

# Main channels

## Monday 9 June

### Choice

#### Helping hands

**Junior Vets (CBBC, 7.45am)**

It's the halfway point in the series in which six children spend time at Edinburgh's vet school. This week, Bonte and Molly scrub up for a day in the operating theatre, where they are more than bystanders during an op on a dog; Josh and Robyn take part in a less scary procedure to remove a growth near a chicken's beak; and Jamie and Nyatepe are in a wildlife park where a mountain goat needs its toenails clipped. A clear front-runner is emerging in the kids' race to be named "head vet".

#### Charity begins at ...

**Breadline Kids (C4, 7.35pm)**

This impressively unsentimental



film from the Bafta winner Jezza Neumann broadcasts on the same day that Oxfam, the Trussell Trust and Church Action on Poverty publish a report on the scale of deprivation in Britain. The documentary, however, chooses not to spout statistics, instead interviewing some of the 300,000 children who were given food aid last year. They are, without exception, charming, worried, clever, insightful and jaded, aware that their carers are sacrificing their own wellbeing in a desperate effort to keep food on

the table, and tired of not getting a fair chance in a society that often claims to be a meritocracy.

#### She's Worth it

**Gail & Me — 40 Years On Coronation Street (ITV, 8pm)**



Helen Worth has stalked the cobbles of Weatherfield for 40 years (although her shoes are now a good deal more sensible than the platforms she wore in the 1970s) and ITV is exploiting her longevity in this "celebration" that seems to consist of placing her at a table in the Roy's Rolls cafe and

sending in Corrie actors past and present. Such is her talent as an actress, she looks convincingly shocked every time, but the most interesting material comes early in the show, where she talks about Pat Phoenix (who played Elsie Tanner, the Street's siren, from 1960 to 1984) coming on set early each day to fry bacon and eggs for the whole crew

#### Slow boat to China

**A Very British Airline (BBC2, 9pm)**

Part two of the series on British Airways shows the conclusion of the testing of the group of new recruits and observes how the staff at JFK airport cope with cancellations: there, New Yorkers

are overseen by the perfectionist veteran Alan, who has just been joined by Tom, a fellow Briton



clearly being groomed as his apprentice. Meanwhile, the airline is building up to launching a service to Chengdu. Among the first passengers is Willie Walsh, the CEO of BA and its parent company — but he is not asked why he has been slower than rival carriers to open routes to China.

#### 1984 all over again CCTV — Caught On Camera (C4, 10pm)

There are 19 tower blocks in Southampton, we are told, and they are monitored by CCTV



cameras run by teams of workers in an uninspiring office in town. If the young lads from the flats start mucking about in the lobby, they will hear the disembodied voice of one of these invisible watchers, but otherwise the staff seem merely to goggle and, it must be said, sneer at the people who use the lifts to go home. Some