

## SATURDAY 04 MARCH 2017

**SAT 00:00 Algernon Blackwood - Ancient Sorceries (b007jv3)**

Episode 4

Veizin is wary over a mother and daughter's invitation to witches' Sabbath. Philip Madoc reads Algernon Henry Blackwood's dark tale.

**SAT 00:30 Soul Music (b01mdd6)**

Series 14, Beethoven's Violin Concerto

Beethoven's Violin Concerto in D major Opus 61 was written in 1806, but was not a success at its premiere. 200 years on and this Concerto is regarded as one of the greatest pieces ever written for the violin. This programme explores ways in which the Beethoven Violin Concerto has touched and shaped people's lives. Writer Kelly Cherry describes her father loving this piece and still remembering it even when he had Alzheimers. Violinist Robert Gupta talks about this piece being the music which cemented his friendship with Nathaniel Ayers - a moment which changed Robert's life. Joe Quigley remembers hearing the Concerto at a crucial point in his life whilst living in a monastery. Devorina Gamalova recalls being entranced by this music as a child. And violinist Christian Tetzlaff talks about what it's like to play the Beethoven Violin Concerto.

Producer: Rosie Boulton.

**SAT 01:00 Dorothy L Sayers - Montague Egg (b08gpb0)**

The Poisoned Dow '08

Montague Egg, travelling salesman for Plummet and Rose, Wines and Spirits, Piccadilly, is another little-known sleuth. The creation of Dorothy L Sayers, 'Monty-on-the-Spot' just happens to be in the wrong place at the right time and becomes embroiled in police investigations in Murder at Pentecost and The Poisoned Dow '08. Chirpy in manner and eager to please, Monty uses his working-class wits and experience to solve the cases that are baffling the professionals. A complete contrast from Sayers' more famous literary character, Lord Peter Wimsey, Monty is fond of quoting maxims from The Salesman's Handbook, his favourite publication. "A cheerful voice and cheerful look put orders in the order-book."

Reader: Nigel Planer

Abridger: Libby Spurrier

Producer: Jo Green

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Greenlit Productions.

**SAT 01:30 The Mystery of The Mystery of Edwin Drood (b019gz0c)**

'The Mystery of Edwin Drood' is a tantalising element of the Dickens manuscript archive held by the Victoria and Albert Museum in London.

Along with fellow crime-writer Simon Brett and Dickens scholar Professor Jenny Hartley, Frances Fyfield uses the packed manuscript pages, detailed number plans and early cover designs to try and make sense of one of English Literature's great mysteries: what really happened to the eponymous hero, Edwin Drood.

Dickens died shortly after bringing the curtain down on Chapter 23, barely half way through the twelve monthly instalments. He suffered a massive stroke later that day, 8 June 1870, and died the next day.

By that stage in Dickens' novel, Edwin has gone missing and it is suspected that he has been murdered but no body has been found. The finger of suspicion points at Neville Landless but the author seems to be hinting at the guilt of a more sinister figure, the leader of the Cathedral choir, John Jasper.

Ever since, Dickensian enthusiasts have searched the book for every hint of a clue as to what the author intended to do with the characters he'd created. Frances isn't afraid of joining these so-called 'Droodians' in trying to employ her crime-writer's insights to make sense of the pieces of the jigsaw left to us.

But her investigation, which takes her to Rochester where the novel is set, also examines the state of Dickens' mind at the time, and his fascination with the criminal mentality, including vintage Dickensian types like Mr Crisparkle, the angular Mr Grewgious and the hideous auctioneer Mr Sapsea.

Frances and her colleagues also search the manuscript for signs of the author's failing health, and, perhaps more importantly, failing ability.

What they find is the usual high octane writing style, brilliant inventiveness and perhaps a greater subtlety in characterisation than in many of the earlier works.

Producer: Tom Alban.

**SAT 02:00 Book at Bedtime (b00b4t84)**

Sebastian Barry - The Secret Scripture, Episode 10

Dr Greene must head to England to uncover the truth about Roseanne McNulty's child. Concluded by Doreen Keogh and Alex Jennings.

**SAT 02:15 Amanda Vickery - A History of Private Life (b00mictg)**

Alternative Homes

Historian Amanda Vickery presents a series which reveals the hidden history of home over 400 years. She draws on first-hand accounts from letters and diaries, many of which have never been heard before. Including songs which have been specially recorded for the series.

Homes were exposed to huge forces of change in the 19th and 20th century, responding to industrialisation, pollution, and the imperial mission. Prof Vickery explores how they remained idealised havens in a heartless, dirty world.

'Home means a place to go to when you are in trouble. A place

sadly altered by war. A place to glorify when away and rely on always...' So reported one woman to the Mass Observation survey. Prof Vickery explores the enduring pull of a home of one's own.

Readers: Deborah Findlay, John Sessions, Madeleine Broly and Simon Tcherniak.

Singers: Gwyneth Herbert and Thomas Guthrie, with David Owen Norris at the keyboard.

A Loftus production for BBC Radio 4.

**SAT 02:30 Victor Hugo - Les Miserables (b007jn05)**

Episode 25

As Thenardier attempts to blackmail Marius, can there be a final reconciliation for Valjean and Cosette? Starring Roger Allam.

**SAT 02:45 Book of the Week (b01g6pwc)**

Double Cross, Episode 5

Written by Ben Macintyre.

It is June 1944 and the Allies prepare for the landings in Normandy, taking the Germans by surprise, thanks to the work of the double agents working for the British secret service.

D-Day, 6 June 1944, the turning point of the Second World War, was a victory of arms. But it was also a triumph for a different kind of operation: one of deceit, aimed at convincing the Nazis that Calais and Norway, not Normandy, were the targets of the 150,000-strong invasion force. The deception involved every branch of Allied wartime intelligence - the Bletchley Park code-breakers, M15, M16, SOE, Scientific Intelligence, the FBI and the French Resistance. But at its heart was the 'Double Cross System', a team of double agents controlled by the secret Twenty

Committee, so named because twenty in Roman numerals forms a double cross.

The key D-Day spies were just five in number, and one of the oddest military units ever assembled: a bisexual Peruvian playgirl, a tiny Polish fighter pilot, a Serbian seducer, a wildly imaginative Spaniard with a diploma in chicken farming, and a hysterical Frenchwoman whose obsessive love for her pet dog very nearly wrecked the entire deception. Their enterprise was saved from catastrophe by a shadowy sixth spy whose heroic sacrifice is here revealed for the first time. Under the direction of an eccentric but brilliant intelligence officer in tartan trousers, working from a smoky lair in St James's, these spies would weave a web of deception so intricate that it ensnared Hitler's army and helped to carry thousands of troops across the Channel in safety. These double agents were, variously, brave, treacherous, fickle, greedy and inspired. They were not conventional warriors, but their masterpiece of deceit saved countless lives. Their codenames were Bronx, Brutus, Treasure, Tricycle and Garbo. This is their story.

Ben Macintyre is the bestselling author of Agent Zigzag and Operation Mincemeat.

Reader: Jonathan Keeble

Abridger: Libby Spurrier

Producer: Joanna Green

A Pier Production For BBC Radio 4.

**SAT 03:00 Saturday Drama (b00r120k)**

Playing With Trains, Episode 2

Stephen Poliakoff is reunited with leading actor Timothy Spall in a new two-part radio version of his drama Playing With Trains, to be broadcast in March. Spall is joined by Zoe Tapper (whose recent TV credits include lead roles in Survivors, Desperate Romantics and Affinity) and Geoffrey Streatfeild (who recently starred as Hal in the RSC's History Cycle). Poliakoff and Spall previously collaborated brilliantly on the ground-breaking TV dramas Shooting the Past and Perfect Strangers.

The play tells the story of the rise and fall of Bill Galpin (Spall), a flamboyant entrepreneur who pools his fortune into backing risky inventions which are concerned with safeguarding the environment, while at the same time having a very tempestuous but poignant relationship with his two children Roxanna and Danny (Tapper and Streatfeild).

Beginning in the heady days of the late 1960s, Playing With Trains deals with the fact that Britain invents so much, yet manufactures so little. Galpin makes a fortune from a brilliant development in gramophone technology, and then turns himself into a self-appointed patron and champion of inventors and innovators everywhere, clashing with the establishment through the libel courts, speeches to captains of industry, Civil Service offices and even TV shows.

Parallel to his relationship with industry is his even more tempestuous relationship with his children. Roxanna - whom he expects to become a great engineer - drops out of Cambridge and becomes an art student in an attempt to escape her father's grip. Danny, meanwhile, turns into the very thing his father despises - a financial expert, but in so doing recognises the shortcomings of his father's enterprises.

Playing With Trains is a moving family drama set over two decades, charting a "love affair" between father and daughter. It's Poliakoff at his very best, telling an intensely private story within a sweeping public drama.

Playing With Trains was originally staged at the RSC in 1989.

The cast is completed by Helen Longworth (Frances), Joseph Kloska (Mick), Nigel Hastings (Vernon Boyce), Michael Fenton Stevens (Gant) and Bruce Alexander (QC). It was produced and directed for BBC Radio Drama Birmingham by Peter Leslie Wild.

Producer/Director Peter Leslie Wild.

**SAT 04:00 The 3rd Degree (b05tbj12)**

Series 5, University of Manchester

A quiz show hosted by Steve Punt where a team of three University students take on a team of three of their professors.

Coming this week from the University of Manchester, The 3rd Degree is a funny, lively and dynamic quiz show aimed at cultivating the next generation of Radio 4 listeners while delighting the current ones.

The Specialist Subjects in this episode are Biology, American Studies and Medicine and the questions range from the sound of bats to the films of Eddie Redmayne, via The Beggar's Opera and Morph.

The show is recorded on location at a different University each week, and it pits three Undergraduates against three of their Professors in a genuinely original and fresh take on an academic quiz. Being a Radio 4 programme, it of course meets the most stringent standards of academic rigour - but with lots of facts and jokes thrown in for good measure.

The rounds vary between Specialist Subjects and General Knowledge, quick-fire bell-and-buzzer rounds and the 'Highbrow & Lowbrow' round cunningly devised to test not only the students' knowledge of current affairs, history, languages and science, but also their Professors' awareness of television, film, and One Direction.

The host, Steve Punt, although best known as a satirist on The Now Show also delights in all facets of knowledge, not just in the Humanities (his educational background) but in the sciences as well. He has made a number of documentaries for Radio 4, including The Poet Unwound - The History Of The Spleen, as well as a half-hour comedy for Radio 4's Big Bang Day set in the Large Hadron Collider, called The Genuine Particle.

Producer: David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4.

**SAT 04:30 Are You From the Bugle? (b01jtzd)**

Plastic Balls and Sewing Machines

Butterwhaite is getting a new museum - can Graham get an exclusive on the opening? Stars Jeffrey Holland. From June 1996.

**SAT 05:00 Miracles R Us (b00sm8tq)**

Lot 243

Caroline's car gives up the ghost. It will cost more to have it

mended than the business can afford.

They have been asked to attend an auction at a country house to bid for a Lot for a client and Sylvia will drive them there in her car - a car Caroline knew nothing about. They turn left all the way. They find the client's item, but, also find Caroline's grandmother's silver dressing table set, sold with everything else when her husband's fraud brought their lives crashing down.

Whilst Caroline reflects with a cigarette outside she bumps into Lauren, soon to be ex-wife of the pop star who owns the house and all the contents that are being auctioned. The women, united by events, strike up a friendship. Meanwhile, Sylvia meets Lambourn the Gardener and they realise they are kindred spirits.

Caroline.....Deborah Findlay

Sylvia.....Anna Massey

Lauren.....Madeleine Bowyer

Lambourn.....Trevor Peacock

Carl Bailey.....Nigel Hastings

Auctioneer.....Michael Shelford

Written by Lesley Bruce

Producer: Katie Tyrrell

Music and stings from the music of Nick Drake. Theme: "When the Day is Done" and stings: "Time of No Reply" and "Cello Song".

**SAT 05:30 Guilt Trip (b07nr1gx)**

Episode 4

Felicity Montagu and her daughter play mother and daughter doing a two week sponsored walk along The Thames Path. Comedy drama in which Felicity Montagu (Lynn in Alan Partridge and Mrs Mainwaring in the new Dad's Army film) and her daughter (Olivia Nixon) play a mother and daughter doing a two week sponsored walk along The Thames Path to raise money for the dead father's charity. But the mother and father had been divorced for nine years and he had re-married, so relationships between them all have been strained. Things come to a head at any mention of the French Oak gable table Ros and her now dead ex bought together in Camden. This has ended up in the step-mother's house, much to Ros's annoyance: "I mean she sits at it! It's my table and she sits at it." The series is co-written by Katherine Jakeways who also plays the step-mother.

It's the last day of the walk and they still have 10 miles to go, but when they oversleep at the hotel they were not supposed to be staying in in the first place, it's not looking good. They are hung over and Ruth is organizing a big reception for them at Tower Bridge - but will they get there in time?

The producer was Jane Berthoud, it was a BBC Radio Comedy production.

**SAT 06:00 Charles Chilton - Journey Into Space (b007jzm1)**

The Return from Mars

Captain Jet Morgan and the crew of the spaceship Discovery return to Earth, thinking they've been away six years - only to discover they've somehow been transported into the 21st century...

1981 sequel to Charles Chilton's hugely successful 20 part epic series of The Red Planet and The World in Peril - first broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in the 1950s.

Stars John Pullen as Jet Morgan, Anthony Hall as Lemmy, Ed

Bishop as Doc and Nigel Graham as Mitch.

Script by Charles Chilton.

Director: Glyn Dearman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1981.

**SAT 07:30 Yes Yes Yes (b00t2y92)**

Series 1, The Great Escape

John Rawling relives the final day of football's 1998/99 season, as

Carlisle United battled Scarborough to stay in Division Three.  
**SAT 08:00 Meeting Myself Coming Back (b037r5fb)**  
 Series 5, David Trimble  
 Former Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble - now Lord Trimble - meets his younger self in the sound archives and discusses his reaction with John Wilson.  
 From civil servant and law student to one of the key players in the Good Friday Agreement and now a Conservative peer, the career of David Trimble has been hugely eventful. He began his political career as a member of the hardline Vanguard party, backing its leader William Craig. When it disbanded in the 1970s, it seemed as if he might be out in the political wilderness for good.  
 But he joined the Ulster Unionist Party, became an MP and ultimately went on to lead his party. In 1998 he won the Nobel Peace Prize together with the SDLP's John Hume for his attempts to bring stability to Northern Ireland through the historic Good Friday Agreement.  
 But arguments over IRA decommissioning of its weapons threatened the peace process. David Trimble continually faced criticism from within his own party and other Unionists for selling out to the Republicans and in 2005 he lost his Westminster seat.  
 In conversation with John Wilson, Lord Trimble revisits key moments in his career and discusses their significance. We hear his earliest success as a law student, memories of his mentor from the Vanguard party, the machinations that led to the Good Friday Agreement and his thoughts on pursuing peace.  
 Producer: Emma Kingsley.  
**SAT 09:00 Alexander Armstrong's Radio Heroes (b01qdw15)**  
 The X-Men? Pah! Superman? Bah! Give us Jet Morgan any day - as Alexander Armstrong celebrates those fine gentleman adventurers of the wireless  
 Big screen do-gooders like the Avengers have the glam and the moves, but you don't have to be superhuman to be a hero. Enjoy our very own British brand of intrepid adventurer, for whom style, panache, wit and guile serve just as well as x-ray vision, awesome strength or vivid underpants.  
 Guiding us through this modern pantheon is Alexander Armstrong - no stranger to style, panache and wit himself - although he assures us his underpants are suitably subdued. Along the way, we'll ponder what makes these characters so enduringly heroic? - and what qualities does a hero need?  
 Featuring:

#### RAFFLES:

EW Hornung's gentleman cracksman seizes a challenge. Stars Jeremy Clyde.  
**JOURNEY INTO SPACE:**  
 Captain Jet Morgan in the classic 1950s sci-fi from Charles Chilton. Stars Andrew Faulds.

#### SEXTON BLAKE

The comic strip crime fighter devised for radio in the 1960s by Philip Ridgeway. Starring William Franklyn.

#### DICK BARTON: SPECIAL AGENT:

The BBC Light Programme's hugely popular radio hero revived in 1972 and starring Noel Johnson.

#### JUDGE DREDD:

Gary Martin stars as the legendary law enforcement officer.  
 Produced by Dirk Maggs.

#### THE DEVIL IN AMBER

The decadent Edwardian dandy and defender of the realm, Lucifer Box. Written and read by Mark Gatiss.  
 Produced by Martin Dempsey.  
**SAT 12:00 Robin and Wendy's Wet Weekends (b0076svc)**  
 Series 4, Autumn Crocus  
 Sitcom by Kay Stoham.  
 1/4. Autumn Crocus  
 Wendy is pregnant and extremely excited at the prospect of becoming a mother at last. Robin is panicking and trying to cram in all those things he wished he'd done before having a baby, like buy a motorbike!  
 Their next door neighbours, manic depressive Derek, and his bored young wife, Maureen, are as ever being supportive, in their own special way.  
 Robin ..... Brian Capron  
 Wendy ..... Kay Stoham  
 Derek ..... Martin Trenaman  
 Maureen ..... Amelia Bullmore.  
**SAT 12:30 Steptoe and Son (b007k1r0)**  
 Series 4, And Afterwards At  
 It's a big day for Harold. He's set to tie the knot! But Albert's not convinced.  
 Starring Wilfrid Brambell as Albert and Harry H Corbett as Harold. With Pat Coombes, Patricia Hayes, Margot Boyd, Edward Kelsey, Sheila Grant, Martin Friend and Katherine Parr.  
 Following the conclusion of their hugely successful association with Tony Hancock, writers Ray Galton and Alan Simpson wrote 10 pilots for the BBC TV's Comedy Playhouse in 1962. The Offer was set in a house with a yard full of junk, featuring the lives of rag and bone men Albert Steptoe and his son Harold and it was the spark for a run of 8 series for TV.  
 Written for TV and adapted for radio by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.  
 Produced by Bobby Jaye  
 First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in March 1972.

**SAT 13:00 A Small Town Murder: Omnibus (b08h0rrv)**  
 Series 9  
 Family liaison officer Jackie Hartwell finds the body of a young man who appears to have shot himself. Starring Meera Syal.  
**SAT 14:10 Inheritance Tracks (b08h0wbj)**  
 Lord Dannatt  
 Former British Army chief Lord Richard Dannatt chooses military band renditions of 'High On A Hill' and 'Highland Cathedral'.  
**SAT 14:15 Pam Ayres' Open Road (b007kd7k)**  
 The Lake District  
 Pam Ayres follows in the rugged Cumbrian footsteps of children's author, Beatrix Potter and the world's most famous Snowman, created by Raymond Briggs.  
 Series in which poet and raconteuse, Pam Ayres takes to the open road, visiting eight places in Britain to hear tales from the people who live there.  
 Producer: Simon Elmes  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in 2000.  
**SAT 14:45 Uncle Mort's South Country (b007jrg4)**  
 Series 2, The End of the Road  
 Carter Brandon and his uncle enjoy a near fatal finale to their travels. Peter Tinniswood's adventures with Christian Rodska.  
**SAT 15:00 Meeting Myself Coming Back (b037r5fb)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]  
**SAT 16:00 Charles Chilton - Journey Into Space (b007jzm1)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]  
**SAT 17:30 Yes Yes Yes (b002y92)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]  
**SAT 18:00 The Twilight Zone (b08h0wr0)**  
 Series 4, Kick the Can  
 Has Charles Whitley - a retiree at Sunnyvale Rest Home - discovered the secret of youth?  
 Written by George Clayton Johnson and adapted by Dennis Etchison.  
 Stars Stan Freberg, Shelley Berman, Christian Stolte, Kurt Naebig, Herb Graham and JoBe Cerny - with Stacy Keach as the narrator.  
 Originally a cult sci-fi and horror TV series created by Rod Serling and broadcast in the USA on CBS from 1959 to 1964, The Twilight Zone was first adapted by American producer Carl Amari in 2002 as a 40-minute radio drama series.  
 Rod Serling had managed to electrify the new medium of television - so armed with a licence from CBS and the Serling estate, Amari's slick adaptations are based on the original TV scripts.  
 Actor Stacy Keach (best known here as TV detective Mike Hammer) takes Serling's original role as narrator - with a full cast, music and sound effects.  
 Produced and directed by Carl Amari for Falcon Picture Group.  
**SAT 18:40 James Follett - Wicca (b007js4y)**  
 Episode 4  
 Cut off from the world by an invisible wall, how will the residents of Pentworth react to Brad Jackson's death sentence?  
 The second book in James Follett's 'The Silent Vulcan Trilogy' Abridged in 8-parts by Miranda Davis.  
 Producer: Richard Bannerman  
 Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in 2004.  
**SAT 19:00 Alexander Armstrong's Radio Heroes (b01qdw15)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]  
**SAT 22:00 Mark Steel's in Town (b03sztxc)**  
 Series 5, Birkenhead  
 Mark Steel returns to Radio 4 for a fifth series of the award winning show that travels around the country, researching the history, heritage and culture of six towns that have nothing in common but their uniqueness, and does a bespoke evening of comedy in each one.  
 As every high street slowly morphs into a replica of the next, Mark Steel's in Town celebrates the parochial, the local and the unusual. From Corby's rivalry with Kettering to the word you can't say in Portland, the show has taken in the idiosyncrasies of towns up and down the country, from Kirkwall to Penzance, from Holyhead to Bungay.  
 This edition comes from Birkenhead, Wirral, where the landscape may be dominated by the shipyard but the local life has also included monks, a "Bantam Army", one of the quirkiest bands in the country, and a pub inside a barbershop. You will also find out why this edition of Mark Steel's In Town was probably the inspiration for Woody Allen's Manhattan.  
 Written and performed by ... Mark Steel  
 Additional material by ... Pete Sinclair  
 Production co-ordinator ... Trudi Stevens  
 Producer ... Ed Morrish.  
**SAT 22:30 Will Smith's Midlife Crisis Management (b00g3dcp)**  
 Episode 2  
 Comedy series in which comedian Will Smith seeks help and advice - primarily from his godfather Peter - on coping with the onset of middle age. Peter invites Fashion presenter Kathy to help Will dress better.  
 With Roger Allam, Morwenna Banks, Janice Acquah, Jill Cardo, Gunnar Cauthery, Lobo Chan, Donnla Hughes, Dan Starkey, Tom Wu.  
**SAT 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b08j9j3f)**  
 The best in contemporary comedy. Arthur Smith chats to Jonny and the Baptists.  
**SAT 23:00 4 Extra Stands Up (b03zhvyy)**  
 4 Extra Stands Up, Episode 6

Kerry Godliman introduces a selection of stand up comedians recorded live at The Pleasance Theatre in Islington, London in early 2014.

David Morgan fascinates in the surprising ways couples have met, whilst Rhys Mathewson struggles with making a good first impression. Michael Fabri gives us an insight into some of the troubles of having dyslexia and Matt Winning tells niche jokes and reminisces of his time working for Robert Mugabe.

Plus an insight to the confusing workings of Terry Alderton's mind and Rachel Parris sings away her troubles.

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Dabster Productions.

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**SUN 06:00 Victor Hugo - Les Miserables Omnibus (b007jtwl)**  
 Episode 5  
 Once more Jean Valjean puts his life into Inspector Javert's hands...  
 Victor Hugo's epic story of social injustice, dramatised in 25 episodes by Sebastian Baczkiewicz and Lin Coghlan. Starring Roger Allam as Jean Valjean, Joss Ackland as Victor Hugo, Lucy Whybrow as Cosette, Jonathan Forbes as Marius, David Schofield as Javert. Leslie Phillips as Gillenormand, Shuna Snow as Mme Gillenormand, Annette Badland as Toussaint and Ewan Bailey as Basque.  
 Producer: Sally Avens  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2001.  
**SUN 07:15 Centurions (b007jx8s)**  
 Gabriel Garcia Marquez  
 Professor Jason Wilson and Patrick Kane discuss the imaginative Latin American novelist's 'One Hundred Years of Solitude'.  
**SUN 07:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b03lmzxc)**  
 Series 9, The Bride of Auntie  
 Ed Reardon leads us through the ups and down of his week, complete with his trusty companion, Elgar, and his never-ending capacity for scrimping and scraping at whatever scraps his agent, Ping, can offer him to keep body, mind and cat together. Ed discovers that he can put his extensive general knowledge to good use when he finally finds his niche and becomes a contestant on the Radio 4 seminal quiz 'What Do You Know'. Not only is his general knowledge excellent, but he's also being paid a fee to the grand sum of £43. Is his luck turning at last?  
 Written by Andrew Nickolds and Christopher Douglas  
 Produced by Dawn Ellis.  
**SUN 08:00 All Gas and Gaiters (b007jplf)**  
 The Bishop Takes a Holiday  
 A clerical outing to a dwindling community parish causes chaos. Starring Robertson Hare as the Archdeacon, William Mervyn as the Bishop, Jonathan Cecil as Bishop's Chaplain - the Reverend Mervyn Noote and John Barron as the Dean. With Doris Hare, George Woodbridge, Betty Baskcomb and Neil McDermott. The ecclesiastical sitcom started life as a TV pilot in Comedy Playhouse, ahead of a run on BBC1 from 1966 to 1971. Selected scripts were revised and re-recorded for radio.  
 Written and adapted by husband-and-wife team, Pauline Devaney and Edwin Apps.  
 Producer: David Hatch.  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1972.  
**SUN 08:30 ITMA - It's That Man Again (b007jvny)**  
 From 11/04/1946  
 Can Tommy Handley - the Governor of Tomtopia - get support to stage an important race?  
 With Jack Train, Clarence Wright, Fred Yule, Jean Capra, Carleton Hobbs, Hugh Morton, Mary O'Farrell, Lind Joyce and Diana Morrison.  
 It's That Man Again - ITMA made a radio superstar of Tommy Handley (1894-1949) and had more than 20 million devoted listeners to the BBC Home Service each week - with millions more around the world. The show's title came from a newspaper headline used in stories about Adolf Hitler in the lead up to the Second World War.  
 Catchphrases like "TTFN - Ta-Ta for now" and "Can I Do You Now, Sir?" coupled with a frenetic, topical approach made it utterly distinctive.  
 From 1939 to 1949, over 310 episodes were broadcast, breaking away from existing comedy and music hall conventions with an

anarchic and irreverent style - created by its writer Ted Kavanagh. BBC Variety Orchestra, conducted by Charles Shadwell.  
 Producer: Francis Worsley.  
 First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in April 1946.  
**SUN 09:00 Border - Tales from the Edge of Europe: Omnibus (b08h1j05)**  
 Kapka Kassabova on a hidden corner of Eastern Europe, now a new front line - still scarred by its past. Read by Indira Varma.  
**SUN 10:10 Inheritance Tracks (b08h1j07)**  
 Katherine Jenkins  
 Mezzo-soprano Katherine Jenkins with Sister Sledge's 'We Are Family' and the Intermezzo from Mascagni's 'Cavalleria Rusticana'.  
**SUN 10:15 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b08h1j45)**  
 75 years, JK Rowling  
 From the Beatles to Beethoven. The Harry Potter author shares her castaway choices with Sue Lawley. From November 2000.  
**SUN 11:00 TED Radio Hour (b08h1j7d)**  
 Series 4, Believers and Doubters  
 Guy Raz explores perspectives on belief from all ends of the spectrum, from atheists to the devout. With Billy Graham.  
 A journey through fascinating ideas based on talks by riveting speakers on the TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design) stage.  
**SUN 11:55 The Listening Project (b04b24y2)**  
 Ali and Tammi - Our Grandmothers  
 Fi Glover introduces a conversation between friends who had very different relationships with their grandmothers. One worked in a palace, the other ran off to Rio, proving again that it's surprising what you hear when you listen.  
 The Listening Project is a Radio 4 initiative that offers a snapshot of contemporary Britain in which people across the UK volunteer to have a conversation with someone close to them about a subject they've never discussed intimately before. The conversations are being gathered across the UK by teams of producers from local and national radio stations who facilitate each encounter. Every conversation - they're not BBC interviews, and that's an important difference - lasts up to an hour, and is then edited to extract the key moment of connection between the participants. Most of the unedited conversations are being archived by the British Library and used to build up a collection of voices capturing a unique portrait of the UK in the second decade of the millennium. You can upload your own conversations or just learn more about The Listening Project by visiting [bbc.co.uk/listeningproject](http://bbc.co.uk/listeningproject)  
 Producer: Marya Burgess.  
**SUN 12:00 All Gas and Gaiters (b007jpf1)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]  
**SUN 12:30 ITMA - It's That Man Again (b007jvny)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]  
**SUN 13:00 Victor Hugo - Les Miserables Omnibus (b007jtwl)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]  
**SUN 14:15 Centurions (b007jx8s)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]  
**SUN 14:30 Underground Railroad: Omnibus (b08h4cs7)**  
 Episode 2  
 Will Cora and Caesar manage to elude capture, as they escape north from a Georgia plantation? Read by Clarke Peters.  
**SUN 15:45 Frances McNeil - Nickin' Julius Caesar (b08h4kwn)**  
 4 Extra Debut. Just picked up for shoplifting, Louise has to face her open-mouthed parents. What will she say? Read by Jane Hazlegrove.  
**SUN 16:00 Ronnie Smith - Cherries Hung With Snow (b0075zy2)**  
 Fulham, London, 1958: It's over five years since Tommie was mobbed after National Service. Now he's come back in search of some familiar faces  
 Ronnie Smith's poignant comedy is interspersed with music of the period.  
 Stars George Cole as Older Tommie, David Thorpe as Younger Tommie, Becky Hindley as Lil, John Hartley as Duckett, Deborah Berlin as Doreen, Kate Williams as Mrs Letts and Matt Podmore as Hank.  
 Director: Enyd Williams  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1997.  
**SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (b08h4pvp)**  
 The Women of Rainer Maria Rilke  
 BBC Radio 4's Poet in Residence, Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's radio poetry archive with The Women of Rainer Maria Rilke.  
 Hayley Radford explores the influence of significant women on the life and work of poet Rainer Maria Rilke. Regarded by many as one of the most significant German-speaking literary figures of the early Modern period, Rilke wrote lyrical verse and prose including Sonnets to Orpheus and Letter to A Young Poet. Hayley examines how he was dominated by the love of his mother and later pushed himself to the very limits of romantic love. The poet threw himself into endless heartbreak, many relationships, even abandoning a wife and child. He became the passive lover of a series of forthright, older women, including a princess and some heiresses, all in pursuit of the sweet agonies with which he could infuse his writing.  
 Featuring contributions from Rilke experts Dirk Heisserer, Professor Karen Leeder, Dr Ben Hutchinson and Professor Von Bulow.  
 Producer: Lucy Greenwell  
 Made for BBC Radio 4 by White Pebble Media and first heard in 2009.

**SUN 17:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b03lnzsk)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]  
**SUN 18:00 Afternoon Drama (b01ng7s4)**  
 Forever Mankind  
 It's 1973 and the American public wants to honour the bodies of the heroic astronauts who made it to the moon, but died unexpectedly, four years earlier.  
 After much lobbying, NASA gets the funds to launch a new mission with better technology. Three lucky astronauts are delighted that they have the responsibility of reviving popular interest in the space race. They are Clyde, Frank and Scott - three patriots who are all professionals and aware that sometimes a mission goes beyond what the public is told.  
 Ellen, an ambitious Houston TV reporter, documents their preparations and is convinced that this story will give her a national scoop. As the mission develops, she gets more than she bargains for.  
 In Jonathan Mitchell and Judith Kampfner's alternative history, all doesn't go according to plan and the second Moon expedition opens up questions about the Cold War and competing motives for space journeys, which have a sinister edge.  
 Recorded on location in New York City  
 Produced by Judith Kampfner and Jonathan Mitchell  
 A Corporation For Independent Media production for BBC Radio 4.  
**SUN 18:45 Book at Bedtime (b06pxt4f)**  
 The Truth Is a Cave in the Black Mountains, Episode 4  
 Chilling revenge for a terrible crime is at the heart of Neil Gaiman's multi-award-winning novella, inspired by a Hebridean myth and originally commissioned by Sydney Opera House for the Graphic Festival with celebrated illustrator Eddie Campbell.  
 4/5. The dwarf and the reaver reach the cave, where something is waiting.  
 Reader: Bill Paterson  
 Writer: Neil Gaiman  
 Abridged and produced by Karen Rose  
 A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4.  
**SUN 19:00 TED Radio Hour (b08h1j7d)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]  
**SUN 19:55 The Listening Project (b04b24y2)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:55 today]  
**SUN 20:00 Border - Tales from the Edge of Europe: Omnibus (b08h1j05)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]  
**SUN 21:10 Inheritance Tracks (b08h1j07)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:10 today]  
**SUN 21:15 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b08h1j45)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:15 today]  
**SUN 22:00 Ed Reardon's Week (b03lnzsk)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]  
**SUN 22:30 The Party Party (b007jx5p)**  
 Episode 6  
 Microcosm is host to revenge, greed and attempted murder.  
 Starring Hugh Laurie, Robert Glenister and Clive Mantle. From June 1987.  
**SUN 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b08j9k1q)**  
 The best in contemporary comedy. Arthur Smith chats to Jonny and the Baptists.  
**SUN 23:00 Newsjack (b08gp910)**  
 Series 16, Episode 6  
 BBC Radio 4 Extra's topical sketch show Newsjack concludes its latest series with host Angela Barnes.  
 Irreverent and satirical, Newsjack is the scrapbook sketch show written entirely by the Great British public, and then bought to life by a revolving cast of sketch performers.  
 This weeks cast features Kieron Hodgson, Gemma Arrowsmith and Ed Kear.  
 In this the final show of the series, we go on a sober pub crawl, receive a visitor from the future and hear from internet sensation BigNigePants...  
 The programme continues to be a showcase for new comedy writing: anyone can submit material (sketches and one-line jokes) - these can be submitted every week of the six week run.  
 Details for submitting material can be found here: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00kvs8r>  
 Producers: Adnan Ahmed and Abby Kumar  
 Script Editors: Liam Beirne and Sarah Campbell  
 Production Co-Ordinator: Beverley Tagg  
 BBC Studios Production.  
**SUN 23:30 The History Plays (b01dhs1h)**  
 A History of Blair in 9 1/2 Voices  
 Last in Nigel Smith's series of plays set at key moments in the last five decades.  
 A History of Tony Blair in 9 1/2 voices stars Jon Culshaw as Tony Blair, lost in the winding corridors of the BBC the day after his resignation. He finds himself sharing a room with Sue (Fiona Allen), a struggling impressionist who assumes he is a Tony Blair lookalike. Blair enjoys the opportunity to talk about himself in the third person, and to show off a few impressions of his own.  
 A darkly comic but thoughtful exploration of what makes Blair tick, the play gives a compelling explanation for what may have lain behind Blair's early political successes and what prompted his unwavering commitment to the war in Iraq.  
 Written and directed by Nigel Smith  
 Produced by Gareth Edwards.

## MONDAY 06 MARCH 2017

**MON 00:00 Afternoon Drama (b01ng7s4)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]  
**MON 00:45 Book at Bedtime (b06pxt4f)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:45 on Sunday]  
**MON 01:00 Victor Hugo - Les Miserables Omnibus (b007jtwl)**  
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 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Sunday]  
**MON 02:30 Underground Railroad: Omnibus (b08h4cs7)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Sunday]  
**MON 03:45 Frances McNeil - Nickin' Julius Caesar (b08h4kwn)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Sunday]  
**MON 04:00 Ronnie Smith - Cherries Hung With Snow (b0075zy2)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]  
**MON 05:00 Poetry Extra (b08h4pvp)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Sunday]  
**MON 05:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b03lnzsk)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]  
**MON 06:00 Ruth Rendell - The Keys to the Street (b01nbz23)**  
 A Door Unlocked  
 Claudie Blakley reads Ruth Rendell's thriller.

Mary Jago's troubles begin when partner Alastair beats her up for making an anonymous donation of her bone marrow. She flees to house-sit a Georgian mansion in London's Regents Park, apparently safe at last but where she is lonely and her only company is the departing occupants' dog, a shih-tzu called Gushi.

Against her grandmother's advice Mary plans to meet the recipient of her bone marrow, a young man from a local housing estate called Leo Nash. Other characters include: Leslie Bean, a 70 year old dog-walker, who comes twice a day to take Gushi out along with five other dogs; Roman Ashton, who takes to the streets after his wife and children die in a devastating traffic accident; and Hob, a drug addict and part time hit man.

In this opening episode, Mary flees to the apparent tranquility of Charlotte Cottage - an opulent house which belongs to friends of her grandmother. Once there, she writes a letter to the recipient of her bone marrow, Leo Nash, whom she wants to meet.

Meanwhile, in the park nearby, local drug addict Hob pays for his next hit by beating up a victim for his dealer.

Producer: Hilary Dunn

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Loftus Audio.  
**MON 06:30 Ladybird, Ladybird (b00765nt)**  
 The story of Ladybird children's books, including the Peter and Jane series - what is the future for the publishing company? With Clare Jenkins. From December 2001.  
**MON 07:00 Absolutely Delish (b08h57bd)**  
 Home Alone  
 Daisy Haggard stars as a hostess desperate to throw the most sophisticated New Year's Eve dinner party ever.  
 If she can get this right then perhaps the rest of her new year will be equally successful. But despite her meticulous planning, things go a bit pear-shaped. And pears aren't even on the menu.  
 Stars Daisy Haggard as Lucy, Ben Crowe as Man, Philippa Stanton as Beth, Hannah Wood as Jessica, and Michael Shelford as the Estate Agent.  
 Director: Helen Perry  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2013.  
**MON 07:30 Just a Minute (b08g4ll1)**  
 Series 77, Episode 2  
 Just A Minute is 50 years old this year! Nicholas Parsons has been hosting since day one, and continues to host with skill and panache! This week our panelists are Paul Merton, Shelia Hancock, Tom Allen and Gyles Brandreth., who will endeavor to talk on a given subject for sixty seconds without repetition, hesitation or deviation.  
 Who is Sheila Hancock's flavour of the month? What has Tom Allen got to say about the venerable telephone box? What was Paul Merton's new year resolution and listen as Gyles sails very close to the wind...  
 Beverly Tagg blows the whistle and it was produced by Matt Stronge.  
 Just A Minute is a BBC Studios production.  
**MON 08:00 Not in Front of the Children (b08h57ls)**  
 Series 2, A Change of Scene  
 Henry's landed a new job at last - but it means a move for the family from Battersea and Jennifer's having pangs...  
 Starring Wendy Craig as Jennifer Corner, Francis Matthews as Henry Corner, Charlotte Mitchell as Mary, Roberta Tovey as Trudi, Jill Riddick as Amanda, Hugo Keith-Johnson as Robin, Garard Green as Mr Mumford, Margot Boyd as Mrs Mumford, Frederick Treves as local inhabitant and Nan Kenway as Mrs Harris.  
 The second series of comedy mishaps of the Corner family: Jennifer and Henry and their three children Trudi, Amanda and Robin. Not in Front of the Children originally ran for four series from 1967 to 1970 on BBC TV. Richard Waring adapted his own scripts for this radio version, now fully restored from the original reel-to-reel tapes.

Wendy Craig won a Best Actress BAFTA award for the TV version of *Not in Front of the Children* in 1969. This was the first of several housewife roles that Wendy Craig was to play on television. Later series included *And Mother Makes Three/Five* and *Butterflies*.

Music by Ronnie Hazlehurst  
Producer: Trafford Whitecock.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in November 1970.  
**MON 08:30 Dad's Army (b007jlv)**

Series 1, *The Armoured Might of Lance-Corporal Jones*  
Private Walker dreams up a plan to get petrol coupons so Jones's delivery van can be commandeered for the war effort...

Six years after legendary sitcom *Dad's Army* started on BBC TV, these specially adapted radio versions began recording with the original cast.

Starring Arthur Lowe as Captain Mainwaring, John Le Mesurier as Sergeant Wilson, Clive Dunn as Corporal Jones, James Beck as Private Walker, Arnold Ridley as Private Godfrey, Ian Lavender as Private Pike, John Laurie as Private Frazer, Nan Brawntton as Cissie Godfrey, Percy Edwards as Percy the Parrot and John Snagge as the announcer.

Adapted from Jimmy Perry and David Croft's original BBC TV scripts by Michael Knowles and Harold Snoad.  
Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1974.  
**MON 09:00 Quote... Unquote (b04f9fs0)**

Quote ... Unquote, the popular quotations quiz, returns for its 50th series.

In almost forty years, Nigel Rees has been joined by writers, actors, musicians, scientists and various comedy types. Kenneth Williams, Judi Dench, PD James, Larry Adler, Ian KcKellen, Peter Cook, Kingsley Amis, Peter Ustinov... have all graced the Quote Unquote stage.

Join Nigel as he quizzes a host of celebrity guests on the origins of sayings and well-known quotes, and gets the famous panel to share their favourite anecdotes.

Episode 3  
Actress, writer and comedienne Maureen Lipman  
Presenter and newsreader Penny Smith  
Journalist, political commentator and president of YouGov Peter Kellner  
Comedian, writer and actor Sanjeev Kohli  
Presenter ... Nigel Rees  
Producer ... Carl Cooper.

**MON 09:30 Anything Legal (b008fxrd)**

Episode 8  
With their business struggling, Charles and George turn to nanny. Stars Donald Hewlett and Michael Knowles. From January 1985.  
**MON 10:00 Classic Serial (b02117x0)**

The Radetzky March, Episode 1  
by Joseph Roth.  
Dramatised by Gregory Evans  
A dramatisation of Joseph Roth's most celebrated novel. The end of the Austro-Hungarian Empire as seen through the lives of three generations of the Trotta family. Part 1 of 2.  
Piano and Trupet played by Peter Ringrose  
Directed by Marc Beeby  
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Literary critic Harold Blom described Joseph Roth's *The Radetzky March* as "One of the most readable, poignant and superb novels in twentieth century German".  
This is the story of the Trottas, a family of Slovenian peasants ennobled when Lieutenant Joseph Trotta saves Emperor Franz Joseph's life at the Battle of Solferino in 1859. Most of the action, however, is set in the early years of the twentieth century and concerns the next two generations of Trottas, a bureaucrat and a soldier: the Baron - stiff, guarded, but secretly loving - and his son, the feckless, disaster-prone Carl Joseph.  
The *Radetzky March* is a novel about the ending of things: love affairs, friendships, individual lives, dynasties, an empire, a world.  
**MON 11:00 The Apocalypse Clock (b01p9gnd)**

Before the End  
A short story diptych written by the award-winning author Patrick Ness.  
Read by Lindsay Duncan.

In an abandoned hospital, on the day the Mayans predicted would bring the apocalypse, a terminally ill man counts down the minutes and waits with his wife for the end to come. The Mayans predicted that the world will end on 21st December 2012. These specially commissioned short stories explore the nature of endings, seen through the eyes of a woman who loses everything on the day of revelation.  
Producer: Kirsteen Cameron.  
**MON 11:15 Afternoon Drama (b01jhnzl)**

Ruth Rendell - *People Don't Do Such Things*  
It is 1979 and hapless accountant Arthur (a winning Reece Shearsmith) and his wife Gwen (Laura Pyper) have made a new friend.  
Flashy novelist Reeve (Michael Maloney) is everything they're not - carefree, charismatic and seemingly irresistible. At first, his friendship seems to offer an enticing window into a world beyond their cloistered suburban existence, but it doesn't take long for the relationship to slip into rather more sinister territory. With unfussy performances and a rumbling documentary-style soundscape, the grimness of late-70s suburbia is palpable throughout.  
From the moment colossal egotist Reeve arrives on the scene, it's clear that Arthur and Gwen don't stand a chance, and it's this

festering inevitability, lurking in awkward pauses and fidgety middle-class ticks, that gives this play its most haunting moments.  
Dramatised by Mike Walker from a short story by Ruth Rendell.  
Sound Design: Steve Bond  
Directed by John Dryden  
A Goldhawk Production for BBC Radio 4.  
**MON 12:00 Not in Front of the Children (b08h57ls)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]  
**MON 12:30 Dad's Army (b007jlv)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]  
**MON 13:00 Ruth Rendell - The Keys to the Street (b01nbz23)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]  
**MON 13:30 Ladybird, Ladybird (b00765nt)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]  
**MON 14:00 Truman Capote - Breakfast at Tiffany's (b00890l3)**

Episode 1  
Henry Goodman reads Truman Capote's vivid and witty novel about the relationship between young writer, Paul Varjak and captivating girl-about-town, Holly Golightly, in 1940s New York.

With her tousled blond hair and upturned nose, dark glasses and chic black dresses, Holly Golightly is top notch in style and a sensation wherever she goes. Her brownstone apartment vibrates with martini-soaked parties as she plays hostess to millionaires and gangsters alike. Yet Holly never loses sight of her ultimate goal - to find a real life place like Tiffany's that makes her feel at home.

Truman Capote's 1958 novella abridged in 10-parts by James Robertson.  
Born in New Orleans in 1925, Truman Capote left school at 15 to work for the *New Yorker* - his first, and last, regular job. He's the author of many highly praised books, including *A Tree of Night* and *Other Stories*, *The Grass Harp*, *In Cold Blood*, *Music for Chameleons* and *Answered Prayers*. Truman Capote died in 1984.  
Producer: Bruce Young  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2001.  
**MON 14:15 Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen's Escape to the Country (b00rql6f)**

Humphry Repton  
Laurence explores changing ideas about the countryside, starting with early 19th-century landscape designer Humphrey Repton.  
**MON 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b00gqpr3)**

Vita Sackville-West - *All Passion Spent*, Episode 1  
Adaptation of the 1931 novel by Vita Sackville-West about an old widow who defies her children to embark on an independent life after her husband dies.  
Lady Slane ..... Honor Blackman  
Mr FitzGeorge ..... Alec McCowen  
Herbert Holland ..... John Nicholas  
Carrie ..... Phyllida Nash  
Kay Holland ..... Patrick Romer  
Mr Bucktrout ..... Paul Nicholson  
Mr Gosherson ..... Peter Ellis  
Genoux ..... Sonia Elliman  
Police Inspector ..... Russell Boulter  
Deborah Holland ..... Annabel Scholey  
Directed by Sara Davies.  
**MON 14:45 Book of the Week (b01h5xcj)**

Granta's Britain, *Sugar in the Blood*  
Four writers create a personal portrait, exploring their sense of identity and what it feels like to be at home in Britain.  
'*Sugar In The Blood*' by Andrea Stuart. Read by Lorraine Burroughs.  
This selection of original non-fiction is taken from a glorious and sometimes feistily cantankerous celebration of Britain.  
Andrea Stuart arrived from Barbados in the mid 1970s, aged 14 yrs. Hers was a plantation owning Baján family descended from an 18th century English emigrant. The essay explores the painful contradictions of race, money and class - all transcended by that arbitrary signifier, skin colour.  
Abridged and Produced by Jill Waters  
A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4.  
**MON 15:00 Classic Serial (b02117x0)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]  
**MON 16:00 Quote... Unquote (b04f9fs0)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]  
**MON 16:30 Anything Legal (b008fxrd)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]  
**MON 17:00 Absolutely Delish (b08h57bd)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]  
**MON 17:30 Just a Minute (b08g4ll1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]  
**MON 18:00 Afternoon Reading (b00cggf9)**

Nick Walker - *The Further Adventures of the First King of Mars, Ninety Seconds of Terror*  
To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the launch of Sputnik Nick Walker was commissioned to write the sci-fi adventure 'The First King Of Mars'.  
Now, in five, thrilling, action-packed episodes we continue the story where it left off with our fearless commander, previously employed to head-up the first manned mission to Mars, plummeting towards the planet with no thick atmosphere to slow him down.  
Starring Peter Capaldi.  
Producer: Karen Rose  
A Sweet Talk Production for BBC Radio 4.

**MON 18:15 Terry Pratchett (b01r0zb9)**

Eric, Episode 1  
Adapted by Robin Brooks.  
Terry Pratchett's many Discworld novels combine a Technicolor imagination with a razor sharp wit, especially when he rewrites Faust as spotty teenage demonologist Eric.  
1/4 When precocious young Eric Thursley summons a demon from the loathsome pit to fulfil his every wish, he certainly gets what he asked for. Just... not exactly what he asked for. That's the problem with wishes.  
Rincewind ..... Mark Heap  
Eric ..... Will Howard  
Death ..... Geoffrey Whitehead  
Archchancellor ..... Robert Blythe  
Parrot ..... Ben Crowe  
Demon King Astfgl ..... Nicholas Murchie  
Screwplate ..... Michael Shelford  
Mother ..... Christine Absalom  
Narrator ..... Rick Warden  
Director ..... Jonquil Panting.  
**MON 18:30 A Good Read (b0076gtv)**

Jane Smiley & Helen Lederer  
Sue MacGregor and her guests - author, Jane Smiley and comic actress, Helen Lederer - discuss books by Muriel Spark, Donald Antrim and Nadine Gordimer. From 2003.  
*Crimes of Conscience* by Nadine Gordimer  
Publisher: Heinemann  
*The Girls of Slender Means* by Muriel Spark  
Publisher: Penguin  
*The Verificationist* by Donald Antrim  
Publisher: Bloomsbury.  
**MON 19:00 Not in Front of the Children (b08h57ls)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]  
**MON 19:30 Dad's Army (b007jlv)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]  
**MON 20:00 Ruth Rendell - The Keys to the Street (b01nbz23)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]  
**MON 20:30 Ladybird, Ladybird (b00765nt)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]  
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[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]  
**MON 21:15 Afternoon Drama (b01jhnzl)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]  
**MON 22:00 Just a Minute (b08g4ll1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]  
**MON 22:30 Armando Iannucci's Charm Offensive (b00cypm0)**

Series 4, Episode 1  
The comedy zookeeper unleashes his menagerie of laugh-beasts. With Robin Ince, Lucy Porter and Matt Kirshen. From August 2008.  
**MON 23:00 The Now Show (b08g7y23)**

Series 50, 03/03/2017  
Steve Punt, Hugh Dennis and guests present the week in news through stand-up and sketches.  
Mae Martin discusses President Trump's repeal of federal guidance allowing transpersons to use the bathrooms they identify with and her own odd experiences in public bathrooms. Andy Zaltzman proposes an innovative new alternative to the House of Lords. Jess Robinson ponders what it'd be like if Beyoncé, Adele and Little Mix targeted women the way advertisers do. The Guardian's Maeve Shearlaw offers insights into the recent assassination of Kim Jong Nam.  
**MON 23:30 The Sofa of Time (b00hwyq7)**

There's Gravy in My Locker  
Milford and Parker arrive in a magical world and embark on a quest. Stars Nick Frost, Matt King and Mark Heap. From October 2002.

**TUESDAY 07 MARCH 2017**

**TUE 00:00 Afternoon Reading (b00cggf9)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Monday]  
**TUE 00:15 Terry Pratchett (b01r0zb9)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:15 on Monday]  
**TUE 00:30 A Good Read (b0076gtv)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Monday]  
**TUE 01:00 Ruth Rendell - The Keys to the Street (b01nbz23)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]  
**TUE 01:30 Ladybird, Ladybird (b00765nt)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]  
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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]  
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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Monday]  
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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]  
**TUE 02:45 Book of the Week (b01h5xcj)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Monday]  
**TUE 03:00 Classic Serial (b02117x0)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]  
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**TUE 04:30 Anything Legal (b008fxrd)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Monday]

**TUE 05:00 Absolutely Delish (b08h57bd)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

**TUE 05:30 Just a Minute (b08g411)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]

**TUE 06:00 Ruth Rendell - The Keys to the Street (b01ncgrj)**  
Bone of My Bone  
Mary Jago meets the recipient of her bone marrow donation and a mutilated body is discovered. Read by Claudie Blakley.

**TUE 06:30 The Vernons Girls (b0076wgg)**  
Michael Angelis charts the success of Liverpool's all-girl group, The Vernons Girls, back in the 1950s and 60s. From January 2006.

**TUE 07:00 Control Group Six (b007521)**  
Episode 4  
Can an unusual source help Dr Heaven complete his mission, before things explode in his face?  
A bizarre four-part comedy - half sketch show and half psychological thriller. Written and performed by Richard Bean, Andrew Clifford and Clive Coleman. With Geraldine Fitzgerald and Mandy Knight.  
Control Group Six is a company town, like any other with a high murder-rate. But only one man possesses the experience, the post-Jungian insight and the gullibility to enter such a dangerous environment - Dr Heaven, company psychologist.  
Producer: Colin Swash  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1995.

**TUE 07:30 Mark Watson Talks a Bit About Life (b04mcssb)**  
Series 1, Money  
A new series from multi-award winning comic Mark Watson where he attempts to answer the big questions and make sense of life, nimbly assisted by Tim Key and Tom Basden.  
Mark and his two henchmen tackle academic and abstract topics. Themes will be examined from every angle, torn apart, laughed at and put back together again in an effort to understand ourselves and the world around us, and make it a slightly better place using stand-up, poetry, songs and dippy interactions.  
This week Mark looks at "Money". These days it's quite unfashionable to like money. People get demonised for having high salaries. Bankers are seen as bad-guys. Less-is-more philosophies abound, yet they are flawed - mathematically, more is actually more. Is it so bad to try and get rich?  
The programme looks at the corrupting influence of money and the harm it does versus the good impact it can have, and weigh them up. Mark discusses his own experiences of being poor and quite well-off and how each impacted his personality.  
Is money really the root of all evil? Or a useful way of buying things like Polo mints, fruit, etc?  
Mark Watson is a multi-award winning comedian - his awards include the inaugural If.Comedy Panel Prize 2006. He is assisted by Tim Key, winner of an Edinburgh Comedy Award in 2009, and Tom Basden who won the the If.Comedy Award for Best Newcomer in 2007.  
Written and performed by Mark Watson, Tim Key and Tom Basden  
Produced by Lianne Coop  
An Impatient production for BBC Radio 4.

**TUE 08:00 Steptoe and Son (b007k1zr)**  
Series 4, Any Old Iron?  
Albert gets concerned about an offer made to Harold.  
Starring Wilfrid Brambell as Albert and Harry H Corbett as Harold. With Richard Hurdall, John Samson and Stephanie Turner.  
Following the conclusion of their hugely successful association with Tony Hancock, writers Ray Galton and Alan Simpson wrote 10 pilots for the BBC TV's Comedy Playhouse in 1962. The Offer was set in a house with a yard full of junk, featuring the lives of rag and bone men Albert Steptoe and his son Harold and it was the spark for a run of 8 series for TV.  
Written for TV and adapted for radio by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.  
Produced by Bobby Jaye  
First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in March 1972.

**TUE 08:30 The Men From the Ministry (b01c7rlx)**  
Gone to Earth  
The workshy pair run into deep trouble when they supervise a building project. With Richard Murdoch. Re-recorded in 1980.

**TUE 09:00 The Now Show (b08g7y23)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]

**TUE 09:30 Getting Nowhere Fast (b007zn0h)**  
Series 1, Episode 1  
Ex-lovers turned cafe-bar owners Pam and Merv discuss love, life and a revamp. Stars Mervyn Stutter. From November 2001.

**TUE 10:00 Classic Serial (b021wc5t)**  
The Radetzky March, Episode 2  
by Joseph Roth.  
Dramatised by Gregory Evans  
Part 2 of 2.  
Carl Joseph has been posted to a remote outpost of the Austro-Hungarian near the Russian border where his life, and the life of the Empire, is about to take a turn for the worse. A dramatisation of Joseph Roth's most celebrated novel.  
Piano and Trumpet played by Peter Ringrose  
Directed by Marc Beebey.

**TUE 11:00 The Apocalypse Clock (b01pfrff)**  
After the End  
A short story diptych written by the award-winning author Patrick Ness.  
Read by Lindsay Duncan.

A newly bereaved wife returns alone to her looted home. One week on from the false apocalypse, the power is still down, the fires are still burning; people are starting to emerge, shame-faced, from their shelters, seeking food and information. As the widow walks to a hastily established food-bank, she glimpses the small boy who has shadowed her since she returned from the hospital. In his right hand he is carrying something precious; a small gift, a revelation.  
The Mayans predicted that the world will end on 21st December 2012. These specially commissioned short stories explore the nature of endings through the eyes of a woman who loses everything on the day of revelation.  
Produced by Kirsteen Cameron.

**TUE 11:15 Afternoon Drama (b00c5xth)**  
The Confessions  
Charlotte Grieg's play is a contemporary thriller about an art scam.  
When Luke cons an unknowing client into selling him a valuable artwork at a cut price rate, he knows he stands to make a killing - but he can't pull off his plan without the help of his girlfriend Catrin. Catrin is a good girl who has fallen for a bad boy but will she override her moral scruples and go along with Luke's scheme whatever the price?  
Luke ..... Clive Standen  
Catrin ..... Lynne Seymour  
Heinrich ..... John Castle  
Simone ..... Sara McGaughey  
Produced and Directed by Kate McAll.

**TUE 12:00 Steptoe and Son (b007k1zr)**  
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**TUE 13:30 The Vernons Girls (b0076wgg)**  
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**TUE 14:00 Truman Capote - Breakfast at Tiffany's (b00898s7)**  
Episode 2  
Young writer Paul Varjak gets to know girl-about-town Holly Golightly in 1940s New York. Read by Henry Goodman.

**TUE 14:15 Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen's Escape to the Country (b00rvzbn)**  
William Wordsworth and the Sublime Landscape  
How Wordsworth expressed a sense of nature's powers in his poetry that has influenced thinking about the countryside ever since.

**TUE 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b00h438m)**  
Vita Sackville-West - All Passion Spent, Episode 2  
Adaptation of the 1931 novel by Vita Sackville-West.  
Lady Slane rejects her children's plans for her old age and begins to make a new life and two eccentric new friends in Hampstead.  
Lady Slane ..... Honor Blackman  
Mr FitzGeorge ..... Alec McCowen  
Herbert Holland ..... John Nicholas  
Carrie ..... Phyllida Nash  
Kay Holland ..... Patrick Romer  
Mr Bucktrout ..... Paul Nicholson  
Mr Gosheron ..... Peter Ellis  
Genoux ..... Sonia Eiliman  
Police Inspector ..... Russell Boulter  
Deborah Holland ..... Annabel Scholey  
Directed by Sara Davies.

**TUE 14:45 Book of the Week (b01h7gw)**  
Granta's Britain, Stevenage 1/2  
Four writers create a personal portrait, exploring their sense of identity and what it feels like to be at home in Britain.  
'Stevenage 1/2' by Gary Younge. Read by David Harewood.  
This selection of original non-fiction is taken from Granta magazine's volume 'Britain'.  
Gary Younge was brought up in Stevenage, a place which even his fellow residents were hard pushed to locate on a map. It was an engineered community but one in which he and his brothers and their single parent mum participated in whole-heartedly.  
Nonetheless despite having only spent six weeks there as a four year old, whenever he was asked where he was from, 'home' was Barbados.  
Abridged and Produced by Jill Waters  
A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4.

**TUE 15:00 Classic Serial (b021wc5t)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**TUE 16:00 Puzzle Panel (b00y26mr)**  
Episode 5  
More testing brain teasers with Chris Maslanka, Paul Lamford, Professor Angela Newing and Robert Eastaway. From July 1998.

**TUE 16:30 Bablewick Hall (b01n6zrr)**  
Series 1, Episode 3  
Smitten by lovely Lucinda, squire Fenton must firstly face her mother's demands. Stars Nicholas Le Prevost. From January 1996.

**TUE 17:00 Control Group Six (b007521)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**TUE 17:30 Mark Watson Talks a Bit About Life (b04mcssb)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**TUE 18:00 Afternoon Reading (b00c9fym)**  
Nick Walker - The Further Adventures of the First King of Mars, The Shadow of a Volcano  
To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the launch of Sputnik, Nick

Walker was commissioned to write the sci-fi adventure 'The First King Of Mars'.  
'Mars Twenty' has landed. And it wasn't pretty.  
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Performed by Peter Capaldi.  
Producer: Karen Rose  
A Sweet Talk Production for BBC Radio 4.

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Eric, Episode 2  
Adapted by Robin Brooks.  
Terry Pratchett's many Discworld novels combine a Technicolor imagination with a razor sharp wit, especially when he rewrites Faust as spotty teenage demonologist Eric.  
2/4 Young Eric Thursley wants to rule the world, and junior wizard Rincewind actually manages to magic him up a tribal kingdom among the Tezumen, in the rainforests of Klatch. But all that changes when they meet the Tezumen's bloodthirsty deity: Quetzovercoat.  
Rincewind ..... Mark Heap  
Eric ..... Will Howard  
Parrot ..... Ben Crowe  
Ponce Da Quirm ..... Jack Klaff  
Demon King Astfgl ..... Nicholas Murchie  
Screwpatie ..... Michael Shelford  
Quetzovercoat ..... Robert Blythe  
Narrator ..... Rick Warden  
Director ..... Jonquil Panting.

**TUE 18:30 And The Academy Award Goes To ... (b008vd2n)**  
Series 1, Lawrence of Arabia  
In his history of the Oscars, Paul Giamaccini discovers how David Lean's epic won the Best Picture award in 1963. From February 2008.

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**TUE 22:30 Kerry's List (b01s46vd)**  
Series 1, Episode 1  
The first in a four-part sketch show co-written by and starring comedian and actress Kerry Godliman.  
Kerry is a married mother of two, a stand up comedian and has two children. Her life can only properly function with her daily list - if she didn't compile this vital list, her life would simply fall apart.  
Each week, this series looks at a different list and delves into Kerry's madcap world by looking at various elements of that week's list in sketches, narrative and stand up.  
In this first episode, Kerry's List includes avoiding eBay, de-scaling the kettle, looking good and being romantic for Valentine's Day, buying jeans, retrieving an asthma pump from the Hoover, toning her upper arms and reviewing the plumber!  
Joining Kerry is her husband Ben (played by her real husband Ben Abell) and her five year old daughter Elsie (played by Melissa Bury) together with a range of bizarre characters - including an enthusiastic council environment worker, some disgruntled satsumas, a bored therapist, a Fairy Jeannmother and a very keen gym instructor.  
Any busy parent who's ever compiled a list of their own will relate to Kerry Godliman's incident filled world.  
The cast includes David Pusey (who co-wrote the series), Bridget Christie, Lucy Briers, Rosie Cavaliero and Nicholas Le Prevost.  
Kerry Godliman is fast establishing herself as a highly skilful stand up comic and actress, from her recent appearances on Live at The Apollo (BBC 1), Derek (C4) and Our Girl (BBC 1).  
Producer: Paul Russell  
An Open Mike production for BBC Radio 4.

**TUE 23:00 The Nick Revell Show (b007ip6v)**  
Series 1, Episode 6  
The writer ponders moving in with his girlfriend, and which geranium is sexiest? With Alistair McGowan. From February 1992.

**TUE 23:30 Arthur Smith's Balham Bash (b00lp32n)**  
Series 1, Episode 3  
The Londoner invites Micky Flanagan and Nat Luurtsema round to his place, and there's music from Alabama 3. From July 2009.

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**WED 06:00 Ruth Rendell - The Keys to the Street (b01nd474)**  
Love Hurts  
Leo Nash's sudden departure upsets Mary. In the park, another homeless person is murdered. Read by Claudie Blakley.

**WED 06:30 Sir John Soane at Home (b0075g7y)**  
Rosemary Hill uncovers the hidden history of Sir John Soane's museum in London, detailed in personal diaries. From January 1999.

**WED 07:00 Robin and Wendy's Wet Weekends (b0076svq)**  
Series 4, Congratulations, It's a Hob Nob  
Wendy is busy preparing for the baby's arrival. Unfortunately, Robin isn't feeling very well and takes to his bed, much to the frustration of everyone.

Robin ..... Brian Capron  
Wendy ..... Kay Stonham  
Derek ..... Martin Trenaman  
Maureen ..... Amelia Bullmore.

**WED 07:30 It's Jocelyn (b08g7mit)**  
Series 2, Dates  
It's Jocelyn returns for a second series of sketches and stand-up from the wonderful mind of Jocelyn Jee Esien.  
In episode two, Jocelyn talks about a dating, we follow a day in the life of Britain's worst bus driver and Kingston's take away caters for a vegan customer.  
This series Jocelyn is joined by Paul Whitehouse as a cockney funeral director, as well as the vocal talents of Ninia Benjamin, Curtis Walker, Dee Kaate, Gavi Chera and Karen Bartke.  
The producer is Suzy Grant and It's Jocelyn is a BBC Studios production.

**WED 08:00 The Navy Lark (b007jn8n)**  
Friday the 13th  
The day proves unlucky for the superstitious crew aboard HMS Troutbridge.  
Starring Leslie Phillips as the Sub-Lieutenant, Jon Pertwee as the Chief Petty Officer, Stephen Murray as the Commanding Officer, Richard Caldicot as Captain Povey, Heather Chasen as Rita, Tenniel Evans as the Admiral and Michael Bates as the Lieutenant.  
Laughs afloat aboard British Royal Navy frigate HMS Troutbridge. The Navy Lark ran for an impressive thirteen series between 1959 and 1976.  
Scripted by Lawrie Wyman and George Evans.  
Producer: Alastair Scott Johnston.  
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in June 1972.

**WED 08:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b007v1p4)**  
Agricultural 'Ancock  
The lad turns farmer - unaware that sneaky Sid's sold him a top cricket ground.  
Starring Tony Hancock, Sidney James, Bill Kerr, Kenneth Williams and Hattie Jacques.  
Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.  
Theme and incidental music composed by Wally Stott. Recorded by the BBC Revue Orchestra conducted by Harry Rabinowitz.  
Producer: Dennis Main Wilson  
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in February 1957.

**WED 09:00 Genius (b00b9nzd)**  
Series 1, John Fortune  
Dave Gorman asks John Fortune to select the public's best loopy idea, like using laughing gas for riots. From November 2005.

**WED 09:30 Second Holmes (b0169ljq)**  
The Case of the Neglected Farm  
The grandsons of Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson go to Dorset, where a wife is in danger. Stars Peter Egan. From January 1983.

**WED 10:00 Nikolai Gogol - Dead Souls (b00wr9rh)**  
Episode 1  
When Chichikov arrives in a Russian town with the Narrator to tout for dead serfs, suspicions are aroused. Stars Michael Palin.

**WED 11:00 Maiden City Stories (b01r1337)**  
The Sacrifice  
Three new short stories, specially commissioned by BBC Radio 4 to celebrate Derry-Londonderry's status as UK City of Culture,

from some of the city's leading literary figures. Seamus Deane, Jennifer Johnston and Brian McGilloway each bring us a new short story, recorded in front of an audience in the city's Verbal Arts Centre.  
'The Sacrifice' by Brian McGilloway  
Grianan of Aileach is a prehistoric ring fort sitting atop Grianan hill, barely ten miles from the centre of Derry-Londonderry, yet in a different jurisdiction, a few miles over the border in the Irish Republic. So when a dead body is discovered there, bruised and half-naked, DS Lucy Black is summoned over the border to investigate how it ended up in the middle of nowhere and why.  
Writer  
Brian McGilloway is author of the critically acclaimed Inspector Benedict Devlin series. He was born in Derry, Northern Ireland in 1974. After studying English at Queen's University, Belfast, he took up a teaching position in St Columba's College in Derry, where he is currently Head of English.  
His first novel, Borderlands, published by Macmillan New Writing, was shortlisted for the CWA New Blood Dagger 2007 and was hailed by The Times as 'one of (2007's) most impressive debuts'. Brian's fifth novel, Little Girl Lost, which introduced a new series featuring DS Lucy Black, won the University of Ulster's McCrea Literary Award in 2011. 2012 saw the paperback release of Little Girl Lost and the launch of the new Inspector Devlin mystery, The Nameless Dead.  
'The Sacrifice' by Brian McGilloway  
Read by Laura Pypor  
Produced by Michael Shannon.

**WED 11:15 Julia Stoneham - The Cinderella Service (b08hdb32)**  
Episode 1  
Devon, England, 1943: Alice Todd has separated from her husband but, with a 10 year old son to care for, she needs to find a job. But is the position of Warden at a hostel for Land Army girls the right one?  
Julia Stoneham's three-part series set during the Second World War stars Samantha Bond as Alice, Annabel Mullion as Georgina, Jilly Bond as Mrs Bowden, June Barrie as Rose, Tilly Vosburgh as Annie, Cathy Murphy as Mabel, Becky Hindley as Marian and Deborah McAndrew as Winnie.  
Directed by Tracy Neale.  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1995.

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**WED 14:00 Truman Capote - Breakfast at Tiffany's (b00899kj)**  
Episode 3  
Fred upsets girl-about-town Holly, while a man from her Hollywood past arrives in New York. Read by Henry Goodman.

**WED 14:15 Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen's Escape to the Country (b00rzmkj)**  
The Sporting Estate  
The stylist explores how field sports contributed to the idea of the country house as a seat of social and political power.

**WED 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b00h44b0)**  
Vita Sackville-West - All Passion Spent, Episode 3  
Adaptation of the 1931 novel by Vita Sackville-West.  
Lady Slane's retirement in Hampstead is interrupted when she is visited by a figure from her past, whose memories force her to take stock of her own life.  
Lady Slane ..... Honor Blackman  
Mr FitzGeorge ..... Alec McCowen  
Herbert Holland ..... John Nicholas  
Carrie ..... Phyllida Nash  
Kay Holland ..... Patrick Romer  
Mr Bueckrott ..... Paul Nicholson  
Mr Gosheron ..... Peter Ellis  
Genoux ..... Sonia Elliman  
Police Inspector ..... Russell Boulter  
Deborah Holland ..... Annabel Scholey  
Directed by Sara Davies.

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This selection of original non-fiction is taken from Granta magazine's volume 'Britain'  
Stevenage (2/2): Writer and commentator, Gary Younge explores his relationship to the new town of Stevenage and how the place he grew up in has evolved.  
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Nick Walker - The Further Adventures of the First King of Mars, A Shocking Discovery  
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Leonid's funeral is overshadowed by a shocking discovery.  
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3/4 Eric has summoned a demon and wished to meet the most beautiful woman in the world. Unfortunately, this lands him in a wooden horse in the middle of a rather famous siege. Fortunately, he is accompanied by junior wizard Rincewind, and his indefatigable Luggage.  
Rincewind ..... Mark Heap  
Death ..... Geoffrey Whitehead  
Eric ..... Will Howard  
Lavaeolus ..... Rick Warden  
Elenor ..... Christine Absalom  
Sergeant ..... Ben Crowe  
Demon King Astfjl ..... Nicholas Murchie  
Creator ..... Robert Blythe  
Director ..... Jonquil Panting.

**WED 18:30 Off the Page (b00vk79)**  
Living Cheap  
"My name is David Collins. I'm 69 years old and I live in an almshouse."  
Everyone tells us we are living in tough times, so three guests explain what that means for them. David Collins is an actor who has found a medieval sounding solution - an almshouse - to the big squeeze. Laurie Penny is a 23 year-old recent graduate who writes for free on her blog Penny Red, and until recently was living in a house she described as a scene from 'Withnail and I'.  
And Pauline Black, the lead singer of the Selector, resists the charge that it was her baby boomer generation that has spent all the money and messed up the economy for everyone else.  
Fresh, provocative writing and fiery debate. The presenter is Dominic Arkwright, the producer Miles Warde.

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**WED 22:30 Goodness Gracious Me (b007jv2l)**  
Series 1, Episode 2  
Indian students on a gap year enjoy bustling England's smells at the airport, the Indian Neighbours are cooking a roast and Skipinder the Punjabi Kangaroo hops in.  
Stars Sanjeev Bhaskar, Kulvinder Ghir, Nitin Sawhney, Meera Syal and Nina Wadia.  
Gold Winner of the Sony Radio Academy Awards. The sketch comedy show originally ran on BBC Radio 4 from 1996 to 1998, later transferring to TV on BBC Two from 1998 to 2001.  
Scripted by Sharat Sardana, Richard Pinto and the cast.  
Produced by Gareth Edwards and Anil Gupta.  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1996.

**WED 23:00 Elis James's Pantheon of Heroes (b01pip4n)**  
Series 2, Communication  
Pryce Pryce-Jones, Richard Trevithick and Guglielmo Marconi - Elis compares key figures in Welsh history to determine Wales' ultimate heroes. With Benjamin Partridge, Nadia Kamil.

**WED 23:30 Paul Sinha's Citizenship Test (b038n3dh)**  
Episode 3  
Paul Sinha is proudly British. He also loves a quiz. So you would have thought that the UK Citizenship Test, which newcomers to this country must pass to become citizens, would have been right up his street. But the questions in the 2012 and 2013 Home Office guides seem either bizarrely easy - "Where is Welsh most widely spoken?" - or infuriatingly vague - "What happened in the First World War?"  
So Paul has created his own test, to better reflect the things that aspiring migrants should understand before they can call themselves British. In this third episode he looks at British culture

- newspapers, TV, art and film. He tests the studio audience on their knowledge, with those that answer incorrectly being deported; he also offers up ten pounds of his own money to anyone in the audience who can correctly identify an artist that the Home Office think all new immigrants should be aware of. The series intertwines the sort of comedy Paul has become known for on *The Now Show*, *The News Quiz*, and *Fighting Talk*, as well as his own Radio 4 shows *The Sinha Test* and *The Sinha Games*, and the command of facts and figures he demonstrates on the ITV quiz show *The Chase*, with a dash of the patriotism that has seen him banned from the bar at the United Nations. Written and performed by Paul Sinha. Producer: Ed Morrish.

#### THURSDAY 09 MARCH 2017

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**THU 06:00 Ruth Rendell - The Keys to the Street (b01ndqt1)**

In Harm's Way

Hob is questioned by the police and Roman Ashton becomes anxious about Mary Jago's safety. Read by Claudie Blakley.

**THU 06:30 The 'arse that Jack Built (b011jwm4)**

Ian McMillan goes on a quest to find one of Britain's strangest linguistic features. Somewhere between Sheffield and

Chesterfield, people stop saying house and say something that sounds a lot more like 'arse'. It's an isogloss, a kind of linguistic boundary line where accent and dialect changes. Ian calls it the house / 'arse interface, and with his friend the musician Ray

Hearne and linguist Kate Burland in tow, he sets out to track it down. But can it really be as simple as crossing a line on a map?

**THU 07:00 Dry Slopes (b00lv7c2)**

Series 1, Dry Wit

Friendless, jobless Angus writes a requiem to himself. He is really a genius, you know. Starring Nick Ball. From May 1995.

**THU 07:30 Meet David Sedaris (b064418w)**

Series 5, Stepping Out; The Vigilant Rabbit

One of the world's best storytellers, back on BBC Radio 4 doing what he does best.

This week:

how a quest for fitness can become an obsession in "Stepping Out";

an anthropomorphic tale of over zealous security in "The Vigilant Rabbit";

and some questions from the studio audience.

Producer: Steve Doherty

A Giddy Goat production for BBC Radio 4.

**THU 08:00 Stop Messing About! (b00cpvf3)**

Series 1, Episode 13

Problem corner - blast off into space the bona way!

Stars Kenneth Williams, Hugh Paddick, Joan Sims and announcer, Douglas Smith.

After the unexpected death of Kenneth Horne in 1969, plans for the next series of *Round The Horne* were axed. Instead - using an old catchphrase of Kenneth Williams as a series title - Kenneth

joined Hugh Paddick to continue the comedy tradition and was also reunited with his "Carry On" film co-star Joan Sims.

Written by Johnnie Mortimer, Brian Cooke and Myles Rudge

With the Max Harris Group.

Producer: John Simmonds

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in June 1969.

**THU 08:30 Know Your Place (b018ttwj)**

Marriage of Convenience

Is it wedding bells for caretaker Ramsay in a quest to keep his job? Stars Roy Dotrice and Patricia Hayes. From March 1982.

**THU 09:00 All the Way From Memphis (b00ij529)**

Series 1, Episode 5

James Walton's pop music history quiz with Tracey MacLeod,

Andrew Collins, David Hepworth and Carol Decker. From January 2005.

**THU 09:30 Country Matters (b00jzckm)**

Episode 1

Dave and Cathy leave the city for Drayton Warlock's pastoral idyll. Stars Jonathan Tatler and Lesley Sharp. From April 1994.

**THU 10:00 Nikolai Gogol - Dead Souls (b00wrcng)**

Episode 2

Arrested Chichikov escapes, determined to become honest. But his past soon catches up with him. Stars Michael Palin.

**THU 11:00 Maiden City Stories (b01r5qzc)**

Are You Going to Knock?

Three new short stories, specially commissioned by BBC Radio 4 to celebrate Derry-Londonderry's status as UK City of Culture, from some of the city's leading literary figures. Seamus Deane, Jennifer Johnston and Brian McGilloway each bring us a new short story, recorded in front of an audience in the city's Verbal Arts Centre.

Writer.

Although born in Dublin, Jennifer Johnston has been living in Derry for several years. Jennifer Johnston's first published novel was *The Captains and the Kings* (1972). Since then, she has published many more novels, including *Shadows on our Skin* (1977), which was shortlisted for the Booker Prize for Fiction, and *The Old Jest* (1979), set in the War of Independence and winner of the 1979 Whitbread Novel Award.

Are you Going to Knock?

By Jennifer Johnston

Read by Patricia Levenson

Produced by Heather Larmour.

**THU 11:15 Julia Stoneham - The Cinderella Service (b08hdb77)**

Episode 2

1943: Land Army warden Alice's competence is questioned again, but is there a chance of personal happiness? Stars Samantha Bond.

**THU 12:00 Stop Messing About! (b00cpvf3)**

[Repeat of broadcast at [08:00 today](#)]

**THU 12:30 Know Your Place (b018ttwj)**

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**THU 13:00 Ruth Rendell - The Keys to the Street (b01ndqt1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at [06:00 today](#)]

**THU 13:30 The 'arse that Jack Built (b011jwm4)**

[Repeat of broadcast at [06:30 today](#)]

**THU 14:00 Truman Capote - Breakfast at Tiffany's (b00899tv)**

Episode 4

Holly Golightly throws a party in New York, where Fred meets the glamorous Mag Wildwood. Read by Henry Goodman.

**THU 14:15 Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen's Escape to the Country (b00s1pds)**

Feargus O'Connor and the Chartist Land Plan

The legacy of O'Connor's 1842 plan for poor Britons to plough their own furrow for financial independence and social dignity.

**THU 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b00h44sj)**

Vita Sackville-West - All Passion Spent, Episode 4

Adaptation of the 1931 novel by Vita Sackville-West.

Lady Slane's new-found friendship with Mr FitzGeorge is ended when he dies suddenly, leaving a legacy that comes as a shock to her children.

Lady Slane ..... Honor Blackman

Mr FitzGeorge ..... Alec McCowen

Herbert Holland ..... John Nicholas

Carrie ..... Phyllida Nash

Kay Holland ..... Patrick Romer

Mr Bucktrout ..... Paul Nicholson

Mr Gosherson ..... Peter Ellis

Genoux ..... Sonia Eillman

Police Inspector ..... Russell Boulter

Deborah Holland ..... Annabel Scholey

Directed by Sara Davies.

**THU 14:45 Book of the Week (b01hj8fs)**

Granta's Britain, Theatre of Fortune

Four writers create a personal portrait, exploring their sense of identity and what it feels like to be at home in Britain.

This selection of original non-fiction is taken from Granta magazine's volume 'Britain'.

'Theatre of Fortune' by Nikolai Khalezin and Natalia Kaliada.

Read by Basher Savage. A young couple flee from Belarus where their theatre has been closed down and their colleagues

tortured and jailed.

Abridged and Produced by Jill Waters

A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4.

**THU 15:00 Nikolai Gogol - Dead Souls (b00wrcng)**

[Repeat of broadcast at [10:00 today](#)]

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[Repeat of broadcast at [09:30 today](#)]

**THU 17:00 Dry Slopes (b00lv7c2)**

[Repeat of broadcast at [07:00 today](#)]

**THU 17:30 Meet David Sedaris (b064418w)**

[Repeat of broadcast at [07:30 today](#)]

**THU 18:00 Afternoon Reading (b00cqfyr)**

Nick Walker - The Further Adventures of the First King of Mars, Take Me to Your Leader

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the launch of Sputnik we

commissioned Nick Walker to write the sci-fi adventure 'The First King Of Mars'. Now in five thrilling action-packed episodes we continue the story where it left off.

Our intrepid crew fear that they are not alone on the Red Planet. Nick Walker's theatre work has been presented extensively in the UK as well as Europe, and the USA. His plays and short stories are often featured on BBC Radio 4 and 3 series of the late-night show *The Bigger Issues*. He is the author of two critically

acclaimed novels *Blackbox* and *Helloland*, published in the UK, US, Australia, Japan and across Europe.

Performed by Peter Capaldi

Producer: Karen Rose

A Sweet Talk Production for BBC Radio 4.

**THU 18:15 Terry Pratchett (b01rgj25)**

Eric, Episode 4

Adapted by Robin Brooks.

Terry Pratchett's many Discworld novels combine a Technicolor imagination with a razor sharp wit, especially when he rewrites

*Faust* as spotty teenage demonologist Eric.

*4/4 Demon King* Astfgl surfs the space-time continuum in a rage, determined to lure Eric and Rincewind finally to Hell. But when they arrive at the Dread Portal, there's a bit of a staff motivation

issue.

Rincewind ..... Mark Heap

Eric ..... Will Howard

Demon King Astfgl ..... Nicholas Murchie

Urgleffloggh ..... Jack Klaff

Duke Vasseneo ..... Ben Crowe

Screwspate ..... Michael Shelford

Drazometh ..... Robert Blythe

Narrator ..... Rick Warden

Director ..... Jonquil Panting.

**THU 18:30 Great Lives (b00dhh1n)**

Series 16, Field Marshal Bill Slim

Series of biographical discussions with Matthew Parris.

General Sir Mike Jackson, former Head of the British Army, nominates Field Marshal Bill Slim, leader of the Burma

Campaign. Military historian Julian Thompson lends weight to the argument that Slim, less well known today than other Second

World War Generals, was perhaps the greatest commander of the 20th century.

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**THU 22:30 Detective Sergeant Nick Mohammed (b039cthd)**

Series 2, Forgery

Forgery: DS Nick Mohammed finds himself immersed in the art world, when a forgery ring is discovered. Written and performed by Nick Mohammed, with Anna Crilly, Colin Houlton, Margaret Cabourn-Smith and Wil Andrews. Producer: Tilusha Ghelani & Victoria Lloyd

NEW SERIES

Call 999! Detective Sergeant Nick Mohammed returns for a second series of his critically acclaimed Radio 4 sitcom.

"Delightfully bonkers!" *The Guardian*.

This time around Nick is tackling some major crimes - and assisting with some major public events. He's joined by special constables Colin Houlton (Being Human) and Anna Crilly (Lead Balloon), who aid and abet him in everything he does. With special guests Margaret Cabourn-Smith, and Wil Andrews.

Nick recently appeared as a lead in new Sky One comedy, *Gates*, and has featured in a host of BBC sitcoms including *Life's Too Short*, *Miranda* and *10 O'Clock Live*.

**THU 23:00 Rubbish (b00770xw)**

Series 1, Rage

Comedy series by Tony Bagley about Martin Christmas, local government officer, cynic and manic depressive.

5: Rage.

Martin is dragged along to Life Editing by his course tutor and on-off girlfriend Sarah. The one thing that would improve his life, he decides, would be being able to say no. But this doesn't mean that

people won't carry on saying no to him.

With Reece Dinsdale, Nicola Walker, James Lance, Paul Copley.

**THU 23:30 Hut 33 (b01js406)**

Series 3, Back to Your Post

Everything German's under suspicion in 1942, especially in Bletchley Park. When it's discovered Charles has German relatives, he's threatened with internment. Will Archie help him, and can he avoid Minka's attention now she knows a true German

is among them?

Stars Tom Goodman-Hill as Archie, Robert Bathurst as Professor Charles Gardner, Fergus Craig as Gordon, Alex MacQueen as 3rd Lt. Joshua Featherstonhaugh-Marshall, Olivia Colman as Minka and Lill Roughley as Mrs Best.

Written by James Cary.

Producer: Adam Bromley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2009.

**FRIDAY 10 MARCH 2017**

**FRI 00:00 Afternoon Reading (b00cqvfr)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 00:15 Terry Pratchett (b01rgj25)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:15 on Thursday]

**FRI 00:30 Great Lives (b00dhh1n)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 01:30 The 'arse that Jack Built (b01jwm4)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]

**FRI 02:00 Truman Capote - Breakfast at Tiffany's (b0089btv)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 02:15 Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen's Escape to the Country (b00s1pds)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Thursday]

**FRI 02:30 15 Minute Drama (b00h44si)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]

**FRI 02:45 Book of the Week (b01h18fs)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Thursday]

**FRI 03:00 Nikolai Gogol - Dead Souls (b00wrcng)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 04:00 All the Way From Memphis (b00ij529)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 04:30 Country Matters (b00izckm)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]

**FRI 05:00 Dry Slopes (b00lv7c2)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 05:30 Meet David Sedaris (b064418w)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]

**FRI 06:00 Ruth Rendell - The Keys to the Street (b01nf2h0)**  
By His Own Hand

Mary Jago is shocked by Alastair's wedding present and Bean, once a suspect, has now vanished. Concluded by Claudie Blakley.

**FRI 06:30 True Tales from the Crypt (b01mqg9g)**

Roger Luckhurst goes in search of the original Curse of the Mummy's Tomb, and finds out that it may be more Western invention than Egyptian reality...

Since its earliest days Hollywood has been obsessed with the idea of the curse of the pharaohs, the mummy that reawakens to wreak vengeance on the world. Yet Egyptologists deny such curses exist in Egyptian tombs. The popular legend of the curse is thought to date from the excavation of the tomb of Tutankhamun by Howard Carter and his backer Lord Caernarvon in 1922, and Caernarvon's subsequent death from an infected mosquito bite. Newspapers were quick to alight on the idea of a curse, and equally quick to blame the curse for any subsequent death even tenuously connected with the excavation.

But Roger Luckhurst believes that the origin of the mummy curse story goes back far earlier than Caernarvon, back into the nineteenth century, when Britain's empire was at its zenith and two curse stories, centring on two swashbuckling sons of empire, Walter Ingram, and Thomas Douglas Murray, set Victorian society alight. What can these earlier tales tell us about the idea of the Mummy curse?

**FRI 07:00 Romantic Friction (b0075w4y)**

Episode 1

Lovelorn romance writer Anna is up against a deadline for her latest potboiler, a tale of love, suffering and jealousy. But her creative juices don't seem to be flowing as, after years of having a purely fictional love-life, she's met a real-live man.

She's also constantly thwarted by her characters, who keep leaping off the page into her living room to challenge her about their plotlines.

Michelle Read's 4-part comedy-drama stars Samantha Bond as Anna, Hugh Bonneville as Brian, Beth Chambers as Deirdre, Adjoa Andoh as the Fertility Doll and Michael Fenton Stevens as The Book.

Producer: Dawn Ellis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2000.

**FRI 07:30 Ability (b087p7m6)**

Lost Voice Guy (real name Lee Ridley) won the BBC Radio Stand-Up Comedy Award in 2014. He is a funny guy. He also has cerebral palsy and can only speak via a computer. Ability uses Lee's experiences of coping with this disability and weaves them into a sitcom. It is based around Matt, who is leaving home for the first time to move in with Jess, his best friend from school. Matt's parents are worried, particularly his dad - they have always done everything for him. But Matt is determined even though his new carer, Bob, is not all he should be. Bob is new to the role, and although willing, he somehow manages to spend more time dealing weed and flogging knocked off TVs than cooking Matt's tea. But he treats Matt like an equal, and not all his previous carers have done that, and so the two form a bond. A bond that could lead Matt into an awful lot of trouble. Especially as Matt has never been above exploiting his circumstances if the situation arises - he's always known he could get away with murder (although he's never actually tried that of course.) But who would suspect the disabled guy? Could Matt and Bob become the new Del boy and Rodney? And if so, which is which?

Allan Mustafa plays Bob, Matt's carer. Best known for People Just Do Nothing, which he also co-created, Allan has never actually acted in anyone else's work. But he read this script and

immediately got it. He loved the dark comedy and is indeed, the perfect Bob.

The sitcom is co-written by Sony nominated Katherine Jakeways and produced and directed by Jane Berthoud. Jane Berthoud says: "Katherine has brought her great expertise as a writer to this project, and always been careful to make sure Lee's voice in it was clear. Together they make a great team and have turned out an excellent script - funny, fast moving and even a touch poignant at times. Allan Mustafa is the perfect Bob, the rest of the cast were also brilliant and I can see a great future for these characters."

Lee says: "I'm really pleased with how Ability has turned out. I've had the idea behind this sitcom in my head for a few years now, so to finally get the chance to make it is an amazing feeling. Ever since winning the BBC New Comedy Award, the BBC have been very supportive and I'm lucky to have had the opportunity to work with some great people while writing this. It has been wonderful to hear my ideas come alive. Allan Mustafa is exactly how I imagined Bob to be."

**FRI 08:00 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00ghq9b)**

Series 2, Episode 4

Rent-a-pet with a twist - and an Alien's plans for invading Earth. More quick-fire sketches, terrible puns, humorous songs plus TV and cinema parodies.

Stars Tim Brooke-Taylor, Graeme Garden, David Hatch, Jo Kendall and Bill Oddie.

Written by Graeme Garden, Johnnie Mortimer & Brian Cooke, Bill Oddie, Peter Vincent and David McKellar.

Originating from the Cambridge University Footlights revue 'Cambridge Circus', ISIRTA ran for 8 years on BBC Radio and quickly developed a cult following.

Songs by Bill Oddie and Graeme Garden with music by Dave Lee.

Producer: Humphrey Barclay

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in October 1965.

**FRI 08:30 The Goon Show (b007jvp0)**

Dishonoured - Again

Neddie Seagoon gets a bank job, but it is wise to put him in charge of the gold vault? Stars Spike Milligan. From January 1959.

**FRI 09:00 The 3rd Degree (b05tkvkd)**

Series 5, University of Essex

A quiz show hosted by Steve Punt where a team of three University students take on a team of three of their professors. Coming this week from the University of Essex, The 3rd Degree is a funny, lively and dynamic quiz show aimed at cultivating the next generation of Radio 4 listeners while delighting the current ones.

The Specialist Subjects in this episode are Politics, Literature and 20th Century History, and the questions range from the nihilistic anarchy of both Brothers Karamazov and Chuckle Brothers to My Little Pony and the Epic of Gilgamesh.

The show is recorded on location at a different University each week, and it pits three Undergraduates against three of their Professors in a genuinely original and fresh take on an academic quiz. Being a Radio 4 programme, it of course meets the most stringent standards of academic rigour - but with lots of facts and jokes thrown in for good measure.

The rounds vary between Specialist Subjects and General Knowledge, quick-fire bell-and-buzzer rounds and the 'Highbrow & Lowbrow' round cunningly devised to test not only the students' knowledge of current affairs, history, languages and science, but also their Professors' awareness of television, film, and One Direction.

The host, Steve Punt, although best known as a satirist on The Now Show also delights in all facets of knowledge, not just in the Humanities (his educational background) but in the sciences as well. He has made a number of documentaries for Radio 4, including The Poet Unwound - The History Of The Spleen, as well as a half-hour comedy for Radio 4's Big Bang Day set in the Large Hadron Collider, called The Genuine Particle.

Producer: David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4.

**FRI 09:30 Are You From the Bugle? (b01jt2sc)**

A Bit of Bad News

Butterthwaite's frustrated cub reporter Graham faces a steep learning curve. Stars Jeffrey Holland. From June 1996.

**FRI 10:00 Mike Walker - Up and Down in Silvertown (b00756dt)**

4 Extra Debut. With her east London tower block due to come down, Flo's departure from Dunlop Point takes her back in time. Stars Anna Wing.

**FRI 11:00 Maiden City Stories (b01r9wcv)**

Peace Reigns Supreme

Three new short stories, specially commissioned by BBC Radio 4 to celebrate Derry-Londonderry's status as UK City of Culture, from some of the city's leading literary figures. Seamus Deane, Jennifer Johnston and Brian McGilloway each bring us a new short story, recorded in front of an audience in the city's Verbal Arts Centre.

'Peace reigns supreme' by Seamus Deane.

Writer

Seamus Deane is a Derry born poet, novelist, and critic. A founding director of the Field Day Theatre Company and member of the Royal Irish Academy, Deane's first novel, Reading in the Dark (published in 1996) won the 1996 Guardian Fiction Prize and the 1996 South Bank Show Annual Award for Literature, is a New York Times Notable Book, the Irish Times International

Fiction Prize and the Irish Literature Prize in 1997, besides being shortlisted for the Booker Prize in 1996 and since translated into over 20 languages.

'Peace reigns supreme' by Seamus Deane

Read by Sean McGinley and Kerr Logan  
Produced by Heather Larmour.

**FRI 11:15 Julia Stoneham - The Cinderella Service (b08hdbq0)**

Episode 3

As Christmas approaches, two of the Land Girls announce marriage plans. Will Alice and Oliver do likewise? Stars Samantha Bond.

**FRI 12:00 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00ghq9b)**

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**FRI 14:00 Truman Capote - Breakfast at Tiffany's (b008900m)**

Episode 5

Budding New York author Paul gets a job, but is still captivated by girl-about-town Holly Golightly. Truman Capote's New York novel. Read by Henry Goodman.

**FRI 14:15 Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen's Escape to the Country (b00s54j7)**

Octavia Hill

How Octavia set up the National Trust, based on her belief in the importance of nature for the working class.

**FRI 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b00h445n1)**

Vita Sackville-West - All Passion Spent, Episode 5

Adaptation of the 1931 novel by Vita Sackville-West.

Lady Slane's decision about what to do with the vast fortune left to her by her friend Mr FitzGeorge outrages her family, but a visit from her great-granddaughter brings hope for the future.

Lady Slane ..... Honor Blackman

Mr FitzGeorge ..... Alec McCowen

Herbert Holland ..... John Nicholas

Carrie ..... Phyllida Nash

Kay Holland ..... Patrick Romer

Mr Bucktrout ..... Paul Nicholson

Mr Gosheron ..... Peter Ellis

Genoux ..... Sonia Elliman

Police Inspector ..... Russell Boulter

Deborah Holland ..... Annabel Scholey

Directed by Sara Davies.

**FRI 14:45 Book of the Week (b01hj9w1)**

Granta's Britain, The Magic Place  
Four writers create a personal portrait, exploring their sense of identity and what it feels like to be at home in Britain.

This selection of original non-fiction is taken from Granta magazine's volume 'Britain'

'The Magic Place' written and read by Kapka Kassabova. A Bulgarian Kiwi novelist finds her sense of home in Scotland.

Abridged and Produced by Jill Waters

A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4.

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**FRI 17:30 Ability (b087p7m6)**

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**FRI 18:00 Afternoon Reading (b00cqvfr)**

Nick Walker - The Further Adventures of the First King of Mars, The King's Subjects

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the launch of Sputnik we commissioned Nick Walker to write the sci-fi adventure The First King Of Mars'. Now in five, thrilling action-packed episodes we continue the story where it left off.

The commander makes a shocking discovery when he finds a door in an underground tunnel.

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Performed by Peter Capaldi.

Producer: Karen Rose

A Sweet Talk Production for BBC Radio 4.

**FRI 18:15 Philip Levene - The Disposal of Digby (b08hd40)**

Deemed a security threat, an employee is swiftly "removed" in an unusual way.

Stars John Baddeley as Digby, Garard Green as Kendrick, Austin Trevor as Sir Gerald, Peter Pratt as Taxi Driver/Doctor, Margaret Wolfit as Miss Trevelyan, Valerie Kirkbright as Air Hostess and Peter Bartlett as Passport Official / Braithwaite.

Producer: Michael Bakewell

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in February 1964.



**FRI 18:30 Soul Music (b01mk23j)**

Series 14, The Skye Boat Song

For many hearing The Skye Boat Song brings back a wealth of childhood memories, as the words "Speed Bonnie Boat Like a Bird on the Wing" tell the story of the escape of Bonnie Prince Charlie, dressed as a maid to the Isle of Skye, after this defeat at the battle of Culloden.

Originally written by Sir Harold Boulton and Anne MacLeod back in the 1870's, we explore the beauty of this song and how it continues to touch people's lives across the world in very different ways.

Contributors in this programme include:

The Queen's Piper, who has played this tune in happy and sad times, recalls playing it outside the Queen's window and leading Princess Margaret's cortege. A New Zealand artist shares his memories of time spent with his father, and the sound of him whistling the song on their way home as dusk fell. A sailor from the Isle of Skye, describes his connection with the spirituality of piece and the Loch on which he sails.

Acclaimed violinist Tasmin Little shares her own arrangement of the piece and explains why it works so well musically. An Australian mum, tells how important this song has been in connecting with the two girls she has adopted from China. Gaelic Singer Maggie MacInnes tells the history of the piece.

The programme includes music by Julian Lloyd Webber, The Corries and Pete Lashley.

Producer - Rachel Matthews.

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**FRI 22:00 Ability (b087p7m6)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**FRI 22:30 Spotlight Tonight with Nish Kumar (b08gybmn)**

Series 1, 08/03/2017

We all like to think we know about the news and yet, whilst jokes about Boris Johnson's haircut are all well and good, do you still have that nagging suspicion there's important things going on beneath the headlines you'd like to know about? Well, help is at hand! Nish Kumar is here to cast his spotlight on the week's most talked about news items, taking an in-depth look at the biggest stories from the past seven days to scrutinise what's actually going on beneath the bluster.

Recorded on the day of transmission, Spotlight Tonight brings you the most reactive up to date in-depth look at the news.

Starring Nish Kumar &amp; Sarah Campbell.

Written by Robin Morgan, Sarah Campbell, Max Davis, Gabby Hutchinson-Crouch, Nish Kumar, and Tom Neenan.

It was produced by Matt Stronge and was a BBC Studios Production.

**FRI 23:00 Everyone Quite Likes Justin (b01mhwx5)**

Series 2, Episode 2

by Justin Moorhouse and Jim Poyser

Justin's still living with his father-in-law, still working with his ex-wife and still calling on his Gran for her words of wisdom.

This week he also has to cope with trying to get elected as a school governor, trying to find a new job and trying not to miss Justin Jr's school play.

Justin ..... Justin Moorhouse

Gran ..... Anne Reid

Lisa ..... Christine Bottomley

Man in bar ..... Jim Poyser

Bryn ..... Lloyd Langford

Ray ..... Paul Copley

Miles ..... Rob Rouse

Woman in bar ..... Victoria Brazier

Tanya ..... Victoria Elliott

Producer: Steven Canny

In one version of his life, Justin is a loveable celebrity who is successful, funny, and stopped in the street by adoring fans. He's the man who has everything.

In the more realistic version he's a DJ in a slightly shabby local radio station who gets hassled by the occasional oddball on the street. And he's the man who hopes for everything.

And at home? Well, it's chaotic. His wife has left him, taking custody of his 8-year-old son Justin jnr. So he's back on the market. So he's currently living in his father-in-law's spare room in Bury. The only person who understands him is his Gran, living in luxury in an old folk's home in Warrington. Oh, and his producer Bryn but this might not be such a good thing.

Everyone Quite Likes Justin is written by Justin Moorhouse and Jim Poyser. Justin is a comedian who sells out gigs across the country. He has also written plays and a previous show for Radio 4. Jim Poyser is a writer and producer of enormous experience in both radio and television.

Recorded in front of an audience in Manchester.

**FRI 23:30 Ectoplasm (b007wwd6)**

The Case of the Stupid Ignorant Americans

Lord Zimbabwe and Dr Lilac are moon-bound, pursuing abducted

hillbillies. With Dan Freedman and Nick Romero. From August 2000.