval Office whilst pretending to work. What was it?'

They responded by writing down: 'Put on a condom and had a posh w***.'

When the panellists were played a clip of a whale and asked what was making the noise, Whitehall responded: '(Entertainer) Joe Pasquale getting bummed.'

Soon afterwards he said Olympic gold medallist Usain Bolt could 'rake it in' by going to stud like the retired racehorse Frankel.

His vulgar language appeared to draw gasps from the audience, but the remarks were eagerly followed up with a disgusting comment by 52-year-old Ross.

Halfway through the two-hour show Corden took a bottle of red wine and two glasses from beneath his desk and poured himself and Whitehall a drink, then started eating pizza.

The pair were soon visibly drunk and Corden was slurring his words.

He then started to make crude comments about Britain's Got Talent star Susan Boyle after he was asked what slogan was used to promote her album on Twitter. His answer was: 'Subo loves it in the a***.'

He then laughed as he said: 'This is where I do myself in and I forget we are recording this and this is going to be on TV', before repeating: 'She clearly loves it in the a***.'

Corden and Whitehall continued to get more drunk and host Carr later pointed out that the pair had drunk a bottle of wine each. Afterwards Whitehall told his Twitter followers: 'We got so drunk.'

Viewers took to Twitter and television forums to vent their dismay even as the programme was being broadcast.



Targets: The comics made crude jokes about gold medal sprinter Usain Bolt, left, and singer Susan Boyle, right



Bad taste: Comedian Jack Whitehall made rude comments about the Queen, left, and the recent illness of her husband Prince Philip, right

One wrote on the Digital Spy entertainment website: 'Forgive

me for not laughing at people being immature idiots. But how is that comedy? It's just inane, immature stupidity. I haven't laughed once.'

Another added: 'Glad Jimmy is seeing the funny side of things – as I ain't.'

A third wrote: 'A lot of canned laughter overlaid over the (probably) barely laughing audience. It's a chore watching this.'

As the programme approached its conclusion Corden and Whitehall made crass jokes about Mr Obama.

Asked what the President did in the Oval Office when he was pretending to work, they responded by writing down: 'Put a condom on and had a posh w***.'

Fellow guests sports presenter Gabby Logan, 39, and actor Richard Ayoade, 35, looked increasingly awkward as the jokes continued.

On Twitter, viewers were commenting on how drunk Whitehall and Corden were. And on the Mumsnet website one user wrote: 'Jack and James were really annoying me with their drunken childishness. When Jonathan Ross seems like the most grown-up person there you know it's time to edit them out.'

Ofcom had received five complaints by last night, but that number could quickly grow – in Sachsgate, an initial two complaints rose to nearly 45,000.

SACHSGATE AND THE LESSONS THAT WENT UNHEEDED



Offensive: Brand and Ross during the broadcast

IN the BBC Sachsgate scandal of 2008, Jonathan Ross and comedian Russell Brand left lewd messages on actor Andrew Sachs's answerphone.

The 78-year-old Fawlty Towers star said he was 'very upset' and 'offended very much indeed' after hearing the messages about his granddaughter, which were aired in a pre-recorded segment during Brand's Radio 2 show.

The comedians left an answerphone message for the actor in which Ross swore and said Brand had slept with Mr Sachs's 23-year-old granddaughter Georgina Baillie.

Later in the programme, Brand phoned back to apologise, but then caused further offence by suggesting Mr Sachs might commit suicide because of the previous message.

In a third call, Brand and Ross sang an apology to the actor with the words: 'I'd like to apologise for the terrible attacks,

Andrew Sachs. I said some things I didn't have oughta, like I had sex with your granddaughter.'

Nothing of the relationship, prior to 'Sachsgate', was known to Miss Baillie's parents Charles and Kate or her grandparents, Mr Sachs and his wife Melody, who told the Daily Mail of their 'dreadful shock'.

The BBC was forced to apologise for the Brand and Ross's behaviour, which it admitted was 'unacceptable and offensive', and was fined £150,000 by Ofcom.

What started as two complaints from listeners after the broadcast soon grew to a total of 44,790.

Critics questioned how the BBC could have allowed the pre-recorded broadcast to be aired.

Following the furore, Brand resigned from the BBC and Ross was suspended without pay for three months. He later left the corporation.

Former Tory MP Ann Widdecombe said: 'Nothing Jimmy Carr does

surprises me. This programme is in extremely poor taste and I'm amazed it was ever broadcast.

'Most people would consider it to be in very bad taste to poke fun at someone in their 80s who's served the country devotedly for 60 years.'

Mrs Morrissey of Parents Outloud added: 'No doubt there'll be a storm of outrage and then the comedians will turn around and be all contrite.

'But they could have avoided offending people and corrupting young minds. Even if their parents stop them, children can still watch it on their iPads and iPhones. The nation's television now serves the lowest common denominator.'

A spokesman for Susan Boyle would not comment, but a source close to the singer said: 'Their comments were inappropriate.'

A spokesman for Corden said: 'James would never want to offend anyone and is sorry if his comments have been taken out of the context they were made in.'

A Channel 4 spokesman said: 'Big Fat Quiz Of The Year is a well-established comedic and satirical review of the year's events with well-known guests and is broadcast after the watershed with appropriate warnings.'

Channel 4 has often been at the centre of controversy. In 2007 tens of thousands complained that Bollywood star Shilpa Shetty was the victim of racist bullying on Celebrity Big brother.

Viewers also protested about a 'dramatised documentary' about Prince Harry in 2010 in which an actor playing the prince was shown being subjected to a mock execution in Afghanistan.

Also in 2010 the broadcaster showed comedian Frankie Boyle making 'highly offensive' jokes about the disabled son of model Katie Price.

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