

Zany DJ spins new TV career

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DISC jockey Peter "Pep" Roberts cast aside his chart records for criminal records when he appeared in a BBC1 police detective series.

Pep has had club-goers at Squires in Preston and Crystal T's in Morecambe doing some hilarious things in his time as a DJ.

However, it was Pep who looked the fool when he got the chance to play a scenes of crime officer in the TV series *Out of the Blue*, due to be screened this summer.

His costume consisted of a white boiler suit and Marigold gloves as, armed with a camera, he picked over a crime scene for clues.

Pep's acting career was launched when he appeared in an episode of teen soap *Hollyoaks*.

He said: "I got the chance to appear in the new Channel 4 programme and really enjoyed it, although I only had a walk-on part.

"Then I got the chance to appear as a 'soco' in this detective series. I told them that I have no criminal records — only CDs.

"I had to go over to Sheffield for the filming which took all day. My part is about four minutes."

Joke

Pep, 25, of Hillmount Avenue, Heysham, reached the semi-finals of the national disc jockey of the year competition and is well-known to club-goers for his zany sense of humour. But the joke was on him when he was asked to dress suitably for the part in the BBC programme.

He said: "I had to wear a NASA style white boiler suit and stupid rubber gloves. I felt a bit of an idiot.

"The scene was filmed at a very spooky location of a church yard. I can't think of anything weirder than a very outgoing DJ having to work in a graveyard."

The filming is good news for Pep because his main ambition is to be a radio DJ or present the *Big Breakfast* TV show.

He said: "It was certainly good fun — especially acting on the same set as some very famous people.

"But then again I get away with murder every Saturday night at Crystal T's anyway."

Out of the Blue, which is now in its second series, is a fast-paced, gritty and darkly humorous drama set in South Yorkshire and stars John Duttine, formerly of *Ain't Misbehavin'* and Neil Dudgeon of *Common as Muck*.



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