

The Men from the Ministry (MFTM)

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The Global British Comedy Collaborative is deeply indebted to Dr. Gary Schajer (see <http://www.schajer.org/mftm/>) for an excellent episode finding aid.

There is some difficulty identifying episodes of MFTM:

- The titles assigned to specific stories are neither definitive nor authoritative. Thus identical episodes may not be recognized by their different titles. More specifically, a recorded episode newly acquired may be assigned the wrong position or misnamed based on interpreting content against available titles. That's why the finding guide is so important. All new acquisitions should be validated against this finding guide by going to the web site linked above.
- Some the episodes were remade; some were also reperformed for South African distribution. This introduces variants into the scripts as performed.

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30-Oct-1962	S01e01	The Great Footwear Scandal	--		--	--
06-Nov-1962	S01e02	The Big Rocket		JL Gsd7 29:12	PW	
13-Nov-1962	S01e03	Strictly for the Birds				
20-Nov-1962	S01e04	French Cricket				
27-Nov-1962	S01e05	The War with the Isle of Wight				
04-Dec-1962	S01e06	Moderately Important Person				
11-Dec-1962	S01e07	The Rhubarb Pirates	CE?		--	--
18-Dec-1962	S01e08	A Matter of Form				
25-Dec-1962	S01e09	The Magic Carpet				
01-Jan-1963	S01e10	The Spy in Black Pin-Stripe (Black and White)				
08-Jan-1963	S01e11	Island in the Sun				
15-Jan-1963	S01e12	Problem in the Park				
22-Jan-1963	S01e13	The End of the Road				
24-Dec-1964	S01eSP	Christmas Special – A Present for Norman				
25-Jul-1965	S02e01	Pirates of Lakeview Reservoir				
01-Aug-1965	S02e02	Something about a Soldier	--		PW	
08-Aug-1965	S02e03	The Trouble with Cecil				
15-Aug-1965	S02e04	Mahboni Lies over the Ocean				
22-Aug-1965	S02e05	The Man Who Made It Rain				
29-Aug-1965	S02e06	Train of Events				
05-Sep-1965	S02e07	A Degrading Business				
12-Sep-1965	S02e08	The Butcher of Glensporran				
19-Sep-1965	S02e09	Counter Spies				
26-Sep-1965	S02e10	A Question of (Re)Dundancy				
03-Oct-1965	S02e11	A Back-Dated Problem	--	JL Gsd7 28:07	PW	
10-Oct-1965	S02e12	The Hole				
17-Oct-1965	S02e13	The Day the Martians Came				
11-Dec-1966	S03e01	Rebel in Regents Park				
18-Dec-1966	S03e02	A Terrifying Weapon				
25-Dec-1966	S03e03	The Post Office Pantomime				
01-Jan-1967	S03e04	All at Sea				
08-Jan-1967	S03e05	Bowler Hats and (Sub-)Machine Guns				
15-Jan-1967	S03e06	On the Run				
22-Jan-1967	S03e07	A Gift for Sir Gregory				
29-Jan-1967	S03e08	The Whitehall Circus				
05-Feb-1967	S03e09	Customs of the Country				
12-Feb-1967	S03e10	Getting the Bird				
19-Feb-1967	S03e11	The Girl in the Case				
26-Feb-1967	S03e12	The Thing on the Beach				
05-Mar-1967	S03e13	A Slight Case of Demolition	--		PW	
12-Mar-1967	S03e14	The Fastest Ship in the World				
18-Feb-1968	S04e01	Battle of the River Thames				
25-Feb-1968	S04e02	The Tubby Submarine				
03-Mar-1968	S04e03	A Matter of Breeding				
10-Mar-1968	S04e04	The Great Showbiz Fiasco				

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17-Mar-1968	S04e05	Up the Poll				
24-Mar-1968	S04e06	Waterway to Go				
31-Mar-1968	S04e07	Dam Nuisance				
07-Apr-1968	S04e08	The Fastest Brolly in the West				
14-Apr-1968	S04e09	Lamb Takes a Gambol				
21-Apr-1967	S04e10	Four Men in a Wellington				
28-Apr-1968	S04e11	Out of this World				
05-May-1968	S04e12	Muddlers in Law				
12-May-1968	S04e13	What Has Four Wheels and Flies?				
25-Mar-1969	S05e01	A Rotten System				
01-Apr-1969	S05e02	A Brush With an Old Master				
08-Apr-1969	S05e03	All Play and No Work				
15-Apr-1975	S05e04	A Sticky Business				
22-Apr-1969	S05e05	The Home-Brewed Non-Vintage Bomb				
29-Apr-1969	S05e06	The Ship That Wagged Its Tail				
30-Jun-1970	S06e01	Bye-bye Mildred	--		Y	--
07-Jul-1970	S06e02	The Bare Necessities	--		Y	--
14-Jul-1970	S06e03	Storm in a Teacup (Tea-Urn)	--		PW	
21-Jul-1970	S06e04	The Moving Target				
28-Jul-1970	S06e05	Oil Well that Ends Well	--		PW	
04-Aug-1970	S06e06	The Bigger the Better				
11-Aug-1970	S06e07	Trouble in the Air				
18-Aug-1970	S06e08	Miss Chatterly's Lover				
25-Aug-1970	S06e09	The Pudding from Outer Space				
01-Sep-1970	S06e10	A Little of What You Fancy				
08-Sep-1970	S06e11	A Bird in the Hand				
15-Sep-1970	S06e12	Bringing the House Down				
22-Sep-1970	S06e13	Fair Exchange				
29-Sep-1970	S06e14	Bill Stickers Is Innocent				
29-Jul-1971	S07e01	Rolling In It		JL 30:02	PW	
05-Aug-1971	S07e02	Up, Up and Away [possibly Lost in Space as well? JAL]				
12-Aug-1971	S07e03	Thoroughly Modern Ministry				
19-Aug-1971	S07e04	We All Make Mistakes				
26-Aug-1971	S07e05	The Foolproof Fool		JL Hiss 25:14	PW	
02-Sep-1971	S07e06	Rotten to the Corps				
09-Sep-1971	S07e07	Transatlantic Trouble	--		PW	
16-Sep-1971	S07e08	The Finger of Suspicion				
23-Sep-1971	S07e09	Just the Ticket				
29-Nov-1971	S07e10	Gone to Pot				
11-Jul-1972	S08e01	Conference (sometimes Confidence) Trick	Y		Y	--
18-Jul-1972	S08e02	The Night We Crept into the Crypt				
25-Jul-1972	S08e03	How Now Brown Cow?				
01-Aug-1972	S08e04	Sorry, Wrong Number				
08-Aug-1972	S08e05	The Desk Job				
15-Aug-1972	S08e06	Foul Play				
22-Aug-1972	S08e07	Something of Value	--	JL Gsd7 25:56	PW	
29-Aug-1972	S08e08	Taking Leave of Their Census				
06-Mar-1973	S09e01	That's My Pigeon	CE MH			
13-Mar-1973	S09e02	Don't Let Them Needle You	CE MH			
20-Mar-1973	S09e03	Find the Lady				
27-Mar-1973	S09e04	Bridge over Troubled Waters	MH		PW	
03-Apr-1973	S09e05	A Private Affair	MH		PW	
10-Apr-1970	S09e06	Food for Thought				
17-Apr-1973	S09e07	Getting It Taped				
24-Apr-1973	S09e08	Safe and Unsound	MH		PW	
01-May-1973	S09e09	The Export Caper	MH		PW	
08-May-1973	S09e10	Flushed with Success	MH			
15-May-1973	S09e11	Under the Weather	MH			
22-May-1973	S09e12	Monkey Business	MH			
29-May-1973	S09e13	Cheesed Off	MH			
17-Jan-1974	S10e01	Plane Madness	MH			

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24-Jun-1974	S10e02	Vipers in the Bosom	MH			
01-Jul-1974	S10e03	Great Guns (see also S01e05 The War with the Isle of Wight)				
08-Jul-1974	S10e04	I Want My Mummy	MH			
15-Jul-1974	S10e05	One Man's Meat				
22-Jul-1974	S10e06	Ballet Nuisance				
29-Jul-1974	S10e07	Sky High				
05-Aug-1974	S10e08	A Break for Sir Gregory				
12-Aug-1974	S10e09	Health and Deficiency				
19-Aug-1974	S10e10	Big Deal				
26-Aug-1974	S10e11	They Fry by Night				
02-Sep-1974	S10e12	In the Picture				
16-Sep-1974	S10e13	She'll Have to Go				
26-May-1975	S11e01	Nothing but the Vest				
02-Jun-1975	S11e02	That's My Boy (see also S01e08 A Matter of Form)				
09-Jun-1975	S11e03	All that Glitters				
16-Jun-1975	S11e04	Torn to Shreds (see also S07e01 Rolling in It)				
23-Jun-1967	S11e05	Wool over Their Eyes				
30-Jun-1975	S11e06	This, VAT and the Other				
07-Jul-1975	S11e07	The Great Trouser Troubles				
14-Jul-1975	S11e08	The Cabinet Crisis				
21-Jul-1975	S11e09	Chain Reaction				
28-Jul-1975	S11e10	All Change				
04-Aug-1975	S11e11	A Merry Dance				
11-Aug-1975	S11e12	A Sense of Power				
18-Aug-1975	S11e13	Postal Disorder				
06-Jul-1976	S12e01	All Cisterns Go				
13-Jul-1976	S12e02	A Problem Shared				
20-Jul-1975	S12e03	The Whitehall Castaways				
27-Jul-1975	S12e04	Off the Rails (see also S02e06 Train of Events)				
03-Aug-1975	S12e05	Penny Wise				
10-Aug-1975	S12e06	A Turn for the Nurse				
17-Aug-1975	S12e07	Seal of Office				
24-Aug-1975	S12e08	Birmingham Is Revolting				
04-Jul-1977	S13e01	Mission Inedible				
11-Jul-1977	S13e02	Horse Play				
18-Jul-1977	S13e03	Big Big Ben Bumble	CE	JL 26:31	PW	
25-Jul-1977	S13e04	A Motley Crew	CE			
01-Aug-1977	S13e05	Not on Your Telly	CE			
08-Aug-1977	S13e06	One Way Only	CE			
15-Aug-1977	S13e07	Take Your Pick				
22-Aug-1977	S13e08	Claws				
Unassigned		"Sir Gregory's Nephew" (unofficial title)				
Unassigned		A Slight Case of Demolition (unofficial title)				

147+2 main sequence episodes. These were followed by...

Several episodes of *The Men From The Ministry* were recorded more than once. See Schajer's web site for details. The revised scripts were completed in 1980, and apparently the series as a whole was transmitted internationally.

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After 1980	WS01e01	The Great Footwear Scandal	--		--	--
After 1980	WS01e02	The Big Rocket ¹	--	JL Gsd7	PW	
After 1980	WS01e03	Strictly for the Birds		JL Gsd7 26:44		
After 1980	WS01e04	French Cricket				
After 1980	WS01e07	The Rhubarb Pirates	CE?		--	--
After 1980	WS01e09	The Magic Carpet				
After 1980	WS01e12	Problem in the Park				
After 1980	WS01e13	The End of the Road				
After 1980	WS02e03	The Trouble with Cecil				
After 1980	WS02e07	A Degrading Business				
After 1980	WS02e12	The Hole				

¹ The phrase "lost in space" suggests at least one misattributed file to start. See my comment in S07e02 (main sequence) which is almost certainly should be assigned THIS episode's date and title. Only listening to the file, not currently in my possession, would this question.

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After 1980	WS03e02	A Terrifying Weapon				
After 1980	WS03e13	A Slight Case of Demolition	--		PW	
After 1980	WS04e05	Up the Poll				

The South African episodes:

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	remade from BBC episode s01e06	Moderately Important Person				
	remade from BBC episode S02e11	Sort Out Records Room (A Back-Dated Problem)				
	remade from BBC episode S03e05	Visit To America (Bowler Hats and Sub Machine Guns)				
	remade from BBC episode S03e09	Finding Location Of New Airport (Customs Of The Country)				
	remade from BBC episode S04e02	Problem With Submarines (The Tubby Submarine)				
	remade from BBC episode S04e11	The Moon Shot (Out Of This World)				
	remade from BBC episode ?	Refuse Modernisation				
		The Spingle Factory				
c.1969		Cows Can Be Trouble				
30.11.99		The Party				
		Fancy Dress Ball				
		Fowls, Birds				
		Nudist Camp				
28.12.69	()	New Year's Eve Party				
		Nerve Gas				
		In The Army				
		The Rose Problem				
		No.2 Becomes A Jockey				
		Animals For The Zoo				
		House Fraud				
21.3.70	()	Red Shadow		JL 28:07		

Plus CE episodes listed as:

- Cynthia
- Louella, Derek's Niece
- The New Motorway
- The Petty Cash Surplus
- Princess Caroline of Hamburg
- The Rocket Launch
- The Secret Discovery

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• The Whatsit Machine
Plus PW episodes listed as:

- The Party
- The Red Shadow
- America Borrows from the IMF
- Fastest Brolly in the West
- Out of this World
- Stoneville Prison
- The Birthday Cake

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