

TV & Satellite week



Frontline Doctors: Winter Migrant Crisis

Monday, BBC1 HD, 9pm (Scot, 10.45pm)

Humanitarian response doctors Chris and Xand van Tulleken travel to the frontline of Europe's migrant crisis to reveal the medical issues facing the migrants – from hypothermia and frostbite to disease caused by overcrowding in the Calais 'jungle' camps.

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★ Doctor Thorne
ITV • Sunday DRAMA
Adapted by Julian Fellowes (Downton Abbey), this three-part drama stars Tom Hollander as Doctor Thorne, who, along with his niece, become embroiled in the lives of the upper-class Gresham family who are struggling financially. See page 4

★ Steve Backshall's Extreme Mountain Challenge
BBC2 • Sunday FACTUAL
Adventurer and naturalist Steve is in Venezuela to scale an unclimbed tepal – an ancient sheer-sided mountain. With harsh weather, rock fall and dangerous wildlife, the white-knuckle trek is his toughest challenge yet. See page 5

★ The Aliens
E4 • Tuesday COMEDY-DRAMA
Set in a world where aliens coexist on Earth but are segregated in a walled community, Michael Socha plays human Lewis who works as a border guard at the wall's checkpoint and whose life is turned upside down when he learns he is half-alien. See page 5

★ Frontline Doctors: Winter Migrant Crisis
BBC1 • Monday FACTUAL
Looking at the migrant crisis in Europe, experienced humanitarian doctors Chris and Xand van Tulleken travel to the front line to see for themselves the medical problems that migrants face and set about helping where possible. See page 7

Six shows you MUST NOT MISS!

★ Frontline Doctors: Winter Migrant Crisis

★ The Aliens

★ Shop Well For Less?

★ Steve Backshall's Extreme Mountain Challenge

This week tv choice

Twin doctors Xand and Chris van Tulleken take us inside Europe's migrant camps

Mission impossible

Frontline Doctors: Winter Migrant Crisis

BBC1 • Monday FACTUAL

Despite having travelled the world on humanitarian projects, visiting countries with massive refugee displacement problems like Darfur and the Congo, nothing prepared Xand van Tulleken for the conditions he found in the migrant camps just across the Channel in Calais.

'Chris and I wanted to look at the migration crisis from a health point of view,' explains 37-year-old doctor and TV presenter Xand. 'People's lives are in danger from the moment they leave home – certainly for the Syrians, Afghans and Iraqis. Their journeys are beset with all kinds of threats to their safety and wellbeing.'

But even if they make it as far as mainland Europe, their problems are just beginning.

'I've never seen camps as bad as the ones I went to in Calais,' Xand continues. 'They were a



public health catastrophe. There was no running water until mid-afternoon some days and there were very few latrines. Everywhere you looked there were dead rats, human faeces and rotting food.

'We interviewed a nurse who noticed we were coughing and he said we had "Jungle lung". Everyone in the camps has respiratory problems caused by burning plastics, mould growth and the CS gas the French police fire in most nights. The suffering is horrific.'

And Xand is keen to stress these thousands of people are human beings.

'Like us, they just want safety, a job and some prospects for their kids. They are not scroungers or jihadi extremists. Most of them don't even want to be in Europe, they want to be at home. But that's not possible for them anymore.'

Emma Messenger

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Frontline Doctors: Winter Migrant Crisis

9.00pm BBC1

DOCUMENTARY If you want to see the everyday reality of the migrant crisis, watch this. It's nothing fancy but, more than any reporting I've seen, Xand and Chris van Tulleken's programme captures the chaos and misery of what is unfolding across Europe's borders. They stand at dawn on a beach in Lesbos and help the inflatable boats ashore; they follow the refugee routes across Greece and Serbia; they visit the Calais camps.

And at every stage the only help for families fleeing war comes from raggle-taggle groups of volunteers and makeshift clinics. From the governments and agencies of the EU? Nothing. **DAVID BUTCHER**

Frontline Doctors: Winter Migrant Crisis

DOCUMENTARY / times vary / BBC1

NEW Doctors and twin brothers Xand and Chris Van Tulleken travel the route taken by many of the one million people who arrived in Europe in the last year. Starting in January on the island of Lesbos in Greece, they witness boat after boat come in from the rough seas. They then follow the migrant trail on to Athens,

Macedonia, Serbia, France and Germany where, in camp after camp, conditions are squalid, it's freezing, sanitation is almost non-existent, and bodies and minds are being broken. This isn't about solving the migration crisis; it's simply about telling the story of desperate people risking everything for a new start. ★★★★★ JL



Welcome to the jungle...

Xand van Tulleken reveals the harsh conditions he and his fellow doctor and twin brother Chris found when they visited migrant camps across Europe

NEW FACTUAL FRONTLINE DOCTORS: WINTER MIGRANT CRISIS

BBC1 • Monday

Chris and I wanted to look at the migration crisis from a health point of view. People's lives are in danger from the very second they leave home – certainly for the Syrians, Afghans and Iraqis. Their epic and perilous journeys are beset with all kinds of threats to their safety and wellbeing.

I've worked in other places with massive refugee displacement problems, like Darfur in Sudan and the Congo, but I've never seen camps as bad as the ones I went to in Calais. In every single way they were a public health catastrophe. There was no running water until mid-afternoon some days, because the pipes had frozen and there were very few latrines. Everywhere you looked there were dead rats, human faeces and rotting food. Scabies was rife. There's no way anything could be kept clean.

We interviewed a male nurse who noticed we were coughing a lot and he said we both had

'Jungle lung'. Everyone in the camps has respiratory problems caused by a combination of burning plastics, mold growing everywhere and the CS gas the French police fire in each night. The suffering is horrific.

I hope what people will see from the documentary is that these are human beings with normal families, who just want the things we all do – safety, a job and some prospects for their kids. They are not scroungers or jihadi extremists. Most of them don't even want to be in Europe, they want to be at home. But that's not possible for them anymore.

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