

# BBC1

9.0 pm  
**Nine O'Clock News**

with Sue Lawley  
Weatherman

## 9.25 Real Lives

Victims and villains, leaders and led, the extraordinary and the ordinary. A new series of filmed documentaries about the way people live now.

### *Phantom Ladies*

A retired Ministry of Defence official, a university lecturer and a former naval lieutenant share a common desire with tens of thousands of men in this country: all three are transvestites - men who like to wear women's clothes. **Raymond** has cross-dressed for nearly a decade - with the help of his wife.

'It's a fantasy in a way because I can never be a real woman... we can cross over and enjoy the lighter side, the happier side of the female world'. Like most transvestites, Raymond is heterosexual and until now, kept his desire a secret. For this programme all three men talk openly about the myths and realities of transvestism; of the trouble that has had on their lives and those closest to them.

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Film editor PETER BARBER  
Assistant producer COLLEEN TOOMEY  
Series producer PETER PAGNAMENTA  
Producer ANNE PAUL

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## 10.10 Darker than Amber

The feature film starring  
**Rod Taylor, Suzy Kendall**

When Travis McGee rescues a beautiful girl from drowning he starts off on a typically tough case. For the girl is the intended victim of a vicious gang bent out to silence her for good. Even Travis McGee cannot save her - but he decides to avenge her murder...

Travis McGee..... ROD TAYLOR  
Angie and Merrimay. SUZY KENDALL  
Meyer..... THEODORE BIKEL  
Alabama Tiger..... JANE RUSSELL  
Burk..... JAMES BOOTH  
Green..... JANET MACLACHLAN  
erry..... WILLIAM SMITH  
el..... AHNA CAPRI  
riff..... ROBERT PHILLIPS  
oy..... CHRIS ROBINSON  
arnsworth..... JACK NAGLE  
ina..... SHERRY FABER  
ewey Powell..... JAMES H. FRYINGER  
manuel..... OSWALDO CALVO

Screenplay by ED WATERS, from the novel by JOHN D. MACDONALD  
Produced by WALTER SELTZER and JACK REEVES  
Directed by ROBERT CLOUSE  
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**News Headlines; Weather**

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## 9.25 pm Real Lives - three 'Phantom Ladies' on the pleasures and pains of transvestism



'Anne' - formerly Ben, a naval lieutenant: 'Life has become a bit difficult as Anne because I am still a heterosexual man underneath, and I still fancy women like any other man.'



Vera - Raymond's wife for 39 years: 'If you love your man and want to keep him I would advise any wife married to a transvestite to keep a cool head and try to understand what he's going through.'  
'Rona' - or Raymond, retired Ministry of Defence official: 'Rona wouldn't be here today if it hadn't been for Vera - she has taught me so many things, made dresses for me, and not only that, she has taught me how to make my own dresses.'



'Rosemary' - a physiology lecturer and medical adviser to The Beaumont Trust: 'The transvestite's behaviour is far less socially disruptive than the person who drinks too much.'