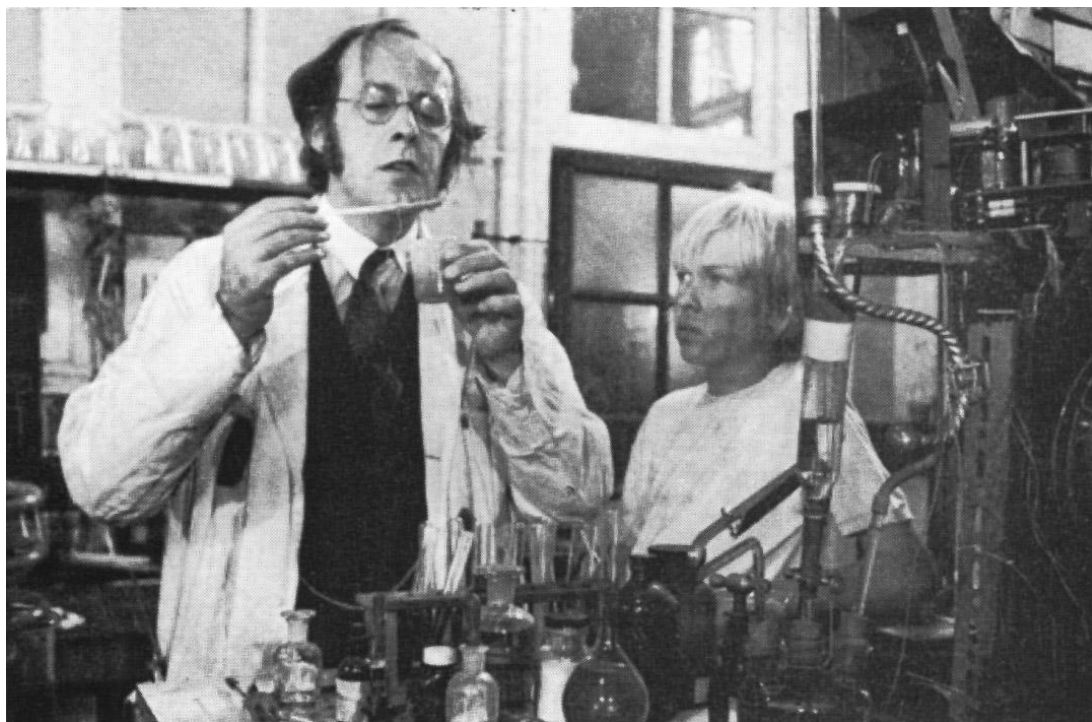


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The Trouble With 2b

UK matinee series : 1972 : dir. Peter K Smith : Balfour / C.F.F. : 6x - 103 min total
prod: Carole K Smith : scr: David Ash : dir.ph.: Tony Imi
*Stephen Brassett; Peter Newby; John Blundell; Linda Robson; Caroline North;
Pauline Quirke; Linda Haddock; Mario Renzullo; Norman Sweeney; Raymond Burdis*
Richard Wilson; John Warner; Richard Pescud; Roger Booth; Ron Hackett; Fanny Carby;
Andrew Laurence; Peggy Aitchison; Noel Davis; Dermot Kelly; Michael Brennan

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*2b continued – Richard Wilson is watched intently by one of his horrors, possibly Stephen Brassett
Source: Children's Film foundation Catalogue & Index of films 1972*

Children's Film Foundation Catalogue & Index of Films 1972 listing:

"It isn't really the fault of the children in 2B that their efforts to be helpful end in disaster. Made by Balfour films. Written by David Ash. Produced by Carole K Smith. Directed by Peter K Smith.

- 1: "Happy Days" (16 min)
- 2: "On the Air" (22 min)
- 3: "Trial of Strength" (19 min)
- 4: "Parents' Day" (16 min)
- 5: "Thirty Years Younger" (16 min)
- 6: "Blackboard Jungle" (14 min) "

The British Film Catalogue 1895-1985 listing:

"Children's. Adventures of school children and their inventive science master."

[no listing in "Halliwell's Film Guide", "Leonard Maltin's Movie and Video Guide 2001", "Speelfilm Encyclopedie", "Bloomsbury Foreign Film Guide", "The Critics' Film Guide", "The Good Film and Video Guide", "Movies on TV and Videocassette 1988-89", "Rating the Movies (1990)", "The Sunday Times Guide to Movies on Television", "The Time Out Film Guide", "TV Times Film & Video Guide 1995", "Variety Movie Guide 1993", "Video Movie Guide 1993" or "The Virgin Film Guide"]

Cast:

Junket	Stephen Brassett
Jones	Peter Newby
O'Fred	John Blundell
Daisy	Linda Robson
Dot	Caroline North
Molly	Pauline Quirke
Linda	Linda Haddock
Mario	Mario Renzullo
Sweeney	Norman Sweeney
Todd	Raymond Burdis
Mr Potter	Richard Wilson
Headmaster	John Warner
Mr Swindon	Richard Pescud
Mr Grotti	Roger Booth
Mr Springer	Ron Hackett
Miss Greenleaf	Fanny Carby
Colonel	Andrew Laurence
Mrs Adwater	Peggy Aitchison
Producer	Noel Davis
Father	Dermot Kelly
Father	Michael Brennan
Inspector	Roger Hammond
Mayor	Raymond Mason
Mayoress	Ruth Kettlewell

No further information currently available. I don't believe it – Richard Wilson starring in a children's matinee series. His talent for caustic one-liners would have suited him well to a classroom comedy, but this serial probably leans more to slapstick than repartee – witness the character names: Mrs Adwater (the school cook?), Mr Grotti, Sweeney & Todd. It seems unlikely that anyone (outside of India perhaps) is producing matinee series anymore, so this one was probably one of the last to be made in the UK. It has never been seen on television, so far as I'm aware.

The central character of Junket appeared two years previously, again with Wilson as his science teacher, in the C.F.F. film "**JUNKET 89**", where he borrows a teleportation device to escape trouble at school. Brassett, Renzullo and Robson appeared in that title also, but nothing else is known of the other children named here.

See subject index under **COMEDY** and **SCHOOL**. Guessing from the title of episode 5 that one of the staff gets rejuvenated, that would put it in '**VICE VERSA**' territory, while the "Blackboard Jungle" instalment no doubt has chimps running amok in the classroom. You can second guess the other situations for yourself.