

TELEVISION SATURDAY 9 JUNE

WHAT TO WATCH



Controversial: the writer and intellectual is profiled

GERMAINE BLOODY GREER

BBC Two, 9.00pm

The personal views of Germaine Greer once had a universality and pungency about them that the world so desperately needed. But her recent comments about rape, violence on TV and transpeople, by contrast, resemble self-important trolling: wilfully controversial, dreadfully retrograde and a blight on a considerable legacy.

This thrilling profile is a reminder of why she still matters, albeit perhaps more for what she was than what she has become. Novelist Zoë Heller and journalist Rosie Boycott are among those singing her praises, while Greer herself proves as unable as ever

to avoid calling out a daft question or savaging a sacred cow.

The footage is exciting and superbly mounted by director Clare Beavan. Whether it's Greer's early films, her steadfastness in the face of the abuse sent her way after *The Female Eunuch* was published, and her evisceration of Norman Mailer during a famous 1971 set-to in New York, Greer remains a most rugged individual. "I don't think Germaine and the word 'sisterhood' are natural bedfellows," reckons Boycott. What about that legacy? "I don't do regret and I don't do things that I regret," Greer concludes. By any standards, a remarkable life. *Gabriel Tate*

TROOPING THE COLOUR

BBC One, 10.30am

Marking the official birthday of the Queen, the 1st Battalion Coldstream Guards will conduct their annual pageant on Horse Guards Parade, introduced by Huw Edwards and with JJ Chalmers offering behind-the-scenes insights. There are highlights at 7.30pm on BBC Two.

THE RIVER WYE WITH WILL MILLARD

BBC Two, 5.30pm;
Scotland, 2.45pm

After deconstructing the exploration documentary in the fascinating and alarming *My Year with the Tribe*, explorer Will Millard is on slightly surer ground with this new series in which he journeys down the River Wye. He begins his journey with a search for the river's source on the slopes of Plynlimon, before he has an encounter with an entrepreneurial local sheep farmer.



Take Me Out: Over 50s Special - contestant Sharon

TAKE ME OUT: OVER 50S SPECIAL

ITV, 8.00pm

Three "older gentlemen" (I'm sure host Paddy McGuinness will make plenty of gags here) face 30 single "Golden Girls", including a former nun and an ex-partner of action hero Jason Statham, in this one-off special of the ever-popular dating show.

A GIRL'S GUIDE TO TV

BBC Two, 10.00pm; not NI

Comedian Rachel Parris of *The Mash Report* presents her typically tongue-in-cheek advice for women looking to get ahead in television. *GT*