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THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

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SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER

A League of His Own - **★ NEW**
the Story of Sean Lester

BBC Radio Ulster

Groundbreakers: Amy Carmichael **★ NEW**

BBC Two Northern Ireland

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The Farm Fixer Series Two **★ NEW**

BBC One Northern Ireland

True North: Scoop **★ NEW**

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Festival Desk

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Places of Interest: [Carrickfergus](#), [Millisle](#), [Ballynahinch](#), [the Ards Peninsula](#), [Fermanagh](#)

A League Of His Own - The Story Of Sean Lester ✪ NEW

Sunday 13 October

BBC Radio Ulster, 1.30pm

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Stephen Walker tells the story of Sean Lester, the last Secretary General of the League of Nations. The Carrickfergus born man was a journalist and diplomat who confronted the Nazis in Poland before the Second World War. It is tale of courage and conviction. An account of how a grocer's son from Belfast became a history maker on the world stage.

Stephen says: "I spoke to Sean Lester's family and to historians in Belfast, Dublin and Poland and got a real feeling for this unassuming man who played a dramatic role in the turbulent years following Hitler's rise to power. He rose to the rank of Secretary General of the League of Nations but his real love was for fishing and the wild landscapes of the west of Ireland. Now people are asking why Sean Lester isn't better remembered in the country of his birth."

Repeated on Thursday 17 October at 7.30pm.

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Groundbreakers: Amy Carmichael ✪ NEW

Sunday 13 October

BBC Two Northern Ireland, 9pm

The remarkable journey of a Millisle missionary who more than 100 years ago risked imprisonment in India to help save dozens of girls from sexual slavery is uncovered in a new documentary for BBC Two Northern Ireland.

Groundbreakers: Amy Carmichael is on Sunday 13 October at 9pm, presented by Sir Mark Tully, the BBC's former India Bureau Chief.

His journey uncovers Amy Carmichael's present day legacy – a children's home in Tamil Nadu, 30 miles from the very Southern tip of India. It's a place where children have found sanctuary for more than a century.

Amy challenged the practice of Devadasis, where female children were given to Hindu temples, often sponsored by local land owners, and consigned afterwards to a life as sex workers.

Her campaign led to the tradition being outlawed by the Indian government.

The 30-minute documentary begins by exploring Amy's Scottish roots with a visit to the 30th Chief of the Carmichael clan near Biggar, south of Glasgow.

Sir Mark visits the village of Millisle where Amy grew up with her six brothers and sisters, the children of a wealthy mill owner. Then off to Belfast where Amy developed her conviction that God wanted her to work with under privileged people.

The film follows Amy's journey to Tamil Nadu where more than 300 people, young and old continue to live their lives at the Dohnavur Fellowship's children's home.

It is being shown as part of the Groundbreakers season of visionaries.

Groundbreakers: Amy Carmichael was made for BBC Northern Ireland by Network Media with assistance from the Northern Ireland Screen Ulster-Scots Broadcast Fund.

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MONDAY 14 OCTOBER

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The Farm Fixer Series Two 1/6 **★ NEW**

Monday 14 October

BBC One Northern Ireland, 7.30pm

Times are tough for small family farms and rural enterprises. They need help. They need to find new ways to make money. And the clock is ticking.

In The Farm Fixer on Monday 14 October on BBC One Northern Ireland at 7.30pm, Nick Hewer, Lord (Alan) Sugar's right-hand man, returns to his Northern Ireland roots to provide the strategic planning expertise to farmers and rural enterprises they so desperately need.

Nick's business motto is that doing nothing is not an option.

In this new six-part series, produced by Waddell Media, the options on offer include fashion design, a farm shop, an agricultural show, a flaxseed business, a wedding and outdoor pursuits venue and a pet crematorium.

But how will the individuals involved respond to Nick's no nonsense approach or will he have a fight on his hands?

Nick, whose mother is from Bangor and was himself educated in Co. Kildare, admits he is no farming guru. But with 40 years of experience he believes that what he does have to offer is common sense.

Getting the Nick Hewer treatment in this first programme will be smallholder Siobhan Holloway from Ballynahinch, County Down who has a flock of rare breed Leicester Longwool sheep. She started a small knitwear business but for her farm to survive it needs to be more than just a hobby. Her ambition is to break into the high-end fashion retail world. Can Nick help her realise her dream?

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True North: Scoop **★ NEW**

Monday 14 October

BBC One Northern Ireland, 10.35pm

In June 2013, the G8 Summit descended upon Enniskillen, County Fermanagh. The world's media turned its lens on the idyllic surroundings of the Lough Erne resort as world leaders gathered to discuss global concerns such as Syria and tax evasion.

In Fermanagh, the area's oldest paper, The Impartial Reporter – who broke the story of the G8 Summit coming to town - not only had to cover a mammoth world event landing on its doorstep and the effect it was having on the people of the area – it also had to continue bringing its readers the everyday bread and butter stories.

The BBC Northern Ireland documentary Scoop follows the staff of the Impartial Reporter as they talk to everyone from local farmers and school children to G8 protestors and celebrities to get their views

on the Summit. And can they bag the big interviews, not only with the Secretary of State Theresa Villiers, but also Prime Minister David Cameron?

Meanwhile, there are roads to be opened, modelling shoots to be taken care of and a local woman about to celebrate her 100th birthday.

True North is a series of fresh new, revelatory and uniquely personal single documentaries from BBC Northern Ireland.

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WEDNESDAY 16 OCTOBER TELEVISION & RADIO HIGHLIGHTS / BBC WEEK 42

Santer 5/6

Wednesday 16 October
BBC Two Northern Ireland, 7.30pm

On this week's Santer, the penultimate programme in the series, there is music inspired by the Dark Hedges in Stranocum, while the Low Country Boys tour the Ards and Mark Wilson reaches Killinchy on his New Zealand journey.

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THURSDAY 17 OCTOBER TELEVISION & RADIO HIGHLIGHTS /BBC WEEK 42

Festival Desk

Thursday 17 October
BBC Radio Ulster, 11.55am
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Festival Desk returns to BBC Radio Ulster this year to bring listeners the latest from this year's Belfast Festival at Queen's. Kicking off on Thursday, October 17 at 11.55am, to coincide with the opening night, the programme will run daily for the duration of the festival.

Now in its 51st year, the Belfast Festival at Queen's attracts tens of thousands of visitors to Belfast for an array of art and culture events, from music, dance, theatre and comedy to poetry, literature and visual arts staged by both local and international artists. In Festival Desk, presenters Marie-Louise Muir and Kim Lenaghan will bring BBC Radio Ulster listeners all the latest news, previews, reviews and interviews.

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The Arts Show: In Conversation with Neil Martin

Thursday 17 October
BBC Two Northern Ireland, 10pm

Marie-Louise Muir talks to Belfast -born musician, composer and broadcaster, Neil Martin, about his long and illustrious career in theatre, film and television.

The Arts Show: In Conversation with Neil Martin is on BBC Two Northern Ireland on Thursday 17 October at 10pm.

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