

SATURDAY 26 AUGUST 2017

SAT 00:00 Terry Pratchett (b007k12)

Mort, Episode 4 Death has disappeared, leaving his apprentice Mort, his daughter Ysabella and Albert the cook to carry on the life-collecting operation.

The fourth of Terry's Pratchett's comic fantasy stories set on Discworld dramatised by Robin Brooks.

Narrated by Anton Lesser.

Starring Carl Prekopp as Mort, Geoffrey Whitehead as Death, Phillip Jackson as Albert, Clare Corbett as Ysabella, Alice Hart as Princess Keli, Adam Godley as Cutwell, Philip Fox as Rincewind and Jon Glover as the Duke.

Director: Claire Grove

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2004.

SAT 00:30 Soul Music (b04p845x)

Series 19, *Plaisir d'Amour / Can't Help Falling in Love With You*: In this week's Soul Music Marianne Faithfull recalls the French Love song which went on to inspire Elvis's 60's hit, 'I Can't Help Falling in Love with You'.

'Plaisir d'Amour' is the classical French love song which somehow found its way through 18th century orchestration (Hector Berlioz) and 1960's folk revival, to an unexpected re-invention into the Elvis hit 'I Can't Help Falling in Love with You'.

It's been recorded by Marianne Faithfull and busked on the streets of Paris by 'The Gruffalo' author Julia Donaldson. It has also touched the lives of former American Military Academy Freshman Andrew Scott and recently married couple Henry (76) and Christine Wallace (82) who fell in love on a moonlit New Year's Eve.

Written in 1784 by Jean-Paul-Égide Martini, *Plaisir d'Amour* muses on the pleasures and pains of love and was inspired by a poem which appears in Jean-Pierre Claris de Florian's novel 'Célestine'.

For 17 year old Marianne Faithfull it was a song of innocence, recorded in a tiny booth in the old Decca studios whilst happily pregnant with her first child. Meanwhile, author Julia Donaldson and husband Malcolm busked it on the streets of Paris. It was the summer of 1969 and police hid in alleyways, still fearful of students following the 1968 riots.

As the classical French melody was adopted by Elvis and transformed into 'I Can't Help Falling in Love with You', West Point Military Academy Freshman Andrew Scott learnt to pick it's tune on guitar. It's a song that went on to win the heart of his wife of now 20 years. For Henry and Christine Wallace, it summed everything up 'It was what I was looking for, someone to share my life and the words 'take my whole life too was in tune with what I wanted'.

Produced by Nicola Humphries.

SAT 01:00 A Case for Dr Morelle (b007qww7)

Voice in the Night After receiving sinister death threats over the telephone, an elderly spinner calls in cantankerous criminal psychologist, Dr Morelle.

Ernest Dudley's Harley Street psychiatrist-turned-detective uses psychology as well as criminology to hunt down lawbreakers by deducing their felonious personalities.

Following on from the success of the 1949 Hammer Film 'Dr Morelle: The Case of the Missing Heiress', the BBC radio series stars British film veteran, Cecil Parker as Dr Morelle and Sheila Sim as his long-suffering assistant, Miss Frayle.

With Hester Paton Brown as Miss Nicholson, Percy Edwards as Billy Boy the dog, Alan McClelland as Mr Nicholson, Fred Yule as Superintendent Denham, Alan Keith as the Station Officer and John Baker as Julian Smith/Taxi driver.

Director: Leslie Bridgmont

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1957.

SAT 01:30 The First Pirate (b0075rbv)

Les Woodland tells the story of Captain Plugge, founder of Radio Normandie, the first station to take on the BBC. From January 2000.

SAT 02:00 Henry Williamson - Tarka the Otter (b007jvcb)

Episode 5 As the otter basks in the sunshine, a pack of hounds catch his scent, sparking a great chase. Concluded by Nicholas Farrell.

SAT 02:15 Dog Days (b0371jlf)

My Dog Tulip Robert Hanks tells of a human obsession through five doggy books. My Dog Tulip by J. R. Ackerley. The messy stuff - how do we live with it? With Prill Barrett, John Bradshaw and Ian Bruce Miller and Jem, the border terrier, and Timmy the whippet. Producer: Tim Dee.

SAT 02:30 15 Minute Drama (b03mj8lx)

Margaret Oliphant - Hester, Episode 5 Penelope Wilton and Lyndsey Marshal star in this high Victorian tale of a woman who runs her own bank.

Sometimes called 'the feminist Trollope', Margaret Oliphant is an unjustly-neglected British writer of the nineteenth century, famed for her perceptive, ironic psychology, and her strong female characters. And Hester has a striking premise: a young woman in a nineteenth-century Cheshire town, having been snubbed and discarded in marriage, does something truly radical. When the family bank is in danger of a run, she pledges her whole private fortune to save it. But instead of merely underwriting it, in return she insists on running the bank herself, as a single woman, in defiance of all convention.

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for radio.

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By Margaret Oliphant

Dramatised by Kate Clanchy and Zena Forster

This life is full of repetitions. Once again Mr Rule is facing a run on the bank which could close Vernon's forever.

Producer/Director Jonquil Panting.

SAT 02:45 Book of the Week (b00vh958)

Stephen Fry - The Fry Chronicles, Episode 5 Today Stephen reveals the origins of his enduring love of technology and his great friendship with Douglas Adams.

The Fry Chronicles is a book that is not afraid to confront the aching chasm that separates public image from private feeling.

Producer: David Roper

A Heavy Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 03:00 Mikhail Bulgakov - The White Guard (b00761b8)

Betrayal/Kiev is protected by an uneasy alliance. Two brothers discover it's a bad time to be Tsarist. Stars Paul Hilton and James Loye.

SAT 04:00 Who Goes There? (b00769x9)

Series 6, From 30/10/2002 Martin Young presents the biographical quiz show. Team captains Francis Wheen and Fred Housego are joined by novelist Lynne Truss and biographer Anthony Holden. From October 2002.

SAT 04:30 After Henry (b007imgk)

Series 1, The Older Man/Widow Sarah battles to bring up her 18-year-old daughter Clare, hindered by her meddling mother Eleanor.

The debut episode of Simon Brett's comedy about three generations of women - struggling to cope after the death of Sarah's GP husband - who never quite manage to see eye to eye. Starring Prunella Scales as Sarah, Joan Sanderson as Eleanor, Benjamin Whitrow as Russell, Gerry Cowper as Clare and James Griffiths as Nick.

Four radio series were made, but instead of moving to BBC TV - Thames Television produced 'After Henry' for the ITV network.

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1985.

SAT 05:00 Tomorrow, Today! (b0124y8v)

Series 1, Dial M for Martian Comedy series by Christopher William Hill, set in 1961. A BBC producer struggles to make a radio soap set in the unimaginably futuristic world of 2006.

Will Hugo give in to government manipulation to save his beloved show from cancellation?

Nigel Lavery Peter Bowles

Sylvia Hann Cheryl Campbell

Godfrey Winnard John Fortune

Sir Angus McNairn Gary Waldhorn

Hugo Kellerman Joseph Kloska

Douglas Bennings Jon Glover

Colin Franks Paul Richard Biggin

Miss Pickford Miranda Keeling.

SAT 05:30 The Now Show (b091wb30)

The Now Show at the Fringe/Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis visit the Edinburgh Fringe and present the week in news through stand-up and sketches.

Featuring rising star Fern Brady, South African Comedian Loyiso Gola, SNP MP Tommy Sheppard and musical Fringe legends The Doug Anthony All Stars.

Producer: Adnan Ahmed

BBC Studios Production.

SAT 06:00 Giles Cooper - Unman, Wittering and Zigo (b092g2h0)

Just down from Oxford, John Ebony takes up his first teaching post to replace a teacher who died mid-term. But, after meeting the Lower Fifth, his enthusiasm and resolve give way to apprehension. Never has he met such sinister boys...

Giles Cooper's creepy thriller stars Peter Howell as John Ebony, Anthony Viccars as the Headmaster, Cary Farthingale as John Sharp, Violet Loxey as Nadia, David Franks as Cuthbun, Leonard Monaghan as Cloistermouth, John Margates as Orris, John Graham as Bungabine, Nigel Anthony as Unman, John Scott as Lipstrob, Michael Walker as Aggeridge, Anthony Adams as Terhow, David Spense as Wittering, Jean England as Trindle, Will Leigman as Winstanley, Alice Esmie-Bell as Mrs Winstanley and Harold Young as the Inspector.

Giles Cooper (1918-1966) was arguably the greatest British radio dramatist of the 20th century. Trained as an actor, he wrote 33 original radio dramas which were broadcast on the BBC Home Service, Light Programme and the Third Programme. Many utilised the early days of the BBC Radiophonic Workshop, including Mathy Beacon (1956) The Disagreeable Oyster (1957).

Under the Loofah Tree (1958) and Unman, Wittering and Zigo (1958) which was adapted for the big screen in 1971.

Producer: Donald McWhinnie

First broadcast on the BBC Third Programme in November 1958.

SAT 07:15 Crème de la Crime (b008756v)

Series 3, The Quiller Killer/TV detective Michael Feydeau ponders the murder of Christopher Marlowe. Stars Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis. From April 2003.

SAT 07:30 The Art of Monarchy (b01d0g3b)

The People/The Royal Collection is one of the most wide-ranging collections of art and artefacts in the world and provides an intriguing insight into the minds of the monarchs who assembled it.

During the series, Will Gompertz encounters dozens of these unique objects - some priceless, others no more than souvenirs - each shedding light on our relationship with the monarchy and

giving a glimpse into the essential ingredients of a successful sovereign.

In this programme, Will investigates the unspoken and unwritten contract that has existed between the rulers and the ruled in this country. Over the centuries, both parties have used compromise and conflict, threat and reward. Will uses six objects from the Collection to illuminate some of the pivotal moments in this relationship.

From the Wriotheseley Garter Book, dating from the 1520s, one of the earliest depictions of Parliament in action, to a ring keeping the memory of the recently executed King Charles I alive, Will sees both extremes of the relationship between monarch and subject. He encounters the face of revolution in an early photograph purchased by Prince Albert and meets some of those recently touched by a sword that belonged to King George VI, now known as the Investiture Sword, as he gets to the heart of the might and the majesty of monarchy.

Producer: Neil George.

SAT 08:00 Archive on 4 (b01shqcw)

Lives and Politics What makes a politician tick? How has the business of politics changed over time? Two remarkable archives, eighty years apart, offer some revealing answers.

In the 1930s, Colonel Josiah Wedgwood sent a questionnaire to a wide selection of politicians ranging from the greatest Minister of State to the lowliest backbencher, putting questions no one had the temerity to ask before - including how much they earned, their religious views, their trade or profession and what they most disliked about Parliament. The answers offered a snapshot of their times, class and personalities.

This portrait of political life has lain in the Archives of the History of Parliament Trust for 80 years. Now the Trust is repeating the exercise in a set revealing of audio interviews with veteran politicians who've spent their lives in Westminster. This programme compares and contrasts the two accounts.

The current generation remembers the War, the new Welfare State and Britain's declining global role. They worked through an era of industrial strife, economic uncertainty, social change, Thatcherism, Northern Ireland and mass media. Their careers saw a shift in how we regard politicians - from deference to suspicion. What beliefs made them enter politics - and do they still retain them now? How did they deal with party, constituency, ministerial office? How did experiences of life outside Westminster - personal and professional - affect them and has something been lost in the gradual professionalisation of politics? Matthew Parris looks at what has changed and what has remained constant about politics, and examines how individuals felt they could make a difference.

Presenter: Matthew Parris

Producer: Mike Greenwood

A Pier production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 09:00 Do Tell Them Pike: Arthur Lowe on the Radio (b06chgrb)

The radio legacy of iconic British comedy actor Arthur Lowe - best loved as Dad's Army's very own Captain Mainwaring. Arthur's friend, and Dad's Army co-star, Ian Lavender (Private Pike) is our guide over 3 hours:

* Desert Island Discs - Arthur Lowe:

Lost to the BBC archives, but saved by a listener's off air recording, Arthur Lowe's castaway choices heard for the first time since 1970. Arthur tells Roy Plomley about his childhood, his early acting days whilst serving in the Second World War, his time on ITV's Coronation Street, and his joy at being part of the BBC's Dad's Army team - then in its relative infancy.

* Dad's Army:

Ian chooses his favourite episode from the many radio adaptations.

* Billy's Last Stand:

From 1965, Arthur stars in a startling drama, the first play from Barry Hines (who later wrote the novel 'A Kestrel For A Knave' - filmed by Ken Loach as 'Kes') In this darkly comic tale, Arthur Lowe plays casual labourer Billy who becomes the target of the schemes of parasitic Darkly, played by 'The Men From The Ministry' star, Ronald Baddiley. First heard on the BBC Third Programme.

* With Great Pleasure:

Not heard since 1976, Arthur Lowe's own choice of favourite readings and sketches. Helped by Martin Jarvis, hear Arthur's take on one of his favourite writers, PG Woodhouse, as he plays the ultimate British butler, Jeeves.

Arthur Lowe was born on 22nd September 1915 and died 15th April 1982.

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Peter McHugh.

First broadcast in September 2015.

SAT 12:00 Whispers (b007k2kr)

Series 2, Episode 1 Gyles Brandreth's scandals quiz with Anthony Holden, Valerie Grove, Lucy Moore and Geoffrey Durham. From September 2004.

SAT 12:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jp6s)

Series 6, The Smugglers/Returning from a holiday abroad, Sid tricks the lad and Bill into sneaking in watches.

Starring Tony Hancock. With Sidney James, Bill Kerr, Kenneth Williams, Patricia Hayes and Noel Dryden.

Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.

Theme and incidental music written by Wally Stott.

Producer: Tom Ronald

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in September 1959.

SAT 13:00 Gregory Evans - Blood and Milk (b092g86d)

Series 2 Omnibus, part 1/2 Megan wants to expand her dairy business but her troubled sister and dark forces are complicating

matters. Stars Bettrys Jones.

SAT 14:10 Inheritance Tracks (b092g86g)

Anthony HorowitzWriter Anthony Horowitz inherits 'Live and Let Die' by Paul McCartney and Wings, and chooses to pass on 'Cabaret' by Liza Minnelli.

SAT 14:15 Pam Ayres' Open Road (b007kfkf)

Series 2. LowestoftPam heads to Britain's most easterly point to learn about witches, monks and fishing in the Suffolk town of Lowestoft.

Poet and raconteuse, Pam Ayres is back on the open road, visiting nine more places in Britain to hear tales from the people who live there.

Producer: Jill Marshall

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in 2001.

SAT 14:45 Marriot's Monologues (b00sp4p2)

Betty DriverCoronation Street's Betty Driver performs Marriot Edgar's 'The Ole in the Ark, Sam's Racehorse, and George and the Dragon.

SAT 15:00 Archive on 4 (b01shqcv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SAT 16:00 Giles Cooper - Unman, Wittering and Zigo (b092g2h0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:15 Crème de la Crème (b008756v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

SAT 17:30 The Art of Monarchy (b01d0g3b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 18:00 Afternoon Drama (b01pp897)

Trevor Preston - Second BodyBAFTA-winning writer Trevor Preston draws on his own experience as an artist in this dark thriller. Anna is a painter driven to capture the haunting images of death that fill the twilight world of her dreams. But whose death do they foretell?

Directed by Toby Swift

Trevor Preston trained at the Royal College of Art before embarking on a career in television. He wrote for many of the best dramas of the 1970s and 80s, including Ace of Wands, Callan, The Sweeney, Minder, Out and Fox, for which Trevor received a BAFTA in 1981. His film work includes Billy the Kid and the Green Baize Vampire and the Mike Hodges directed I'll Sleep When I'm Dead with Clive Owen. Trevor has written three radio plays, the first of which, Flaw in the Motor, Dust in the Blood, was shortlisted for the Imison Award and a Mental Health in the Media Award in 2009.

SAT 18:45 Stephen Gallagher - The Visitor's Book (b092g86i)

4 Extra Debut. A couple renting a holiday home start to feel that something happened there the year before... Read by Terence Edmond.

SAT 19:00 Do Tell Them Pike: Arthur Lowe on the Radio (b06chgrb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 Andrew Lawrence: How Did We End Up Like This? (b01nq7dj)

What We WearSketches, stand-up and song in a comic exploration of clothing. With Andrew Lawrence and Sara Pascoe. From November 2012.

SAT 22:30 The Jason Byrne Show (b01dhnrz)

Series 2. AgeingThe award-winning comedian tackles the pros and cons of getting older. With Laurence Howarth and Anna Bengo. From July 2009.

SAT 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b092ppb9)

Brett Goldstein 1/2The best in contemporary comedy. Arthur Smith chats to Brett Goldstein.

SAT 23:00 Hardeep at the Stand (b01mwzvy)

Series 2. Episode 3Hardeep Singh Kohli hosts more stand-up comedy. With Pearce James, Eleanor Morton and John Moloney. From September 2012.

SAT 23:15 Gus Murdoch's Sacred Cows (b00f0jvy)

FootballThe incisive reporter focuses on the joys of lower league soccer. Written by and starring Stephen Carlin. From November 2008.

SAT 23:30 The Headset Set (b01p436v)

Series 2, Episode 6EPISODE 6

Audience sketch show set in the world of a call centre called Smile5, a company that sells anything and everything. The call centre installs a thermostat, which causes conflict. Aleesha and other characters Chizzy Akudolu Bernie and other characters Margaret-Cabourn Smith Big Tony, Ralph and other characters Colin Hoult Various Lucy Montgomery Saitlesh, Bradley and other characters Phaldut Sharma Writers Various Producer Tilusha Ghelani.

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SUN 06:00 Hester - Omnibus (b03nh88x)

A tale of banks and bankers. A tale of credit and discredit. A woman who decides to run her own bank in Margaret Oliphant's high Victorian tale.

Starring Penelope Wilton as Margaret Oliphant, Adam Nagaitis as William, Jasmine Hyde as Lady Ellen Vernon, Philip Jackson as Mr Rule, Lyndsey Marshal as Hester Vernon and Ben Crowe as Harry Sellon.

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Director: Jonquil Panting

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2013.

SUN 07:15 Deborah Moggach - How Are You? (b092gh2f)

4 Extra Debut. Diana and her husband had lots to look forward to, especially in summer with their own swimming pool. Read by Lesley Joseph.

SUN 07:30 Susan Calman Is Convicted (b04001kn)

Series 2. AppearanceSusan Calman explores issues on which she has strong opinions. This week, she looks at society's obsession with appearance and explains why it has taken her so many years to feel happy with the way she looks.

Produced by Lyndsay Fenner.

SUN 08:00 Life With the Lyons (b013m0s9)

Danger, Richard at WorkBen has a business meeting on the golf course. But will he end up feeling below par?

Starring real-life American family: Ben Lyon and his wife Bebe Daniels and their children, Richard and Barbara. With Doris Rogers as Florrie, Molly Weir as Aggie, Horace Percival as Mr Wimple, Hugh Morton, Bob Block, Gwen Lewis and Selma Vaz Diaz.

Life With The Lyons was one of the BBC's most popular radio sitcoms between 1950 and 1961. It was also adapted for BBC TV. Written by Bebe Daniels, Bob Block and Ronnie Hanbury. BBC Variety Orchestra conducted by Paul Fenoulhet.

Producer: Tom Ronald

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in December 1954.

SUN 08:30 Whack-O! (b06cjj2l)

From 26/09/1961Scheming school Headmaster Jim needs the cost of an airfare from Australia. Stars Professor Jimmy Edwards and Eamonn Andrews.

Starting life on BBC TV before transferring to radio, Chiselbury School is run "for the sons of gentfolk".

Headmaster, Professor James Edwards, M.A. never misses a trick when it comes to exploiting the students and their parents. Sports pitches are given over to growing vegetables, which the boys nurture for their head to sell. Classes never exceed 95 pupils - 50 if private tuition is paid for at five guineas extra. It's only thanks to the efforts of the devoted deputy head, Mr Pettigrew, that the school exists at all.

Written by Frank Muir and Denis Norden and adapted for radio by David Climie.

Producer: Edward Taylor

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in September 1961.

SUN 09:00 Maggie O'Farrell - I Am, I Am, I Am (b092gh2h)

Omnibus edition. An encounter with a violently disturbed man leaves deep emotional scars. A memoir of near-death experiences read by Hattie Morahan.

SUN 10:10 The Listening Project (b01sijn5c)

Gilly and Jane - The Head and The TaleFi Glover presents a conversation between the hind quarters and the front end of the camel which features annually in a Devon village panto, in the series that proves 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.

SUN 10:15 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b092gh2k)

Back to School, Sir Ken Robinson4 Extra Debut. Educationalist Sir Ken Robinson offers his choices to host Kirsty Young. From November 2013.

SUN 11:00 The Moth Radio Hour (b092gh2m)

Series 5, Facing the DarkTrue stories told live in the USA: George Dawes Green introduces tales about facing the physical and spiritual darkness.

The Moth is an acclaimed not-for-profit organisation dedicated to the art and craft of storytelling based in the USA. Since 1997, it has celebrated both the raconteur and the storytelling novice, who has lived through something extraordinary and yearns to share it. Originally formed by the writer George Dawes Green as an intimate gathering of friends on a porch in Georgia (where moths would flutter in through a hole in the screen), and then recreated in a New York City living room. The Moth quickly grew to produce immensely popular events at theatres and clubs around New York City and later around the USA, the UK and other parts of the world.

The Moth has presented more than 15,000 stories, told live and without notes, to standing-room-only crowds worldwide. The Moth podcast is downloaded over 27 million times a year.

Featuring true stories told live on stage without scripts, from the humorous to the heart-breaking.

The Moth Radio Hour is produced by Jay Allison and Atlantic Public Media in Woods Hole, Massachusetts and is distributed by the Public Radio Exchange.

SUN 11:55 Inheritance Tracks (b093ph7x)

Anoushka ShankarSitar player and composer Anoushka Shankar chooses 'Tana Mana' and 'Shanti Mantra', both by her musician father Ravi Shankar.

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SUN 14:30 Bernard MacLaverty - Midwinter Break (b092gh2p)

Episode 2Amanda Craig's new novel is a state-of-the-nation black comedy that highlights the growing disconnect between life in London and the rest of the country.

Quentin and Lottie Bredin, like many modern couples, can't afford to divorce. Having lost their jobs in the recession, they can't afford to go on living in London either; instead, they must downsize and move their three children to a house in a remote part of Devon. Arrogant and adulterous, Quentin can't understand why Lottie is so angry; devastated and humiliated, Lottie feels herself to have been intolerably wounded.

Ever practical, though, she rents out their London house for an extortionate sum in order to reap the city's ever-rising property market. The income covers the mortgage and allows them to rent a house in Devon (priced suspiciously low, even by rural standards).

Why is their rent so low? What is the mystery surrounding their unappealing new home? The beauty of the landscape is ravishing, yet it conceals a dark side involving poverty, revenge, abuse and violence which will rise up to threaten them all.

Reader: Amanda Lawrence

Writer: Amanda Craig

Abrider: Robin Brooks

Producer: Kirsteen Cameron.

SUN 15:45 Open or Wrapped...? (b04jkk36l)

Episode 2Food writer, Home Economist and Food stylist Alison Clarkson follows eight people on a course in Leeds, specialising in how to run their very own Fish and Chip shop.

For generations, the meal has been a constant favourite with thousands, if not millions, of people across Britain. Churchill called them 'the good companion' and John Lennon loved his with tomato ketchup.

This episode takes us to the 2014 National Fish & Chip Awards, and features Awards presenter and renowned chef Jean Christophe Novelli.

The series follows a three day course run by the National Federation of Fish Fryers in Leeds. It takes students through the requirements involved in running your own shop - from fish preparation and battering, through health and safety, to the legal and financial issues inherent in the business.

The students come from a wide variety of backgrounds - from the finance industry to a retired musician, from an optician to a newsagent. Two have ventured from France and one from Hamburg, especially to attend the course.

As well as following the students, the programmes trace the history and development of selling chips. The meal became popular in the early part of the nineteenth century as a result of the rapid growth of trawl fishing in the North Sea. In its heyday there were approximately thirty thousand fish and chip shops in Britain. Today the number is around twelve thousand. The acclaimed 5 out of 5, AA Rosette and multi Michelin Star award winning chef Jean-Christophe Novelli discusses his love and respect for our traditional meal.

Finally, we follow up the featured members of the course, six months after attending it. How do you like the meal. 'Open or wrapped...?'

Presenter: Alison Clarkson

Produced by Eurof Williams

An Acme tv production for BBC Radio 4.

SUN 16:00 Nick Warburton - Conversation From the Engine Room (b092gh2r)

Marriott is a school caretaker. He calls his boiler room the engine room of a ship, with the ship as the school and its cargo - the pupils.

One of them is Robert, a lonely boy, just as Marriott is a lonely man. But they have something else in common.... could it be innocence?

Nick Warburton's school-based drama stars Colin Douglas as Marriott, Hugh Dickson as Fox, Avril Clarke as Miss Murdoch and Roy Merchant as Robert.

Recorded with contributions from the Music Teacher and pupils of St Gildas' School in North London.

Director: John Tydeman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1986.

SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (b093p3xk)

The Echo Chamber: TranslationsBBC Radio 4's Poet in Residence, Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's radio poetry archive with 'The Echo Chamber': Translations

Adventures in strong language from the best of contemporary poetry. Paul Farley with translations of all sorts and hoping to topple the Tower of Babel. Can you transplant a poem from one language to another? Can a man be a woman? A fox a thought?

Featuring poems by Robin Robertson, Leontia Flynn, and Jamie McKendrick and poems journeying into English from Ancient Greece, Rome, Italy, Spanish and German.

Producer: Tim Dee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2013.

SUN 17:30 Susan Calman Is Convicted (b04001kn)

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SUN 18:00 Robert Holmes - Aliens in the Mind (b007jltw)

Unexpected VisitationsBelieving the apparently simple-minded Flora Kiery may be the key to the strange genetic mutation they've discovered on the Isle of Luig, Professor Curtis Lark and John Cornelius persuade her to leave the island and come with them to London.

They believe that only by exhaustive laboratory tests can they ever hope to solve the mystery of her extraordinary telepathic powers...

Stars Peter Cushing as John Cornelius, Vincent Price as Professor Curtis Lark, Sandra Clarke as Flora Kiery, Steve Playtus as Kalman Baromek, Joan Mathieson as Joanne and Andrew Sear as the purser.

Written by Rene Basilio from an idea by Robert Holmes.

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1977.

SUN 18:30 The Man in Black (b00grv3d)

Series 1, The White HareWhen Izzie and Casper move to the country, they imagine an idyllic lifestyle. But the reality is very different. Izzie's nerves are already frayed, but with threats from a hostile farmer - she spots an ill-omen...

Lucy Gough's tale is introduced by Mark Gatiss as sinister raconteur, The Man in Black.

Stars Tom Goodman-Hill as Casper, Janice Acquah as Izzie, Stephen Critchlow as the Farmer, Manjeet Mann as the Café Owner and Poppy Lee Friar as Kaddy.

Horrifying series of tales from The Man in Black. You might meet him at a luggage carousel in an airport, or behind the desk at an employment agency or he might approach you in the corridor of a care home.

Wherever you encounter him, he's eager to pass on his stories.

Stories to unsettle and horrify. Stories to haunt you.

The Man in Black first appeared in the 1940s as the chilling voice who introduced a series of terrifying radio dramas. He returned on Radio 4 in the 1970s and then again in the late 80s/early 90s.

Director: Peter Leslie Wild

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in 2009.

SUN 19:00 The Moth Radio Hour (b092gh2m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

SUN 19:55 Inheritance Tracks (b093ph7x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:55 today]

SUN 20:00 The Clitheroe Kid (b007jzcx)

One Hundred Not OutCheeky schoolboy Jimmy Clitheroe looks back over his past misdemeanours in the 100th episode.

Just 4 feet 3 inches tall, the success of comic entertainer Jimmy Clitheroe (1921-1973) sprang from a BBC Variety Playhouse try-out in the late 1950s. His naughty schoolboy act was a smash and he even wore school uniform during recordings! At its peak, ten million fans were tuning into 'The Clitheroe Kid'. Every week, the Kid's schemes sparked havoc - with the ever present threat of a good spanking from Grandad. The Clitheroe Kid clocked up 16 series in its run from 1956 to 1972.

With Peter Sinclair as Grandfather, Patricia Burke as Mother, Danny Ross as Alfie, Diana Day as Susan, Deryck Guyler as Mr Holroyd and Tony Melody as Mr Higginbottom.

Scripted by James Casey and Frank Roscoe.

Pianist: Harry Hayward

Producer: James Casey

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in February 1964.

SUN 20:30 Caryl Phillips - The Wasted Years (b092gh2t)

About to leave school, 16-year-old Solly is bright but going through a bad patch. His schoolwork's deteriorated, his conduct is becoming rebellious - or that's what Mr Teale thinks.

But Solly is the only black face in the class and that makes all the difference...

Caryl Phillips' first radio play won a Giles Cooper Award in the same year of broadcast.

Starring Tony Armatrading as Solly Daniels, Carmen Munroe as Mrs Daniels, Rudolph Walker as Roy Daniels, Graham Padden as Mr Teale, Adrian Harvey as Chris Daniels, Mark Audley as Tagger, Tracey Ann Bell as Tracey, Amanda Dainty as Jenny, Roger Hume as the Headmaster, Peter Brookes as the Gym Teacher, David Hannah as Bates, Shirley Stelfox as Station Announcer, Tony McPherson as the Immigrant and members of the Birmingham Youth Theatre.

Producer: Vanessa Whitburn

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1984.

SUN 22:00 Susan Calman Is Convicted (b04001kn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 22:30 Gloombsbury (b042jpk4)

Series 2, Two Broads BroadcastingVera is terrified when she receives a letter inviting her to do a lecture tour of America, and instantly begins a search for plausible excuses. But when Ginny asks her to help present a programme on BBC Radio about modern poetry, her anxiety is swiftly forgotten. Vera sees a chance to read one of her poems on the radio and share the limelight with those two wonderfully modern poets, TS Jelliot and DH Lollipop.

Henry warns Vera not to underestimate Ginny, however, who won't allow Vera to read anything unless Ginny agrees to it... and Ginny does not think that Vera's poem is modern enough to be in her programme.

What Ginny has not bargained for is the prudery and authority of Lord Reith who will not allow TS Jelliot to appear on her programme, because his American accent will corrupt the listeners and banishes DH Lollipop from Broadcasting House because of the constant sexual references in his language.

It falls to Vera to save the day by impersonating TS Jelliot and DH Lollipop live on air and then to get one over on Ginny by reading out her poem before Ginny can stop her. The broadcast falls apart, but Vera returns Sizzlinghurst the victor. Back at home, over a brandy or two, Henry reminds Vera about the prohibition movement in America. Reason enough for Vera to wriggle out of her lecture tour. Chin chin!

GLOOMSBURY - THE SERIES

Green-fingered Sapphist Vera Sackcloth-Vest shares a bijou castle in Kent with her devoted husband Henry, but longs for exotic adventures with nervy novelist Ginny Fox and wilful beauty Venus Traduces. It's 1921, the dawn of modern love, life and lingerie, but Vera still hasn't learnt how to boil a kettle.

Producer: Jamie Rix

A Little Brother Production for BBC Radio 4.

SUN 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b092ppbz)

Brett Goldstein 2/2The best in contemporary comedy. Arthur Smith chats to Brett Goldstein.

SUN 23:00 Clare in the Community (b008jwjr)

Series 1, Stage FrightThe social worker's disgruntled husband Brian writes a play based on their marriage. Stars Sally Phillips. From December 2004.

SUN 23:30 Beauty of Britain (b010dq6w)

Series 2, The Little Black ShortsNo professional care-worker can afford to miss Beauty Olonga's survival guide to Britain - its overheated houses, its disappointing church services and its world-class charity shops. Series 2 of this comedy follows Beauty's continuing adventures as the Featherdown Agency send her to provide care for the elderly.

Beauty sees herself as an inspiration to other African girls hoping to live the dream in Britain. Beauty sees Britain at its best, its worst and also sometimes without its clothes on running the wrong way down the M6 with a toy dog shouting 'Come on!'

Episode 3 'The Little Black Shorts'

Beauty starts a romance with the handsome but somewhat immature Leon. She also deals with a relationship at the other end of life's journey when she is sent by her agency to look after a warring elderly couple.

Beauty ... Jocelyn Jee Esien

Frank ... Geoffrey Palmer

Joan ... Phyllida Law

Leon ... Lloyd Thomas

Mrs Gupte ... Indira Joshi

Anil ... Paul Sharma

The music was performed by The West End Gospel Choir.

Written by Christopher Douglas and Nicola Sanderson

The producer is Tilusha Ghelani.

MONDAY 28 AUGUST 2017

MON 00:00 Robert Holmes - Aliens in the Mind (b007jltw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]

MON 00:30 The Man in Black (b00grv3d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Sunday]

MON 01:00 Hester - Omnibus (b03nh88x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]

MON 02:15 Deborah Moggach - How Are You? (b092gh2f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Sunday]

MON 02:30 Bernard MacLaverty - Midwinter Break (b092gh2p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Sunday]

MON 03:45 Open or Wrapped...? (b04jk36l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Sunday]

MON 04:00 Nick Warburton - Conversation From the Engine Room (b092gh2r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:00 Poetry Extra (b093p3xk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 Susan Calman Is Convicted (b04001kn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 A Case for Dr Morelle (b007qxc7)

The Willa young man in distress and an old man in danger: a curious case for the cantankerous criminal psychologist. Ernest Dudley's Harley Street psychiatrist-turned-detective uses psychology as well as criminology to hunt down lawbreakers by deducing their felonious personalities.

Following on from the success of the 1949 Hammer Film 'Dr Morelle: The Case of the Missing Heiress', the BBC radio series stars British film veteran, Cecil Parker as Dr Morelle and Sheila Sim as his long-suffering assistant, Miss Frayle.

With David Spenser as David Beaumont, Nan Kenway as Herietta Vickers, Douglas Young as Herbert Vickers and Will Leighton as Darrell.

Director: Leslie Bridgmont

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in 1957.

MON 06:30 The Stasi Jigsaw Puzzle (b01lmkzfl)

The East German secret service, the Stasi, loved to keep records. It built up a library of hundreds of thousands of files on its own people. When the order came to destroy those files, in late 1989, there was so much paper to get through that the state's shredders collapsed under the pressure. They then resorted to using chemicals and burning and, finally, to simply tearing them up by hand, until ordinary people themselves stormed the Stasi buildings and rescued what they could. Amongst the files that were rescued, they found 16,000 sackfuls of torn up bits of paper. Over the last fifteen years a small group of people near Nuremberg has been painstakingly trying to put those bits of paper back together; but the task was going to take 400 years to complete.

An expert in image processing, Dr. Bertram Nikolay came forward with his E-puzzler prototype computer, which is being put through its paces. Dr. Nikolay says the E-puzzler will be able to read the scraps of paper and put them back together in just a few years.

In The Stasi Jigsaw Puzzle Chris Bowlby returns to Berlin, where he spent time as a student in the divided city, and meets the scientists hoping to rescue the destroyed Stasi paper archive. He also hears some disturbing audio archive which is being catalogued; there are stories from some of the Stasi's victims and we hear how, twenty years after the fall of the Berlin wall, the search for the truth within the archives is as important as ever.

MON 07:00 Living With The Enemy (b00771zgz)

Episode 6Sitcom written by and starring Nick Revell and Gyles Brandreth as an alternative comedian turned holistic therapist and a Tory MP turned media figure.

6/6. A night out celebrating turns to disaster for everyone.

MON 07:30 Just a Minute (b091sz8z)

Series 79, 21/08/2017Nicholas Parsons challenges Paul Merton, Josie Lawrence, Fred Macaulay and James Acaster in a special edition of the popular panel show - recorded at the Edinburgh Festival.

Hayley Sterling blows the whistle.

Produced by Victoria Lloyd.

A BBC Studios Production.

MON 08:00 To the Manor Born (b007k4vh)

Sons of the FathersClearing out the cellar - Audrey finds more than she'd bargained for.

Starring Penelope Keith as Audrey Forbes-Hamilton, Keith Barron as Richard De Vere, Angela Thorne as Marjory Frobisher, Nicholas McArdle as Brabinger, Margery Withers as Mrs Polouovicka and Frank Middlemass as Ned.

The tale of lady of the manor Audrey Forbes-Hamilton, forced to sell her beloved Grantleigh Estate when her husband's death leaves her financially strapped. With butler Brabinger in tow, they've decamped to the tiny Old Lodge cottage.

From this vantage point, Audrey keeps a close and disapproving eye on the estate's new owner, the nouveau-riche Richard De Vere, a wholesale foods magnate of Czech descent.

First piloted on radio and then whisked off to TV before it ever appeared, before finally arriving home in 1997. Adapted from his TV scripts by Peter Spence.

Producer: Jane Berthoud

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 1997.

MON 08:30 Dad's Army (b007jgpg)

Series 2, The Day the Balloon Went UpCaptain Mainwaring and Corporal Jones get carried away with the platoon's war effort. Starring Arthur Lowe as Captain Mainwaring, John Le Mesurier as Sergeant Wilson, Clive Dunn as Corporal Jones, John Laurie as Private Frazer, Ian Lavender as Private Pike, Arnold Ridley as Godfrey, Bill Pertwee as Hodges and Frank Williams as the Vicar.

Adapted for radio from Jimmy Perry and David Croft's TV scripts by Harold Snoad and Michael Knowles.

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1975.

MON 09:00 Hidden Treasures (b054z4kp)

Petworth HouseThe antiques quiz visits Petworth House in West Sussex. With Lars Tharp, Eric Knowles, Clive Farahar and Hilary Kay. From April 1998.

MON 09:30 Be Prepared (b0076tb0)

First AidDespite being sacked from running the First Aid stall at

the local church fete Miles is determined to give his life saving mannequin, Annie, a day out.

Recently separated from his wife and with a teenage son, Miles Rummings continues with his dream of running a scout troop. Stars Kim Wall as Miles, Emma Amos as Dawn, Barnaby Power as Steve, Louis Dunsford as Jason, Collen Prendergast as Jules, Robert Hastie as Rob, Susan Jamerson as Mary, Gerard McDermott as the Vicar and Harry Myers as the Estate Agent. Producer: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2005.

MON 10:00 Mikhail Bulgakov - The White Guard (b007611d)
SurvivalThe Turbin brothers find their survival skills tested, and Elena is driven to intense prayer. Stars Paul Hilton and James Loye.

MON 11:00 Afternoon Reading (b00z5c8h)

Good Show Clarissa, A Midnight RevelMartin Jarvis directs Helen Mirren, Joanna Lumley and Lisa Dillon as 'The Girls' in 'Good Show Clarissa!' from Jarvis & Ayres Productions - a series of three 'jolly hockey stick' stories for Radio 4 - performed by stars. These classic tales represent some of the best of popular 20th Century 'girls school fiction'. The first story, 'A Midnight Revel', written in 1926 and performed with girlish relish by Dame Helen Mirren, is a neat thriller in which the boarders at Hardwick High are prevented by the rainy weather from playing a hockey match.

Bored at such inactivity, they decide to think of an adventurous alternative entertainment. It's left to Nan Stevenson, the one who usually has 'blossomy' ideas to come up with something exciting. "I've got it!" she exclaimed at last, triumphantly. "There's one thing we've never tried yet (and jolly fun it would be, too!) a midnight supper. Scrumptious! But how will they organise it? And will the girls' daring midnight spree proceed according to plan? What could possibly go wrong?"

Producer: Martin Jarvis

A Jarvis & Ayres production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 11:15 RF Delderfield - To Serve Them All My Days (b00xh3kt)

Episode 11t's 1918, and soldier Davy Powlett-Jones, invalided out of the trenches, must face a new start in life.

RF Delderfield's classic novel of life between the wars.

Dramatised in five parts by Shaun McKenna.

Stars Oliver Milburn as Davy Powlett-Jones, John Wood as Algy Herries, John Rowe as Howarth, Anthony Calf as Carter, Alison Pettitt as Beth, Delroy Brown as the Guard, Josh Freeborn as "Nipper" Shawe, Steven Williams as "Chad" Boyer and Steven Roberts as Brierley.

Director: Marc Beeby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2006.

MON 12:00 To the Manor Born (b007k4vh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 12:30 Dad's Army (b007ipgq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 13:00 A Case for Dr Morelle (b007qxc7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 13:30 The Stasi Jigsaw Puzzle (b01mkzgf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b01gvlg8)

John Galt - Annals of the Parish, Episode 1John Galt's masterpiece of small-town Scottish life, written in 1821.

Reverend Micah Balwhidder settles in his study to pen an account of his fifty year ministry in the parish of Dalmailing. Balwhidder's appointment in 1760 tears the community apart as the young minister is placed in his post by an absentee landowner - inciting the rage of the parishioners.

Abridged by Rosemary Goring and read by Paul Young.

Producer: Eilidh McCreadie.

MON 14:15 Could Do Better (b03p85pm)

Wendy CopeRobert Booth summons poet and ex-teacher Wendy Cope to his study for a quiet word about her school reports. From November 1988.

MON 14:30 Winifred Holtby - South Riding (b007jndp)

Episode 1Headmistress Sarah Burton returns to 1930s Yorkshire for a challenging new post.

Winifred Holtby's (1898-1935) most famous novel "South Riding" was published posthumously in 1936. It's a rich and memorable evocation of the characters of Yorkshire's South Riding, their lives, loves and sorrows.

Starring Sarah Lancashire as Sarah Burton, Philip Glenister as Robert Carne and Carole Boyd as Mrs Beddows.

With Susan Cookson, Maggie Tagney, Donald McBride, Lucy Beaumont, Annmarie Hoesell and Maya Foa.

Dramatised in 15-parts by Gill Adams.

Director: Melanie Harris

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1999.

MON 14:45 Book of the Week (b03lnx3l)

Diana Cooper - Darling Monster, Episode 1This new book contains the letters sent from aristocrat, society darling and actress of stage and early screen, Lady Diana Cooper, to her only son, John Julius Norwich.

When Lady Diana married rising political star Duff Cooper, they became the golden couple who knew everyone who was anyone. Her letters serve as a portrait of a time, capturing some of history's most dramatic events and most important figures with immediacy and intimacy. But they also give us a touching portrait of the love between a mother and son, separated by war, oceans and the constraints of the time they lived in.

Her letters span the years 1939 to 1952, taking in the Blitz, Diana's short spell as a farmer in Sussex, a trip to the Far East

when husband Duff was collecting war intelligence, the couple's three years in the Paris embassy, as well as a great number of journeys around Europe and North Africa.

Read by John Julius Norwich and Patricia Hodge

Producer: David Roper

Abrider: Barry Johnston

A Heavy Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 15:00 Mikhail Bulgakov - The White Guard (b007611d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

MON 16:00 Hidden Treasures (b054z4kp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 16:30 Be Prepared (b0076tb0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

MON 17:00 Living With the Enemy (b00771zg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 17:30 Just a Minute (b091sz8z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 18:00 HH Munro - Five Tales By Saki (b0076rmr)

The Lumber RoomWhen young Nicholas is punished by his aunt, he seeks refuge in the magical lumber room; but when his aunt seeks him in the garden, he can expect retribution. Saki's fiction famously celebrates the triumph of the "human beast" over the structures of society. Mischief, mayhem and the antic spirit of children are the stuff of his enduring tales of English life.

Stars Susan Engel as the Aunt, Ben Tibber as Nicholas and Alex Tregear as Agatha.

Five Tales by Saki (HH Munro), dramatised by Roger Davenport.

Director: Ned Chaillet

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2005.

MON 18:15 Brian Aldiss Short Stories (b03wpvq8)

The Expensive Delicate ShipAn eerie story within a story, set in some not too distant future but looking back on an ancient biblical flood. Read by Nicholas Farrell.

Brian Aldiss (1925-1917) was one of Britain's most prolific writers of speculative fiction. His first book was written when he was 14. This selection of his shorter fiction celebrates the range of his interests from futuristic creation myths to biting social satire.

Greatly influenced by the science fiction pioneer HG Wells, his writings have been compared to those of Isaac Asimov, Greg Bear and Arthur C Clarke. His complete works are currently being republished.

Produced for BBC Radio 4 Extra by the Waters Company.

MON 18:30 A Good Read (b0076mxz)

Lord Carrington & Clare FrancisSue MacGregor and her guests - politician Lord Carrington and novelist Clare Francis - discuss books by Laurie Lee, Lewis Carroll and David Lodge. From August 2004.

Paradise News, by David Lodge

Publisher: Penguin

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland / Through the Looking Glass, by Lewis Carroll

Publisher: Penguin Classics

As I Walked Out One Midsummer's Morning, by Laurie Lee

Publisher: Penguin.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

MON 22:00 Just a Minute (b091sz8z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 22:30 Jason Cook's School of Hard Knocks (b03ws221)

Dumping and Proposals.Leadng a successful life is terribly tricky and no-one is more painful aware of that than Jason Cook himself who has encountered more than his fair share of failure in his time.

So who better then to dispense advice on how best to successfully negotiate the sticky social situations the fickle finger of fate flicks out, than a man who, like a modern day Job, has already suffered the slings and arrows of outrageous misfortune.

This time he looks at the two-sides of the romance coin: dumping someone and proposing to someone, with regular guests Zoe Harrison and Neil Grainger on hand to help him bring his lessons to life. And with contributions from the studio audience too, there's plenty of advice on offer so you don't make the same mistakes as they have. Or at least take comfort in the knowledge that you're not alone.

Producer: Sam Michell.

MON 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b094jggf)

Robert Popper 1/3The best in contemporary comedy. Plus Cariad Lloyd chats to Robert Popper.

MON 23:00 The Museum of Curiosity (b091w81)

Series 11, Episode 5This week, the Professor of Ignorance John Lloyd and his curator, the brilliant Romesh Ranganathan welcome:

A costume designer who has dressed Johnny Depp, Madonna and Tom Cruise, Penny Rose.

Truth seeker, commentator, author, biographer, columnist and Private Eye's Editor, Francis Wheen.

and

Professor of Volcanology at Cambridge University and author who travels from the Antarctic to darkest North Korea in search of the Hot Stuff, Clive Oppenheimer.

This week, the Museum's Guest Committee offer as exhibits a decorous device for lifting a Victorian lady's skirt, a letter that Karl Marx never wrote and a tin can full of liquid rock.

The show was researched by Anne Miller of QI and Mike Turner. The production coordinator was Tamara Shilham.

The producers were Richard Turner and James Harkin.

It was a BBC Studios production.

MON 23:30 Vent (b00v3qsn)

Series 2, AlternativesWhat would comatose Ben's life be like if it was a Hollywood movie? Stars Neil Pearson and Fiona Allen. From October 2007.

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Act of ViolenceThe criminal psychologist is on the case when local amateur dramatists bring back memories for a man accused of murder...

Ernest Dudley's Harley Street psychiatrist-turned-detective uses psychology as well as criminology to hunt down lawbreakers by deducing their felonious personalities.

Following on from the success of the 1949 Hammer Film 'Dr Morelle: The Case of the Missing Heiress', the BBC radio series stars British film veteran, Cecil Parker as Dr Morelle and Sheila Sim as his long-suffering assistant, Miss Freyre.

With Ralph Truman as Major Penfold, Trevor Martin as Robert Benson, Martin Miller as Professor Stenberg and Will Leighton as Clerk of the Court,

Director: Leslie Bridgmont

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in June 1957.

TUE 06:30 Bollywood Brass Band (b0075szl)

Soprano saxophone player Joe Cohen presents a guide to the history and performance of a unique Indian brass band. From March 2000.

TUE 07:00 Double Science (b012rv02)

PilotTeacher turmoil erupts at a Sixth Form College specialising in drama, when a new female head arrives determined to revitalise the science department.

Incompetent science teachers Dr Colin Jackson and Dr Kenneth Farley-Pittman react in different ways to the arrival of Dr Alison Hatton.

Pilot episode for the series written by and starring Ben Willbond and Justin Edwards.

With Rebecca Front, Raza Jaffrey and Dustin Demri-Burns.

Producer: Adam Bromley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2007.

TUE 07:30 Shush! (b06c48pr)

Series 1, Mobile LibraryAn intruder, an ice-cream van and Daniel Barenboim make life difficult for Snoo and Alice as Simon constructs a deadly cornflakes-based trap.

Meet Alice, a former child prodigy who won a place at Oxford aged 9 but, because Daddy went too, she never needed to have any friends. She's scared of everything - everything that is, except libraries and Snoo, a slightly confused individual, with a have-a-go attitude to life, marriage, haircuts and reality. Snoo loves books, and fully intends to read one one day.

And forever popping into the library is Dr. Cadogan, celebrity doctor to the stars and a man with his finger in every pie.

Charming, indiscreet and quite possibly wanted by Interpol, if you want a discrete nip and tuck and then photos of it accidentally left on the photocopier, Dr Cadogan is your man.

Their happy life is interrupted by the arrival of Simon Nielson, a man with a mission, a mission to close down inefficient libraries. Fortunately, he hates his mission. What he really wants to do is once, just once, get even with his inexhaustible supply of high-achieving brothers.

Written by Morwenna Banks and Rebecca Front
Based on an idea developed with Armando Iannucci
Produced by David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 08:00 Listen to Les (b00tppnd)

Les Dawson presents mafia mayhem, randy Cosmo Smallpiece plus another piano sing-along.

With Daphne Oxenford and Colin Edwynn.

Music by Brian Fitzgerald.

Scripted and produced by James Casey.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in December 1980.

TUE 08:30 The Men From the Ministry (b007invj)

Rolling in ItMoney muddles for the bumbling bureaucrats, when surplus petty cash must be spent.

A weekly tribute to all those who work in government departments.

Stars Richard Murdoch and Deryck Guyler. With Norma Ronald, Ronald Baddiley and John Graham.

Written by Edward Taylor and John Graham.

'The Men from the Ministry' ran for 14 series between 1962 and 1977. Deryck Guyler replaced Wilfrid Hyde-White from 1966.

Sadly many episodes didn't survive in the archive, however the BBC's Transcription Service re-recorded 14 shows in 1980 - never broadcast in the UK, until the arrival of BBC Radio 4 Extra.

Producer: Edward Taylor

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 4 in July 1971.

TUE 09:00 The Museum of Curiosity (b091wf81)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]

TUE 09:30 Getting Nowhere Fast (b00mjg8m)

Series 3, Episode 1 An uncle's gift leaves menopausal flower child Merv yearning to discover his inner cowboy. Stars Mervyn Stutter. From May 2004.

TUE 10:00 Classic Serial (b00djvtl)

Apsley Cherry-Garrard - The Worst Journey in the World,

Episode 1 The Worst Journey in the World

Apsley Cherry-Garrard's gripping account of his experiences as the youngest member of Captain Scott's polar expedition team, adapted by Stef Penney.

In the austere beautiful ice-scapes of Antarctica, things go disastrously wrong.

Apsley Cherry-Garrard Matt Green

Captain Robert Falcon Scott John McAndrew

Dr Atkinson Carl Prekopp

Captain Oates Mark Meadows

Lieutenant Bowers Peter Callaghan

Charles Wright Simon Lee Phillips

Dr Edward Wilson Richard Mitchell

PO Tom Crean Jack Reynolds

Taff Evans Huw Davies

Specially composed music by Will Gregory of Goldfrapp, orchestrated by Ian Gardiner and performed by the BBC National Orchestra of Wales, conducted by Grant Llewellyn.

Directed by Kate McAll.

TUE 11:00 Afternoon Reading (b00z5hrb)

Good Show Clarissa, Jemima Gets Them Guessing Martin Jarvis directs Lisa Dillon's humorous performance as the entire Fourth Form of Cliff House School in 'Jemima Gets Them Guessing'.

Written by Hilda Richards in 1939, eccentric, monocled Jemima Carstairs (a sort of female fourteen year-old Bertie Wooster with brains) is presented with a problem. One of their class-mates, Frances Frost - the icicle of the Fourth - threatens to blackmail decent Clara Trevlyn for visiting the Palais de Danse, thereby jeopardising Clara's position as Captain of Games.

But Clara may have had a perfectly proper motive for breaking bounds. To save her chum, Jemima concocts a plan involving a beach-side confrontation and a mysterious boat-trip. Can Jemima rescue Clara's reputation and prevent her from disgrace?

Producer: Martin Jarvis

A Jarvis & Ayres production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 11:15 RF Delderfield - To Serve Them All My Days (b00xhck3)

Episode 2 Despite clashing with the science master in 1920, Davy settles into school life and his wife is expecting. Stars Oliver Milburn.

TUE 12:00 Listen to Les (b00tppnd)

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TUE 13:30 Bollywood Brass Band (b0075szl)

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TUE 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b01gyks3)

John Galt - Annals of the Parish, Episode 2 John Galt's 1821 masterpiece of small-town Scottish life. Reverend Micah Balwhidder continues his account of his fifty year ministry in a rural parish.

Settled in his study at the end of his career, Balwhidder remembers how news of trouble in the Americas trickled through to the sleepy town of Dalmailing in 1769.

Abridged by Rosemary Goring and read by Paul Young.

Producer: Eilidh McCreadie.

TUE 14:15 Could Do Better (b007znr4)

Stephen Fry/Robert Booth summons writer and comic actor Stephen Fry to his study for a quiet word about his school reports. From November 1987.

TUE 14:30 Winifred Holtby - South Riding (b007jnf6)

Episode 2 Back home in Yorkshire, new headmistress Sarah Burton has much to tackle at her rundown school. Stars Sarah Lancashire.

TUE 14:45 Book of the Week (b03lpfwm)

Diana Cooper - Darling Monster, Episode 2 This new book contains the letters sent from aristocrat, society darling and actress of stage and early screen, Lady Diana Cooper, to her only son, John Julius Norwich.

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Her letters span the years 1939 to 1952, taking in the Blitz, Diana's short spell as a farmer in Sussex, a trip to the Far East when husband Duff was collecting war intelligence, the couple's three years in the Paris embassy, as well as a great number of journeys around Europe and North Africa.

Today, Lady Diana sets up a smallholding in Sussex for the war effort. She will not dig for victory, but will certainly milk a cow in order to produce her own cheese.

Read by John Julius Norwich and Patricia Hodge

Producer: David Roper

Abridger: Barry Johnston

A Heavy Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 15:00 Classic Serial (b00djvtl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

TUE 16:00 The 99p Challenge (b00p6c86)

Series 3, Episode 2 Crazy panel show capers as Sue Perkins grills Simon Pegg, Armando Iannucci, Peter Baynham and David Quantick. From July 2001.

TUE 16:30 Getting Nowhere Fast (b00mjg8m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

TUE 17:00 Double Science (b012rv02)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

TUE 17:30 Shush! (b06c48pr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 18:00 HH Munro - Five Tales By Saki (b0076rnb)

The Scharzt-Metterklume Method When Lady Carlotta is mistaken for Miss Hope, the new governess, she takes up the job with relish applying a freshly invented technique of child-rearing to her new charges. The ensuing chaos is all too "modern" for the parents.

Stars Jennie Stoller as Lady Carlotta, Jemma Churchill as Mrs Quabarl, Philip Fox as Mr Quabarl/ Carter, Timothy Morand as Station Master/ Jack and Emily Wachter as Irene.

Five Tales by Saki (HH Munro), dramatised by Roger Davenport.

Director: Ned Chaillet

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2005.

TUE 18:15 Brian Aldiss Short Stories (b03ws9lr)

Stillthorpe; Headless Stillthorpe is a gentle fable. Followed by Headless - a blistering satire depicting a world where entertainment has replaced common-sense. Read by Clare Corbett.

Brian Aldiss (1925-1917) was one of Britain's most prolific writers of speculative fiction. His first book was written when he was 14. This selection of his shorter fiction celebrates the range of his interests from futuristic creation myths to biting social satire.

Greatly influenced by the science fiction pioneer HG Wells, his writings have been compared to those of Isaac Asimov, Greg Bear and Arthur C. Clarke. His complete works are currently being republished.

Produced for BBC Radio 4 Extra by the Waters Company.

TUE 18:30 That Reminds Me (b007jz0c)

Series 1, Bill Pertwee The comic actor recalls the early days of his career, including memories of Round the Horne and Dad's Army. From April 1999.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 22:30 Son of Cliché (b00p1jb9)

The Weird Dimension Award-winning sketch comedy from out of this world. Stars Chris Barrie, Nick Maloney and Nick Wilton. From August 1983.

TUE 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b094jggh)

Robert Popper 2/3 The best in contemporary comedy. Plus Cariad

Lloyd chats again to Robert Popper.

TUE 23:00 Rudy's Rare Records (b01n77d)

Series 4, It's Grim Up North Adam attends a business conference to network and is determined to leave his dad behind. He fails. Not only does Rudy attend but he knows the guest speaker.

Father and son comedy set in the finest old-school record shop in Birmingham. Starring Lenny Henry, Larrington Walker and some terrific tunes.

Rudy's Rare Records is a tiny down at heel old reggae record shop in Birmingham - one of a dying breed; a place with real soul, stacked with piles of vinyl, where the slogan is "if we don't have it - them don't mek it". It's owned by the charismatic, irrepressible Rudy Sharpe (Larrington Walker), reluctantly helped out by his long-suffering neurotic son Adam (Lenny Henry) and Handsworth's first, black, surly girly goth, Tasha (Natasha Godfrey). Rudy has recently married his long-term love interest Doreen (Claire Benedict) who is enjoying the challenge of getting the Sharpe men in shape.

Adam.....Lenny Henry

Rudy.....Larrington Walker

Tasha.....Natasha Godfrey

Doreen.....Claire Benedict

Bernard Sheedy.....Justin Moorhouse

Brinsley Forde.....Brinsley Forde

Katerina.....Liza Sadovy

Attila/Receptionist Adam Nagaitis

Written by Danny Robins

Producer: Katie Tyrrell

Music featured in this episode:

TRAIN TO SKAVILLE * THE ETHIOPIANS

RADIO * RAPHAEL SAADIQ

SHINE * ASWAD

SIMMER DOWN * BOB MARLEY AND THE WAILERS

SWEAT (A LA LA LA LA LONG) * INNER CIRCLE

JAMAICA IS THE PLACE TO GO * CHARLIE BINGER AND HIS QUARTET

HOT IN HERE * NELLY

LET'S GET IT ON * MARVIN GAYE

RUBY SOHO * JIMMY CLIFF

BE PREPARED * WINSTON SAMUEL

DON'T TURN AROUND * ASWAD

PRESSURE DROP * TOOTS AND THE MAYTALS

GIRLFRIEND IN A COMA * THE SMITHS.

TUE 23:30 Britain Versus the World (b050crxi)

Series 1, Episode 6 Episode Six:

The final episode of the comedy panel show - Britain Versus The World - that pits two British comedians against a team of comics from overseas to find out which side is superior. Joining the British captain, Hal Cruttenden, is the English comedian Roisin Conaty while the captain of the Rest of the World - Henning Wehn - is teamed with his fellow German stand-up Christian Schulte-Loh. The contest is overseen by Irishman Ed Byrne who does his very best to stay impartial.

Host

Ed Byrne

Guests

Hal Cruttenden

Henning Wehn

Roisin Conaty

Christian Schulte-Loh

Programme Associate Bill Matthews

Devised and produced by Ashley Blaker.

WEDNESDAY 30 AUGUST 2017

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WED 06:00 A Case for Dr Morelle (b007qxs5)

The Black Ruby The cantankerous criminal psychologist probes

the authenticity of a fabled gem. Is it cursed?

Ernest Dudley's Harley Street psychiatrist-turned-detective uses psychology as well as criminology to hunt down lawbreakers by deducing their felonious personalities.

Following on from the success of the 1949 Hammer Film 'Dr Morelle: The Case of the Missing Heiress', the BBC radio series stars British film veteran, Cecil Parker as Dr Morelle and Sheila Sim as his long-suffering assistant, Miss Frayle.

With Norman Woodland as Guy Hampton, Virginia Winter as Sonia Hampton, Louise Gainsborough as Helen Reynolds, Richard Bebb as Bill Reynolds, Desmond Carrington as Aubrey Green and John Baker as the Airline Captain/various.

Director: Leslie Bridgmont

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in February 1957.

WED 06:30 The School on the Moor (b092k9jp)

Revealing 1948 portrait of Cornwall's Bolventor School with just 24 pupils aged 5 to 15, in two classrooms with two teachers, plus headmaster Reginald Bennetts and his wife.

In this experimental programme, BBC engineers had set-up microphones around this tiny remote village school in the middle of Bodmin Moor in the Autumn of 1947. Microphones and cables were left to allow children to get used to them.

The programme was recorded over a week with the head as presenter, plus the stories of two former pupils, who attended the school when it opened in 1878. (It was closed in 1994).

Producer: Brandon Acton-Bond

First broadcast on the BBC West of England Home Service, it evoked vivid memories for listeners and inspired a wider broadcast (except Scotland and Wales) on the BBC Home Service in December 1948.

WED 07:00 Don Haworth - Odd Balls (b0076008)

Emma Harper: Tussles in a Theme VillageEx-headmistress Emma Harper writes a column for a village newspaper. But when she's poached by the local radio station, her gossip programme causes controversy, anger and revenge...

Four-part comedy series by Don Howarth.

Stars Marcia Warren as Emma Harper, David Holt as Sid Rappaport, Ian Brooker as Mr Mole, Robert Lister as Major Drum, Geoff Holman as the Vicar, Sara Coward as Kylie Coward and Sharon Muircroft as Amelia Spratt

Director: Julie Beckett

Producer: Sue Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2001.

WED 07:30 Ankle Tag (b091w4cx)

Series 1, Episode 1NEW SERIES

Career fraudster Bob has been away at Her Majesty's pleasure for the last 5 years, but he's just been released on licence with an Ankle Tag registered to his estranged son's address. Gruff isn't happy about it, but Bob is a charming man who manages to persuade other people in Gruff's life that his heart is in the right place.

Elis James and Katy Wix play new parents Gruff and Alice, whose lives are disrupted when Bob moves in, and Steve Spiers plays Bob.

Written by Gareth Gwynn and Benjamin Partridge.

Produced by Victoria Lloyd.

A BBC Studios Production.

WED 08:00 The Navy Lark (b00vtwxw)

Series 1, The Gun Mechanism TestCommander Povey decides the island is an ideal spot to try a prototype - on Pertwee's birthday. Starring Leslie Phillips as the Sub-Lieutenant, Jon Pertwee as the Chief Petty Officer, Dennis Price as Number One, Richard Cildicot as Commander Povey, Heather Chasen as Heather, Ronnie Barker as AS Johnson, Michael Bates as the Professor and Tenniel Evans as Taffy.

The Navy Lark ran for an impressive thirteen series on BBC Radio between 1959 and 1976.

Scripted by Lawrie Wyman.

Producer: Alastair Scott Johnston.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1959.

WED 08:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jp9g)

Series 6, The Childhood SweetheartThe lad sets off for a romantic reunion pledged 25 years before.

Starring Tony Hancock. With Sidney James, Bill Kerr, Kenneth Williams and Patricia Hayes.

Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.

Theme and incidental music written by Wally Stott.

Producer: Tom Ronald

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in October 1959.

WED 09:00 Genius (b00802hh)

Series 3, Episode 1A whole new realm of swearing opens up as Rob Newman joins Dave Gorman for more innovation in everyday life. From October 2007.

WED 09:30 Up the Garden Path (b008j0kf)

Series 3, Up the Stick and Sick as a Parrotlizzy spends her birthday coping with the surprise news that she's pregnant. Stars Imelda Staunton. From December 1993.

WED 10:00 Classic Serial (b00dm7q7)

Apsley Cherry-Garrard - The Worst Journey in the World, Episode 2Apsley Cherry-Garrard's gripping account of his experiences as the youngest member of Captain Scott's polar expedition team, adapted by Stef Penney.

After two months of hard marching, Scott must tell four of the surviving twelve men that they must turn back.

Apsley Cherry-Garrard Matt Green

Captain Robert Falcon Scott John McAndrew

Dr Atkinson Carl Prekopp

Captain Oates Mark Meadows

Lieutenant Bowers Peter Callaghan

Charles Wright Simon Lee Phillips

Dr Edward Wilson Richard Mitchell

PO Tom Crean Jack Reynolds

Taff Evans Huw Davies

PO Keohane/Dimitri Andrew Byron

Specially composed music by Will Gregory of Goldfrapp, orchestrated by Ian Gardiner and performed by the BBC National Orchestra of Wales, conducted by Grant Llewellyn. Directed by Kate McAll.

WED 11:00 Afternoon Reading (b00z5xvz)

Good Show Clarissa, The CheatMartin Jarvis directs Joanna Lumley's performance of this intriguing 'moral' tale from the prolific pen of Enid Blyton.

Written in 1947 Susan, less fortunate than most of the other girls - and certainly not from their well-heeled backgrounds - must win the scholarship in order to continue her education. Then an opportunity occurs for her to cheat in the exam. Joanna Lumley tells this surprisingly serious story with great humanity and compassion.

The story takes the form of both a thriller and a psychological account of an inner turmoil. Blyton and Lumley, in an ideal partnership, make us feel what it must be like, in this situation, to carry such a potentially heavy burden of guilt. And of course we are keen to know whether there might be a way out for Susan. Can she escape expulsion? Could she possibly avoid the stigma of being a cheat?

Producer: Martin Jarvis

A Jarvis & Ayres production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 11:15 RF Delderfield - To Serve Them All My Days (b00xhz7c)

Episode 3Devastated Davy buries himself in school life in1926, and in writing the book Beth urged him to write. Stars Oliver Milburn.

WED 12:00 The Navy Lark (b00vtwxw)

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WED 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b01gykw1)

John Galt - Annals of the Parish, Episode 3John Galt's masterpiece of small-town Scottish life, written in 1821. At the end of his career, Reverend Micah Balwhidder pens an account of his fifty year ministry.

It's 1776 and change is in the air as the outside world intrudes upon rural Dalmaling.

Abridged by Rosemary Goring and read by Paul Young.

Producer: Eilidh McCreadie.

WED 14:15 Could Do Better (b00759x7)

Alan CorenRobert Booth summons Alan Coren to his study to blow the dust off the humorist and broadcaster's school reports. From November 1988.

WED 14:30 Winifred Holtby - South Riding (b007jnftr)

Episode 3Headmistress Sarah Burton is determined to make a success of her first event in the community. Stars Sarah Lancashire.

WED 14:45 Book of the Week (b03jipj9)

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Her letters span the years 1939 to 1952, taking in the Blitz, Diana's short spell as a farmer in Sussex, a trip to the Far East when husband Duff was collecting war intelligence, the couple's three years in the Paris embassy, as well as a great number of journeys around Europe and North Africa.

Today, Lady Diana moves into the French Embassy, along with her husband the politician Duff Cooper and his lover Louis de Vilmorin. Their parties become legendary.

Read by John Julius Norwich and Patricia Hodge

Producer: David Roper

Abridger: Barry Johnston

A Heavy Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4.

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WED 17:30 Ankle Tag (b091w4cx)

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WED 18:00 HH Munro - Five Tales By Saki (b0076rny)

FurEleanor and Suzanne are best friends, but not for much longer. Suzanne knows she can get her rich cousin Bertram to buy her a fur in the sales, but she has to entrust the job to Eleanor - who has her own plans...

Stars Helen Longworth as Eleanor, Lydia Leonard as Suzanne, Bertie Carvel as Bertram and Alex Tregear as Woman in Park/Woman in Shop.

Five Tales by Saki (HH Munro), dramatised by Roger Davenport.

Director: Ned Chaillet

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2005.

WED 18:15 Brian Aldiss Short Stories (b03wt584)

Galaxy Zeelife in a galaxy where every planet and every city is like a billion others, the controlling Unicrat who created them feels his plan has gone awry. Read by Jack Klaff.

Brian Aldiss (1925-1917) was one of Britain's most prolific writers of speculative fiction. His first book was written when he was 14. This selection of his shorter fiction celebrates the range of his interests from futuristic science myths to biting social satire. Greatly influenced by the science fiction pioneer HG Wells, his writings have been compared to those of Isaac Asimov, Greg Bear and Arthur C. Clarke. His complete works are currently being republished.

Produced for BBC Radio 4 Extra by the Waters Company.

WED 18:30 Off the Page (b017wy7c)

The Making of YouDominic Arkwright talks to three guests about their formative years: The Making of You.

Sports writer Julie Welch recalls boarding school days of innocence, lusting after her Games Captain. Social entrepreneur, Gwilym Gibbons, remembers growing up in a commune, feeling an outsider from the mainstream world. Psychotherapist Paul Wellcome, whose schooldays were far from halcyon, argues that the decisions adults make for their children can have a devastating and lasting affect on their lives.

Producer: Sarah Langan.

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WED 21:15 RF Delderfield - To Serve Them All My Days (b00xhz7c)

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WED 22:00 Ankle Tag (b091w4cx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 22:30 The Secret World (b011dkny)

Series 1, Episode 2From Lord Alan Sugar to Bruce Forsyth - Jon Culshaw explores the bizarre private lives of famous folk. From April 2009.

WED 23:00 Lee Mack and Friends at the Fringe (b007kltt)

Episode 1Lee Mack definitely is going out, with fellow comics Dara O Briain, Alan Carr, Rhod Gilbert and Tim Minchin. Recorded live at the Edinburgh Fringe. From August 2005.

WED 23:30 The Nick Revell Show (b00cnhvs)

Series 2, The WeddingPreparing for his old flame's nuptials, the writer seethes over the way she dumped him. With Doon MacKichan. From June 1993.

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THU 06:00 A Case for Dr Morelle (b007qsk2)

The Wedding DressFrightened bride-to-be Audrey Templeton is being spooked by noises in the night. Can the psychiatrist-sleuth uncover what's going on?

Ernest Dudley's Harley Street psychiatrist-turned-detective uses

psychology as well as criminology to hunt down lawbreakers by deducing their felonious personalities.

Following on from the success of the 1949 Hammer Film 'Dr Morelle: The Case of the Missing Heiress', the BBC radio series stars British film veteran, Cecil Parker as Dr Morelle and Sheila Sim as his long-suffering assistant, Miss Frayle.

With Sulwen Morgan as Audrey Templeton, Mary Law as Evelyn Lambert, Olwen Brookes as Edna Lambert, Peggy Thorpe-Bates as Mrs Vezey and Trevor Martin as the Commercial Traveller/Ames.

Director: Leslie Bridgmont

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in February 1957.

THU 06:30 Songlines (b04d4pt1)

Somewhere Over the RainbowAs the film of The Wizard of Oz turns 75, John Cavanagh tells the story behind Judy Garland's legendary theme tune. From November 2002.

THU 07:00 Double Income, No Kids Yet (b00dkxjl)

Series 1, Double Income, No Kids Yet.Lucy sets up Daniel's party, but their mates seem too busy with kids. Stars David Tennant and Elizabeth Carling. From June 2001.

THU 07:30 That Jan Ravens (b010mw8c)

Jan Ravens heads up a new show which presents familiar names in unfamiliar situations. With Eve Webster, India Fisher and Ewan Bailey.

In this pilot episode Dame Maggie Smith discovers a shocking secret in Downton Abbey, the Queen discusses wedding plans with Mrs Middleton, and Baroness Warsi appears as a challenger on Countdown.

Produced by Victoria Lloyd.

THU 08:00 Stop Messing About! (b00rmxpt)

Series 2, Episode 6A paralytic stuntman in a shock Smith Report - and war prisoners outfox the Nazis.

Starring 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 Myles Rudge, David Cumming and Derek Collyer.

With the Max Harris Group.

Producer: John Simmonds

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in May 1970.

THU 08:30 The Goon Show (b007jlfp)

The Phantom Head ShaverAs baldness breaks out in Brighton, is there a connection to a glut of cheap tobacco? Stars Spike Milligan. From October 1954.

THU 09:00 Whispers (b00bzrmi)

Series 2, Episode 2Cyles Brandreth hosts the scandals quiz with Anthony Holden, Lynne Truss, Lucy Moore and Michele Brown. From September 2004.

THU 09:30 Semi Circles (b007jxl1)

Series 1, A Nice AreaAn action committee is formed when a foreign owner applies to open a new restaurant in the area. Stars Paula Wilcox. From March 1982.

THU 10:00 David Pownall (b01sdtv0)

I Want to Go HomeAnd on the eighth day God created language. Little did he expect the confusion that would ensue...

I - David Bamber

Want - Joanna Monro

To Go - Ben Crowe

Home - Georgie Alexander

With John Hartley as the voice of God

Director: Peter Kavanagh

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2000.

THU 11:00 Clare Seal - School Days (b007639f)

Romeo and Julie4 Extra Debut. Julie cannot face playing Juliet before her feuding parents. Has the drama teacher been wasting his time? Read by Lisa Coleman.

THU 11:15 RF Delderfield - To Serve Them All My Days (b00xj4lg)

Episode 4Davy wants to give Bamfylde's new headmaster his full support in 1927, but Alcock won't make it easy for him. Stars Oliver Milburn.

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Abridged by Rosemary Goring and read by Paul Young.

Producer: Eilidh McCreadie.

THU 14:15 Could Do Better (b03lbfzg)

Kenneth WilliamsRobert Booth summons Kenneth Williams to his study for a quiet word about the comic actor's school reports. From October 1987.

THU 14:30 Winifred Holtby - South Riding (b007ingb)

Episode 4Headmistress Sarah Burton develops a soft spot for a married school governor. Stars Sarah Lancashire and Philip

Glenister.

THU 14:45 Book of the Week (b03ls156)

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In the fourth episode, Duff and Diana Cooper continue their travels - taking in Venice, Marrakesh, Tangier, Algiers and Seville. At home in 1949, all hopes are pinned on the dawn of a new era.

Read by John Julius Norwich and Patricia Hodge

Producer: David Roper

Abridger: Barry Johnston

A Heavy Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 15:00 David Pownall (b01sdtv0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

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THU 18:00 HH Munro - Five Tales By Saki (b0076rpb)

The Toys of PeaceHarvey is encouraged by his right-thinking sister to give toys that can't be used for war to her two sons. But children, in a Saki tale, are immensely inventive...

Stars Anthony Calf as Harvey, Beth Chalmers as Leonora, Ben Tibber as Eric, Anton Rice as Bertie and Alex Tregear as the Waitress.

Five Tales by Saki (HH Munro), dramatised by Roger Davenport.

Director: Ned Chaillet

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2005.

THU 18:15 Brian Aldiss Short Stories (b03wtf7z)

The Light Really: ApologyTwo Brian Aldiss stories: first, a philandering journalist is confined to home; whilst in Apology an elderly aristocrat's memory returns him to an incident that moved him greatly. Read by Ewan Bailey.

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THU 18:30 Great Lives (b00p62v6)

Series 20, Henry VMatthew Parris presents the biographical series in which his guests choose someone who has inspired their lives.

Explorer Sir Ranulph Fiennes discusses the life of Henry V and tries to separate fact from myth, with the help of historian Juliet Barker.

THU 19:00 Stop Messing About! (b00rmxpt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 19:30 The Goon Show (b007jlfp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 20:00 A Case for Dr Morelle (b007qsk2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 20:30 Songlines (b04d4pt1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 21:00 Clare Seal - School Days (b007639f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

THU 21:15 RF Delderfield - To Serve Them All My Days (b00xj4lg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

THU 22:00 That Jan Ravens (b010mw8c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 22:30 Party (b011vg9k)

Series 2, Prison Ain't All That BadThe student politicians of the new political Party use prison-based TV shows as inspiration for forming their policy on crime and punishment. Second series of a satirical comedy written by Tom Basden.

Simon Tom Basden

Duncan Tim Key

Jared Jonny Sweet

Mel Ann Crilly

Phoebe Katy Wix

Produced by Julia McKenzie.

THU 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b094jgk)

Robert Popper 3/3The best in contemporary comedy. Plus Cariad Lloyd chats once more to Robert Popper.

THU 23:00 The Big Booth (b007k2wv)

Series 2: The Big Booth Too, Episode 1Boothby Graffoe hosts unadulterated nonsense from the Edinburgh Festival. With Stephen Frost and Kevin Eldon. From January 2001.

THU 23:30 The Museum of Everything (b007k0zt)

Series 1, School Parties WelcomeA bunch of marauding school kids cause havoc in the Undersea Adventure display. Stars Marcus Brigstocke. From April 2004.

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FRI 02:00 Book at Bedtime (b01gymcz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]

FRI 02:15 Could Do Better (b03lbfzg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Thursday]

FRI 02:30 Winifred Holtby - South Riding (b007ingb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]

FRI 02:45 Book of the Week (b03ls156)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Thursday]

FRI 03:00 David Pownall (b01sdtv0)

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FRI 05:30 That Jan Ravens (b010mw8c)

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FRI 06:00 A Case for Dr Morelle (b007qsk3)

The GamblerThe psychiatrist-sleuth tackles a desperate gambling addict in a mysterious case of murder.

Ernest Dudley's Harley Street psychiatrist-turned-detective uses psychology as well as criminology to hunt down lawbreakers by deducing their felonious personalities.

Following on from the success of the 1949 Hammer Film 'Dr Morelle: The Case of the Missing Heiress', the BBC radio series stars British film veteran, Cecil Parker as Dr Morelle and Sheila Sim as his long-suffering assistant, Miss Frayle. With Harriet Johns as Mrs Ludlow, Desmond Carrington as Mr Ellis, Jimmy Lavall as Felix Grey, Arthur Young as Simmons, Simon Lack as a Man and Beryl Calder as the Girl.

Director: Leslie Bridgmont

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in March 1957.

FRI 06:30 The Chalet School (b014pzzz)

The crime writer Val McDermid on her love of the Chalet School boarding school novels. She credits them with inspiring her to go to Oxford and becoming a writer. So what did they have that the other boarding school books did not?

Nearly sixty Chalet School novels were published between 1925 and 1970, written by the South Shields novelist, Elinor Brent-Dyer. The school was initially located in Austria, but moved to Guernsey following the Anschluss. It relocated again after the Nazi invasion of The Channel Islands. The books centred on Madge Bettany, the founder of the school, and her young sister Joey, its first pupil. The books deal with financial hardship, illness and politics, which Val argues, is absent from most other boarding school novels of the period.

The programme is produced in Manchester by Nicola Swords.

FRI 07:00 Tomorrow, Today! (b012b3dy)

Series 1, To the Moon and BackComedy series by Christopher William Hill, set in 1961. A BBC producer struggles to make a radio soap set in the unimaginably futuristic world of 2006.

The actors callously use the show to secure advertising deals.

Nigel Lavery Peter Bowles

Sylvia Hann Cheryl Campbell

Godfrey Winnard John Fortune

Sir Angus McNairn Gary Waldhorn

Hugo Kellerman Joseph Kloska

Douglas Bennings Jon Glover

Colin Franks Paul Richard Biggin

Waitress Miranda Keeling.

FRI 07:30 Dave Podmore (b036jhtl)

Dave Podmore's Ashes Shamell's an Ashes summer Radio One County's Andy Hamer finds England's sleaziest ex-cricketeer Pod at the lowest of unfair ebbs - suspended from his radio programme for disloyal tweets to a rival broadcaster and stripped of his role as global ambassador for cheapfags.com.

When the nation bids farewell to a controversial yet iconic figure from the East Midlands - his beloved dog Saxon - Pod blows his questionably-gotten fortune on the funeral.

With his prospects in the gutter, and bailiffs turning up faster than grey streaks in his mullet, has Pod finally met his match? Or can a precocious young Tyke help him save the day?

A Hat Trick production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 08:00 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b001tkk)

Series 4, Episode 5The Spy With My Cold, and Cabaret at the Café Au Lait.

More quick-fire sketches, terrible puns, humorous songs and parodies.

Stars Tim Brooke-Taylor, John Cleese, David Hatch, Jo Kendall and Bill Oddie.

Written by Tim Brooke-Taylor, Graeme Chapman, Graeme Garden, Eric Idle. Peter & David Lund and Bill Oddie.

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

Music and songs by Dave Lee and Bill Oddie.

Producer: Humphrey Barclay

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in October 1966.

FRI 08:30 Brothers in Law (b007k33c)

Series 1, Judgement SummonsRookie barrister Roger Thursby finds himself defending a fortunate debtor.

Starring Richard Briers as Roger Thursby, Richard Waring as Henry Blagrove and Ann Davies as Sally Mannering.

With guest stars John Junkin as Mr Starling and Thorley Walters as Judge Perkins.

Adapted for radio by Richard Waring from the BBC TV scripts. Restored from BBC Transcription Service tapes - originally edited for sale abroad.

Published in 1955, Henry Cecil's comic legal novel Brothers in Law was adapted first for TV in 1962 by Frank Muir and Denis Norden. It provided the first regular starring role for Richard Briers, who later reprised his role of the idealistic young lawyer Roger Thursby for BBC Radio between 1970 and 1972.

Produced by David Hatch.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1970.

FRI 09:00 Who Goes There? (b0076b0c)

Series 6, From 6/11/2002Martin Young presents the biographical quiz show. With Francis Wheen, Fred Housego, Claire Rayner and David Aaronovitch. From November 2002.

FRI 09:30 After Henry (b007jmkj)

Series 1, MovingHer daughter wants to move out. Her mother wants to move in, but should Sarah just sell up?

Simon Brett's comedy about three generations of women - struggling to cope after the death of Sarah's GP husband - who never quite manage to see eye to eye.

Starring Prunella Scales as Sarah, Joan Sanderson as Eleanor, Benjamin Whitrow as Russell, Gerry Cowper as Clare and Marion Bailey as Janie.

Four radio series were made, but instead of moving to BBC TV - Thames Television produced 'After Henry' for the ITV network. Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1985.

FRI 10:00 Terence Rattigan - The Browning Version (b092ks2g)

Teacher Andrew Crocker-Harris is on the verge of retirement - and a divorce. But he has a shot at trying to redeem his dignity when a young schoolboy gives him an unexpected parting gift... Terence Rattigan's play was first performed on the London stage in 1948. Adapted by Cynthia Pugh.

Stars John Gielgud as Andrew Crocker-Harris, Angela Baddeley as Millie Crocker-Harris, Brewster Mason as Frank Hunter, Anthony Adams as Taplow, Warren Hearnden as the schoolboy, Clive Morton as Dr Frohisher, Denis Goacher as Peter Gilbert and Anne Cullen as Mrs Gilbert.

Sir Terence Mervyn Rattigan, CBE (1911-1977) is remembered as a theatre heavyweight for dramas about the middle and upper-classes, including The Winslow Boy, The Deep Blue Sea and Separate Tables.

Director: Norman Wright

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in September 1957.

FRI 11:00 Vincent McInerney - Bringing Home a Budgie for Mum (b0389s5c)

A young sailor's loyalty to his family is tested after his mother makes a seemingly innocent request. Read by Keith Drinkel.

FRI 11:15 RF Delderfield - To Serve Them All My Days (b00xjth7)

Episode 5Davy Powlett Jones draws daggers with Bamfylde School's headmaster Alcock in 1929. One of them will have to go. Stars Oliver Milburn.

FRI 12:00 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b001tkk)

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FRI 13:30 The Chalet School (b014pzsz)

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FRI 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b01h029x)

John Galt - Annals of the Parish, Episode 5John Galt's 1821 masterpiece of small-town Scottish life. Reverend Micah Balwhidder draws his account of a fifty year ministry in a sleepy rural parish to a close.

Settled in his study at the end of his career, Balwhidder remembers the loss of a dear friend and the shocking events at the cotton mill which changed Dalmailing for ever.

Abridged by Rosemary Goring and read by Paul Young.

Producer: Eilidh McCreadie.

FRI 14:15 Could Do Better (b03q5fw6)

Dame Edna EverageRobert Booth has a quiet word with international megastar housewife Dame Edna Everage about her school reports. From December 1998.

FRI 14:30 Winifred Holtby - South Riding (b007jngw)

Episode 5Headmistress Sarah Burton sparks upset when she takes her girls on an educational walk in the snow. Stars Sarah Lancashire.

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The Open WindowPacked off around Britain in a search for a cure for his nerves, Framton Nuttel arrives at the Sappleton's house with a letter of introduction from his sister.

It little prepares him for the tale of terror he's about to hear...

Stars Paul Brooke as Framton Nuttel, Emily Chenery as Vera, Joanna McCallum as Mrs Sappleton, Susan Jameson as Caroline Nuttel and Michael Kilgarriff as Mr Sappleton/ Trap Driver. Five Tales by Saki (HH Munro), dramatised by Roger Davenport.

Director: Ned Chaillet

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2005.

FRI 18:15 Brian Aldiss Short Stories (b03wtr47)

Supertoys Last All Summer LongThe short story which became the basis for the Stanley Kubrick-developed Steven Spielberg film A.I. What is real? What is artificial intelligence? Read by Zoe Waites.

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FRI 18:30 Soul Music (b04ps556)

Series 19, Gracias a la VidaGracias A La Vida - thank you to life - is a song that means a lot to many people around the world.

Recorded by artists as diverse as Joan Baez and the magnificent Mercedes Sosa, the song reflects the bittersweet nature of life's joys and sadnesses. To the people of Chile where it was written in

1966 by Violetta Parra, it has become an anthem that brings people together in times of trouble. One man who was tortured and imprisoned under the Pinochet regime in 1973 recalls how playing the song on guitar in prison for other inmates helped keep their spirits and hopes alive under the most brutal circumstances.

Australian writer and actor Ailsa Piper recalls being gifted the words to Gracias A La Vida by a fellow walker along one of the holy routes in Spain, and how the song has become a poignant reminder of the fragility of life.

Producer: Maggie Ayre.

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FRI 22:30 4 Extra Stands Up (b092ksf0)

4 Extra Stands Up at the Fringe 2017, Episode 2Tiffany Stevenson hosts one of the biggest nights of comedy from the Edinburgh Fringe 2017, where household names and the hottest rising stars stand shoulder to shoulder in front of a late night sold out audience.

For the fourth year, 4 Extra Stands Up at the Fringe is one of the most anticipated shows at the Fringe by the audience and comedians alike. The diverse line-up will surprise, excite and maybe even shock you, giving a taste of what a melting pot the Fringe really is.

Featuring Darren Harriot, Sophie Willan, Kwame Asante, Jay Lafferty, Adam Hess, Tom Ward, Brendon Burns and Phil Nichol.

FRI 23:30 Revolving People (b008h6mp)

Series 3, Over the RainbowMary discovers that there's no place like home. 1770 America sitcom stars Andy Hamilton and Jay Tarses. From June 2004.