

The History Of Only Fools and Horses

“No income tax, no V.A.T.”
“No money back, no guarantee”

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Introduction

Only Fools and Horses is a hugely popular British sitcom, created and written by John Sullivan, and made and broadcast by the BBC. Seven series were broadcast between 1981 and 1991, with special Christmas episodes occasionally until 2003. The show was selected as 'Britain's Best Sitcom' in a 2004 BBC poll. The programme title is based on an old saying: "Only fools and horses work (for a living)", a reference to the protagonist's tax- and work-evading lifestyle. The theme song is written and sung by Sullivan. In the first season a different theme was used: this was changed to help viewers understand the meaning of the programme's title.

About the programme

Only Fools and Horses was relatively unpopular when it began, but the BBC persevered. Audiences grew steadily, and episodes like *A Touch of Glass* (in which Del, Rodney and Grandad try and spectacularly fail to clean a chandelier) contained scenes that became instant classics. Series four in 1985 saw the death of Grandad. This was hastily written into the series after the death of the actor Lennard Pearce some way into filming. The programme showed Grandad's funeral – uncommon territory for a sitcom – and quickly introduced a replacement character in the shape of Uncle Albert (Buster Merryfield). The first episode of series six in 1989, *Yuppy Love*, included what has been voted the funniest moment in a British sitcom: Del falling behind a bar through a hatch he thought was closed. Another hilarious moment is from the Christmas special in 1996, *Heroes and*

Villains, where Del and Rodney are running through the back alleys to reach a fancy dress ball, dressed as Batman and Robin, scaring off some teenage muggers as they emerge.

Much of the success of the programme was credited to the quality of the principal cast — in particular David Jason, an award-winning actor in both serious and comic roles. John Sullivan is also regarded as one of Britain's best comedy writers, able to move from comedy to tragedy and back again in a single line of dialogue.

Although the programme ran from 1981 to 2003, there were only seven series. The final series in 1991 ended with the birth of Del and Raquel's son, Damien. Ten special episodes were shown between 1991 and 2003, around Christmas time. The three specials shown at Christmas 1996 culminated in Del and Rodney and their families achieving their ambition to become millionaires; it was the highest-rated programme on British television for over a decade, with 24.3 million viewers.

The Main Characters

David Jason as Derek "Del boy" Trotter

A wheeler dealer since he was a boy, Del boy had to bring up his brother Rodney, but he's always positive insisting that "this time next year we'll be millionaires", through one of his dodgy deals. Del has met many ladies until finally settling down and having a son and heir to his empire of a yellow 3 wheeled van and a suitcase.

Real Life

Name: David Jason (birth name: David John White)

Date of Birth: 2nd February 1940, Edmonton, London, England, UK.

Also Appeared in:

Micawber (2001), The 100 Greatest TV Characters (2001), A Perfect Two Ronnies Show (2001), Parkinson (2001), Angelmouse (1999), All the King's Men (1999), The 100 Greatest TV Moments (1999), Father Christmas and the Missing Reindeer (1998), March in Windy City (1998), David Jason in His Element (1997), The Bullion Boys (1993), A Touch of Frost (1992), Darling Buds of May (1991), Amongst Barbarians (1990), A Bit of a Do (1989), The BFG (1989), Count Duckula (1988), Porterhouse Blue (1987), The Wind in the Willows, (1984) voice of Toad/Chief Weasel, Mr Stabs (1984), The Wind in the Willows (1983) voice of Toad, Danger Mouse (1981), Blankety Blank (1979), The Odd Job (1978), The Water Babies (1978), Wombling Free the movie (1977), A Sharp Intake of Breath (1977), Open All Hours (1976), Lucky Feller (1976), Royal Flash (1975), Doctor at Sea (1974), Porridge (1974), The Top Secret Life of Edgar Briggs (1974), It's Only Me - Whoever I Am (1974), Under Milk Wood (1973), White Cargo (1973), His Lordship Entertains (1972), Doctor at Large (1971), Doctor in the House & Two D's and a Dog (1970), Counterstrike (1969), Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) (1969), Hark at Barker (1969), Magpie (1968), Do Not Adjust Your Set (1967)

Nicholas Lyndhurst as Rodney Charlton Trotter

The dippy younger brother of Del Boy, who had a thing for woman in uniform, always wanted to put his 2 GCE's to better use than working for Trotters Independent Traders, just after he got married he got a proper job but being the plonker he is, gave it up.

Real Life

Name: Nicholas Lyndhurst

Date of Birth: 21 April 1961, Emsworth, Hampshire, England, UK

Also Appeared in:

Butterflies Reunion Special (2000), David Copperfield (1999), Gulliver's Travels (1996), Stalag Luft (1993), Goodnight Sweetheart (1993), The Piglet Files (1990), The Grand Knockout Tournament (1987), The Two of Us (1986), Sky Bandits (1986), The Lenny Henry Show (1984), Bullshot (1983), Michael Barrymore (1983), To Serve Them All My Days (1980), Butterflies (1978), Spearhead (1978), Going Straight (1978), The Tomorrow People (1977), Anne of Avonlea (1975), Heidi (1974).

Lennard Pierce as Grandad

Grandad was in charge of the cooking in the Trotter household, although nobody knew why as he could burn water. He was happiest sat in his chair watching his two telly's and having a bet on the horses. He rarely took his hat off and always had his pyjamas on under his clothes.

Real Life

Name: Lennard Pearce

Date of Birth: September 1915, London England, UK

Died: 15th December 1984 from a Heart Attack

Also Appeared in:

Shroud for a Nightingale (1984), Minder (1984), Bless Me Father (1981), Nearest and Dearest (1970), Cathy Come Home (1965).

Buster Merryfield as Uncle Albert

An old sea dog Uncle Albert had many tales of his day's in the Navy, he had been round the world more times than a Russian

satellite and now just wanted to settle down for a peaceful life in the Trotter brothers flat.

Real Life

Name: Harry 'Buster' Merryfield

Date of Birth: 27th November 1920, Battersea, South London, England, UK

Died: 23rd June 1999, of a brain tumor

Also Appeared in:

Love Story (1999), The National Lottery (1994), The Hypnotic World of Paul McKenna (1992), Big Break (1991), Noel's House Party (1991), Shroud for a Nightingale (1984), Strangers and Brothers (1984), The Citadel (1983), Wogan (1982), Pebble Mill at One (1980), The Paul Daniels Magic Show, (1979), Family Fortunes (1978), Blankety Blank (1977), Points of View (1961), The Time, the Place (Pre 1970)

Kenneth McDonald as Mike Eps

The landlord from the Nags Head who had enough of Del's slates under his bar he could've retiled his roof. Always got talked in to buying from Trotters Independent Traders.

Real Life

Name: Kenneth MacDonald

Date of Birth: 20th November 1950, Manchester, England, UK

Died: 5th August 2001 from a heart attack

Also Appeared in:

Dream (2001), Ragged Point (2001), Peak Practice (2001), Mersey Beat (2001), The Sins (2000), Cor Blimey! (2000), The Peter Principle (2000), David Copperfield (1999), The Mrs. Bradley Mysteries (1999), Goodnight Sweetheart (1999), A Rather English Marriage (1998),

Touching Evil (1997), My Night with Reg (1996), The Thin Blue Line (1996), Heartbeat (1996), Crocodile Shoes (1994), Brookside (1992), Press Gang (1992), Boon (1990), Silas Marner: The Weaver of Raveloe (1985), Laughterhouse (1984), Tenko (1981), Breaking Glass (1980), Chance of a Lifetime (1980), Dad's Army (1977), It Ain't Half Hot Mum (1974), Upstairs, Downstairs (1974).

John Challis as Boycie

Boycie, Del's old school mate is a snobby second hand car dealer, who thinks that anyone with a pound less than him is a peasant. Boycie is married to Marlene and they try for years to have a baby. Boycie always has a hand in some big deals and likes a gamble especially poker. He is said to be so successful because he's so tight.

Real Life

Name: John Challis

Date of Birth: 16th August 1942, Bristol, England, UK

Also Appeared in:

The Weakest Link (2002), Subterrain (2001), It's Only TV... But I Like It (1999), Heartbeat (1998), The Tichborne Claimant (1998), Brass Eye (1997), Sitting Pretty (1992), Casualty (1988), Ever Decreasing Circles (1987), Cats Eyes (1987), Roland Rat, the Series (1986), Lenny Henry Tonight (1986), Juliet Bravo (1985), Beau Geste (1983), Number on End (1980), Citizen Smith (1980), Dr. Snuggles (1979), Doctor Who (1976), The Sweeney (1975), Dracula (1973), Mr. Rose (1968), Where Has Poor Mickey Gone? (1964), he also appeared in Open All Hours as a bread delivery man, on Noels House Party and on This Morning, and presented the Only Fools and Horses selection box video.

Sue Holderness as Marlene

Boycie's doting wife who always dreamt of having a baby but thought she couldn't, so instead got a Great Dane then did have a baby when she found out it was Boycie with the problem! She had a soft spot for Del, who always greeted her, with his hands!

Real Life

Name: Sue Holderness

Date of Birth: 28th May 1949, Hampstead, London, England, UK

Also Appeared in:

Heartbeat (1993), You Me + It (1993), Dear John (1986), Minder (1984), The Cleopatra's (1983), It Takes a Worried Man (1983), Canned Laughter (1979), The Sandbaggers (1978), It Could Happen to You (1976), Bless This House (1974), That'll Be the Day (1973), Fly Into Danger (1972)

Roger Lloyd-Pack as Trigger

Trigger is another one of Del's old school pal's, he was actually head boy. The dopey road sweeper is always a few seconds behind the conversation and a small time crook supplying Del and 'Dave' with dodgy goods.

Real Life

Name: Roger Lloyd-Pack

Date of Birth: 8th February 1944, London, England, UK

Also Appeared in:

Longitude (2000), Oliver Twist (1999), The History of Tom Jones, a Foundling (1997), Preaching to the Perverted (1997), The Missing Postman (1997), Paul Merton in Galton and Simpson's... (1996), Hollow Reed (1996), The Young Poisoner's Handbook (1995), U.F.O. (1994), Princess Caraboo (1994), Interview with the Vampire: The Vampire Chronicles (1994), The Vicar of Dibley (1994), Dandelion Dead (1993), Health and Efficiency (1993), Inside Victor Lewis-Smith (1993), The Trial (1993),

Heartbeat (1992), Clothes in the Wardrobe (1992), Trust Me (1992), Party Time (1992), Murder Most Horrid (1991), 2point4 Children (1991), The Gravy Train Goes East (1991), American Friends (1991), Selling Hitler (1991), The Object of Beauty (1991), Stay Lucky (1990), The Finding (1990), Mr. Bean (1989), The Misadventures of Mr. Wilt (1989), The Cook the Thief His Wife & Her Lover (1989), The Modern World: Ten Great Writers (1988), Inspector Morse (1987), The Deliberate Death of a Polish Priest (1986), Lovejoy (1986), Boon (1986), Moving (1985), Nineteen Eighty-Four (1984), The Bill (1983), Private Schultz (1981), Meetings with Remarkable Men (1979), Cuba (1979), The Professionals (1977), Survivors (1975), The Naked Civil Servant (1975), Confessions of a Sex Maniac (1974), Spyder's Web (1972), Jason King (1971), Fright (1971), Fiddler on the Roof (1971), The Go-Between (1971), Figures in a Landscape (1970), Hamlet (1969), The Magus (1968).

Paul Barber as Denzil

Denzil also went to school with Del and the boys, but only for a couple of years when his parents moved down from Liverpool. He was married to Corrine, but after years of being ripped off with Del's dodgy deals they split up.

Real Life

Name: Paul Barber

Date of Birth: 1952, Liverpool, England, UK

Also Appeared in:

The 51st State (2001), Wild About Harry (2000), Harbour Lights (1999), TFI Friday (1998), Casualty (1998), The History of Tom Jones, a Foundling (1997), The Full Monty (1997), The Drew Carey Show (1997), Cracker (1995), Priest (1994), Brookside (1994), Alive and Kicking (1991), Casualty (1991), Boon (1990), The Brothers MacGregor

(1985), The Front Line (1984), Minder (1980), The Long Good Friday (1980), Boys from the Blackstuff (1980), Porridge (1979), Gangsters (1975), I Didn't Know You Cared (1975).

Patrick Murray as Mickey Pearce

The wannabe wheeler dealer Mickey was always trying to get into the big time but never quite made it.

Real Life

Name: Patrick Murray.

Date of Birth: 17th December 1956, Greenwich, London, England.

Also Appeared in:

Curse of the Pink Panther (1983), Breaking Glass (1980), Moon Over the Alley (1980), Keep It In the Family (1980), The Class of Miss MacMichael (1978), Scum (1977).

Gwyneth Strong as Cassandra Louise Trotter

Cassandra is a career woman and didn't like anything standing in the way of progressing at the bank, even Rodney's idea of coming home to cooked meals.

Real Life

Name: Gwyneth Strong

Date of Birth: 2nd December 1959, London, England, UK

Also Appeared in:

An Unsuitable Job for a Woman (2000), Harry Enfield's Brand Spanking New Show (2000), Lucy Sullivan Is Getting Married (1999), Forgotten (1999), Real Women (1998), A Touch of Frost (1997), The Missing Postman (1997), Crimetime (1996), Thin Ice (1995), 99-1 (1994), Clothes in the Wardrobe (1993), Nice Town (1992), Afraid of the Dark (1991), Living with Dinosaurs (1989), Cry Freedom (1987), Paradise Postponed (1986), White City

(1985), Rainy Day Women (1984), Bones (1984), Minder (1982), Love Story: Mr. Right (1982), The Story of Ruth (1981), Bloody Kids (1979), The Flockton Flyer (1976), Edward the King (1975), Nothing But the Night (1972).

Tessa Peake-Jones as Raquel Trotter

Raquel dreamt of becoming an actress and met Del's family while acting as a stripper gram, she soon settled into the Trotter household and Del even got her a job singing at a club in a duo. She never agrees with Del's dodgy deals and thinks most of his stock is a load of junk.

Real Life

Name: Tessa Peake-Jones

Date of Birth: 9th May 1957, Hammersmith, London, England, UK

Also Appeared in:

The Lost World (2001), The Bill (2001), Holby City (2001), Summer in the Suburbs (1999), Births, Marriages and Deaths (1999), Midsomer Murders (1998), The History of Tom Jones, a Foundling (1997), The Demon Headmaster (1996), So Haunt Me (1992), Casualty (1990), Up the Garden Path (1990), When We Are Married (1987), Quartermaine's Terms (1987), The Two Gentlemen of Verona (1983), Bergerac (1983), Pride and Prejudice (1979), What the Butler Saw (19??)

Denis Lill as Alan

Alan was the father of Cassandra, and owned the Printing Business where Rodney worked. Alan was always being led astray by Del boy, with perhaps his greatest Only Fools and Horses appearance in “The Jolly Boys Outing”.

Real Life

Name: Denis Lill.

Date of Birth: 22nd April 1942, Hamilton, Waikato, New Zealand.

Also Appeared in:

Heartbeat (2002), I Was a Rat (2001), CI5: The New Professionals (1999), What Rats Won't Do (1998), Rebecca (1997), Mrs. Dalloway (1997), Fierce Creatures (1997), Element of Doubt (1996), Evita (1996), Paul Merton in Galton and Simpson's... (1996), Richard III (1995), Outside Edge (1994), Highlander (1994), The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes (1994), Red Hot (1993), Don't Leave Me This Way (1993), Poirot (1993), Red Dwarf (1993), Frank Stubbs Promotes (1993), The 10 Percenters (1993), Bernard and the Genie (1991), Waterfront Beat (1990), Casualty (1990), Stay Lucky (1990), Batman (1989), Blackadder's Christmas Carol (1988), Salome's Last Dance (1988), Boon (1988), The Return of Sherlock Holmes (1988 & 86), Suspicion (1987), Blackadder the Third (1987), Terry and June (1987), Arthur the King (1985), Jenny's War (1985), Mapp & Lucia (1985), Bergerac (1984), Doctor Who (1984 & 77), Reilly: The Ace of Spies (1983), China Rose (1983), Rumpole of the Bailey (1983-92), Rumpole of the Bailey (1983), The Scarlet Pimpernel (1982), Bad Blood (1981), Peter and Paul (1981), The Professionals (1980), Agatha Christie's Partners in Crime (1980), The Eagle Has Landed (1976), Van der Valk (1976 & 73), Rock Follies (1976), Edward the King (1975), Madame Bovary (1975), Survivors (1975), The Train Now Standing (1972).

Roy Heather as Sid

Sid ran the café where Del boy and Rodney often had breakfast. He was never seen without his trademark cigarette, even when he was cooking !!

Real Life

Name: Roy Heather.

Date of Birth: Unknown?

Also Appeared in:

Time Gentlemen, Please (2000), Cadfael (1997), The Legacy of Reginald Perrin (1996), Jack and Jeremy's Real Lives (1996), Frank Stubbs Promotes (1994), The 10 Percenters (1994), Bottom (1992), As Time Goes By (1992), Poirot (1990), Colin's Sandwich (1988), Edge of Darkness (1986), Return to Treasure Island (1985), Experience Preferred... But Not Essential (1982).

Jim Broadbent as Roy Slater

Roy 'The Slag' Slater also went to school with Del, but never really fitted in as he wanted a career in the Police force, once even arresting his own father for a broken light on a bike! He worked his way up to Chief Inspector, collecting more grasses than Fissons and becoming the most hated copper around, but was booted out after being convicted of Diamond smuggling.

Real Life

Name: Jim Broadbent

Date of Birth: 24th May 1949, Lincoln, Lincolnshire, England, UK

Also Appeared in:

Gangs of New York (2002), Iris (2001), Moulin Rouge! (2001), Bridget Jones's Diary (2001), Comic Relief: Doctor Who and the Curse of Fatal Death (1999), Topsy-Turvy (1999), Little Voice (1998), The Avengers (1998), The Borrowers (1997), The Peter Principle (1997), Rough Magic (1995), Richard III (1995), The Last Englishman (1995), Wide-Eyed and Legless (1994), Widows' Peak (1994), Princess Caraboo (1994), Bullets Over Broadway (1994), Prince Cinders (1993), The Comic Strip Presents

(1993), *Gone to Seed* (1992), *The Crying Game* (1992), *A Sense of History* (1992), *Enchanted April* (1992), *Inspector Morse* (1992), *Murder Most Horrid* (1991), *Work!* (1990), *Erik the Viking* (1989), *Victoria Wood* (1989), *The Modern World: Ten Great Writers* (1988), *Blackadder's Christmas Carol* (1988), *Vroom* (1988), *Tales of the Unexpected* (1988), *The Good Father* (1987), *Superman IV: The Quest for Peace* (1987), *The Insurance Man* (1986), *Silas Marner: The Weaver of Raveloe* (1985), *Brazil* (1985), *Victoria Wood: As Seen on TV* (1985), *Happy Families* (1985), *The Hit* (1984), *The Black Adder* (1983), *Birth of a Nation* (1982), *Dead On Time* (1982), *Uliisses* (1982), *Bird of Prey* (1982), *Time Bandits* (1981), *Breaking Glass* (1980), *Dogs of War, The* (1980), *Four Questions About Art* (1979), *The Passage* (1979), *The Shout* (1978).

The Writer - John Sullivan

Leaving school at the age of 15 with a determination to become a writer of comedy, John Sullivan (born in Balham, south London, on 23 December 1946) was to strive unsuccessfully for a further 15 years before finally achieving his goal. Submitting scripts as he moved between numerous dead-end jobs in his native south London, he was unconsciously absorbing the ambience of the region's street life that would eventually form the core of his most successful creation: *Only Fools and Horses*. Once he had a foothold in the BBC (albeit in the props department), Sullivan approached the esteemed comedy producer Dennis Main Wilson with one of his scripts. Greeted with remarkable enthusiasm considering it was the work of a novice, the submitted script became the basis of an episode (tx. 12/4/1977) of the anthology series *Comedy Special* (BBC, 1972-77). The public reaction was sufficiently encouraging for a full

series to be commissioned. The result was *Citizen Smith* (BBC, 1977-80), with Robert Lindsay as aspiring Marxist revolutionary Wolfie Smith (based on a character Sullivan had once met), luckless figurehead of the Tooting Popular Front party (total membership: four). Maintaining a south London setting, but moving from Tooting to Peckham, Sullivan's next series, *Only Fools and Horses* (BBC, 1981-), remains his finest achievement to date. His vivid evocation of south London working-class life through an array of finely-drawn characters and, above all, brilliantly witty dialogue eventually won viewers over following a hesitant start, turning the series into one of British television's most popular sitcoms. It is certainly one of the best, winning BAFTA awards for best comedy series in 1986, 1989 and 1997. The essential ingredient behind the success of these two series, particularly *Only Fools and Horses*, was their grounding in the characters and vernacular of the south London milieu in which Sullivan was steeped. Conscious, however, that he was becoming perceived solely as a chronicler of south London working-class life (and male-centred with it), he took steps to broaden both subject matter and character types in his subsequent work.

Among John Sullivan's other TV Credits are :-

The Full List Of “Only Fools and Horses” Programs

Season 1

8 Sep 81 Big Brother

Del employs younger brother Rodney as a member of Trotters' Independent Traders, despite warnings from his business colleagues. When Rodney decides to become the Trotters' financial adviser - monitoring the accounts and keeping Del's dodgy dealings in check - Del has second thoughts about their partnership.

Cracks show in the partnership when Rodney inadvertently bungles a deal with Trigger. But despite Del's anger, it turns out that Rodder's advice would have prevented the purchase of 25 briefcases that are locked with the serial number inside.

Del and Rodney have yet another row and 'Little Bruv' plans a career change. Desperate to make his mark on the world, Rodney decides to leave for Hong Kong - a great plan, if only he'd remembered his passport.

15 Sep 81 Go West Young Man

Del and Rodney are once again hunting for bargains. And after stopping off at Boycie's car lot they spy a Mark II Cortina that's being used as a part-exchange for a Vanden Plas. Del knocks the asking price down to £25, so long as he houses Boycie's E type jag for a week - Del hopes to use the Jag to impress his bit on the side. Del ups the price tag of the Cortina to £199 and gets interest from an Australian buyer. And with cash in their pockets, a Jag to drive, and both of them single, Rodney talks Del into heading off for a night on the tiles. The Trotters' night out doesn't start too well, as they are chatted up by a pair of transvestites in a nightclub. But their luck changes in the form of Nicky and Michelle, who they manage to chat up and persuade them to write their telephone numbers on Del's cigar pack, with the promise of a date next Friday. On their way home, Rodney accidentally throws the cigar pack out of the window of the Jag, and when Del makes an emergency stop, a car smashes into the back of Boycie's pristine E-type. To top it off, the car responsible for writing-off the Jag is none other than the clapped out Cortina.

22 Sep 81 Cash and Curry

Eager to forge new business contacts, Del befriends Vimmal Malik, a wealthy businessman who seems eager to work with Trotters Independent Traders. After a dance at the Camberwell Chamber of Trade, Del and Vimmal are cornered by Mr Ram and his heavy boys. It seems that Vimmal is holding onto a pricey porcelain family heirloom that belongs to the Ram family - and they want it back. In order to make an impression, Del offers to mediate between the two men, especially because Mr Ram is willing to pay four grand for the return of the statue to his family. Unluckily for Del the four grand is just a ruse and he ends up losing a fortune to Vimmal and Mr Ram, a couple of conmen touring the country using the same scam on local businessmen wherever they go.

29 Sep 81 The Second Time Around

Del meets Trigger in The Nags Head, and he's stunned to hear that Pauline Harris, his ex-fiancée, is back in Peckham - twelve years after she left for America. Despite their engagement, Pauline left Del for another Mod with a faster scooter. But with her return, Del is willing to forgive and forget, and it's not long before they are engaged again - much to the disapproval of Rodney and Grandad. Things get worse when Pauline moves into the flat and refuses to do her share of the housework. As her behaviour becomes unbearable, Rodders and Gramps leave for Auntie Rose's cottage in Clacton. Del hears rumours about a recent police investigation into the death of Pauline's former husband (Bobby Finch), and when Pauline urges him to take out life insurance, a frightened Del heads for Clacton, leaving an eviction notice for his fiancée.

6 Oct 81 A Slow Bus to Chingford

The trouble starts when Del persuades the local bus company to hand over one of their open-top buses in exchange for Rodney working as a Trainee Nocturnal Security Officer - part of their latest company, Trotter Watch. As part of the deal, Rodney has to suffer the nerve-jangling experience of patrolling the bus station on Tyler Street throughout the night. The next part of Del's scheme is the launch of Trotters' Ethnic Tours: a scenic tour around Chingford and Croydon, taking in such ethnic sights as the Lee Valley Viaduct. And despite a great deal of whinging from his family, Del persuades Rodney to drive the bus, whilst Grandad agrees to distribute the publicity leaflets. But when nobody turns up to the launch of Trotters' Ethnic Tours, it is revealed that Grandad shares the legendary Trotter business acumen and has posted the advertising leaflets through the dust chute of Mandela House.

13 Oct 81 The Russians Are Coming

Another successful dodgy deal means Del has over a grand's worth of lead from a disused factory to get rid of. When Rodney points out the three tons of lead are in fact a D.I.Y nuclear fall-out shelter, Del refuses to believe him until he reads the accompanying brochure. With the threat of nuclear holocaust preying on Rodney's nerves he asks Del what he'd do if he heard the four-minute warning. Without an answer, Del considers putting a survival plan into action that means reaching Grandad's allotment in time to take shelter.

It's during a practice run for the Trotter counter-strike survival plan that they get stopped for speeding by the police - they never get to find out whether they'd make it in time.

28 Dec 81 Christmas Crackers

Rodney has ran out of yuletide cheer, as the annual routing of the Trotter festivities are wearing thin. Burnt turkey, charred Christmas pudding, the same old things on television, and nothing but a book lent to him by Mickey Pierce: 'Body Language: The Lost Art.' When Grandad puts on his glad rags and heads to the OAPs' party at the community centre, the Trotter boys head to The Monte Carlo Club. Rodney puts his new-found knowledge of the unspoken language of love to use, but Del Boy has other ideas. As the brothers argue over who's technique is best, the objects of their affections are whisked away from under their noses.

Season 2

21 Oct 82 The Long Legs of the Law

Del and Grandad are horrified to hear that Rodney is dating a police officer called Sandra. But while Grandad is worried about Sandra knowing about the Trotters' sullied reputation, Del is sweating over the amount of dodgy gear stored in the flat. At the end of their date at the cinema, Rodders brings Sandra back to the flat for a nightcap. As soon as she arrives, Del spots her wearing a stolen watch that Rodney has given her as a gift. Thinking fast, he 'accidentally' pours gin over it and promises to buy her a replacement. Ever the gent, Rodney offers to walk her home, and everything appears to be forgiven. But as Sandra says goodbye, she tells Rodney he has 24 hours to empty the flat of stolen goods belonging to Trotters' Independent Traders before she notifies CID.

28 Oct 82 Ashes to Ashes

When Trigger's Grandmother passes away, the Trotters gather round to offer their condolences. Ever the considerate friend, Del offers to take some of her valuables off Trig's hands - he wouldn't want just anyone to come along and rip him off, after all. Del spots two urns that might be worth a bob or two, but Rodney and Grandad agree that they must contain the ashes of Trig's Grandfather. As they remember he was an avid bowler, they decide to scatter his ashes on the local bowling green - but to no avail. A second plan to throw his ashes into the Thames is scuppered, and a passing road sweeping lorry eventually sucks them up - a poetic ending when they remember that Trig's Grandad was a road sweeper too.

4 Nov 82 A Losing Streak

Del is getting into financial trouble - even his double-headed coin can't help him win. He's gambling away his money with no sign of stopping, and he's already £150 down. Nevertheless, when Boycie challenges him to a winner-takes-all poker game, Del is eager to host it in his flat in Mandela House. As the night progresses, Del's luck goes from bad to worse as he ends up owing Boycie all his money, the TITCO van, Grandad's cash, jewellery and even a collection of loose change. But all is not lost, as Del finally turns the tables on Boycie in revenge for fixing all the previous card games in his favour.

11 Nov 82 No Greater Love...

Rodney falls for Irene Mackay - a woman twice his age - and Del Boy isn't happy about it. Not only is Irene a lot older than Rodders, but she's married to a hard nut who's doing time in Parkhurst prison - and is about to be

released. Concerned for his brother's welfare, Del convinces Irene to ditch Rodney. But when Rodney realises Del has been interfering with his personal life again, he goes loopy. Soon after, Tommy Mackay gets out of prison - he soon finds out his missus has been cheating on him with a Trotter, and goes looking for revenge. Luckily for Rodney, Tommy finds Del Boy first, and the elder Trotter takes the punishment for him.

When a bruised and battered Del returns to the flat, he's over the moon to find out that Rodney has moved onto someone new anyway, so there wasn't really anything to worry about!

18 Nov 82 The Yellow Peril

When Del arranges a job redecorating a Chinese Restaurant, he unwisely decides to employ the services of Rodney 'Leonardo' Trotter and buys some paint from Trigger. It's also nearing the anniversary of their mother's death, and in an attempt to save a bit of cash, Del and Rodders swipe a bit of spare paint to spruce up her tombstone. While Del leaves Grandad and Rodney to paint the grease-filled Chinese kitchen with 'gold' paint, he heads off to decorate the tombstone. It's only when they've finished painting and get a call from the owner of the Chinese restaurant that they realise the paint was actually luminous yellow. Fine for the walls of a Chinese restaurant kitchen, and it certainly makes a gravestone stand out on a dark night!

25 Nov 82 It Never Rains...

Trotters' Independent Trading Company has been forced off the market, with the continuing downpour keeping most of Peckham indoors. While drowning their sorrows in The

Nag's Head, Alex the travel agent mentions that business is slow and he can't give holidays away at the moment. As a promotional gimmick, Del suggests offering an 80% discount on a holiday to the next customer in the shop - and who happens to walk by, but Derek Trotter. Having sold sun-hats in the rain, Rodders has managed to earn some travel cash, but he is dismayed to learn that the 80% discount only extends to a grotty hotel in Benidorm. And despite not being included in the bargain, the brothers reluctantly pay for Grandad to join them on their escape to the sun. During the whole holiday, Del and Rodney check out the local talent, while Grandad cramps their style. Especially when they bring two girls back to their apartment, only for the old man to scare them off with his dentures. Things get a bit more serious when Grandad gets himself arrested. Despite fearing that old history is returning to haunt him - in the form of an incident 'during the war' – it turns out that he was arrested for jay-walking and is released without charge. Much to Del's annoyance.

2 Dec 82 A Touch of Glass

Returning from an auction, the Trotters stop to help a woman whose car appears to have broken down. It turns out she is a posh sort. No less than Lady Ridgemere, wife of Lord Ridgemere who own the Ridgemere Hall Estate. Having towed the Lady to her stately home, Del overhears that the Lord of the Manor is having trouble with the firm he's hired to clean their chandeliers. He wastes no time in offering the Trotter's services as chandelier cleaners for a mere £350. With Rodney and Del up ladders, and an old sheet the only thing between the cutglass chandelier and the floor, it is only natural that Grandad detaches the chandelier from the room behind them. Del's fast talking

excuses are the Trotters' only chance they have of escape!

Special - Dec 82 Christmas Trees

Despite knocking the price down to a mere six quid, Del Boy can't shift his telescopic Christmas trees (lights, bangles, beads and baubles inclusive). He only has 149 more to sell to make a tidy profit. Stuck for a solution the Trotters decamp to Sid's burger van. Del's conscience seems to get the better of him, and he tells Rodney and Grandad what a shame it is that the market traders can't afford to donate a tree to the local church this year. Especially the little orphans. Left to guard the trees, Rodney steals away to the church. The Vicar quickly debunks Del's story, and Rodders realises the tale was a scam to get an endorsement from The Church of England.

30 Dec 82 Diamonds Are for Heather

Derek Trotter has the Yuletide Blues, and drinks away his loneliness in Spanish night at The Nag's Head. There he meets Heather, who seems to be one friend short of company. Del Boy, ever the gentleman, entertains her and sees her home safely. At her flat he discovers that she has a young son, to a husband who seems to have joined a very long queue at the Job Centre 18 months ago and not come back. In no time at all their romance blossoms, and all is running so smoothly Del decides to propose. However, when he takes her for a candle-lit curry, she refuses his offer of marriage. Her husband has returned, employed as a department store Santa, and she wants to give it another go... leaving Del Boy without an angel for Christmas.

Season 3

10 Nov 83 Homesick

The wear and tear of climbing twelve floors in Mandela House takes its toll as Grandad's legs finally give way. And after a visit to the Doctors' it is recommended that they seek some different housing for the Trotter family - on the ground floor!

Rodney has just been elected Chairman of the Housing Committee, and with a little pressure from Del, he persuades housing and welfare co-ordinator Miss Mackenzie to move the Trotters into a three-bedroom bungalow in Herrington Road. All seems hunky dory, until Miss Mackenzie catches Del and Grandad sharing a celebratory dance and cancels the deal. An ashamed Rodney agrees to resign as Chairman of the Committee immediately.

17 Nov 83 Healthy Competition

Rodney is taking stock of his life, and at the age of 24 he is disappointed to find he has only risen to become Del's look-out while they're on the make with dodgy goods. After a bit of soul-searching - during which Del narrowly escapes the Old Bill while Rodders was lost in thought - Rodney breaks some big news to Del that he's set up a rival business with Mickey Pearce. Shocked and hurt by this, Del warns him that if he wants to stand on his own two feet, then the price is total independence from the TITCO cash flow; including beer money.

Later at an auction, Del warns his Little Bruv not to buy Lot 37, but Rodney doubts his brother's generosity - thinking that he wants the lot for himself - and he buys Lot 37 unseen. It turns out that Lot 37 is a bunch of broken

lawnmower engines that Del had sold in the first place, and after Mickey Pearce uses their meagre profits for a trip to Benidorm, Rodders is soon back as a partner in Trotters Independent Traders.

24 Nov 83 Friday the 14th

The Trotters take a trip down to Cornwall to make use of Boycie's country cottage for a spot of salmon poaching. The fishing trip should be a nice little earner with £10 a salmon being paid for by Mario's fish restaurant. Del thinks that Rodney, Grandad and he will catch the fish and split the profits 50-50 with Boycie for providing the accommodation - they just didn't bank on an escapee from the mental institute.

On the rainy journey down to the cottage, a policeman stops their Robin Reliant and warns the tourists that a patient has escaped from the institute for the criminally insane - precisely a decade after he killed a party of weekend fishermen with an axe. Never one to let a psychotic killer get in the way of a nifty bargain, Del ignores the objections of Rodders and Grandad, and they settle down for their first night in the cottage. As the storm worsens, Rodney thinks he hears noises outside, and when a face appears at the window, he's convinced it's the killer. There's a knock at the door, and the Trotters' find the institute's Chief of Security is there to reassure them - it's only later that it becomes clear that he is, in fact, the fugitive axe murderer.

1 Dec 83 Yesterday Never Comes

Del Boy enters the world of fine art when he attempts to pull the wool over 'posh tart' antique dealer Miranda Davenport. He unsuccessfully tries to tell her a rickety old

cabinet is in fact a 'Queen Anne' original, but wise to the ruse, she coolly declines. Her attitude towards Del does warm when she responds to an advertisement placed by the Trotters in the local paper. When a painting Del has in stock catches her eye, Miranda soon worms her way into Del's affections and in no time at all, he has given her the painting as a gift. Keen to see her again, Del pays a visit to her shop, and is informed that she's at the local auction house. Arriving at the auction, Miranda seems quite surprised to see him there, but not as half as surprised as Del Boy when Lot 24 is announced. The Lot turns out to be Del's painting - a valuable work by 19th century painter Joshua Blythe that Miranda is hoping to make a huge profit on. It seems like Miranda has stung Del good and proper, but as usual, he has the last laugh when he informs her that she's actually selling stolen property.

8 Dec 83 May the Force Be with You

Del Boy's arch-enemy from school turns up in Peckham, but this time he's known as Detective Inspector Slater from the Met Police. Having known Del and his wily ways since they were at school together, Slater knows exactly who to watch when he's on the trail of some stolen microwaves.

Hapless Rodney has no idea who Slater is when he gets chatting to him in The Nags Head. It's only when he sees the horror on Del's face, after bringing Slater back to the flat for a reunion meal, that Rodney realises something is wrong. Despite Rodney's best efforts, the game appears to be up - one of the microwaves in question is sitting on the sideboard in full view of everybody. Slater immediately begins to question Del, and after threatening Rodney with fictitious drug charges, he forces Del to turn snitch. Much against his better judgement, Del decides to protect his

little brother and spills the beans, but only after bartering for immunity for the whole Trotter family.

15 Dec 83 Wanted

When Rodney helps a drunken woman on the street, he is stunned when she looks petrified, accuses him of man-handling her, and promptly cries "rape!" Without thinking straight, and fearing the consequences, Rodders decides to leg it. Del hears about the escapade and realises his naïve Little Bruv must have encountered Blossom, a psychologically unhinged woman who is allowed out in public on weekend breaks. Not wanting to prey on Rodney's nervous disposition, Del naturally does the humane thing and concocts a story about the police conducting a search for 'The Peckham Pouncer'. It's not long before Rodney disappears, believing he's a fugitive wanted for the worst of reasons. Regretting what he's done, Del Boy goes in search of his brother, and it's not long before the scent of 'funny fags' from the air vents of Mandela House leads him to Rodney's hiding place - in the water tank room of the same building.

22 Dec 83 Who's a Pretty Boy?

Del concocts a plan to get revenge on Brendan O'Shaughnessy for supplying him with apple white paint that was actually battleship grey. Having learnt that the Irishman is painting Denzil's flat for £200, Del begins to lie about Brendan's reputation for drunken debauchery, and persuades Denzil that he and Rodney can do the job for a lot cheaper. Unsure about Del's motives, but keen on the saving, Denzil agrees, despite the suspicion on his wife Corrine, who is wise to Del from the very start.

The Trotters' begin the job the next day, but problems arise when Rodney leaves a kettle on the boil and steams the whole apartment. As well as forking out for a new kettle, the Trotter's realise that Corrine's pet canary is dead - seemingly killed by the fumes from the paint. Grandad is despatched to find a replacement canary, and having forked out £45 for a substitute bird, he seems to have found the ideal candidate. It's only when Corrine returns home that their scam is revealed - when she left that morning the canary was dead.

The Trotters are promptly out on their ears, so they reconvene in The Nags Head, where they drown their sorrows whilst Brendan gloats over them about winning the job back. Little does he know that Del has one last trick left up his sleeve.

Special - 25 Dec 84 Thicker Than Water

Reg Trotter, absentee father to Del and Rodney, unexpectedly arrives to celebrate Christmas with his boys. Reg explains that he has been living in Newcastle, and after a visit from the infirmary, was diagnosed with hereditary blood disorder. Scared for their well-being, he decided to tell his two sons. However, several tests later, Reg is given the all clear but it seems Del Boy and Rodders have different blood types. It would seem the wayward father has some explaining to do.

Reg explains that he frequently argued with their mother before they split. She had several dalliances with other men, and Del is the mystery child. Fortunately a visit to the family quack gives him news to put the smile back on his face.

Season 4

21 Feb 85 Happy Returns

Derek stops a young boy, Jason, from running into the road, and strikes up a friendship with the lad. It's not long before Del discovers that Jason's mother, June, is an old flame who he last saw around nineteen years ago. While Del and June rekindle their romance, Rodders is dating a lovely girl from the newsagent called Debby - a fact that is seriously curtailing his dirty magazine fetish. It soon transpires that Debby is June's daughter, and it's almost her 19th birthday. Del and Rodney soon put two and two together, and decide that Debby may well be Del's daughter. It gets worse when Rodney realises that he has fallen for a girl who could be his niece.

Everything comes to a head when Del finally confronts June to find out whether Debby is his daughter or not. It turns out that Debby was actually fathered by his friend Albie Littlewood, who tragically died in a cycling accident whilst he was seeing June behind Del's back.

28 Feb 85 Strained Relations

While the Trotter brothers try to cope with their Grandad's unexpected death, his funeral provides a surprise addition to their flat in Mandela House. Among the mourners - who have come from as far away as North London - are Del's cousins Jean and Stan, and they're accompanied by Grandad Trotter's brother, Uncle Albert.

During the wake at the flat, Rodney seems disturbed by the jovial behaviour and good humour of the mourners. To distract himself he listens to salty old sea dog Albert's stories of his exploits in the Navy. As the wake comes to an end, it appears that Jean and Stan have neglected to take Albert home with them to North London, so Del decides to let him stay the night. The next day it appears that Jean and Stan have gone for good and want nothing

to do with Albert. Despite feeling sorry for the old man, Del is reluctant to let him stay and ships Albert off to the Seaman's Mission. It's not long before Albert returns to the flat, as the Seaman's mission has been razed to the ground. So Del reluctantly lets the old boy move in, and a new era begins for the Trotters.

7 Mar 85 Hole in One

The Trotter's have fallen on hard times, largely due to Rodney's £500 investment in suntan lotion during one of the worst winters ever seen. To make things worse, the deep-fat fryer they sold to Mike, landlord of The Nag's Head, is on the blink and the tension brings Del and Rodney to boiling point. But throughout all this trouble, Uncle Albert, who Rodders blames for their bad luck, keeps telling them that something will turn up. As Albert leaves the pub, he accidentally falls through an open cellar door, and the Trotters' quickly come up with a way to get some cash - by suing the pub for damages.

Albert's accident claim finally makes it to court, but to the shock of Del and Rodney, it appears that their Uncle has already sought 15 identical damages claims going back to 1944. Their case gets chucked out of court, and Albert admits he was using some of the tricks he learnt as a stuntman to try and help Del and Rodney pay for Grandad's headstone.

14 Mar 85 It's Only Rock and Roll

Rodney has joined a new band, and Del immediately capitalises on this by booking them into The Shamrock Club to play for the St Patrick's night festivities. Taking his place as the band's manager, Del winces his way through their rehearsals, and when the Shamrock gig results in a

fight, the band are forced to leg it, leaving the instruments behind them. When Rodney finds out the musical equipment has vanished, he contacts the police and helps them with their enquiries. When he sees Rodney with the constable, he quickly distracts the officer and pulls Rodney aside. It turns out that Del had the instruments on sale or return, and he'd taken them back because their band was so bad. Rodney's dreams of showbiz fame have been shattered, but he goes ballistic when he sees his group performing their old hit single on Top of the Pops and realises that without Del's interference he might have made it to number one.

21 Mar 85 Sleeping Dogs Lie

In an attempt to earn an easy £60 a week, Del persuades Boycie and Marlene to entrust him with the care of their Great Dane puppy, Duke, while they are away on holiday. Whilst out on a walk, Rodney notices that the dog is a bit sluggish, and they decide to take it to the vets. Del and Rodney think that the dog may have eaten some reheated pork leftovers for breakfast, and the vet quickly informs them that Duke has probably caught Salmonella. It's only when they get home that they realise Albert has eaten the other half of the pork, and they quickly rush him to hospital. When Albert's gets discharged from hospital a few days later, with a clean bill of health, Del boy discovers that Rodney has been giving Albert's sleeping pills to Duke, and the dog's vitamin supplements to Albert.

28 Mar 85 Watching the Girls Go By

Rodney is taking some stick from the lads down the pub about his 'imaginary' girlfriend, and Mickey Pearce bets him fifty that he won't bring a girl to the Saturday night

bash in The Nag's Head. When Rodney admits to Del that he was lying about the girl he's going to bring on Saturday night, his big brother sets about trying to get him a date. On the Friday night, the two brothers head out clubbing, and despite trying almost every club in London, they end up in a seedy little bar in search of a date for Rodney. As luck would have it, Del boy spots Yvonne, an old flame who he knows isn't too picky who she goes out with, and he offers to pay her part of the winnings from Rodney's bet if she'll escort his little bruv the following night. When Rodney gets home from The Nag's Head on Saturday night he's in tears. Apparently, the date went well, until halfway through the evening when Yvonne takes centre stage in the pub and begins her act as a stripper - in front of all of Rodney's mates. Del boy tries to console Rodders with the thought of his £50 winnings, but it turns out the bet was for fifty pence, not pounds.

4 Apr 85 As One Door Closes

The trouble starts when Del agrees to provide painter and decorator Brendan O'Shaughnessy with enough louver doors to refit an entire housing estate in Nunhead. Del's supplier, Teddy Cummings, only stocks and supplies in bulk, so it's up to the Trotters to find two grand by the next day or there's no chance of getting the doors. As usual, a solution turns up in the form of Denzil's redundancy money, which they somehow convince him to part with, only to be told by O'Shaughnessy that the doors he's bought aren't needed. And to make things worse, the doors turn out to be stolen. It's not long before Denzil and his five brothers come looking for their money, so with nowhere else to go, the Trotters visit their mother's grave - a favourite refuge for Del in times of trouble.

At their mother's graveside, Rodney notices a rare butterfly from the cover of his magazine, that's worth about £3,000 to collectors. After chasing the butterfly around the churchyard, the park and the boating lake, they finally capture it, only for Denzil to wander past and squash it.

Special - 25 Dec 85 To Hull and Back

Boycie and Abdul pitch a diamond scam to Del Boy, who immediately turns them down. That is until they offer him a £15,000 cut of the estimated £150,000 sale of the stone on the UK market. Del finds himself designated as the courier between Holland and Britain.

No sooner has Del enlisted a reluctant Rodders, he hears his old foil Chief Inspector Slater is eyeing Boycie and Abdul as drug dealers. Del decides to hide undetected in the back of Denzil's van. Denzil then getting in and driving them to Hull (pursued by Rodney) was not part of the plan. Thinking quickly, they hire a boat, and let Uncle Albert guide them to Amsterdam. Overcoming counterfeit cash, Albert's amnesia, it's only the arrival of Slater that scuppers them. Despite this, it's Del who has the last laugh.

Season 5

31 Aug 86 From Prussia with Love

It's closing time at The Nag's Head, and Mike the landlord is having problems clearing everyone out, particularly a young pregnant foreign girl who doesn't seem to speak Peckham English. Del and Rodney offer to help, and despite Del Boy's dodgy French, they work out that Anna is from Germany, and she's been chucked out on the street and was considering getting her child adopted. They leave Rodney to take Anna to a hotel, but he ends up bringing her back to the flat, where she explains that,

Spencer, the son of the family she was working for as an au pair got her pregnant and then denied it all. After fuming about Rodney bringing another 'waif and stray' home, Del Boy considers what can be done with Anna's unwanted baby - and the first person he thinks of is Boycie. For year's Marlene and Boycie have been trying for a child, with no success, and now for a mere three grand, Del is offering them the chance to have their very own baby boy. The stress is clearly getting to Anna, and she begins to go into labour. Later on Del, Boycie and Marlene all gather round in the lounge waiting for Anna and Rodney return from hospital. All is well until Rodney lets Del Boy know that the Anna's baby is a girl... and that Spencer's parents were actually West Indian!

7 Sep 86 The Miracle of Peckham

Feeling guilty about his dodgy lifestyle, Del has a rare religious urge and heads to the confession booth of his local Catholic church to speak with Father O'Keith. Whilst chatting with Father O'Keith, Del discovers that the local hospice, St Mary's, requires a £185,000 renovation or it will soon close. And as Derek and Rodney's mother and grandad were both cared for there, the older Trotter takes the charitable cause to his heart. After his confession, Del is about to put some money into the Collection box when Father O'Keith cries out that the statue of the Virgin Mary is weeping holy tears. Within a couple of seconds, Del has persuaded the priest that this miracle needs publicising - something that could go a long way towards raising funds for St Mary's renovations. Father O'Keith reluctantly agrees, and Del gets Rodney to alert the national press. As press arrives from all over the world, Del helps Father O'Keith collect the contributions from all those who wish to

witness the miracle of the weeping virgin. It's only when the priest notices rain dripping from the roof of the church that Del Boy's elaborate hoax is exposed.

14 Sep 86 The Longest Night

Del, Rodney, and Albert are mistakenly apprehended as shoplifters by an overzealous security guard at the Top Buy Supermarket. And things get worse when they're taken to the manager's office and realise that they've lost their receipt for the goods. Shortly after, Tom the security guard brings a cocky shoplifter, Lennox Gilbey, into the manager's office, where he promptly pulls out a gun and demands money from the safe. Unluckily for Lennox the safe is on a time-lock and due to the dodgy watch he's wearing, he's 15 minutes later than he planned - and the safe doesn't open until 8am the next morning. After being held hostage throughout the night, Del realises that he sold the dodgy watch to Lennox, and that he also knew him as a kid. By preying on his guilty conscience, Del persuades Lennox to reveal that the plan was hatched by Tom and the supermarket manager to get at the £60,000 stored in the safe. The three accomplices beg Del not to go to the police, and instead, he arranges for Lennox to get a job as security guard at the supermarket after Tom's retirement, and then makes sure he wins a £1,000 prize as the millionth customer in the store.

21 Sep 86 Tea for Three

Trigger's young niece, Lisa, is staying with him for a while, and the scruffy young girl that Del and Rodney remember has now become a stunning 25 year-old woman. Both Trotter brothers think they are in with a chance, and immediately begin competing for Lisa's affections. Despite

almost coming to blows, Del and Rodney manage to invite Lisa round to the flat for tea, and she seems more than happy to accept. In preparation for their date with Lisa, Del goes out to get some more 'Smash' and Rodney spends half-an-hour on the sunbed. Just before Del leaves for the shops, he notices Rodney has dozed off and whacks up the heat on the bed. Much to Rodney's annoyance, he spends most of the evening nursing his bright red face, which has burnt under the ultra-violet rays, whilst Del and Lisa seem to be getting on really well. To get his revenge, Rodders picks up on the fact that Lisa mentions she was going hang-gliding, and as a surprise for his 46th birthday, he arranges for Del to have a go. After offering to give her a lift back home to Winchester, Del and Rodney head off to meet Lisa's friends for a spot of hang-gliding. Not wanting to lose face, Del reluctantly agrees to try it out, and after launching himself into the air, he disappears for over 12 hours. It's only later, after finding out Lisa is engaged to be married, that Del Boy is brought back from hospital after crashing into a television transmitter in Redhill.

28 Sep 86 Video Nasty

Rodney's Art Class is given a £10,000 grant to make a film spotlighting the local community, but first he has to avoid the scheming intentions of Mickey Pearce and Del Boy. Whilst Rodders suffers from writer's block, Del provides him with inspiration and a tale of a killer Rhino escaping from London Zoo and laying waste to innocent victims on the streets of the city. Rodney immediately points out the flaws in the logic behind the plot, and Del leaves him to it. But without telling Rodney, Del has already arranged for Mickey to head down to the town hall to film different couples' weddings at £50 a time - and he has also

managed to persuade half the neighbourhood to pay £10 for the opportunity of becoming an movie extra.

To make things worse, Mickey arranges for the lovely Amanda to pop round the Trotters' flat in her nurse's uniform and begin filming a 'blue movie' called Night Nurse, which is due for its premiere in the back room of The Nag's Head.

5 Oct 86 Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?

Del's old business partner from the 1960s, Jumbo Mills, returns to the UK shores to strike a deal with Boycie, and ends up rubbing everyone up the wrong way in The Nag's Head. Jumbo has made himself rich Down Under, after leaving rainy London for Australia with Del Boy's last £200. In an attempt to pay back this debt 'with interest', Jumbo asks Del to become the new face of his new import business - but it means a move to Australia for the Trotter family. After making sure Rodney and Albert have a place in Oz, Del Boy agrees to join Jumbo's firm, but things don't go as smoothly as that. Tired of wandering the globe, Albert decides he wants to end his days in Peckham, and it looks like Rodney's criminal record has put paid to his dream trip. Regardless of this, Del still seems keen to go, but when he picks up the phone to confirm the plan to Jumbo, he politely turns him down - reluctantly admitting that blood is thicker than water.

Special - 25 Dec 86 A Royal Flush

Rodney meets Vicky, a seemingly impoverished artist who it transpires is the daughter of the Duke of Maylebury. Having obtained a pair of tickets to the sold-out production of Carmen, Rodders seems to have deeply impressed Vicky. She is less taken by the presence of Del and his peroxide blonde dolly bird. Especially when they open the

crisps. Vicky then invites Rodney to a party at the Duke's country home, and it seems romance may be on the cards. Then Del Boy turns up, hits the vino-plonko and ruins everything for his little brother.

25 Dec 87 The Frog's Legacy

Trotters Independent Trading is causing mayhem with their faulty RAJAH computers. Rodders gets a new job at a funeral directors, while Albert and Del hit the health market with their miracle cure body massagers. At the wedding of Trigger's niece, the Trotters hear the tale of Freddy the Frog, a bank robber and close friend of the boys' mother. He left everything in his will to their mum, including missing gold bullion. While Del hunts for treasure, Rodney puzzles over Freddy and his mother's 'friendship' - and a son who would by now be his own age.

25 Dec 88 Dates

Uncle Albert's birthday looms on the horizon, and Del Boy books The Nag's Head for private drinks and a party. Trigger surprises everyone by inviting a date he met through an agency. This arouses Del's curiosity and soon he too has a date from the match-making company. Rodney takes the initiative by going for the 'James Dean' look, though this ends in disaster due to an encounter with some punks. Things look rosy for Del though. His date with Raquel Turner (unemployed actress) goes swimmingly... until it turns out she is works as a strippergram twice a week. Despite a small run in with the police, love conquers all in the end

Season 6

8 Jan 89 Yuppy Love

Del has just seen the film Wall Street and decided the upwardly-mobile lifestyle is for him. The camel-hair coat is out, and in comes a smart new image. Green mackintosh, mobile phone, aluminium briefcase, but the yellow van remains. Del even wants to buy the flat off the council and sell it for a fast buck. Rodney, meanwhile, has decided to complete a computing diploma course at the Adult Education Centre. It's there that he meets a beautiful posh sort called Cassandra, who learns his name from the tag Del stitched into his raincoat (for a giggle).

Del and Trig ditch The Nags Head in favour of propping up a wine bar. The rest is comedy gold. Rodney and the boys head to a club, where Rodders amazes the others by dancing with Cassandra.

15 Jan 89 Danger UXD

Del continues to pursue the Yuppy lifestyle, and insists that Rodney follows suit by wearing... a suit. He convinces his young bruv that it will help him shift 50 video recorders he got off of Ronnie Nelson at the Advanced Electronics Research and Development Centre. Ever the opportunist, Del helps Denzil out by taking 50 dolls off his hands. Unfortunately the Trotters discover too late that they are inflatable sex dolls, filled with explosive propane gas.

22 Jan 89 Chain Gang

Del strikes up a cushty deal with a retired jewellery dealer called Arnie. When a case of 18-carat gold chains is offered to him, Del agrees buy them to the tune of £12,500. Despite Rodney's objections, Derek ropes Mike, Boycie, Trigger, Albert and... Rodney into a consortium in which no-one can lose. A spanner is thrown into the works

when Arnie collapses at a business lunch, seemingly struck by a heart-attack. The ambulance whisks him away, with both the jewellery and twelve-and-a-half grand still on his person. Despite being dead, Rodney spots Arnie collapsing and being whisked away from another restaurant. They've been had, but no-one pulls a fast one quicker than the Trotters and revenge is the only dish on the menu at Arnie's next meal.

29 Jan 89 The Unlucky Winner Is...

Del has entered every competition on the market, trying to win as many freebies as possible. Rodney has unknowingly been entered for an art competition, and won it. It's only when he arrives at the 5 star hotel in Mallorca that he learns he was a schoolboy when he composed the winning painting, and has won the under-15 category. While Del and Cassie enjoy playing mum and dad, Rodders has to endure the Fun Bus, chaotic children, and becoming a lifelong member of The Groovy Gang. He has the last laugh, however, as Del's tinkering with his passport makes them ineligible to claim Rodney's winning ticket on the Spanish lottery.

5 Feb 89 Sickness & Wealth

Del is having stomach pains. It could be his new fast-paced Yuppy lifestyle, or it could be the eviction notice demanding three months worth of unpaid rent up front. TITCO hasn't been successful and the pressure's on to raise the cash. The solution presents itself in the shape of Uncle Albert's lady-friend Elsie Partridge, a medium who lives off payments for her amazing predictions. Del thinks it's a load of mumbo-jumbo, but sets up a seance room in The Nags Head. Albert, worried for Del's health tells Elsie

to say his Mum has contacted her asking him to go the doctor. When Marlene falls pregnant, just as Elsie foresaw, Del takes heed and is prescribed with irritable bowel syndrome. When he gets home Rodney has another shock for him: He and Cassie are engaged.

12 Feb 89 Little Problems

Rodney's down in the dumps. Despite getting engaged, he thinks he's failed his Diploma in Computer Science, which could cost him a good job at Cassandra's father's company. On top of that, he can't come up with his share of the dosh for the new flat he and Cassandra plan to buy. His only relief is that the diploma arrives in the post. Del comes to the rescue, promising to call in all his favours to raise the money Rodney needs. Trouble is, the Driscoll brothers are calling in their debts, and those who can't pay get bruised. Managing to buy precious time, Del cons Boycie into paying for some dodgy video recorders and can cover the Trotter's debts. Meanwhile, Uncle Albert has Del sussed, and asks him how much Rodney's diploma cost. Not all goes to plan in the end, and Del fulfils the duties as a battered and bruised Best Man. After some words of Trotter wisdom, Rodders and Cassie journey to Rimini for their honeymoon.

Special - 25 Dec 89 The Jolly Boys' Outing

Cassandra organises a dinner party, inviting her 'yuppie' boss and his wife in the hope of getting a promotion. Del and Uncle Albert soon arrive to put their feet firmly in their mouths and ruin the chances of that. Despite it being Rodney and Cassandra's first wedding anniversary, Rodders agrees to go on the annual Jolly Boys Outing to Margate. The outing goes as well as can be expected considering the driver gets drunk, Rodney gets arrested,

and the radio bought from Trotters Independent Traders blows up the coach. Forced to stay the night by this twist of fate, Del encounters his lost love Raquel, who is now working as magician's assistant. As one Trotter rekindles his love life, the other returns to find Cassandra entertaining her boss at home. Punching first, and asking questions later, Rodney blows it. Again.

25 Dec 90 Rodney Come Home

Rodney seems to have it all, a beautiful wife, a cushy job at the father-in-law's printing company, and a lovely home. Del is very happy too, Raquel has agreed to live with him having returned from a theatre tour of America's east coast. All is not well between Rodney and Cassandra, however. Cassie has become a workaholic, and Rodney cannot understand why she wants to attend work functions instead of cooking his tea. Del, worried for his brother's happiness (and the loss of cheap printing perks through Rodney's job) plays cupid. Rodney consequently finds himself homeless for the third time in 18 months.

Season 7

30 Dec 90 The Sky's the Limit

By The Sky's The Limit Rodney was back living at the flat and boozing his sorrows away, while Del causes airport chaos when he tries to help Boycie with a replacement satellite dish, unknowingly disrupting Rodney's hopes of a reconciliation with Cassandra.

6 Jan 91 The Chance of a Lunchtime

Life was also about to change forever for Del Boy when Raquel drops a bombshell in The Chance of a Lunchtime. For most of the episode he's worrying about her leaving to

take a job on a theatre tour, but her decision becomes a simple one when she discovers she's pregnant. Rodney then drops his own bombshell by resigning from his job at Alan, his father in laws, printing works, after mistakenly thinking Alan wouldn't accept it.

13 Jan 91 Stage Fright

If Rodney Come Home was rather downbeat in tempo then Stage Fright can only really be described as full-speed Only Fools at its very best. It's a classic John Sullivan script with the sort of twist that makes the show stand out of from the rest. Del turns impresario when he hires singing dustman Tony Angelino - a bravado performance by Philip Pope - to sing at a birthday party and everything goes fine until Del decides to play around with Tony's usual repertoire, or rather his wepertoire. The climax of the episode was clearly as hilarious for the cast as well as the viewers, for if you look carefully, you can almost see them laughing.

20 Jan 91 The Class of '62

The Class of '62 saw the return of Slater, oily played by Jim Broadbent, one of the men considered for the part of Del back in 1981. Slater has been languishing in jail since To Hull and Back and it looks like he's turned over a new leaf. A classic ensemble episode, Trigger gets the best line. Misty eyed while recalling their school football team and talks about camaraderie. 'Was that the Italian boy?' wonders Trig.

27 Jan 91 He Ain't Heavy, He's My Uncle

Rodney's problems and Raquel's pregnancy are knocked down Del's worry list in He Ain't Heavy He's My Uncle

when Albert goes missing, following a mugging. Del feels responsible for Albert's disappearance after his attempt at motivating him goes terribly wrong.

3 Feb 91 Three Men, a Woman and a Baby

Now Del's Hooky Street goods rarely have quite the positive effect that his latest line has in Three Men, a Woman and a Baby. Yet his rat-tail wigs prove just the ticket for rekindling Rodney and Cassandra's love life, albeit in not quite the fashion they were designed.

Special - 24 Dec 91 Miami Twice (1) 25 Dec 91 Miami Twice (2)

At Damien Trotter's christening (much to Rodney's horror), Del strikes a cushdy deal with the Vicar to sell pre-blessed wine around the country. Rodney is living with Del and Albert on week days, and with Cassandra at weekends, on the advice of a Relate councillor. Del organises a 'two for one' holiday for the Trotter clan, knowing full well that Cassandra will not be able to make it. When the brothers arrive in Miami, the family of mafioso boss Vincenzo Ochetti spot Del - who bears a striking resemblance to their Don.

Soon realising they are not simply being shown American hospitality, Del and Rodney flee... aided and abetted by Boycie, Marlene and their baby Tyler who are also in the states. Upon a safe return to Peckham, they find dozens of crates of wine, which were deemed unfit for Holy Communion.

25 Dec 92 Mother Nature's Son

At Del and Rodney are strapped for Christmas cash. To make matters worse, while Cassandra finally has her promotion, Raquel is suffering from post-natal depression.

Rodney is concerned that Del has lost his drive. When confronted, Derek explains that on top of his woes, the council have approved his application to buy their flat in Nelson Mandela House, doubling the rent. On top of that, Grandad's allotment has become a health hazard and he has to clear it. While clearing the allotment Del discovers several barrels of yellow liquid. Enlisting Trigger and Denzil, they are disposed of during the night. Finally spotting a gap in the market, Del decides to bottle tap water and sell it as Peckham Spring Water.

Back in the money both couples enjoy a romantic evening... until they see a news flash about a major water contamination, caused by Del's barrels.

25 Dec 93 Fatal Extraction

Raquel is worried that Santa will be too busy down the 121 Club getting drunk, to provide Damien with any presents. Rodney raises the problem with Del, who explains he is brokering a deal to get hold of some Russian ex-military Camcorders to make ends meet over Christmas. Rodney's marriage is going so well that they have decided to try to have a baby. So much so he's getting phone calls from Cassie at work, telling him to come home because she's the right temperature. Raquel leaves Del, staying at Rodney and Cassandra's place. Del does what any man would: Organises a date with Beverly, his dentist's receptionist. He cancels it as soon as he comes to his senses. A changed man, he invites Raquel back. After drunkenly starting a riot on the estate he sells the Russian gear to both the cops and the robbers. All seems calm, but Beverly seems to be stalking Del.

Season 8

25 Dec 96 Heroes and Villains

Rodney's fertility schedule is wearing him down. Such is Cassandra's need to have a baby, he buys her a rabbit, Roger, to care for until a little one arrives. Del has a shipment of Latvian alarm clocks he can't shift and his home improvement grant has been rejected. It's Rodders' birthday, and Del buys him a cheap gold bracelet inscribed 'Rooney'. Finding themselves on a rare boys night out, they dress up as Batman and Robin for a fancy dress party held for a local publican. En route, they prevent Councillor Murray from being mugged. They arrive at the party, to discover it's actually a wake, and that 'fancy dress' meant 'dress well'. The following day Del is awarded a bravery medal for tackling another mugger, and Cassandra has good news: She's pregnant.

27 Dec 96 Modern Men

Del is reading a book called 'Modern Man'. Despite being convinced he is the dictionary definition of debonair masculinity, the book is making him behave irrationally and rashly. Rodney is concerned about this. Cassandra is expecting, and he wants more responsibility and a better job to provide for his family. He unwittingly replies for a job advertisement, posted by Del to alleviate Rodney's workload. Del, meanwhile, has decided to take his manhood into his own hands and get a vasectomy. Doctor Singh is hounding him regarding dodgy paint, and the nightmare of him getting revenge on Del's crown jewels puts him off the idea. Cassandra is rushed into hospital, suffering a miscarriage. Rodney breaks down, and it's Del who tells him he has to be strong for his wife. Del then blubs his eyes out, as Rodney supports his wife.

29 Dec 96 Time on Our Hands

Rodney is bottling his emotions following the loss of his baby. Del, realising Cassandra needs his support, wants to help Rodney adjust. Raquel's estranged parents arrive for a meal, and to meet their daughter's new man. He does little to impress, and Uncle Albert mixes the coffee with the gravy by accident. The next day, Raquel's father meets Rodney and Del as they clear their garage. Being an antiques dealer, he spots a long-lost 18th Century Harrison marine watch, which he recommends getting valued. When the watch is sold for auction at Sotherby's, the highest bid is for £6.2 million pounds. After 16 years of poverty the Trotters finally make it rich!

Season 9

25 Dec 01 If They Could See Us Now...!

The Trotters lose their riches in a bad investment in the Central American Markets, and are declared bankrupt. They return to Peckham, and their Mandela House flat. Cassandra and Rodney are finding their love life is a little flat, so they spice it up by role playing their fantasies. Cassie becomes Rodney's police woman, and Rodney doesn't quite look right as Gladiator. Del appears on the game show 'Goldrush' in a last ditch attempt to win their fortune back. Despite a phone call saying Del won a badly written final question, Del tells Mickey Pearce to stick his so-called 'fifty grand'.

25 Dec 02 Strangers on the Shore

Derek and Rodney embark on a trip to France, agreeing to visit Uncle Albert's Navy memorial ceremony in his honour. Upon their arrival at the village, they learn that Uncle Albert was hounded out of the country by the

Resistance, due to his randy ways. Del and Rodney notice all the villagers seem to have mariner's beards. Coincidence? Del, Boycie, Trigg, and Denzil pre-arranged a dodgy booze scam at Duty Free using Denzil's empty van... much to Rodney's annoyance. When they arrive they discover an illegal immigrant has seemingly stowed away in their van. Naming him Gary, they house him, only to find he has escaped. Sadly the connection between Boycie's important business deal with a millionaire, and his missing son, isn't made. They wind up in Les Nick, arrested as The Gary Gang!

25 Dec 03 Sleepless in Peckham

Del Boy and Rodders return to our screens, this Christmas, in the third of three specials written by John Sullivan. The Trotters have had a turbulent couple of years. After becoming millionaires in 1996, they burst back on the box, after a five year gap, for viewers to realise they had lost the money. The high life in Monte Carlo was replaced by the low life in Peckham as they found themselves owing a large amount of money to the Inland Revenue. Del Boy even tried to win the money they owed by appearing as a contestant on a television quiz show - but Rodders two GCE's were of no help and they went home empty handed. Rodney and Cassandra had tried to inject some fun into their relationship, with a little help from some fancy dress costumes. Unfortunately for them Del caught them as 'Gladiator' Rodney and 'Police Woman' Cassandra hotting things up in the flat. The second episode took the Trotters on a trip to France where they ended up bringing back more than the booze they bargained for. They inadvertently smuggled an unwilling illegal immigrant. In Sleepless In Peckham, the third and final instalment, Del Boy and family have only two weeks

to find the cash to pay the Inland Revenue, or they will be evicted from their home in Nelson Mandela House. After 22 years in the flat, it could be goodbye, something Del and Rodney are determined will not happen. Meanwhile Trigger has become fascinated by science fiction and is enthralled by programmes such as The X-Files, which leads to some bizarre moments from him - who it could be said lives on a planet all of his own anyway.

DEL BOY'S LINGO - ITS CUSHTY!!!

An eBook on Only Fools and Horses would not be complete without without some of Del's classic phrases.....See how many you remember!!

General Lingo

cop - to receive something, or a police officer.

cosmic -outstanding; exceptional

cushty - great; brilliant

dipstick - a fool

el-bow - also 'the Spanish fiddler', to end a relationship

enemy - wife, missus

Gandhi's revenge - a dodgy stomach

heave-ho - another way of saying 'el-bow'

hump - to be annoyed

humpty-dumpty - to perform sexual relations

jacksie - the posterior

jaffa - to be 'seedless' as in infertile, one who 'fires blanks'

lovely jubbly - brilliant, great, cushy

mutton - deaf, hard of hearing

noofer - a gay man

plonker - an idiot

pukka - great, perfect
ruby - Indian takeaway cuisine
schtum - to keep quiet, keep a secret
sort - a woman, or bird
stoke on trent - a gay man
stone me - an exclamation of anguish
stuke - a difficult situation
this immortal curl - the world
triffic - great, wonderful
twonk - a plonker or dipstick
wally - a twonk, a plonker, or a dipstick

Money Lingo

boracic or brassic - lacking in funds, skint
century - £100
douce in bunce - £200
earner - as in a "nice little ...", a profitable business transaction
grand - £1000
kosher readies - unlaundered money
monkey - £500
pony - £25
potless - to be skint
score - £20

Foreign Lingo

adegos - Del's effort at adios. Spanish for goodbye.
a fait acopian - Del's French for "don't upset yourself".
Ajax - an expression of greeting usually to someone from the Netherlands.
al dente! - Spanish for "there you go!"
allemagne dix points - phrase similar to "such is life", possibly Del picked this up from European Song Contest.
apres moi la deluge - French meaning, "when I'm dead, all others may die too".

argent comptant - French from Cannes meaning, "brill".

au contraire - French for "hang on a minute"

au revoir - French for "hello".

au fait - Del likes using this but pronounces it "oh fate".

bain marie - no problem.

boeuf a la mode - phrase similar to "you win some and lose some"

bonjour - French for "goodbye!"

bonnet de douche - French and impressive.

bonetti bonetti - Del's best Italian.

bon appetit - French for "I hope you choke on the potatoes"

catalogue raisonne - Hold on, as they say in Beritz.

Chateauneuf du Pape! - Reserved for an explosive situation.

chasse de forme - meaning, "the diamonds are good" in French.

conseil d'etat - He helps me, I help him as they say in Grenobles.

creme de la menthe - French for the "very best"

di stefano - Italian for "well done".

Don Ochetti - Del used this as a greeting, until he realised it was the name of a Mafia boss.

fabrique belgique - I agree or approve in Belgium.

fromage frais! - Like Eureka! (when the penny has dropped)

je suis je reste - superb according to Del.

joie de vivre! - an exclamation that impresses or French for putting a bit of life back into your own life.

Juan - the name of all Spanish waiters.

mais oui - no problem, my pleasure.

mange tout- my pleasure, variation like above.

menage a trois - an exclamation of surprise.

Miguel - Del's name for all Portuguese barmen.

münchengladbach - German for "hello".

Moet Champagne- The only champagne Del knows, and pronounces like poet champers.

moi - French and classy way of saying "me".

Mon dieu!- exclamation implying, "you idiot".

oeuf sur la plat - French for "it's clear cut".

oh mai oui, mon pleasure - French, sophisticated Del.

Pas de Calais - approving or divine.

Pate foie gras - French for liver sausage, goes well with Moet Champers.

Pot Pourri! - French for "I don't believe it!"

plume de ma tante - expression of exasperation like "Gordon Bennett".

polizia - Del can say police in more than one language.

puscas puscas - approval, it's alright in Spanish.

rein a dire, rein a faire - Perplexing French Del picked up from Lordes.

raisse de chassie - more French Del picked up from Dieppe.

Revenons a nos moutonst - apparently a quote from the guv'nor of Bastille. French for 'I've got to do something quick.'

servir frais mois non glace - French for "it could of been on the top floor".

si danke schon, bonjour - proves how multi-lingual Del is (Spanish, German and French)

tel aviv - Del reckons the French use this for "you can never tell".

tete de veau- Del reckons the French use this for "every ones a winner".

tete-a-tete - A head to head meeting with drug barons.

tres bien ensemble - French for possessing a sense of occasion.

Vive la France- it's what you say with respect to the American national anthem.

tres bien ensemble - French for possessing a sense of occasion.

Voila! - The French say it after T-cutting a square inch of the Capri Ghia, it's a way of encouraging Rodney to finish the rest of the car off.

SONG LYRICS



Stick a pony in me pocket,
I'll fetch the suitcase from the van,
Cos if you want the best 'uns,
But you don't ask questions,
Then brother, I'm your man.
'Cos where it all comes from is a mystery,
It's like the changin' of the seasons,
And the tides of the sea.
But here's the one that's drivin' me beserk,
Why do only fools and horses work?
La-lala-la-la la-lala-lala-la
La-lala-la-la la-lala-lala-la.

Closing lyrics:
We've got some half-price cracked ice
And miles and miles of carpet tiles,
TVs, deep freeze, and David Bowie LPs,
Ball games, gold chains, whassa-names, and
at a push,
Some Trevor Francis track suits from a mush
in Shepherds Bush,
Bush, bush, bush, bush, bush, bush....
No income tax, no V.A.T.
No money back, no guarantee,
Black or white, rich or broke,
We'll cut prices at a stroke.
God bless Hooky Street,
Viva Hooky Street,
Long live Hooky Street,
C'est magnifique, Hooky Street,
Magnifique, Hooky Street,
Hooky Street — Hooky Street — Hooky
Street.