

Fiona gets the last word on Blair

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I suppose it is appropriate that BBC News presenter [Fiona Bruce](#) is going to present [Antiques Road Show](#), as her latest show was all about a treasured relic. But she showed real interviewing class in her [programme](#) on Cherie Blair/Booth. Fiona has been characterised on satirical programmes as a rather cold-blooded minx but in this terrific fly-on-the-wall documentary she showed precisely the right mix of persistence, humour and insight in her interviews with the wife of the former UK Prime Minister.

Fiona held Cherie to account over her money-making schemes and her odd penchant for weird clothes and crystals and even weirder advisors. But she also allowed the intelligence, warmth and humour of Cherie to emerge. With all the welter of coverage about Tony this actually gave the best insight in to the Blair mind-set that I have seen. Fiona's chats with Tony revealed a man of loyalty, affection and integrity but also someone who obviously finds it difficult to express his real feelings.

If you missed it – try to catch it again when it joins the list of repeats that Mark Thompson is promising us.

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