



TV PREVIEW

# After Life Season 3

+ discussion with Ricky Gervais, Penelope Wilton and Diane Morgan

*After Life*, the critically acclaimed comedy-drama created by and starring Ricky Gervais returns for its final series with six new episodes. Set in the small fictitious town of Tambury, the show follows Tony, a writer for the local newspaper whose life is upended after his wife dies from cancer. Whilst still struggling with immense grief for his wife, Tony starts to realise that making other people feel good is what can give him hope and a reason to live. After all, every end is a new beginning.

## Ricky Gervais

Considered one of the most influential British comedians since Charlie Chaplin, (he received the Charlie Chaplin Britannia Award for Excellence in Comedy 2016 BAFTA/LA) Ricky Gervais is the creator and star of *The Office*, *Extras*, *Derek*, and the critically acclaimed recent Netflix hit *After Life*.

Gervais has won countless awards, and has enjoyed huge critical success for the outstanding first two series of *After Life*, with the third due to launch on Netflix on 14 January 2022. His hit series *The Office* is the most successful British comedy of all time, shown in more than 90 countries with eight remakes.

Following the global success of his Netflix stand-up special *Humanity* – which was his first in 7 years – Gervais returned to stages once in again in 2019 with his latest stand-up show *SuperNature*. The tour included 15 nights at the prestigious London Palladium, two nights at Wembley Arena, as well as many sold out venues around the world.

Ricky has hosted the Golden Globes awards five times, in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2016 and 2020.

## Penelope Wilton

Dame Penelope Wilton DBE is one of the UK's most renowned stage and screen actors. Best known for her role in *Downton Abbey* as Isobel Crawley, she became a household name appearing alongside Richard Briers in the 1984 BBC sitcom *Ever Decreasing Circles*. Other TV credits include playing Homily in *The Borrowers* and Harriet Jones in *Doctor Who* and Anne in Ricky Gervais' *After Life*.

Penelope has had an extensive career on stage, receiving six Olivier Award nominations, and winning in 2015 for her performance in *Taken at Midnight*.

Her film appearances include *Calendar Girls*, *Shaun of the Dead*, Woody Allen's *Match Point*, *Pride & Prejudice*, *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*, *The History Boys*, and *Eternal Beauty*. She is currently filming *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*.

Wilton was appointed an OBE in the 2004 New Year Honours and was elevated to become a DBE in the 2016 Birthday Honours for services to drama.

## Diane Morgan

Diane is a BAFTA nominated actor, writer and director.

She writes, directs and stars in her own original comedy *Mandy*. The pilot aired in 2019 and following its success was subsequently commissioned for two full series and a Christmas Special, the second series is currently airing on BBC Two.

As an actor Diane is probably best known for her incarnation of professional dim-wit 'Philomena Cunk', who originated on *Charlie Brooker's Weekly Wipe*. Due of the overwhelming popularity of the character the BBC commissioned two comedy specials and a series fronted by Philomena; BAFTA nominated *Cunk on Shakespeare*, festive special *Cunk on Christmas* and 5-part series *Cunk on Britain*, all of which aired on BBC Two. She will be returning to our screens reprising the role of Cunk later this year with new series *Cunk on Earth* for BBC Two and Netflix.

Diane stars as regular roles in several hit comedy series including Ricky Gervais' *After Life* (Netflix); Sarah Kendall's *Frayed* (Sky/HBO Max); *Motherland* (BBC); *The Cockfields* series 1 (Gold) and *Rovers* (Sky). Other recent TV credits include comedy specials *Death to 2020* and *Death to 2021* starring alongside Hugh Grant, Samuel L Jackson, and Stockard Channing for Netflix and *Intelligence* for Sky. Diane is also due to feature in *Sandman* (Netflix) and *Inside No. 9* (BBC) both due to be released later this year.

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### AFTER LIFE (SEASON 3)

Written and Directed by: Ricky Gervais

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A Netflix series

Production Company: Derek Productions

Filmed with the support of: British Film Institute, British Film Commission,

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Created and Executive Produced by: Ricky Gervais

Production Manager: Alison Aird

Line Producer: Hussain Casey-Ahmed

Production Accountant: Daniel Rivett

Script Supervisor: Phillip Trow

First Assistant Director: Matthew Gallagher

Location Manager: Darren Pratt

Casting by: Tracey Gillham

Director of Photography: Martin Hawkins

A Camera Operator: Martin Hawkins

Editor: Mark Williams

Post-production Supervisor: Charlotte Dean

Visual Effects: JAMVFX

Production Designer: Richard Drew

Art Director: Jo White

Property Master: Craig Cheeseman

Costume Designer: Lindsey McClean

Hair & Make-up Designer: Roo Maurice

Original Music Composed by: Andy Burrows

Sound Recordist: Caroline Singh

Boom Operators: Laura Fairbanks, Stephen Lee

Dubbing Mixer: Glenn Calder

Sound Effects Editors: Jack Gillies, Daniel Batt

Dialogue Editor: Steve Berezai

Stunt Co-ordinator: Ray De-Haan

Animal Handler: Stuntdogs & Animals Ltd

Filmed at: Troubadour Theatre Wembley

Covid Supervisor: Simon Marriott

### Cast

Ricky Gervais (*Tony*)

Tom Basden (*Matt*)

Tony Way (*Lenny*)

Diane Morgan (*Kath*)

Kerry Godliman (*Lisa*)

Ashley Jensen (*Emma*)

Penelope Wilton (*Anne*)

Jo Hartley (*June*)

Joe Wilkinson (*postman*)

David Earl (*Brian*)

Ethan Lawrence (*James*)

Laura Patch (*Jill*)

Colin Hault (*Ken Otley*)

Kath Hughes (*Coleen*)

Michelle Greenidge (*Valerie*)

Peter Egan (*Paul*)

Rob Woodhall (*Colin*)

Elsie Fallon (*Emma's colleague*)

Kate Robbins (*Penny Spencer-Wright*)

Steve Brody (*Geoff*)

Jo Enright (*Vera*)

Wendy Albiston (*Brian's ex-wife*)

Ricky Grover (*Micky the Gypsy*)

Tommy Finnegan (*George*)

Thomas Bastable (*Robbie*)

Marc Cass (*bad driver*)

Dave Hill (*old man in care home*)

Zak Douglas (*estate agent*)

Anti (*Brandy the dog*)

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Episode 1 & 2 44 mins

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