
Peep Show

Posted by Crusoe - 09-05-2008 18:33

Oh good god this is painful. The craven surrender to the burglar, Mark's usual horrendous form. I don't know why I keep watching, my skin crawls as much as I'm laughing.

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Re:Peep Show

Posted by twohundredpercent - 09-05-2008 19:22

Was it on earlier this evening?

I thought it was on at about 10, for some reason.

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Re:Peep Show

Posted by hissing fauna - 09-05-2008 19:40

"hate sponge" was my favourite Mark-ism from this series' first episode.

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Re:Peep Show

Posted by Crusoe - 09-05-2008 20:00

Sorry 200, I had last week's recorded and was just watching it.

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Re:Peep Show

Posted by twohundredpercent - 09-05-2008 20:29

Ah, cheers.

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Re:Peep Show

Posted by King Mob - 09-05-2008 20:41

I thought last week's episode (the one Crusoe has just watched) struggled with a slow start (tying up the loose ends of the first series) but worked its way to quite a head of steam.

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Re:Peep Show

Posted by twohundredpercent - 09-05-2008 22:03

Oh, Jesus. That second episode almost gave me a turn.

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Re:Peep Show

Posted by Crusoe - 09-05-2008 22:47

that was even more painful than the first

"let me chew on your weird hair" indeed

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Re:Peep Show

Posted by King Mob - 10-05-2008 13:44

Even better than that, this episode contained possibly the most hilarious moment of any Peep Show - a mug emblazoned simply with repetitive instances of the word 'Harpenden'.

Comedy beyond genius.

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Re:Peep Show

Posted by dogbeak - 10-05-2008 13:52

i'm amazed they keep on managing to crank up the discomfort as they keep going; all the "sucking off" last night, the spattered pants, sophie's dad outside the club.

the funniest programme around at the moment.

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Re:Peep Show

Posted by Wyatt Earp - 10-05-2008 14:02

Hmm. Hmm.

Look. The glory of the early series of Peep Show was the comic insight that if you could see into our thoughts, we'd all come across as utter weirdos. Which we would.

I think that's watered down, a lot, if the people concerned are evidently, in plain sight, utter weirdos in the first place. And that's what Mark and Jeremy have become.

It's still a funny show, but it's less true. Less Peep Show than Freak Show, you might say, if you were seduced by the desire for a glib payoff line, like.

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Re:Peep Show

Posted by EIM - 10-05-2008 18:58

if you were seduced by the desire for a glib payoff line, like

I was seduced. And now I feel all dirty and wanton.

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Re:Peep Show

Posted by The Horse - 12-05-2008 09:33

That original insight seems to me like a discovery that can't be re-made an infinite number of times, Wyatt. So this is a natural progression.

Having said that, what I like about this series so far so much is that it's gone back to the old school in terms of the plotting and characters (ie fewer distracting not-Mark-or-Jeremy characters, whole episodes confined to the flat/Mark's office etc).

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Re:Peep Show

Posted by King Mob - 12-05-2008 09:43

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Do you mean in the 'plain sight' of the viewer, or of other characters? What exactly makes Mark and Jeremy 'utter weirdos' in plain sight?

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Re:Peep Show

Posted by robw - 12-05-2008 09:53

I'm so glad this series has returned to form given that the last one was a little disappointing.

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Re:Peep Show

Posted by dogbeak - 12-05-2008 10:17

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sadly, i still see things happening in the show that get me worrying "fucking hell, i could be that idiot..."

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Re:Peep Show

Posted by Wyatt Earp - 12-05-2008 10:23

The Horse wrote:

That original insight seems to me like a discovery that can't be re-made an infinite number of times, Wyatt. That's a good point.

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Re:Peep Show

Posted by Wyatt Earp - 12-05-2008 10:24

King Mob wrote:

What exactly makes Mark and Jeremy 'utter weirdos' in plain sight? Apart from deliberately pissing yourself at your wedding, and that sort of thing?

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Re:Peep Show

Posted by Auntie Beryl - 13-05-2008 20:44

I thought the last series tended towards high farce a bit too readily - I've seen it written elsewhere that "cooking the dog" could be the PS equivalent of "jumping the shark" and I sympathise with that point of view - the sports centre episode also fell prey to the same tendency.

On current evidence, this time around they've kept the premises a bit more faithful to the early series. The situation is back to the two principle characters stuck with each other with no realistic means of escape.

And being from Harpenden, the mug moment I found hilarious.

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Re:Peep Show

Posted by J1s - 13-05-2008 21:01

One slightly disappointing aspect of the second episode was the Barney character. He was so obviously originally written as Sophie's brother from S4 but, as the actor who plays him is now an aspiring indie star (he's the singer in Joe Lean & the Jing Jang Jong) and is presumably unavailable, they created a new, near-identical character. Still very funny though. How many other comedies could reference Ian McEwan and get away with it?

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Re:Peep Show

Posted by Spearmint Rhino - 14-05-2008 08:39

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Yeah, I thought that. There was no explanation as to why Sophie's dad would be ferrying his nephew around everywhere.

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Re:Peep Show

Posted by The Horse - 14-05-2008 09:38

As disappointments go that's a fairly minor one, I think.

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Re:Peep Show

Posted by Bill Poster - 14-05-2008 10:36

Yeah if it's major disappointments you're after, can I present Exhibit A - That Mitchell and Webb Look.

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Re:Peep Show

Posted by The Horse - 14-05-2008 11:07

Indeed. Series one: patchy but likeable. Series two: bafflingly awful.

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Re:Peep Show

Posted by Bill Poster - 14-05-2008 12:10

Horse - can I say how much you made the missus and I chuckle with your RT write-up of the F-Word last night? We've been taking the piss out of that dramatic recipe shtick of his for ages. Nail! Hammer! Head!... Done!

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Re:Peep Show

Posted by The Horse - 14-05-2008 12:16

Ha, yes of course you can! Thank you.

He kept doing it as well, didn't he? "Baste! . . . Roll! . . . Rest!"

I don't know about you but in our house we always say "Done . . . you cunt!" when he's finished. You can tell that's what he wants to say.

Re:Peep Show

Posted by Bill Poster - 14-05-2008 12:22

Ha!

No, I confess to being a tad cruder than that. So he's making love to his wife, well, you get the picture:

take wife! foreplay for 5 minutes! open legs! inert cock! Thrust! Ejaculate... done!

Re:Peep Show

Posted by Crusoe - 14-05-2008 12:27

Inert. Heh.

Re:Peep Show

Posted by Bill Poster - 14-05-2008 12:57

Ha. I'm gonna erm, leave it in there...

Re:Peep Show

Posted by Mr Kite - 17-05-2008 11:41

Anyone see last night's PS? I thought it was well written, as usual, but just not that funny. Ramping up the cringe factor seems to scale down the laugh factor to me.

Re:Peep Show

Posted by Spearmint Rhino - 19-05-2008 09:15

Aaahhh. Just watched it. Pain pain pain. And the bit with the £20 note and the internal monologue about 'Queenie' was brilliant.

Re:Peep Show

Posted by The Horse - 19-05-2008 09:21

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Re:Peep Show

Posted by Bill Poster - 23-05-2008 12:13

Well duh. See also The Office.

Doesn't make it any less watchable, in fact the reverse. It's very well written. It doesn't have to be laugh out loud. The pay-off of cheap one-liner gags can sink the writing in many a promising comedy. Yes I'm talking to you Lee Mack, Harry Enfield, Adrian Edmun... no, not Adrian Edmunson. His series has no redeeming features at all.

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Re:Peep Show

Posted by Crusoe - 23-05-2008 13:25

Adrian Edmondson hasn't done anything good since the last series of "Bottom".

(and I appreciate that there may be a large number of people who want to replace "since" with "including").

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Re:Peep Show

Posted by Spearmint Rhino - 25-05-2008 07:48

I didn't enjoy Friday's much.

Tessa Wyatt, who played Jeremy's mum, actually looked a lot more like she ought to have been Sophie's (i.e. Olivia Colman's) mum. Weird bit of casting, that.

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Re:Peep Show

Posted by Spearmint Rhino - 25-05-2008 08:07

Another thing that always puts me off Peep Show is when Super Hans is in it too much. He has a really pointy, sticky-out Adam's Apple that moves around when he talks, and it freaks me out. I have to defocus my eyes or glance to once side when he's on-screen.

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Re:Peep Show

Posted by hobbess - 25-05-2008 11:11

I just don't get this programme at all. I just find it all a bit, well irritating.
And now Olivia Coleman isn't in it there doesn't seem a lot of point in watching it. (I have a mad crush on her.)

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Re:Peep Show

Posted by Spearmint Rhino - 25-05-2008 11:24

Um, she's been in it a fair bit this series. (She wasn't in last Friday's, that's all.)

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Re:Peep Show

Posted by robw - 25-05-2008 11:29

Missed the middle of the last episode thanks to a phone call, but loved Jeremy's exclamation,

'20,000 pounds Mark. I'm going to be a millionaire!'

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Re:Peep Show

Posted by King On The Rye - 25-05-2008 11:47

I saw Olivia Coleman in the drycleaners on Saturday. She's dyed her hair platinum blonde. Don't know if that does it for you, Hobbes.

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Re:Peep Show

Posted by The Moral Animal - 25-05-2008 13:31

I'm just catching up with Friday's episode and before it gets worse, I just want to point out that the first 3 and a half minutes have been brilliant and nearly caused me to choke on a bit of celery.

And yes, Tessa Wyatt does look strangely like Olivia Colman. It's all in the mouth.

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Re:Peep Show

Posted by The Moral Animal - 25-05-2008 13:32

"Shit, it's Paddy Ashdown. It's Indiana Jones. It's Indiana Ashdown."

Haha.

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Re:Peep Show

Posted by The Moral Animal - 25-05-2008 13:54

Well, I actually thought that was one of the better episodes of this season.

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Re:Peep Show

Posted by King Mob - 25-05-2008 19:42

I actually thought that was one of the best episodes of any sitcom, ever. Absolutely sublime. And moreso, when you think that this is the fifth series. How many sitcoms can you think of where the fifth series was every bit as good as the first? Even Hi De Hi got ropey after five years.

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Re:Peep Show

Posted by The Horse - 27-05-2008 09:14

I can't say I called it as the first episode not written by Armstrong + Bain, but I did think there was something not quite right about it. A mix of safe stuff (Mark likes military history) and more extreme stuff (bum rape, you want to fuck my mum, more swearing generally). It did work, though.

(It was by Simon Blackwell, who worked with Armstrong on The Thick Of It and by day writes autocue gags for Have I Got News For You. I imagine Armstrong + Bain are busy with their forthcoming BBC1 sitcom - Blackwell's working on that as well.)

Re:Peep Show

Posted by Spearmint Rhino - 01-06-2008 11:38

Friday night's was a bit 'meh' as well. There was one moment that made me laugh out loud, but I can't remember what it was, so it didn't leave much of an impression.

Oh, I think it was the line about a red setter running after a tennis ball.

Re:Peep Show

Posted by J1s - 01-06-2008 16:34

Will we ever meet the oft-mentioned Pedge?

Re:Peep Show

Posted by King Mob - 02-06-2008 09:03

The funniest bit was the idea that only someone who's so drugged off their tits they drive to Wolverhampton shouting their own name out the window of the car would think of making a supergroup from members of Hard-Fi and The Kaiser Chiefs.

Re:Peep Show

Posted by The Horse - 02-06-2008 11:37

I liked Mark's dream of being alone with a load of sex therapists turning sour, but other than that, Worst Episode Ever. The manager woman just wasn't convincing.

Re:Peep Show

Posted by Harry Carpenter - 04-06-2008 11:15

"Sitting on a rock, wanking and crying" made me choke on a mouthful of coffee. The line itself is not stunning I suppose (and very Charlie Brooker) but it was all in the delivery.

Re:Peep Show

Posted by You Are The Ref - 04-06-2008 11:21

I thought the manager woman was good. She reminded me of Toni's music-biz type sister in the first ever episode: "It was my idea that we could sell Acid Jazz to the over-thirties"

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Re:Peep Show

Posted by Tubby Isaacs - 04-06-2008 11:30

go on, tell them about the time we met Mappin and Webb, YATR

Re:Peep Show

Posted by Spearmint Rhino - 07-06-2008 10:03

So, last night, then. Jeremy joins a cult, and Mark gets Sophie pregnant (or does he?). Quite an improvement on recent weeks, and the geeky dungeons & dragons stuff with Dobbie made me laugh.

Re:Peep Show

Posted by mafu - 07-06-2008 13:47

yeah, i thought that was a great episode. the series has been a bit patchy but the mark/sophie storyline has always been good and believable, so it was good to see that come back into it more. super hans smashing the telly was a joy, as was the roleplaying.

Re:Peep Show

Posted by Cavalry Trouser Tips - 07-06-2008 14:19

The wife and I laughed like loons at last night's episode. This really is the best comedy programme of the last 5 years.

The 'Beardhammer' bit was superb.

Re:Peep Show

Posted by Sempronio Carpentiere - 10-06-2008 19:40

If Mark's first chance to use his "bachelor condom" was with Sophie, do we presume it was unsafe sex with Jez's manager (though she seemed the type to carry her own protection)? Pertaining to that, what was used when Jez's half-sister raped him?

I probably liked the last episode the least of this series. I think Mark's romantic failures are becoming as genuinely frustrating and over-relied on for the comedy as Frasier Crane's.
