



'COUNTRYFILE' PRESENTER JULIA BRADBURY SWAPS WELLIES FOR HIGH HEELS AS SHE TAKES ON A QUIZSHOW WITH A TWIST

Whether it's shimmering on the red carpet interviewing A-list stars or standing in a wet field in a cagoule watching badgers, Julia Bradbury approaches every task with enthusiasm. Her new show is no exception.

The *Countryfile* presenter and former Los Angeles correspondent for GMTV has landed a daytime quizshow that will not only take her out of her comfort zone but also out of the pigeonhole in which she could so easily have got stuck, as the outdoorsy, walking man's crumpet.

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Royal appointment:
Julia and her *Countryfile*
co-hosts meet the
Prince of Wales

Take on the Twisters sees a group of contestants trying to keep giant egg-timers from running out by answering general knowledge questions correctly. "My job is to build up the suspense," says Julia excitedly. "But I don't know the answer either, so it's a genuine surprise for me too. I've been going through emotional hell – the trauma as to whether they've won or not. It's very hard to calm down."

She's certainly no Anne Robinson then. "I won't be following in her footsteps," she says of the notoriously acerbic *Weakest Link* presenter. "I'll be much more open and friendly with the contestants and won't try to belittle them." She is delighted and proud, however, to be one of very few women on TV presenting a quizshow.

With filming on the first series complete, Julia is hoping to jet off with son Zephyrus and partner Gerard Cunningham for a family holiday before returning to her other projects, including *Countryfile*, in the autumn.

And while she is in a good place with work, family life is equally joyful, largely thanks to her little boy, who turns two next month.

"He's at a lovely stage," she says. "He's obsessed with aeroplanes. We live under the flight path, so every two seconds he's looking up. It's so sweet."

Take on the Twisters starts on ITV1 on Monday 22 July at 5pm

More used to practical clothes on *Countryfile*, Julia is thrilled to dress up for her new quizshow (left). "I get to wear high heels, make-up and lovely clothes. A woman can't ask for more"

