



Clare Balding

Clare Balding was the first voice on BBC in 2006. As the fireworks display exploded over the Thames & around the London Eye, Claire was broadcasting to an audience of 10.1 million people who chose to see in the New Year with the BBC.

Clare is a television & radio broadcaster across a variety of programmes, including *Crufts*, *Lord Mayor's Show*, *Trooping the Colour*, *Olympics*, *Winter Olympics*, *Commonwealth Games*, *Sport Relief*, *Grandstand*, *Race Country*, *Housecall in the Country*, *Wimbledon* on Radio 5 Live & *Ramblings* on Radio 4.

She won the prestigious Radio & Television Society Award as Sports Presenter of the Year for 2003, has been voted Racing Journalist of the Year & Racing Broadcaster of the Year by the Horserace Writers Association & has been part of the BAFTA award winning Olympic programmes on BBC TV & Sony Award winning coverage on 5 Live.

Clare presents all of the BBC's horse racing coverage & is also the main presenter for rugby league, show jumping & 3-day eventing. As a former champion amateur jockey, she comes from a racing background. Her father Ian, trained the great Mill Reef to win the Derby, Eclipse, King George & Arc de Triomphe. On his retirement in 2002, her brother Andrew took over the training license. A Classic winner in Andrew's very first season prompted a memorable interview with his sister in the winner's enclosure at Epsom after Casual Look won the Oaks.

With a 2.1 degree in English from Cambridge University, Clare is a writer as well as a broadcaster. She currently writes a sports column for the Observer & has worked for the Evening Standard, Racing Post, Sporting Life & Sunday Telegraph. She has also been a judge for the Whitbread Book Awards.

Clare has appeared on *Have I Got News For You*, *The Weakest Link*, *Countdown*, *They Think It's All Over*, *Call My Bluff*, *Auntie's Sporting Bloomers* & *Sport Relief*.

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