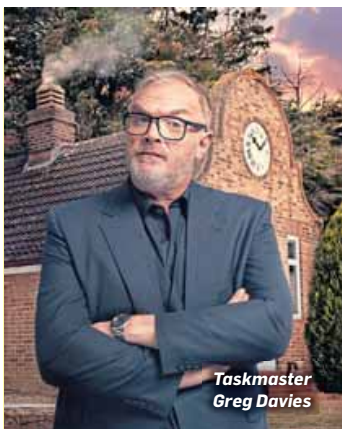




Comedian Daisy May Cooper



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Mawaan Rizwan and Richard Herring, the latest line-up is a who's who of British comedy.

"A lot of them surprised us, Richard was more determined than we thought," remarks Horne.

'And then Mawaan, he's always surprising – and he was a real live wire and a different energy. But he will be a star."

"Yeah, he's a very talented boy," seconds Davies, "and obviously Katherine is very talented as well by the way, she's just not very talented at Taskmaster. Fiercely intelligent woman – absolutely rubbish."

But for many, it's the pairing of comedian and Benidorm star Vegas and This Country's Daisy May Cooper that is set to be the show's biggest draw.

"Daisy and Johnny have a unique energy," says Horne.

"I think we saw a different side of Johnny. You know, we saw a bit more intimacy and his artistic side – you occasionally get flashes of that. But you also get the normal tragic breakdowns."

"They're big laughers, they roar," seconds Davies.

"Daisy May Cooper, when she laughs, she commits. It's very reassuring – all comedians are looking for validation and Daisy

gives the validation of 200 people."

Mid-way through filming and with pregnant Cooper's due date fast approaching, the comedians' attention quickly shifted from validation to concern.

"There was never one occasion when she was belly laughing where I didn't think: 'This could be it,'" says Davies of a potentially unplanned birthing scenario. "I'm sure it will show in our faces if you look closely."

So would the pair consider brushing up on their first aid skills?

"You wouldn't want this combination turning up in an emergency," says Davies.

"When you're giving birth, you don't want a man with a stopwatch and another man shouting.

"Maybe this interview could answer that question? Maybe women giving birth could let us know if that's what they actually need? Maybe we'll become professional birthing partners?"

"I'm ready. Call my agent."

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