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ITV ARE BEATEN BADLY BY BEEB; Christmas day TV ratings

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Men Behaving Badly claimed top spot in the Christmas Day TV ratings battle.

The BBC grabbed eight of the top 10 places for the second year running.

The hit Beeb sitcom, starring Martin Clunes and Neil Morrissey, was watched by 15.5million viewers, an extraordinary 70 per cent of the available telly audience.

And grumpy Victor Meldrew had good reason to smile after One Foot In The Grave came second with 15.1million.

But in the bitter battle of the soaps, Coronation Street on ITV beat EastEnders for the first time in five years.

Corrie pulled 300,000 more viewers.

The Queen's Speech won a total audience of 12million, a million more than last year and reversing a 10-year slide.

But three times as many folk watched it on BBC as those who tuned into it on ITV.

CHRISTMAS TV TOP 10

1 Men Behaving Badly

(BBC) 15.5m

2 One Foot In The Grave

(BBC) 15.1m

3 Coronation Street

(ITV) 12.6m

4 EastEnders

(BBC) 12.3m

5 They Think It's All Over

(BBC) 12m

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6 The Mask (BBC) 9.9m

7 Emmerdale (ITV) 9.5m

8 Auntie's New Festive

Bloomers (BBC) 9.2m

9 The Flintstones

(BBC) 8.6m

10 Animal Hospital

(BBC) 8.5m

* QUEEN'S SPEECH TOTAL - 12M

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