

SATURDAY 16 APRIL 2011

SAT 00:00 Terry Pratchett (b008p7x8)

Guards! Guards!
 Episode 2
 Could a long-extinct beast have carried out recent crimes?
 Will Captain Vimes get any joy from dragonologist and society heavyweight Lady Ramkin?
 Stars John Wood and Martin Jarvis.
 The 8th of Terry's Pratchett's comic fantasy stories set on Discworld.
 Narrator Martin Jarvis
 Captain Vimes John Wood
 Nobby Melvyn Hayes
 Sergeant Colon Stephen Thorne
 Lady Ramkin Helen Atkinson-Wood
 Carrot Robert Gwilym
 Lord Vetinari Crawford Logan
 Supreme Grand Master Brett Usher
 Brother Doorkeeper Jeff Nuttall
 Brother Fingers Michael Roberts
 Dramatised by Michael Butt.
 Director: John Taylor

SAT 00:30 Marty Ross - Catch My Breath (b007k387)

Episode 2
 Fugitives Kate and Colleen hide from the police - but who's hiding with them?
 Marty Ross's five-part supernatural thriller.
 Kate Claire Knight
 Colleen Suzanne Donaldson
 Strachan Liam Brennan
 Old Strachan John Shedden
 Donnie Lewis Howden
 Isla Eileen McCallum
 Octavia Lucy Patterson
 DC Carbeth James Bryce
 WPC Briggs Jill Riddiford
 Dennis Finlay McLean
 Producer: Bruce Young
 Made for BBC 7 by BBC Radio Scotland. First broadcast in 2007.

SAT 01:00 Boogie Up the River (b007jv6z)

Sonning, I'll Definitely Meet You in Sonning
 Mark and his manic mutt are rowing up the Thames, but will Jennifer ever come on board? Stars Timothy Spall. From December 1992.

SAT 01:30 Genius (b00h9nzd)

Series 1
 John Fortune
 A fake brake pedal for nervous passengers to using laughing gas for riots?
 Dave Gorman asks John Fortune to select the public's best loopy idea.
 Award-winning comedian Dave Gorman and a celebrity guest chew over the ridiculous, unworkable but sometimes genius inventions, schemes and policies of the public.
 Producer: Simon Nicholls
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2005.

SAT 02:00 What's So Funny? (b0109gdc)

Series 1
 Episode 2
 Rufus Hound and guests with news, reviews and previews of what's happening in comedy this week.

SAT 02:30 Ambridge Extra Omnibus (b0109gdf)

Series 1, Episodes 3-4
 It's a long road home for Alice, while Jamie would rather be anywhere but home.

SAT 03:00 Daphne Du Maurier (b0109gdh)

My Cousin Rachel
 Episode 2
 Philip experiences more than one revelation when he finally faces his guardian's widow. Stars Damien Lewis and Lia Williams.

SAT 04:00 Desmond Olivier Dingle's Compleat Life and Works of William Shakespeare (b007k2gs)

Episode 2
 The Royal Dingle Company tackles the verse of the Bard. Stars Patrick Barlow, with guest Juliet Stevenson. From September 1995.

SAT 04:30 The Penny Dreadfuls (b00gpbcl)

The Brothers Faversham
 Theseus Faversham
 The story of Victorian Britain's most respected detective - Theseus Faversham.
 The comedy sketch trio present swashbuckling tales of four brothers born into the same privileged aristocratic family - Horatius, Theseus, Leonidas and Augustus.
 Written by and starring Humphrey Ker, David Reed and Thom Tuck.
 Alexandra Faversham ... Ingrid Oliver
 Narrator... Miles Jupp.
 Producer: Julia McKenzie
 Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in January 2008.
SAT 05:00 Daunt and Dervish (b00k08lj)

Series 2
 Base Metal
 In foggy London, the detectives meet a charming American, with dangerous consequences. Stars Anna Massey and Frances

SAT 05:45 Walter Lord - A Night to Remember (b007jr83)

Episode 10
 As the news of the Titanic's sinking reaches New York, a list of survivors is hastily drawn up. Read by Martin Jarvis.

SAT 06:00 George Bernard Shaw - Mrs Warren's Profession (b007k130)

Mrs Warren reveals to her daughter the source of her income - and her daughter's true parentage.
 George Bernard Shaw's drama examines the issue of Victorian prostitution and double standards.
 Starring Maggie Steed as Mrs Warren, Justine Waddell as Vivie, Julian Rhind-Tutt as Frank, Robert Bathurst as Praed, Jonathan Coy as Crofts and Ron Cook as the Reverend Samuel.
 With an introduction from Maggie Steed.
 Adapted by Shaun McKenna.
 Director: Marion Nancarrow
 First broadcast on the BBC World Service in 2002.

SAT 07:30 The House I Grew Up In (b00mr232)

Series 3
 Kwame Kwei-Armah
 Wendy Robbins presents a series revisiting the childhood neighbourhoods of influential Britons.
 Playwright and actor Kwame Kwei-Armah takes Wendy to Southall, west London, to remember his West Indian childhood there in the 1970s.
SAT 08:00 Garrison Keillor's Radio Show (b010gbw8)
 Series 6
 Episode 21
 The American funny man is in New York City. Will Guy Noir be seduced by stuffed peppers? Music from Dick Hyman. From 2010.

SAT 09:00 Comedy Controller (b007jmsx)

Armando Iannucci
 Armando Iannucci: The doyen of comedy's selection includes I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue, The Atkinson People, The Consultants, The Burkiss Way and The Big Fun Show.

SAT 12:00 Kiss Kiss Omnibus (b010gbwb)

Charles Dance leads the cast as the urbane Storyteller in dramatisations of five classic tales from Roald Dahl's anthology.

SAT 13:05 Inheritance Tracks (b010gbwd)

Laurie Anderson
 The artist and musician inherits 'Music in Twelve Parts' by Philip Glass and passes on 'Strange Fruit' by Billie Holiday.

SAT 13:15 Sneaky Peeks (b010gdlt)

Andi Osho presents the show that sneakily peeks at the best bits of Radio 4 Extra's comedy coming your way in the week ahead.
SAT 13:30 What's So Funny? (b0109gdc)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 02:00 today]

SAT 14:00 The Goon Show (b007k31h)

Series 4
 The Collapse of the British Railway Sandwich System
 Captain Seagoon investigates a mustard-and-cream-flavoured mystery at Clapham Junction station.

Groundbreaking, surreal BBC radio comedy written by Spike Milligan.

Starring:
 Peter Sellers
 Harry Secombe
 Spike Milligan

First billed as Crazy People, ten series of The Goon Show were recorded between 1951 and 1960, but sadly many of the earliest shows weren't kept in the archive.

With the Ray Ellington Quartet and Max Geldray.

Orchestra conducted by Wally Stott.

Announcer: Wallace Greenslade

Producer: Peter Eton

SAT 14:30 Dad's Army (b007j9m)

Series 1
 Command Decision
 Captain Mainwaring gets an offer of weapons for the platoon, but there's a catch...
 The comic exploits of a Second World War Home Guard platoon in Walmington-on-Sea.
 Adapted for radio from Jimmy Perry and David Croft's TV scripts by Harold Snoad and Michael Knowles

Captain Mainwaring Arthur Lowe
 Sergeant Wilson John Le Mesurier
 Corporal Jones Clive Dunn
 Private Fraser John Laurie
 Private Walker James Beck
 Colonel Square Geoffrey Lumsden
 Driver David Sinclair
 Announcer John Snagge
 Producer: John Dyas
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1974.

SAT 15:00 Garrison Keillor's Radio Show (b010gbw8)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SAT 16:00 George Bernard Shaw - Mrs Warren's Profession (b007k130)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
SAT 17:30 The House I Grew Up In (b00mr232)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 18:00 The Devil in Amber by Mark Gatiss (b00v7b52)

3. Aboard
 Falsely accused of murder, Lucifer Box has fled the USA aboard a leaky tub bound for England.
 He's spent the journey trying to discover what links a silken fragment of an ancient heathen prayer to the Convent of St Bede.
 A comely cabin girl provides welcome distraction.
 Mark Gatiss continues his own novel.
 Abridged by David Jackson Young.
 Producer: Kirsteen Cameron
 Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by BBC Scotland and first broadcast in 2010.

SAT 18:30 Philip K Dick - Of Withered Apples (b007jplz)

As a beautiful woman picks its last withered apple, a dying ancient tree is determined to survive. Read by William Hootkins.

SAT 19:00 Comedy Controller (b007jmsx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
SAT 22:00 Saturday Stand-Up (b010gg5v)
 Robert Newman - Apocalypso Now
 Robert concludes his unique view of history for an audience at London's Tricycle Theatre. From May 2005.

SAT 22:45 Fabulous (b00hxwn)

Series 1
 Episode 2
 Faye fancies a day under her duvet, but perhaps it would be more peaceful at the office?

Daisy Haggard stars as Faye in Lucy Clarke's sitcom about a woman who wants to be fabulous but can't cope.

With:
 Olivia Colman
 Adam Buxton

Katy Brand
 Matthew Holness
 Laura Solon
 Anne Reid
 Joanna Scanlan
 Eve Dallas
 Joanna Neary
 John Dougall

Music by Osymyso.
 Producer: Simon Nicholls

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2007.
SAT 23:00 The Phone (b010gg5y)

Peter Jukes - Going Dark
 A surprise birthday prank sparks a father's misguided quest to find his missing daughter. Stars Ivan Kaye and Sean Baker.

SAT 23:30 Wallander - Faceless Killers (b00hv6v5)

Episode 5
 The Swedish sleuth searches for the murdered man's secret son in Kristianstaad. Henning Mankell's thriller read by David Warner.

SAT 23:45 Wallander - Faceless Killers (b00hx64w)

Episode 6
 The Swedish sleuth has a hunch over a Somali refugee's tit-for-tat killing. Henning Mankell's thriller read by David Warner.

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SUN 06:00 EF Benson - Miss Mapp (b010gkq4)

Omnibus, part 2
 The busybody of the small English village of Tilling continues to observe the Major and Captain Puffin. Stars Frances Barber.
SUN 07:05 Inheritance Tracks (b010j7b9)
 Tamsin Greig
 Actress Tamsin Greig inherits 'The Pearl Fishers Duet' by Bizet and passes on 'To Make You Feel My Love' by Bob Dylan.

SUN 07:15 Penny Vincenzi - A Voice From The Past (b010gkq8)

Stories from bestselling romantic novelists. A young girl is enchanted by vivid tales from the past. Read by Joanna Lumley.

SUN 07:30 Arthur Smith's Balham Bash (b01075pz)

Series 3

New town education - and Professor Prune's time travel adventure continues in Elizabethan England...

Starring:
Tim Brooke-Taylor
John Cleese
Graeme Garden
David Hatch
Jo Kendall
Bill Oddie

Sketches written by Graeme Garden 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 Liam Cohen, Dave Lee, Graeme Garden and Bill Oddie.
Producer: David Hatch/Peter Titheradge
First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in January 1969.
MON 09:00 Life, Death and Sex with Mike and Sue (b007jpzv)
Series 1
Teenagers
Radio's sofa-bound daytime presenter duo look at dealing with teenagers and rising crime.
Bill Dare's sitcom starring Robert Duncan as Mike and Julia Hills as Sue.
With Debbie Isitt, Roger Blake, Mark Kilmurry and Dan Strauss.
Music by Mark Burton.
Producer: Pete Sinclair
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1996.
MON 09:30 1966 and All That (b010hcwh)
The 1960s
Albert Einstein discovers the Beatles, while for the first time, the nation discovers sex.
Plus a look at the era of "Flour Power"; the World Cup is won by a team of men all called Bobby; and the with-it Royal try barbecuing.
Craig Brown's satirical history of Britain reaches the 1960s.
With:
Joss Ackland
Eleanor Bron
Rory Bremner
Ewan Bailey
Margaret Cabourn-Smith
John Humphrys
Producer: Victoria Lloyd
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2006.
MON 10:00 Arthur Smith's Balham Bash (b010hcwk)
Series 3
Episode 3
Arthur Smith presents comedy and music from his flat in Balham, south London.
With stand-up comedy from Sean Lock in the living room, Annette Fagon on the landing and music from Squeeze in the kitchen.
Producer Alison Vernon-Smith.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2011.
MON 10:30 The House I Grew Up In (b00mr232)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Saturday]
MON 11:00 Lew Wallace - Ben Hur (b007jr51)
A Friendship Betrayed
Two men's lives run almost in parallel. One is a prince of Jerusalem, Judah Ben Hur. The other is known as "He that was born to be King of the Jews."
Lew Wallace's epic tale stars Jamie Glover as Judah Ben Hur.
Ben Hur Jamie Glover
Messala Samuel West
Angel Deborah Berlin
Amrah Phyllis Calvert
Mother Margaret John
Arrius Derek Waring
Tirzah Natasha Pyne
Chief of Rowers Don McCorkindale
Man 1 Joshua Towb
Man 2 Michael Tudor Barnes
Man in Boat Gavin Muir
Michael Gambon reads from the Bible.
Dramatised in four parts by Catherine Czerkawski.
Music by Wilfredo Acosta.
Director: Glyn Dearman
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1995.
MON 12:00 Round the Horne (b007jrw6)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
MON 12:30 The Unbelievable Truth (b0105ymv)
Series 7
Episode 2
David Mitchell hosts the panel game in which four comedians are encouraged to tell lies and compete against one another to see how many items of truth they're able to smuggle past their opponents.
Clive Anderson, Sue Perkins, Henning Wehn and Graeme Garden are the panellists obliged to talk with deliberate inaccuracy on subjects as varied as: dogs, lobsters, Lewis Carroll and the sun.
The show is devised by Graeme Garden and Jon Naismith, the team behind Radio 4's I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue.
Producer: Jon Naismith
A Random Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4.
MON 13:00 Purbright - Charity Ends at Home (b010hcq0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 13:30 John Mortimer - Rumpole (b007k4fd)
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MON 14:00 Daughters of Britannia (b007jpgk)
Introduction
Inspired by her mother's experiences, Katie Hickman examines the lives of diplomats' wives through their letters and diaries.
MON 14:15 Penny Vincenzi - A Voice From the Past (b010gkq8)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Sunday]
MON 14:30 John Buchan - Sick Heart River (b001jxx8)
Episode 6
A disorientated, feverish Galliard is found, but Sir Edward Leithen must now search for Lou. Read by Paul Young.
MON 14:45 Bill Bryson's Notes from a Small Island (b007jp0m)
Dover to London
Recalling tea with timed biscuits, American comic writer, Bill Bryson takes a sentimental journey around Britain.
Five readings abridged and performed by Kerry Shale.
Producer: Paul Kent
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1996.
MON 15:00 The Man Born to Be King (b008fhr9)
Kings in Judea
Herod - tyrant or peacemaker? Dorothy L Sayers' cycle of plays on the life of Jesus Christ. Stars Gabriel Woolf.
MON 15:45 WE Johns - Biggles Flies North (b007Inqr)
Biggles Gets a Letter
Answering an old chum's call for help, heroic fighter pilot Major James Bigglesworth flies off to Fort Beaver.
Michael Palin reads 'Captain' WE Johns' gripping adventure.
First published in 1939, 'Biggles Flies North' was adapted in eight parts by George Hearton.
WE Johns (1893-1968) wrote nearly 100 books about Biggles and his loyal sidekicks Algy, Ginger and Smyth.
Producer: Marilyn Ireland
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1981.
MON 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b010hg1f)
Mel Giedroyc meets Funny Friends Susan Calman and Lucy Porter, hears from a fan of chickens and listens to the first chapter of Michelle Magorian's WW2 story Goodnight Mr Tom.
MON 17:00 Ballylenon (b007k4qt)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
MON 17:30 Chain Reaction (b00mdx7s)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 18:00 Terry Pratchett (b008p9wy)
Guards! Guards!
Episode 3
The people of Ankh-Morpork have a no-nonsense approach to entertainment.
While they're looking forward to seeing a dragon slain, they'd be happy to settle instead for seeing the avenging warrior baked in his own armour.
Why is Captain Vimes suspicious?
Stars John Wood and Martin Jarvis.
The 8th of Terry's Pratchett's comic fantasy stories set on Discworld.
Narrator Martin Jarvis
Captain Vimes John Wood
Nobby Melvyn Hayes
Sergeant Colon Stephen Thorne
Lady Ramkin Helen Atkinson-Wood
Carrot Robert Gwilym
Lord Vetinari Crawford Logan
Supreme Grand Master Brett Usher
Brother Doorkeeper Jeff Nuttall
Brother Fingers Michael Roberts
Death Himself
Dramatised by Michael Butt.
Director: John Taylor
First broadcast on BBC Radio 5 in December 1992.
MON 18:30 Marty Ross - Catch My Breath (b007k391)
Episode 3
Two women. Two Adams - but what's the connection? Are they "Demon" or "Liberator"?
Marty Ross's supernatural five-part thriller.
Kate Claire Knight
Colleen Suzanne Donaldson
Strachan Liam Brennan
Old Strachan John Shedden
Donnie Lewis Howden
Isla Eileen McCallum
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MON 19:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b010hcq2)
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MON 22:30 The Pickerskill Reports (b00mgz1p)
Series 1
Cadmus Wilcox
A pupil with American diplomat parents is denied access to the senior cadets shooting team by the Colonel because he's not a British citizen - even though he is the only hope the school have of winning the prestigious inter-school's shooting cup.
But when he visits Haunchurst as an adult with an Olympic medal for shooting with his US team, the Colonel is totally unimpressed. Why?
Dr Henry Pickerskill Ian McDiarmid
Colonel Bradshaw Richard Johnson
A.R.F. Somerset-Stephenson Mike Sarne
Young Cadmus Wilcox Tom Kane
Adult Cadmus Wilcox Dominic Hawksley
Wentworth Louis Williams
Written and Directed by Andrew McGibbon.
Producer: Nick Romero
A Curtains For Radio production for BBC Radio 4.
MON 23:00 Arthur Smith's Balham Bash (b010hcwk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
MON 23:30 The Bigger Issues (b001k0c3)
Homophobia
The bungling actors stage a play to highlight being gay - featuring sailors. With Dave Lamb and Jim North. From November 2000.

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TUE 05:45 WE Johns - Biggles Flies North (b007Inqr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Monday]
TUE 06:00 Purbright - Charity Ends at Home (b010hhch)
Episode 2
As the sabotage and murder trial continues, Mortimer Hive is invited to make a speech. Colin Watson mystery starring John Rowe.
TUE 06:30 John Mortimer - Rumpole (b007k4gk)
The Dear Departed
Rumpole recalls a fraud case based on some ghostly messages. "The Splendours And Miseries Of An Old Bailey Hack".
Starring Maurice Denham as ageing London barrister-at-law Horace Rumpole and Margot Boyd as Hilda Rumpole
With Michael Spice as Guthrie Featherstone, Peter Pratt as Justice Venables and Preston Lockwood as Mr Pontefract. Originally a TV series created by writer and barrister John Mortimer, Rumpole hit the BBC radio airwaves in 1980. Case-by-case, Rumpole recalls his work at the Central Criminal Court of England and Wales.
Director: Ian Cottrell
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1980.
TUE 07:00 Hordes of the Things (b007jqwz)
Episode 3
A startling discovery is made by one defender of Albion.
Andrew Marshall and John Lloyd's four-part epic Tolkien parody.
CAST:
King Yulfric the Wise Paul Edgington
The Chronicler Patrick Magee
Crown Prince Veganin Simon Callow
Agar Christian Rodskar
Radox the Green Frank Middlemass
Maliadoc Hugh Thomas
King Yulfric's First Assistant Advisor David Ross
Mother of Agar Miriam Margolyes
Queen Elfreda Maggie Steed
The High Bishop of Zylbor Aubrey Woods
Golin Longshanks Jonathan Lynn
Producer: Geoffrey Perkins
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1980.
TUE 07:30 The Sunday Format (b010hhvv)
Series 1
Episode 3
Your radio version of the quality newspapers - plus lifestyle pull-out sections. With Tracy-Ann Oberman. From March 1999.

TUE 08:00 Whatever Happened to the Likely Lads? (b007js28)
 Count Down
 Terry helps stressed Bob prepare for his wedding to Thelma. Starring James Bolam as Terry Collier and Rodney Bewes as Bob Ferris.
 With Joan Hickson, Bill Owen, Anita Carey and Robin Parkinson.
 Created and scripted for BBC TV by Dick Clement and Ian La Frenais.
 Adapted for radio and produced by John Browell.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1975.

TUE 08:30 The Burkiss Way (b00gs5xs)
 Series 2
 Journey Into the Unknown the Burkiss Way
 Tighten your ectoplasm, fill your pen with invisible ink and you're ready for some transcendental instruction imparted from Jo Kendall, Nigel Rees, Chris Emmett and Fred Harris
 The Burkiss Way to Dynamic Living.
 With an ethereal script by Andrew Marshall and David Renwick.
 Other-worldly production by Simon Brett.
 Cult sketch show first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1977.

TUE 09:00 The Secret Life of Rosewood Avenue (b007k281)
 Raising the Dead
 "I hope you know what you're doing, Miss Tilling.
 Experimenting with the paranormal can be fraught with danger."
 Miss Tilling's getting in touch with her spiritual side, but hapless vicar Timothy Carswell is not so keen.
 Stephen Sheridan's six-part series
 Reverend Timothy Carswell James Groot
 Miss Tilling Margaret Courtenay
 Miss Tapp Jean Heywood
 Dr Warlock Christopher Good
 Mrs Muir Sarah Thomas
 Arnold Cyril Shaps
 Eric Ian Lindsay
 Mrs Garland Rosemary Martin
 Producer Lissa Evans.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1991.

TUE 09:30 The Leopard in Autumn (b00c0r22)
 Series 1
 The Coining of the Capricorn
 Prince Ludovico plans to introduce a new currency to his 16th century Italian domain.
 Neal Anthony's comedy drama about the chaotic lives of the ruling family of Renaissance Italy's most inconsequential city-state.
 Stars David Swift as Ludovico, Sian Phillips as Plethora, Graham Crowden as Francesco, Paul Bigley as Alessandro, Saskia Wickham as Rosalie, Nick Romero as Salvatore, Christopher Kelham as Guido and Kim Wall as Brother Michael.
 Producer: Helen Williams
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2001.

TUE 10:00 Ambridge Extra (b010hncj)
 Series 1
 Episode 5
 There's a surprise in store for Alice, and Jamie's enjoying the party scene.
TUE 10:15 Jojo Moyes - Room Service (b010gn54)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Sunday]

TUE 10:30 Mr Murgatroyd and Mr Winterbottom (b010hnc1)
 Nicholas Frankau profiles the 1930s comedy pairing of his Eton-educated granddad Ronald Frankau and Liverpudlian Tommy Handley.
TUE 11:00 Lew Wallace - Ben Hur (b007jr5g)
 Son of Arrius
 Judah Ben Hur has been falsely accused of attempted murder, sent to the galleys and rescued by Arrius of Rome. He now returns in search of his mother and sister.
 Lew Wallace's epic tale stars Jamie Glover as Judah Ben Hur.
 Ben Hur Jamie Glover
 Messala Samuel West
 Simonides Bernard Hepton
 Ilderim Freddie Jones
 Balthasar Michael Hordern
 Drusus Ian Masters
 Esther Deborah Berlin
 Iras Natasha Pyne
 Servant Joshua Towb
 Passenger Michael Tudor Barnes
 Malluch Gavin Muir
 Iras Becky Hindley
 Michael Gambon reads from the Bible.
 Dramatised by Catherine Czerkawska.
 Music by Wilfredo Acosta.
 Director: Glyn Dearman
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1995.

TUE 12:00 Whatever Happened to the Likely Lads? (b007js28)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 12:30 Down the Line (b010626t)
 Series 4
 Episode 5
 The return of the ground-breaking, Radio 4 show, hosted by the

legendary Gary Bellamy; brought to you by the creators of The Fast Show.
 Down The Line stars Rhys Thomas as Gary Bellamy, with Amelia Bullmore, Simon Day, Felix Dexter, Charlie Higson, Lucy Montgomery, and Paul Whitehouse.
 Special guests are Rosie Cavaliero, Dave Cummings and Adil Ray
 Producers: Charlie Higson and Paul Whitehouse
 A Down The Line production for BBC Radio 4.

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 Leaving Home
 Katie Hickman introduces Vita Sackville-West's journey across Persia and Isabel Burton's confrontation with cockroaches.
TUE 14:15 Ambridge Extra (b010hncj)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

TUE 14:30 John Buchan - Sick Heart River (b00ljz6k)
 Episode 7
 A weakened Sir Edward Leithen is himself rescued by Lou, who has a positive effect on his flagging spirit. Read by Paul Young.
TUE 14:45 Bill Bryson's Notes from a Small Island (b007jp13)
 Virginia Water
 Recalling driving and his hospital job, the American author takes a sentimental journey around Britain. Read by Kerry Shale.
TUE 15:00 The Man Born to Be King (b008f86y)
 The King's Herald
 How John the Baptist always spoke his mind. Dorothy L Sayers' cycle of plays on the life of Jesus Christ. Stars John Laurie.
TUE 15:45 WE Johns - Biggles Flies North (b007lzw5)
 At the Three Star Saloon
 When the pilot hero finds his chum is missing from the aerodrome, he crosses swords with the evil McBain. Read by Michael Palin. From August 1981.
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 Mel Giedroyc hosts an afternoon tea party with Michael Morpurgo, Michelle Magorian, David Tennant and the Easter Bunny.
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 Guards! Guards!
 Episode 4
 "The Dewey system has its fine points" reflected the librarian, picking a parasite from its fur, "But when you're setting out to look for a crucial stolen book within the multi-dimensional folds of L-space, what you really need is a ball of string."
 Stars John Wood and Martin Jarvis.
 The 8th of Terry's Pratchett's comic fantasy stories set on Discworld.
 Narrator Martin Jarvis
 Captain Vimes John Wood
 Nobby Melvyn Hayes
 Sergeant Colon Stephen Thorne
 Lady Ramkin Helen Atkinson-Wood
 Carrot Robert Gwilym
 Lord Vetinari Crawford Logan
 Supreme Grand Master Brett Usher
 Brother Doorkeeper Jeff Nuttall
 Brother Fingers Michael Roberts
 Death Himself
 Director: John Taylor
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 5 in December 1992.

TUE 18:30 Marty Ross - Catch My Breath (b007k3b0)
 Episode 4
 It's party time for Adam Strachan, but his house guests prove to be far from ordinary...
 Marty Ross's supernatural five-part thriller.
 Kate Claire Knight
 Colleen Suzanne Donaldson
 Strachan Liam Brennan
 Old Strachan John Shedden
 Donnie Lewis Howden
 Isla Eileen McCallum
 Octavia Lucy Patterson
 DC Carbeth James Bryce
 WPC Briggs Jill Riddiford
 Dennis Finlay McLean
 Producer: Bruce Young
 Made for BBC 7 by BBC Radio Scotland. First broadcast in 2007.

TUE 19:00 Whatever Happened to the Likely Lads? (b007js28)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 19:30 The Burkiss Way (b00gs5xs)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 20:00 Purbright - Charity Ends at Home (b010hhch)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 20:30 John Mortimer - Rumpole (b007k4gk)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 21:00 Lew Wallace - Ben Hur (b007jr5g)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

TUE 22:00 Down the Line (b010626t)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]

TUE 22:30 The Remains of Foley and McColl (b007jrl6)
 The Real You
 Their BBC producer forces Sean and Hamish to get proper jobs.
 Surreal comedy starring award-winning double act, Sean Foley and Hamish McColl - the Right Size.
 With:
 Rose English
 Count Arthur Strong
 Chris Lamer
 Mark Stevens
 Producer: Lissa Evans
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2000.

TUE 23:00 Ed Reardon's Week (b007k0g6)
 Series 1
 Holby City
 The author needs a new roof, so his agent sorts him a pitch to write for TV. Stars Christopher Douglas. From January 2005.
TUE 23:30 The Nimmo Twins in... (b00jgzfs)
 Series 1
 Stiff Up a Lip
 The tale of Victorian social climber Edwin and his awful secret. Stars Kath Burlinson and Owen Evans. From August 2000.

WEDNESDAY 20 APRIL 2011

WED 00:00 Terry Pratchett (b008pc2z)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Tuesday]

WED 00:30 Marty Ross - Catch My Breath (b007k3b0)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Tuesday]

WED 01:00 The Secret Life of Rosewood Avenue (b007k281)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Tuesday]

WED 01:30 The Leopard in Autumn (b00c0r22)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Tuesday]

WED 02:00 Ambridge Extra (b010hncj)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Tuesday]

WED 02:15 Jojo Moyes - Room Service (b010gn54)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Sunday]

WED 02:30 Mr Murgatroyd and Mr Winterbottom (b010hnc1)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Tuesday]

WED 03:00 Lew Wallace - Ben Hur (b007jr5g)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Tuesday]

WED 04:00 Hordes of the Things (b007jqwz)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]

WED 04:30 The Sunday Format (b010hhvv)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Tuesday]

WED 05:00 The Man Born to Be King (b008f86y)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Tuesday]

WED 05:45 WE Johns - Biggles Flies North (b007lzw5)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Tuesday]

WED 06:00 Purbright - Charity Ends at Home (b010hpt5)
 Episode 3
 The kindly detective probes the discovery of body number three down a wishing well.
WED 06:30 John Mortimer - Rumpole (b007jstd)
 The Gentle Art of Blackmail
 Rumpole recalls a clear case of extortion at his Oxford College, St Joseph's.
 "The Splendours And Misereries Of An Old Bailey Hack".
 Starring Maurice Denham as ageing London barrister-at-law Horace Rumpole and Margot Boyd as Hilda Rumpole
 With Brian Sanders as the Judge, Geoffrey Bayldon as Bernard Crompton and Emily Richard as Sue Galton.
 Originally a TV series created by writer and barrister John Mortimer, Rumpole hit the BBC radio airwaves in 1980. Case-by-case, Rumpole recalls his work at the Central Criminal Court of England and Wales.
 Director: Ian Cotterell
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1980.

WED 07:00 Mr Finchley Takes the Road (b007k17f)
 Episode 3
 Edgar Finchley gets captured, wins an unlikely prize and hits the wrong note with an army band.
 Victor Canning's novel about the adventures of a man and his horse-drawn caravan touring the 1930s countryside of Kent.
 Richard Griffiths stars as Mr Finchley.
 With Ronald Fraser as Colonel Greatorex, Joe Melia as Marshall, Chris Emmett as Garge, Jon Glover as Ernie and Susie Brann as the Young Woman.
 Narrated by James Villiers.
 Adapted in six parts by Andy and Eric Merriman.
 Producer: Gareth Edwards
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in April 1993.

WED 07:30 The Very World of Milton Jones (b00f3xy1)
 Series 1
 Episode 3
 Confronted with a jungle cobra, the comedian's life flashes before his eyes. With Alexander Armstrong. From September 1998.
WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b008p8pl)
 Series 5
 The Prize Money
 The lad gets more than he bargained for when he wins a TV quiz show.

Starring Tony Hancock. With Sidney James, Bill Kerr, Hattie Jacques and Kenneth Williams.
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 May 1958.
WED 08:30 Ken Dodd's Palace of Laughter (b00g17rc)
The King of Knotty Ash's fun-packed Tickle Tour arrives at the Wigan Little Theatre. With Peter Goodwright. From January 1986.
WED 09:00 Legal, Decent, Honest and Truthful (b007jvrj)
Series 1
Episode 4
Cigarettes or no smoking? Ken is in a dilemma over two ad campaigns. Stars Martin Jarvis and Wendy Richard. From January 1982.
WED 09:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b010j1y5)
Comedy panel game with Humphrey Lyttelton, Willie Rushton, Barry Cryer, Graeme Garden and Tim Brooke-Taylor. From May 1982.
WED 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b010gm0d)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]
WED 10:50 Front Row Interviews (b010gn52)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:50 on Sunday]
WED 11:00 Lew Wallace - Ben Hur (b007jr5x)
The Chariot Race
The biggest day of Ben Hur's life dawns -the chariot race with Messala.
Each has staked his fortune on the outcome. Each has everything to lose.
Lew Wallace's epic tale stars Jamie Glover as Judah Ben Hur. Ben Hur Jamie Glover
Messala Samuel West
Simonides Bernard Hepton
Ilderim Freddie Jones
Drusus Ian Masters
Amrah Phyllis Calvert
Mother Margaret John
Esther Deborah Berlin
Tirzah Natasha Pyne
Malluch Gavin Muir
Iras Becky Hindley
Gesius Peter Yapp
Pilate Neville Jason
Assassin Oliver Senton
Roman 1 Joshua Towb
Servant Michael Tudor Barnes
Michael Gambon reads from the Bible.
Dramatised by Catherine Czerkawska.
Music by Wilfredo Acosta.
Director: Glyn Dearman
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1995.
WED 12:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b008p8pl)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
WED 12:30 Act Your Age (b0106rvc)
Series 3
Episode 4
Simon Mayo hosts the three-way battle between the comedy generations to find out which is the funniest.
Will it be the Up-and-Comers, the Current Crop or the Old Guard who will be crowned, for one week at least, as the Golden Age of Comedy?
Holly Walsh is joined by Tom Deacon, Rufus Hound teams up with Henning Wehn and Ted Robbins is paired with Billy Pearce.
Devised and produced by Ashley Blaker and Bill Matthews.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2011.
WED 13:00 Purbright - Charity Ends at Home (b010hpt5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
WED 13:30 John Mortimer - Rumpole (b007jsdk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
WED 14:00 Daughters of Britannia (b007jphm)
Adventures
Flirtatious games of musical chairs, sea-sickness and a tragic typhoon. Katie Hickman's tales from diplomats' wives.
WED 14:15 Love Stories (b010grff)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:45 on Sunday]
WED 14:30 John Buchan - Sick Heart River (b00lk2cb)
Episode 8
Gaillard opens up to Leithen to reveal the reasons for him moving to America, and his disappearance. Read by Paul Young.
WED 14:45 Bill Bryson's Notes from a Small Island (b007jp1k)
Dorset
Musing on maps, socks and castles, the American author takes a sentimental journey around Britain. Read by Kerry Shale.
WED 15:00 The Man Born to Be King (b008g27w)
A Certain Nobleman
A nobleman approaches Jesus to save his son. Dorothy L Sayers' cycle of plays on the life of Jesus Christ. Stars Gabriel Woolf.
WED 15:45 WE Johns - Biggles Flies North (b007m474)
The Jupiter Heads Northward
Biggles faces more trouble from the evil McBain as he prepares to leave the local saloon. Read by Michael Palin. From August 1981.
WED 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b010k16n)
Mel Giedroyc hears about the migration patterns of a honking

gaggle of geese on the Scottish island of Islay, and Dame Vera Lynn shares her favourite musical tracks.
WED 17:00 Mr Finchley Takes the Road (b007k17f)
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WED 18:00 Terry Pratchett (b008pc0b)
Guards! Guards!
Episode 5
"That dragon isn't going to accept any mealy-mouthed, wishy-washy liberal nonsense.... Do you know what you're getting with a dragon? Unashamed strong leadership."
The dragon strikes. But will Captain Vimes triumph?
Stars John Wood and Martin Jarvis.
The 8th of Terry's Pratchett's comic fantasy stories set on Discworld.
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Captain Vimes John Wood
Nobby Melvyn Hayes
Sergeant Colon Stephen Thorne
Lady Ramkin Helen Atkinson-Wood
Carrot Robert Gwilym
Lord Vetinari Crawford Logan
Supreme Grand Master Brett Usher
Chief Merchant Jeff Nuttall
Librarian Michael Roberts
Little Girl Kate McEnergy
Director: John Taylor
First broadcast on BBC Radio 5 in December 1992.
WED 18:30 Marty Ross - Catch My Breath (b007k3bt)
Episode 5
The truth about Isla is revealed. Will Kate and Colleen finally manage to escape...?
Conclusion of Marty Ross's supernatural five-part thriller.
Kate Claire Knight
Colleen Suzanne Donaldson
Strachan Liam Brennan
Old Strachan John Shedden
Donnie Lewis Howden
Isla Eileen McCallum
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[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]
WED 22:30 Naked Radio (b00lytfk)
The Scottish comedy team pokes fun at topical events. From Glasgow's Tron Theatre. With Elaine C Smith. From May 1986.
WED 23:00 Acropolis Now (b007jwhf)
Series 1
Fish
Danger is predicted for Aristophanes. Lynne Truss' Ancient Greek restaurant comedy with Stephen Moore. From December 2000.
WED 23:30 Poets' Tree (b008rg4q)
Episode 4
Paul Hamilton looks at pop music's poetic merits plus a tribute to an unheralded genius. Stars Kevin Eldon. From April 2008.
WED 23:45 The Correspondent (b00j5msv)
Series 1
Episode 4
It's crunch time for Tom at Brooks Furniture. Should he stay or go? Or will he be pushed?

THURSDAY 21 APRIL 2011

THU 00:00 Terry Pratchett (b008pc0b)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Wednesday]
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THU 01:00 Legal, Decent, Honest and Truthful (b007jvrj)
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THU 05:45 WE Johns - Biggles Flies North (b007m474)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Wednesday]
THU 06:00 Purbright - Charity Ends at Home (b010k2n2)
Episode 4
The detective's probe into Mrs Palgrave's murder makes life uncomfortable for her husband. Colin Watson mystery with John Rowe.
THU 06:30 John Mortimer - Rumpole (b007k4i3)
The Rotten Apple
Rumpole recalls a suspicious case of bribery in the police force. "The Splendours And Miseries Of An Old Bailey Hack".
Starring Maurice Denham as ageing London barrister-at-law Horace Rumpole and Margot Boyd as Hilda Rumpole
With Michael Spice as Guthrie Featherstone, Robert Harris as Justice Vosper and Brian Carroll as Erskine-Brown.
Originally a TV series created by writer and barrister John Mortimer, Rumpole hit the BBC radio airwaves in 1980. Case-by-case, Rumpole recalls his work at the Central Criminal Court of England and Wales.
Director: Ian Cottrell
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1980.
THU 07:00 One Foot in the Grave (b007jn39)
In Luton Airport No-One Can Hear You Scream
Victor and Margaret Meldrew return from their holiday in Greece. What could possibly go wrong...?
Richard Wilson stars as Victor and Annette Crosbie as his long-suffering wife Margaret.
Adapted for radio by David Renwick from his BBC TV script.
Victor Meldrew Richard Wilson
Margaret Meldrew Annette Crosbie
Mrs Warboys Doreen Mantle
Nick Swainey Owen Brennan
With Jon Glover, Ainslee Foster and Paul Rogan.
Winning numerous awards, six series were made for TV plus numerous specials on BBC ONE from 1990 to 2000.
Producer: Diane Messias
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 1995.
THU 07:30 Cabin Pressure (b00ht16c)
Series 2
Ipswich
When the crew have to go on a refresher Safety & Emergency Procedures course, it spells trouble for Douglas's inner dog and Martin's inner ear. Plus Arthur gets a chance to show off his exceptional eating skills.
With special guests Phil Davis ('Vera Drake') and Alex MacQueen ('The Thick Of It').
Starring
Carolyn Knapp-Shappey Stephanie Cole
1st Officer Douglas Richardson Roger Allam
Capt. Martin Crieff Benedict Cumberbatch
Arthur Shappey John Finnemore
Mr Sargent Phil Davis
Dr Peter Duncan Alex MacQueen
Written by John Finnemore.
Produced & Directed by David Tyler
A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4
THU 08:00 The Men from the Ministry (b010k3jw)
A Bird in the Hand
Chaos ensues when Sir Gregory announces he's off. And there's a parrot to look after...
A weekly tribute to all those who work in government departments.
Stars Richard Murdoch and Deryck Guyler. With Norma Ronald, John Graham and Ronald Baddiley.
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 September 1970.
THU 08:30 The Al Read Show (b008xzwj)
From 28/10/1995
Right monkey! Al takes a peek inside the world of horse racing.
A compilation of the legendary Northern comic's 1950s monologues.
Originally produced at BBC North by Ronnie Taylor
Compilation produced by Mike Craig.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in October 1995.
THU 09:00 No Commitments (b007jp2j)
Series 8
My Turn Now
Anna's sisters Charlotte and Victoria are even more self-absorbed than usual. Stars Rosemary Leach. From January 2002.
THU 09:30 Just a Minute (b010lw62)
Paul Merton, Graham Norton, Derek Nimmo and Greg Proops try to beat chairman Nicholas Parson's stopwatch. From January 1998.
THU 10:00 Ambridge Extra (b010lw64)
Series 1
Episode 6
It's been a short night's sleep for Jamie and Marty, and Alice faces a difficult conversation.
THU 10:15 Loose Ends (b010dd4m)
Peter Curran and guests with an eclectic mix of conversation, music and comedy.

Peter is joined by the legendary Queen guitarist and astrophysicist Brian May and his protege, West End star Kerry Ellis. After roles in *Wicked*, *We Will Rock You* and *Oliver!* Kerry is joined by Brian as they embark on a nationwide UK tour of Kerry's album, *Anthems*.

Simon Day brings some of his *Fast Show*, *Down the Line* and *Bellamy's People* characters to life, including unconventional eco-warrior *Dave Angel*, poet *Geoffrey Allerton*, pub know-it-all *Billy Bleach* and reformed criminal *Tony Beckton*. All recorded in 'The Mallard' Theatre for The *Simon Day Show* on BBC Radio 4.

Intrepid adventurer *Ben Fogle* has tackled jungles, desert marathons, mountain treks and Cross Atlantic rowing trips. On Sunday night, Ben gets exclusive access to his hero *Captain Scott's Hut* in the Antarctic, frozen in time for the last century. *Jo Bunting* discusses the influential *Vagina Monologues* with *Mistresses* and *Marchlands* actress *Shelley Conn*, who stars in a special all-Asian cast of the play alongside *Meera Syal* and *Shappi Khorsandi*. Jo also finds out how *Shelley* was picked by *Stephen Spielberg* to star in his epic big budget sci-fi drama, *Terra Nova*.

With music from *Dinosaur Jr* founder *J Mascis* who performs 'Not Enough' from his first solo album 'Several Shades of Why'. And from one-man maverick maestro *Muntu Valdo*: the Cameroonian, who has played with the likes of *Ali Farka Toure*, *Tony Allen*, *Staff Benda Billi* and *Keziah Jones* plays *Musseusing* from his new album 'The One and The Many'.
Producer: *Cathie Mahoney*.

THU 11:00 Lew Wallace - Ben Hur (b007jr6d)
The King Comes into His Kingdom
After the prince's victory in the chariot race, news arrives of his mother and sister.
Conclusion of *Lew Wallace's* epic tale starring *Jamie Glover* as *Judah Ben Hur*.
Ben Hur *Jamie Glover*
Simonides *Bernard Hepton*
Balthasar *Michael Hordern*
Amrah *Phyllis Calvert*
Mother *Margaret John*
Esther *Deborah Berlin*
Tirzah *Natasha Pyne*
Malluch *Gavin Muir*
Iras *Becky Hindley*
Guide *Neville Jason*
Man at Inn *Joshua Towb*
Man 1 *Don McCorkindale*
Man 2 *Derek Waring*
Man 3 *Peter Yapp*
Man 4 *Peter Whitman*
Michael Gambon reads from the Bible.
Dramatised by *Catherine Czerkawska*.
Music by *Wilfredo Acosta*.
Director: *Glyn Dearman*
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1995.

THU 12:00 The Men from the Ministry (b010k3jw)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 12:30 So Wrong It's Right (b0106v13)
Series 2
Episode 6
Charlie Brooker hosts the comedy panel show that sees comics *Lee Mack*, *Sarah Millican* and *Graham Linehan* battle to supply the finest wrong answers.
Charlie's tests see the guests recall 'the worst thing they've done on their own'. Who will win between *Lee Mack's* story of avoiding *Anthea Turner*, *Sarah Millican's* tale of woe whilst stuck on the side of motorway, or *Graham Linehan's* calamity in a hotel shower?
Added to this are the panel's ideas for a terrible new gameshow. Will anyone spot the fatal flaw in *Graham's* pitch - the futuristic word quiz 'Scrabble 2000'?
The host of *So Wrong It's Right*, *Charlie Brooker*, also writes for *The Guardian* and presents BBC4's satirical series *Newswipe* & *Screenwipe* as well as *Channel 4's* 10 O'Clock Live. He won *Best Newcomer* at the *British Comedy Awards 2009* and *Columnist* of the Year at the *2009 British Press Awards* for his *Guardian* newspaper columns.
Produced by *Aled Evans*
A Zeppotron Production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 13:00 Purbright - Charity Ends at Home (b010k2n2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 13:30 John Mortimer - Rumpole (b007k4i3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 14:00 Daughters of Britannia (b007jp2j)
Arrivals
From a sofa and a sacrifice to a carriage and Cossacks - how the diplomats' wives were welcomed to their new homes.

THU 14:15 Ambridge Extra (b010lw64)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

THU 14:30 John Buchan - Sick Heart River (b00k9e4)
Episode 9
Deep in the wilds of Canada, *Sir Edward Leithen* fantasises about returning to the comforts of home. Read by *Paul Young*.

THU 14:45 Bill Bryson's Notes from a Small Island (b007jp20)
Weston-super-Mare and *Beyond*
Getting soaked and pestered by a passenger, the American author's sentimental journey around Britain. Read by *Kerry Shale*.

THU 15:00 The Man Born to Be King (b008g6vj)

The Heirs to the Kingdom
Judas becomes a target for manipulation. *Dorothy L Sayers'* cycle of plays on the life of *Jesus Christ*. Stars *Gabriel Woolf*.
THU 15:45 WE Johns - Biggles Flies North (b007lzbj)
Some Grim Encounters
The crackle of vicious machine-gun fire from another plane forces the *Jupiter* to take action. Read by *Michael Palin*. From August 1981.

THU 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b010lxtg)
Mel Giedroyc gets lost in a cloud of migrating butterflies, introduces choreographer *Arlene Phillips* and listens to another chapter of this week's story *Goodnight Mr Tom*.

THU 17:00 One Foot in the Grave (b007jn39)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 17:30 Cabin Pressure (b00t16c)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 18:00 Terry Pratchett (b008p506)
Guards! Guards!
Episode 6
"Last Desperate Chances always work. Besides, I'll be using my lucky arrow..."
All *Captain Vimes* needs to save the city is a million-to-one chance.
First published in 1989, the 8th of *Terry's Pratchett's* comic fantasy stories set on *Discworld*. Conclusion of six parts dramatized by *Michael Butt*.
CAST:
Narrator *Martin Jarvis*
Captain Vimes *John Wood*
Nobby *Melvyn Hayes*
Sergeant Colon *Stephen Thorne*
Lady Ramkin *Helen Atkinson-Wood*
Carrot *Robert Gwilym*
Lord Vetinari *Crawford Logan*
Supreme Grand Master *Brett Usher*
First Guard *Jeff Nuttall*
Joint First Guard *Michael Roberts*
Death *Himself*
Director: *John Taylor*
First broadcast on BBC Radio 5 in December 1992.

THU 18:30 Legacy (b00thdke)
Episode 1
Legacy - devised by *David Ian Neville*, Episode One by *Louise Ironside*.
Following the death of their parents, twins *Jules* and *Harry* were brought up by their grandmother *Rose*. Remote and eccentric, it is not until after *Rose's* death that *Jules* and *Harry* begin to discover who she really was and what she did in the war.
After finding clues to the whereabouts of the legacy in *Rose's* attic, *Harry* sets off for the *City of London*. *Harry* thinks he's heading for a security vault but finds himself trapped in an underground complex of bunkers. *Rose* it emerges worked for the secret services during the war and helped to develop *The Legacy Project* - a secret weapon built to disrupt and defeat the *Nazis* in the event of them being able to occupy *London*. The weapon, hidden underground, was designed to destroy the centre of *London* with other weapons being replicated in major cities throughout *Britain*. It should have been deactivated after the war but was kept secretly in commission for use during the *Cold War*.
Rose believed it should have been destroyed and had a life-long goal to de-activate it. But she ran out of time. Now *Harry* and *Jules* have been left the challenge but they are not the only people trying to find the *Legacy Project*, and not everyone has peaceful intentions.
There is also an online audio game linked to *LEGACY*.
Cast:
JULES *Jenny Hulse*
HARRY *Samuel Jameson*
ANNA *Kim Gerard*
ROSE *Joanna Tope*
ARMITAGE *Nick Underwood*
COYLE *Robin Laing*
Produced & Directed by *David Ian Neville*
A BBC Scotland Radio Drama and BBC Scotland New Media co-production.

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THU 22:00 So Wrong It's Right (b0106v13)
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THU 22:30 The Museum of Everything (b00899zt)
Series 1
Welcome to the *Museum of Everything*
Feel free to wander round our many galleries and experience the history of everything. Learn about the history of everything. Learn about the history of wicker, tour a stately home and discover the real identity of *Jack the Ripper*.
Written and performed by *Marcus Brigstocke*, *Danny Robins* and *Dan Tetsell*.
With *Lucy Montgomery*.
Music by *Dominic Haslam* and *Ben Walker*.

Producer: *Alex Walsh-Taylor*
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2004.

THU 23:00 Comic to Comic (b0080ssp)
Series 2
Julia Morris
After TV fame down under, Australian stand-up *Julia Morris* chats about her subsequent British success.
Series in which *Bruce Morton* talks to top stand-up comedians about life, the universe and comedy.
Producer: *Carol Purcell*
First broadcast on BBC Radio Scotland in February 2006.

THU 23:30 Ectoplasm (b007w514)
The Case of the Missing Lost Soul
A mysterious countess begs *Lord Zimbabwe* to win back her soul from the lord of the underworld.
Without a soul, she is destined to be a *Barry Manilow* fan for eternity.
Dan Freedman and *Nick Romero's* comedy about the exploits of *Lord Zimbabwe*, occultist and adventurer.
Lord Zimbabwe *Nick Romero*
Dr Lilac *Dan Freedman*
Contessa Del Monte *Sophie Aldred*
Priest *Colin Guthrie*
Theremin *Peter Donaldson*
Other parts played by the cast.
Producer: *Helen Williams*
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2000.

FRIDAY 22 APRIL 2011

FRI 00:00 Terry Pratchett (b008p506)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Thursday]

FRI 00:30 Legacy (b00thdke)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]

FRI 01:00 No Commitments (b007jp2j)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]

FRI 01:30 Just a Minute (b010lw62)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]

FRI 02:00 Ambridge Extra (b010lw64)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]

FRI 02:15 Loose Ends (b010dd4m)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:15 on Thursday]

FRI 03:00 Lew Wallace - Ben Hur (b007jr6d)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:00 One Foot in the Grave (b007jn39)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:30 Cabin Pressure (b00t16c)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]

FRI 05:00 The Man Born to Be King (b008g6vj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Thursday]

FRI 05:45 WE Johns - Biggles Flies North (b007lzbj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Thursday]

FRI 06:00 Purbright - Charity Ends at Home (b010lyqc)
Episode 5
As suspicions over *Palgrove* grow, the kindly detective calls on an old friend. *Colin Watson* mystery with *John Rowe*.

FRI 06:30 John Mortimer - Rumpole (b007jst6)
The Man of God
Rumpole recalls the case of a light-fingered vicar.
"The Splendours And Miseries Of An Old Bailey Hack".
Starring *Maurice Denham* as ageing *London* barrister-at-law *Horace Rumpole* and *Margot Boyd* as *Hilda Rumpole*
With *Michael Spice* as *Guthrie Featherstone*, *John Savident* as *Judge Bullingham* and *Denys Hawthorne* as *Judge George Frobisher*.
Originally a TV series created by writer and barrister *John Mortimer*, *Rumpole* hit the BBC radio airwaves in 1980. Case-by-case, *Rumpole* recalls his work at the *Central Criminal Court* of *England* and *Wales*.
Director: *Ian Cotterell*
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1980.

FRI 07:00 Desmond Olivier Dingle's Compleat Life and Works of William Shakespeare (b007k2q6)
Episode 3
The *Royal Dingle Company* invites *Brian Cox* to run a *Bard's* tragedy masterclass. Stars *Patrick Barlow*. From September 1995.

FRI 07:30 The Penny Dreadfuls (b00gpbcn)
The Brothers Faversham
Leonidas Faversham
The story of *Victorian Britain's* most reckless living explorer - *Leonidas Faversham*.
The comedy sketch trio present swashbuckling tales of four brothers born into the same privileged aristocratic family - *Horatius*, *Theseus*, *Leonidas* and *Augustus*.
Written by and starring *Humphrey Ker*, *David Reed* and *Thom Tuck*.
Alexandra Faversham ... *Ingrid Oliver*
Narrator... *Miles Jupp*.
Producer: *Julia McKenzie*
Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in January 2008.

FRI 08:00 The Navy Lark (b010lywl)
Series 3
Refitting Ebenezer Pertwee
Pertwee has to re-think his money-making schemes, whilst his Uncle *Ebenezer* pulls off a major con.

Starring *Leslie Phillips* as the *Sub-Lieutenant*, *Jon Pertwee* as

the Chief Petty Officer, Stephen Murray as the Number One, Richard Caldicot as Captain Povey, Ronnie Barker as AS Johnson, Heather Chasen as Heather, Tenniel Evans as the Admiral and Michael Bates as Sid Chattersby.

Laughs afloat aboard British Royal Navy frigate HMS Troutbridge. The Navy Lark ran for an impressive thirteen series between 1959 and 1976.

Scripted by Lawrie Wyman.

Producer: Alastair Scott Johnston.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in November 1960.

FRI 08:30 Harry Worth (b00rd6p0)

Thirty Minutes Worth

The Old Flame

Just as Harry Worth is feeling lonely, a long lost love turns up. Starring Harry Worth.

With Jacqueline Clarke and Joan Sanderson.

The amiable, woolly-minded bumbler, causes more confusion! Written by Vince Powell.

Producer: Mike Craig

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in October 1988.

FRI 09:00 Boogie Up the River (b007jv7w)

See You Outside Boots in Oxford

Mark and his manic mutt look for the enigmatic Jennifer in the city of dreaming spires. Stars Timothy Spall. From December 1992.

FRI 09:30 Genius (b00brvcn)

Series 1

Neil Innes

From bunk chairs to helium-filled bubble wrap.

Dave Gorman asks musical comedian Neil Innes to select the public's best loopy idea.

Award-winning comedian Dave Gorman and a celebrity guest chew over the ridiculous, unworkable but sometimes genius inventions, schemes and policies of the public.

Producer: Simon Nicholls

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2005.

FRI 10:00 What's So Funny? (b010lz2b)

Series 1

Episode 3

Rufus Hound and guests with news, reviews and previews of what's happening in comedy this week.

FRI 10:30 Ambridge Extra Omnibus (b010m0bb)

Series 1, Episodes 5-6

There's a surprise in store for Alice and Jamie's enjoying the party scene, in the Ambridge Extra Omnibus.

FRI 11:00 Jane Austen (b007js3g)

Sense and Sensibility

Barton Cottage

It's 1810. Widow Mrs Dashwood and her three daughters are forced to move to Devon. Stars Jane Leonard and Abigail McKern.

FRI 12:00 The Navy Lark (b010lywl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 12:30 The News Quiz (b0106vqy)

Series 74

Episode 1

A satirical review of the week's news, chaired by Sandi Toksvig.

FRI 13:00 Purbright - Charity Ends at Home (b010lyqc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 13:30 John Mortimer - Rumpole (b007jsf6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 14:00 Daughters of Britannia (b007jpjj)

First Days

From children and official functions to social etiquette - Katie Hickman's tales from "the women of the embassies".

FRI 14:15 Maevie Binchy - Love in the Afternoon (b010m0bd)

Stories from bestselling romantic novelists. 'My mother always told me life is a matter of luck.' Read by Adjoa Andoh.

FRI 14:30 John Buchan - Sick Heart River (b00lkk0v)

Episode 10

Moved by their plight, Leithen spends his last days helping the Canadian Indians. John Buchan's novel read by Paul Young.

FRI 14:45 Bill Bryson's Notes from a Small Island (b007jp2g)

Glasgow to the Yorkshire Dales

Soaking up culture and off to a pub, the American author concludes his sentimental journey around Britain. Read by Kerry Shale.

FRI 15:00 The Man Born to Be King (b008gbr6)

The Bread of Heaven

Jesus renames Simon and stirs anger. Dorothy L Sayers' cycle of plays on the life of Jesus Christ. Stars Gabriel Woolf.

FRI 15:45 WE Johns - Biggles Flies North (b007lrnj)

Southward Again

With the Jupiter stranded, thoughts of rescue fade as the chums realise who is roaring towards them. Read by Michael Palin. From August 1981.

FRI 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b010m0bg)

Mel Giedroyc celebrates World Earth Day with Professor Brian Cox and listens to comedian Andi Osho's latest Sneaky Peeks for the comedy week ahead.

FRI 17:00 Desmond Olivier Dingle's Compleat Life and

Works of William Shakespeare (b007k2q6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 17:30 The Penny Dreadfuls (b00gpbnc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 18:00 Terry Pratchett (b00b1p28)

Small Gods

Episode 1

Set in a complex state of beliefs, Great God Om appears before a novice monk - and is soon coming out of his shell...

There are gods everywhere on Discworld - you can't swing a simian librarian without hitting one - except, of course, only a few people can see them. Each small god lies in wait, desperately seeking to make someone believe in him. On Discworld, gods need people more than people need gods, for belief is the food of the gods.

Terry Pratchett's four-part comic fantasy starring Carl Prekopp, Patrick Barlow and Alex Jennings. With Anton Lesser as the Narrator.

Narrator Anton Lesser

Om Patrick Barlow

Brutha Carl Prekopp

Vorbis Alex Jennings

Nhumrod Geoffrey Beevers

Sasho Philip Fox

General Fri't Sean Barrett

Quisitor Gerard McDermott

Other parts played by the cast.

Dramatised by Robin Brooks.

Producer: Claire Grove

Director: Gordon House

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2006.

FRI 18:30 Legacy (b00tkd06)

Episode 2

Legacy - devised by David Ian Neville, Episode Two by David Bishop.

Following the death of their grandmother Rose, twins Jules and Harry have been left a legacy. But as they begin to discover it is no ordinary legacy, Rose worked for the secret services during the war and helped design The Legacy Project - a deadly secret weapon. Now years later it is still operational and Rose's life ambition was to get it taken out of service one way or another. As a committed pacifist she believed such weapons should be de-commissioned. Jules and Harry have been left the challenge to complete Rose's last wish to see The Legacy Project finally de-activated.

Using clues and codes left by Rose, Harry has managed to penetrate the secret bunker complex that contains the nerve centre of The Legacy Project. But unknown to him his presence has been noted and others are searching the complex trying to find and eliminate him.

Meanwhile Jules is desperate to find out what has happened to Harry. A series of voicemail messages reveal he is exploring the bunker complex. But in a final message she hears Harry shouting for help, trapped in a plunging lift.

Now Jules has to get into the secret bunker and try and rescue Harry.

Cast:

JULES Jenny Hulse

HARRY Samuel Jameson

STERLING Kim Gerard

ROSE Joanna Tope

ARMITAGE Nick Underwood

COYLE Robin Laing

Produced & Directed by David Ian Neville

A BBC Scotland Radio Drama and BBC Scotland New Media co-production.

There is also an online audio game linked to LEGACY.

FRI 19:00 The Navy Lark (b010lywl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 19:30 Harry Worth (b00rd6p0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 20:00 Purbright - Charity Ends at Home (b010lyqc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 20:30 John Mortimer - Rumpole (b007jsf6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 21:00 Jane Austen (b007js3g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 22:00 The News Quiz Extra (b010m2ms)

A new programme for Radio 4 Extra, featuring jokes that you won't have heard in this week's News Quiz, some clips from the archives and exclusive behind-the-scenes material.

FRI 22:45 Elastic Planet (b0089jhr)

The Shape

Drugged electricity and artificial icebergs.

Oliver Postgate narrates a stream of bizarre coincidences in Ben Moor's cosmic comedy of connections.

With Johnny Ball, Henry Cooper, Kerry Shale, Dan Strauss, Michael Troughton, Neil Mullarkey, Siriol Jenkins, Jamie Owen and Alan Dediccoat.

Producer: Jon Naismith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1995

FRI 23:00 What's So Funny? (b010lz2b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 23:30 Lenin of the Rovers (b007jpkv)

Series 1

Episode 3

Felchester Rover's midfield-maestro Ricky Lenin tackles fearsome Cambridge by infiltrating their team.

Starring Alexei Sayle as Ricky Lenin, Jonathan Kydd as Terry

Trotsky, Andrew McClean as Stevie Stalin and Donald Hewlett as the Colonel.

Legendary BBC football commentator Kenneth Wolstenholme is Frank Lee Brian.

Written by Marcus Berkman.

Producer: Harry Thompson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1988.