

SATURDAY 23 APRIL 2011

SAT 00:00 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 Beavers

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.

SAT 00:30 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.

SAT 01:00 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.

SAT 01:30 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.

SAT 02:00 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.

SAT 02:30 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.

SAT 03:00 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.

SAT 04:00 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.

SAT 04:30 The Penny Dreadfuls (b00gpbnc)

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.

SAT 05:00 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.

SAT 05:45 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.

SAT 06:00 Kind Hearts and Coronets (b007jnpv)

Louis Mazzini is accused of the one murder he didn't do. Ealing comedy adaptation with Harry Enfield as the D'Ascayne family. Harry Enfield, Michael Kitchen, Haydn Gwynne, Timothy Bateson and David Lodge star in a comedy of murders.

Louis Mazzini (Michael Kitchen) should be heir to a dukedom but his family, the snobbish D'Ascaynes (all played by Harry Enfield), have cut Louis off because his mother married badly.

Vengeful and hate-filled, he sets out to regain his rightful place by wreaking revenge on the D'Ascayne family, but is then arrested for a killing he didn't commit.

Adapted from the Ealing screenplay.

Produced by Andy Jordan.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1996.

SAT 07:30 The House I Grew Up In (b007wwtj)

Series 1

Jackie Kay

Recalling a childhood in Glasgow which inspired her to write, the poet takes Wendy Robbins to meet her mum and dad. From August 2007.

SAT 08:00 Garrison Keillor's Radio Show (b010m3qg)

Series 6

Episode 22

From Atlanta, the American funny man welcomes bluegrass band Steep Canyon Rangers and blues singer EG Kight. From 2010.

SAT 09:00 Comedy Controller (b008kjhy)

John Shuttleworth

The Sheffield singer selects Alison and Maud, Saturday Night Fry, We Interrupt This Programme, Clare In The Community, some Shuttleworths, plus Roy D Mercer makes a phone call.

SAT 12:00 Sherbet Dolls (b010m3qj)

An entertaining drama serial exploring the magnetism and expanding phenomena of children's beauty pageants. The Ratcliffe family are on a journey in search of fame.

SAT 13:05 Inheritance Tracks (b010m3ql)

Jilly Cooper

The writer inherits Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony and passes on 'Something Good' from The Sound of Music.

SAT 13:15 Sneaky Peeks (b010m3qn)

Audi 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? (b010lz2b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:00 today]

SAT 14:00 The Goon Show (b007k370)

Series 4

The Silent Bugler

It's 1902 and British secret agent Seagoon is heading to Dresden on a deadly mission

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

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in March 1954.

SAT 14:30 Dad's Army (b007jics)

Series 1

The Enemy Within the Gates

As their new uniforms arrive, Captain Mainwaring's platoon try to capture Germans - for a cash reward.

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 Walker James Beck

Private Godfrey Arnold Ridley

Private Pike Ian Lavender

Captain Wingrodzki Carl Jarffe,

Other parts 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 (b010m3qg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SAT 16:00 Kind Hearts and Coronets (b007jnpv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:30 The House I Grew Up In (b007wwtj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 18:00 The Devil in Amber by Mark Gatiss (b00vc8bl)

4. Rescue

Dandy spy hero Lucifer Box must rescue the 'perfect victim' to foil Olympus Mons' dastardly plan to raise the devil.

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 Nathaniel Hawthorne - Rappaccini's Daughter (b00qxcff)

Student Giovanni becomes obsessed with a mysterious girl living next door. Dark sci-fi romance starring Joseph Cohen-Cole.

SAT 19:00 Comedy Controller (b008kjhy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 Saturday Stand-Up (b010m3qg)

Stephen K Amos

The popular comedian entertains an audience at London's Monday Club venue in 2007.

SAT 22:45 Fabulous (b00hs90r)

Series 1

Episode 3

Faye's cooker is beeping, work deadlines are looming and flat-hunting sucks...

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

Eve Dallas

Jot Davies

Music by Osymyso.

Producer: Simon Nicholls

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2007.

SAT 23:00 The Phone (b010m4hd)

Jon Sen - Tourist Trap

When Charlotte picks up the wrong bag at the airport, a break on a Greek island becomes a holiday from hell. Stars Chris Pavlo.

SAT 23:30 Wallander - Faceless Killers (b00hxqdk)

Episode 7

In tailing a murder suspect, has the Swedish Inspector Wallander met his match? Henning Mankell's thriller read by David Warner.

SAT 23:45 Wallander - Faceless Killers (b00hxyxt)

Episode 8

Swedish sleuth Kurt Wallander makes an important discovery in his murder probe. Henning Mankell's thriller read by David Warner.

SUNDAY 24 APRIL 2011

SUN 00:00 The Devil in Amber by Mark Gatiss (b00vc8bl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Saturday]

SUN 00:30 Nathaniel Hawthorne - Rappaccini's Daughter (b00qxcff)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Saturday]

SUN 01:00 Garrison Keillor's Radio Show (b010m3qg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Saturday]

SUN 02:00 Sherbet Dolls (b010m3qj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Saturday]

SUN 03:05 Inheritance Tracks (b010m3ql)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:05 on Saturday]

SUN 03:15 Sneaky Peeks (b010m3qn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:15 on Saturday]

SUN 03:30 What's So Funny? (b010lz2b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:00 on Saturday]

SUN 04:00 Kind Hearts and Coronets (b007jnpv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday]

SUN 05:30 The House I Grew Up In (b007wwtj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 Daughters of Britannia Omnibus (b00c8tmz)
Episode 1
Inspired by her mother's experiences, Katie Hickman examines the lives of 'diplomatic women' through their letters and diaries.

SUN 07:05 Inheritance Tracks (b010m610)
Colin Rowe
The actor inherits 'Two Little Boys' sung by Rolf Harris and passes on 'Somewhere' sung by Tom Waits.

SUN 07:15 Maeve 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.

SUN 07:30 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.

SUN 08:00 The Goon Show (b007k370)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Saturday]

SUN 08:30 Dad's Army (b007jles)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Saturday]

SUN 09:00 Alan Garner - Elidor (b010m612)
Episode 3
Malebron continues to seek Findhorn in Elidor. Meanwhile, The Evil are closing in on the Treasures as they intensify their effort to break through worlds.
Roland senses that he and his family are in danger, but his strong imagination threatens to tip the balance.
Alan Garner's classic fantasy adventure dramatised in four-parts by Don Webb.
Stars Mossie Cassidy as Roland, Raffey Cassidy as Helen, William Rush as Nicholas, Stephen Hoyle as David, Toby Hadoke as Malebron and Fiona Clarke as Mrs Watson.
Original music composed by Ian Williams
Directed at BBC Manchester by Charlotte Riches.
Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in April 2011.

SUN 09:30 L. Frank Baum - The Wizard of Oz (b00pr5y8)
Episode 3
Dorothy and friends must kill the Wicked Witch of the West to finally get their wishes granted. Stars Maureen Lipman.

SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b010m614)
Julia Donaldson
Kirsty Young presents gems from the Desert Island Discs Library. In the fourth in our series, we hear from the creator of 'The Gruffalo', who was castaway in 2009.

SUN 10:50 Front Row Interviews (b010m616)
Sir Peter Hall
The theatre director and founder of the Royal Shakespeare Company discusses his career in conversation with Mark Lawson.

SUN 11:00 Josephine Cox - The Lion's Den (b010m618)
Stories from bestselling romantic novelists. A young man assumes he'll never find his heart's desire. Read by Robert Glenister.

SUN 11:15 Ambridge Extra Omnibus (b010m0bb)
[Repeat of broadcast at 02:30 on Saturday]

SUN 11:45 Katie Fforde - A Fortnight in Tuscany (b010m61b)
Stories from bestselling romantic novelists. A control freak is forced to attend a Tuscan cookery course. Read by Candida Benson.

SUN 12:00 Daughters of Britannia Omnibus (b00c8tmz)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SUN 13:05 Inheritance Tracks (b010m610)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:05 today]

SUN 13:15 Maeve Binchy - Love in the Afternoon (b010m0bd)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

SUN 13:30 Arthur Smith's Balham Bash (b010hcwk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 14:00 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.

SUN 14:30 The Penny Dreadfuls (b00gpbnc)
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:30 on Saturday]

SUN 15:00 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b010hcq2)
Series 7
Episode 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.

SUN 15:30 Boogie Up the River (b007jv7w)
[Repeat of broadcast at 01:00 on Saturday]

SUN 16:00 Alan Garner - Elidor (b010m612)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SUN 16:30 L. Frank Baum - The Wizard of Oz (b00pr5y8)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

SUN 17:00 Garrison Keillor's Radio Show (b010m3gg)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Saturday]

SUN 18:00 Torchwood (b010m61c)
The Dead Line
Cardiff's alien-hunters probe a spate of locals left in coma-like trances triggered by phone calls. Stars John Barrowman.

SUN 18:45 Arthur C Clarke Stories (b010m61f)
The Nine Billion Names of God
Superiority
In war, the more technologically advanced side can still be defeated. John Shrapnel reads Arthur C Clarke's short story.

SUN 19:00 Josephine Cox - The Lion's Den (b010m618)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

SUN 19:15 Ambridge Extra Omnibus (b010m0bb)
[Repeat of broadcast at 02:30 on Saturday]

SUN 19:45 Katie Fforde - A Fortnight in Tuscany (b010m61b)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:45 today]

SUN 20:00 The Goon Show (b007k370)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Saturday]

SUN 20:30 Dad's Army (b007jles)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Saturday]

SUN 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b010m614)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SUN 21:50 Front Row Interviews (b010m616)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:50 today]

SUN 22:00 Arthur Smith's Balham Bash (b010hcwk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 22:30 The Masterson Inheritance (b007jsmr)
Series 1
The Curse of the Mastersons
1760: Aristocratic rabbits and emancipation?
An improvised historical saga of a family at war with itself - based entirely on audience suggestions.
Starring Paul Merton, Josie Lawrence, Caroline Quentin, Jim Sweeney and Phelim McDermott.
Producer: Phil Clarke
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1993.

SUN 23:00 All Bar Luke (b00thd4)
Series 1
Luke in Casualty
The loser is in hospital after a drunken kiss with Hayley. Will only his heart be broken? Stars Tim Key. From February 2006.

SUN 23:15 Adam and Joe's Famous Guy (b010m7g6)
"I'm the best at pretending..."
Adam Buxton and Joe Cornish star in the tale of Manthea Shingleton, a journalist sent to interview a reclusive Hollywood star.
Written by Adam Buxton.
Producer: Claudine Ttoutoungi.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2006.

SUN 23:30 Elvenquest (b00kfgcx)
Series 1
Episode 4
Sirens interrupt a sea crossing. Are they what they seem?
Fantasy comedy starring Darren Boyd and Dave Lamb. From May 2009.

MONDAY 25 APRIL 2011

MON 00:00 Torchwood (b010m61c)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]

MON 00:45 Arthur C Clarke Stories (b010m61f)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:45 on Sunday]

MON 01:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b010m614)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

MON 01:50 Front Row Interviews (b010m616)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:50 on Sunday]

MON 02:00 Josephine Cox - The Lion's Den (b010m618)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Sunday]

MON 02:15 Ambridge Extra Omnibus (b010m0bb)
[Repeat of broadcast at 02:30 on Saturday]

MON 02:45 Katie Fforde - A Fortnight in Tuscany (b010m61b)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:45 on Sunday]

MON 03:00 The Sunday Format (b010hhvv)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Sunday]

MON 03:30 The Penny Dreadfuls (b00gpbnc)
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:30 on Saturday]

MON 04:00 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b010hcq2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Sunday]

MON 04:30 Boogie Up the River (b007jv7w)
[Repeat of broadcast at 01:00 on Saturday]

MON 05:00 Alan Garner - Elidor (b010m612)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 L. Frank Baum - The Wizard of Oz (b00pr5y8)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 Purbright - Charity Ends at Home (b010mxq5)
Episode 6

As Mortimer Hive enters the lion's den, can the inspector unravel the wicked web? Colin Watson mystery with John Rowe.

MON 06:30 John Mortimer - Rumpole (b007k4nk)
The Defence of Guthrie Featherstone
Rumpole recalls the tale of a philandering member of chambers.
"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, Angela Thorne as Marigold Featherstone and Michael Elphick as Bertie Timson.
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.

MON 07:00 Ballylenon (b00fnbtb)
Series 1
Episode 4
The battle commences to bring the opera festival to Killycromper Hall.
Series set in the sleepy town of Ballylenon, Co Donegal, in 1953, before the days of mass tourism and proper plumbing in every home. Written by Christopher Fitz-Simon.
Starring TP McKenna as Phonsie Doherty, Margaret D'Arcy as Muriel McConkey, Stella McCusker as Vera McConkey, Aine McCartney as Vivienne Boal, John Hewitt as Guard Gallagher and Gerard McSorley as Stumpy Bonnar.
Music arranged and performed by Stephanie Hughes.
Director: Eoin O'Callaghan
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1994.

MON 07:30 Chain Reaction (b00mj5rt)
Series 3
Phill Jupitus Interviews John Hegley
The comedian and comic poet get chatting in the tag talk show, where one week's guest is the following week's interviewer.

MON 08:00 Round the Horne (b007k26b)
Series 2
The Curse of the Black Stumps
Dark doings for Kenneth Horne in 'The Curse of the Blackstumps', while Julian and Sandy don tights for a very Bona Ballet
With Kenneth Williams, Hugh Paddick, Betty Marsden and Bill Pertwee. Recorded at the BBC's Paris Studio in Lower Regent Street, London. Announcer: Douglas Smith
Round The Horne was born out of the demise of BBC radio comedy Beyond Our Ken, after the end of writer Eric Merriman's involvement. Using the same cast and producer, Barry Took and Marty Feldman were persuaded to write the scripts - which led to four series that ran between 1965 and 1968 - packed full of parodies, recurring characters, catchphrases and double-entendres.
Music by Edwin Braden and the Hornblowers and The Fraser Hayes Four.
Producer: John Simmonds
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1966.

MON 08:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b010mztj)
Series 7
Episode 4
Investigating hobbies - and Professor Prune's Electric Trousers end up deep in the briny.
Starring:
Tim Brooke-Taylor
John Cleese
Graeme Garden
David Hatch
Jo Kendall
Sketches written by Graeme Garden and Bill Oddie with John Junkin and John Cleese.
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 and Dave Lee.
Producer: David Hatch/Peter Titheradge
First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in February 1969.

MON 09:00 Life, Death and Sex with Mike and Sue (b007jq2b)
Series 1
Cults
Radio's sofa-bound daytime presenter duo look at cults and the plight of the homeless
Bill Dare's sitcom starring Robert Duncan as Mike and Julia Hills as Sue.
With Debbie Issit, Roger Blake, Mark Kilmurry and Dan Straus.
Music by Mark Burton.
Producer: Pete Sinclair
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1996.

MON 09:30 Safety Catch (b00fc4vp)
Series 1
Show Me You Care
Simon McGrath likes to think of himself as a good citizen. He donates blood, recycles his newspapers and has adopted two tigers.
He just also happens to be an arms dealer...
Starring Darren Boyd as Simon McGrath.
First of three series of Laurence Howarth's black comedy of

modern morality.

With:

Joanna Page
Lewis MacLeod
Sarah Smart
Brigit Forsyth
Ben Onwukwe

Producer: Dawn Ellis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2007.

MON 10:00 Arthur Smith's Balham Bash (b010mz1)

Series 3

Episode 4

Arthur Smith presents comedy and music from his flat in Balham, south London.

With Billy Jenkins, Kevin Eldon, Inran Yusef plus poetry from Kate Fox

Producer: Alison Vernon-Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2011.

MON 10:30 The House I Grew Up In (b007wvtj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Saturday]

MON 11:00 Jane Austen (b007js5r)

Sense and Sensibility

Lucy Steele

Willoughby's departure leaves Marianne distraught - and Elinor gets shocking news. Stars Jane Leonard and Abigail McKern.

MON 12:00 Round the Horne (b007k26b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 12:30 The Unbelievable Truth (b010dk23)

Series 7

Episode 3

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.

Arthur Smith, Tony Hawks, Rhod Gilbert and Charlie Brooker are the panellists obliged to talk with deliberate inaccuracy on subjects as varied as: Mice, Soup, Television and Sir Walter Raleigh.

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 (b010mxq5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 13:30 John Mortimer - Rumpole (b007k4nk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 14:00 Daughters of Britannia (b007jpkp)

On Display

From Alexander the Third's coronation to encountering China's Dowager Empress. Katie Hickman presents more diplomatic tales.

MON 14:15 Maeve Binchy - Love in the Afternoon (b010m0bd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Sunday]

MON 14:30 Martin Jarvis - Acting Strangely (b007k14l)

Look, Move, Speak

Recalling the influence of comedian Tommy Trinder, Martin Jarvis reveals some of the more bizarre events from his life on stage.

MON 14:45 Sissinghurst: An Unfinished History (b010n1e8)

Childhood

Adam Nicolson's story of the popular British garden, started in 1932 by grandparents Vita Sackville-West and Harold Nicolson.

MON 15:00 The Man Born to Be King (b008gcnt)

The Feast of Tabernacles

Jesus draws some unwelcome attention. Dorothy L Sayers' cycle of plays on the life of Jesus Christ. Stars Gabriel Woolf.

MON 15:45 WE Johns - Biggles Flies North (b007m72r)

A New Peril

As the evil McBain plots to steal the gold, the air ace flies off in pursuit. Michael Palin reads Captain WE Johns' adventure. From August 1981.

MON 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b010n1cb)

Mel Giedroyc introduces Funny Friends Susan Calman and Sarah Millican, bakes a cake for the upcoming royal wedding and swoons at the voice behind her Daily Dalek.

MON 17:00 Ballylenon (b00fnbtb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 17:30 Chain Reaction (b00mj5rt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 18:00 Terry Pratchett (b00b50xj)

Small Gods

Episode 2

Novice priest Brutha has been selected by Deacon Vorbis to go on a secret mission to the infidel city of Epehe.

The Great God Om, who is stuck in the body of a small tortoise, is going with him in a little wicker basket.

Terry Pratchett's comic Discworld 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

Aktor Philip Fox

Xeno Sean Barrett

Captain Gerard McDermott

Sergeant John Cummins

Other parts played by the cast.

Dramatised by Robin Brooks.

Producer: Claire Grove

Director: Gordon House

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2006.

MON 18:30 Fantastic Tales (b007k2c2)

Hell Screen by Ryunosuke Akutagawa 1/2

When a mighty medieval Japanese Lord clashes with an arrogant painter, tragedy is sparked.

Ryunosuke Akutagawa's chilling horror story read in two-parts by Togo Igawa.

Fantastic Tales is a collection of weird and wonderful stories from around the world.

Tales from Japan, Delhi, Eastern Europe, the Welsh borders and America show how fantasy is at its best when used to explore the preoccupations of everyday life.

Translator: Jay Rubin

Director: Gemma Jenkins

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in February 2007.

MON 19:00 Round the Horne (b007k26b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 19:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b010mztj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 20:00 Purbright - Charity Ends at Home (b010mxq5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 20:30 John Mortimer - Rumpole (b007k4nk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 21:00 Jane Austen (b007js5r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

MON 22:00 The Unbelievable Truth (b010dk23)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]

MON 22:30 The Pickerskill Reports (b00mlw59)

Series 1

Crispin Biggerstaffe

Ian McDiarmid stars as Dr Henry Pickerskill retired English master of Haunchurst School for boys, looking back on his most favourite pupils and their fortunes in the adult world based on their school reports and their letters to him after they left.

Pickerskill is forced by the Warden, A.R.F. Somerset-Stephenson to intercept intimate letters left carelessly by a love sick pupil as they threaten to expose and embarrass the boy's father, a well-known Conservative MP.

Dr Henry Pickerskill Ian McDiarmid

Crispin Biggerstaffe James Rowland

ARF Somerset-Stephenson Mike Sarne

Chadwick Tom Kane

Calman Louis Williams

Mrs Pickerskill / Bernadette Feane Abigail Hollick

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 (b010mztl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

MON 23:30 Weak at the Top (b00rgpbw)

Series 1

Gold Card

John Weak puts the man into management.

He's randy, devious, sexist and drink-sodden, a high-powered marketing director with the morals of a skunk, the skin of a rhino and the brain of a one-celled organism.

Alexander Armstrong stars as John Weak in Guy Browning's sitcom.

John Weak Alexander Armstrong

Hayley Clare Perkins

Sir Marcus Geoffrey Whitehead

Bill Peters Ron Cook

Tim Smallwood Ewan Bailey

Debbie Colleen Prendergast

Producer: Jonquil Panting

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2005.

TUESDAY 26 APRIL 2011

TUE 00:00 Terry Pratchett (b00b50xj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Monday]

TUE 00:30 Fantastic Tales (b007k2c2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Monday]

TUE 01:00 Life, Death and Sex with Mike and Sue (b007jq2b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Monday]

TUE 01:30 Safety Catch (b00fc4vp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Monday]

TUE 02:00 Arthur Smith's Balham Bash (b010mztl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]

TUE 02:30 The House I Grew Up In (b007wvtj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Saturday]

TUE 03:00 Jane Austen (b007js5r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Monday]

TUE 04:00 Ballylenon (b00fnbtb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

TUE 04:30 Chain Reaction (b00mj5rt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]

TUE 05:00 The Man Born to Be King (b008gcnt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Monday]

TUE 05:45 WE Johns - Biggles Flies North (b007m72r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Monday]

TUE 06:00 Julie Enfield Investigates (b007wldt)

Leaves of the Dead

1. Proverbs and Punctures from Hell

Feisty detective superintendent Julie Enfield investigates an inexplicable killing at the British Library in London.

Imelda Staunton stars as Julie Enfield in Nick Fisher's atmospheric four-part thriller.

Julie Enfield Imelda Staunton

Dad Geoffrey Matthews

Lawrence Evans Ross Livingstone

Stephen Arnold Alex Lowe

Amanda Thorne Janet Maw

Richard Baker Ioan Meredith

Arthur Morton Stephen Thorne

Tony Sean Baker

Terry Faulkner Hugh Dickson

Sal Tracy-Ann Oberman

Melanie Sharp Colleen Prendergast

Dorothy Shirley Dixon

Phil Carter Christopher Scott

Producer: Richard Wortley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1997.

TUE 06:30 John Mortimer - Rumpole (b007jsgf)

The Show Folk

Rumpole recalls the case of an actress accused of murder.

"The Splendours And Miseries Of An Old Bailey Hack".

Starring Maurice Denham as ageing London barrister-at-law

Horace Rumpole.

With Derek Farr as Mr Justice Skelton, Peter Woodthorpe as

Tommy Pierce and Jonathan Scott as Jarvis Allen.

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.

TUE 07:00 Hordes of the Things (b007jqyx)

Episode 4

Can the assembled forces of Radox the Green win the battle?

The conclusion of Andrew Marshall and John Lloyd's epic

Tolkien parody.

King Yulfric the Wise Paul Eddington

The Chronicler Patrick Magee

Crown Prince Veganin Simon Callow

Agar Christian Rodska

Radox the Green Frank Middlemass

Queen Elfreda Maggie Steed

The Evil Flesh-Eating Lord of Craarn Aubrey Woods

Baddedas the Blue Ballard Berkeley

Hob-Lob, The Monstrous Spider Bob Grant

Xanspur, the Skylord Michael Cule

Golin Longshanks Jonathan Lynn

Producer: Geoffrey Perkins

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1980.

TUE 07:30 The Sunday Format (b010m61d)

Series 1

Episode 4

Is Cheese the New Fish? Radio's quality newspaper - plus

lifestyle pull-out sections. With Rebecca Front. From March

1999.

TUE 08:00 Whatever Happened to the Likely Lads? (b007md8j)

Boys' Night In

Terry's in despair over his mate Bob's stag night.

Starring James Bolam as Terry Collier and Rodney Bewes as

Bob Ferris. With Michael Stainton.

Created and scripted for BBC TV by Dick Clement and Ian La

Frenais.

Adapted for radio and produced by John Browell.

Audio recovered from a BBC Treasure Hunt.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1975.

TUE 08:30 The Burkiss Way (b00jr7fp)

Series 2

Make Short Programmes the Burkiss Way

The Eurovision Raquel Welch Gag Contest begins in the

correspondence course that promises you one free laugh.

With short comedic instruction from Jo Kendall, Nigel Rees,

Chris Emmett and Fred Harris

A short comedy script by Andrew Marshall and David

Renwick.

Short sharp 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 (b007jx5n)

Miss Willow and the One-Eyed Gentleman

"I'm afraid you're too trusting for your own good, Miss Willow.

Believe me, appearances can be very deceptive..."

Hapless vicar Timothy Carswell visits some of the more sinister

members of his flock.

Stephen Sheridan's six-part series stars James Grant as the

Reverend Timothy Carswell, Margaret Courtenay as Miss

Tilling, Jean Heywood as Miss Tapp, Jacqueline Tong as Hilary

and Patricia Hayes as Miss Willow.

Producer: Lissa Evans.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1991.

TUE 09:30 The Leopard in Autumn (b00c3b7g)

Series 1

The Pride and the Peacemaker

Renaissance Italy's Prince Ludovico buys a cannon, and

Princess Plethora wants to confess. Stars David Swift.

TUE 10:00 Ambridge Extra (b010n406)

Series 1

Episode 7

Fallon's got a busy day ahead, and Alice is glad to be back home.

TUE 10:15 Josephine Cox - The Lion's Den (b010m618)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Sunday]

TUE 10:30 Norman Wisdom - The Singer and the Song (b010n408)

"Don't laugh at me 'cause I'm a Fool!" sang Norman Wisdom in his first film [in a starring role] Trouble In Store in 1953.

Very soon afterwards it reached number three in the hit parade.

Comic legend Norman Wisdom talks about this and the songs special to him.

With Mike Craig.

Producer: Mike Craig

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 1993.

TUE 11:00 Jane Austen (b007js7y)

Sense and Sensibility

The Truth about Willoughby

Rumoured to be engaged to Willoughby, Marianne is still

pursued by Colonel Brandon. Stars Jane Leonard.

TUE 12:00 Whatever Happened to the Likely Lads? (b007md8j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 12:30 Down the Line (b010dp1c)

Series 4

Episode 6

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 and Paul Whitehouse.

Special guests are Adil Ray and Arabella Weir.

Producers: Charlie Higson and Paul Whitehouse

A Down The Line production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 13:00 Julie Enfield Investigates (b007w1td)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 13:30 John Mortimer - Rumpole (b007jsgf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 14:00 Daughters of Britannia (b007jpl6)

Playing by the Rules

From quarrelsome fundraising to being affable to bores - Katie Hickman's tales from British diplomatic wives and daughters.

TUE 14:15 Ambridge Extra (b010n406)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

TUE 14:30 Martin Jarvis - Acting Strangely (b007k15x)

Try to Look Scared

Performing with Sian Phillips, the budding actor gets frightening blackouts. More stage recollections read by the author.

TUE 14:45 Sissinghurst: An Unfinished History (b010n4n3)

Family

Adam Nicolson recalls life at the famous Kent garden. His mother leaves the family home, and tourism takes over from farming.

TUE 15:00 The Man Born to Be King (b008ggwh)

The Light and The Life

Lazarus lives. Has Jesus gone too far? Dorothy L Sayers' cycle of plays on the life of Jesus Christ. Stars Gabriel Woolf.

TUE 15:45 WE Johns - Biggles Flies North (b007m9sh)

Ginger Acts Alone!

Trapped in a flaming jailhouse by the angry mob, the air ace is left with two equally harrowing choices. Read by Michael Palin. From August 1981.

TUE 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b010n4t1)

Mel Giedroyc celebrates the birthday of Bridget Jones actress Rene Zellweger and continues the current story Goodnight Mr Tom.

TUE 17:00 Hordes of the Things (b007jqyx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

TUE 17:30 The Sunday Format (b010m61d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 18:00 Terry Pratchett (b008brpc)

Small Gods

Episode 3

Ephebian philosophers argue violently among themselves but they're no match for Deacon Vorbis.

However one philosopher, Didactylus, is prepared to stand up to him.

Terry Pratchett's comic Discworld 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

Didactylus Gerard McDermott

Urn John Cummins

Nhumrod Geoffrey Beevers

Sergeant Simony Nick Sayce

Other parts played by the cast.

Dramatised by Robin Brooks.

Producer: Claire Grove

Director: Gordon House

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2006.

TUE 18:30 Fantastic Tales (b007k2m4)

Hell Screen by Ryunosuke Akutagawa 2/2

Arrogant painter, Yoshi-hidday, puts his daughter's life in terrible danger.

Ryunosuke Akutagawa's chilling horror story concluded by Togo Igawa.

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Director: Gemma Jenkins

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 20:30 John Mortimer - Rumpole (b007jsgf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 21:00 Jane Austen (b007js7y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

TUE 22:00 Down the Line (b010dp1c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]

TUE 22:30 The Remains of Foley and McColl (b007k4p6)

Cutting Edge

Sean and Hamish board Boris' Disco Ship to convert offshore

ravers into fresh, young listeners.

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 (b007wlpq)

Series 1

The Old Lock-keeper

Writer Ed's week is marred by a death, deceptive junk mail and some huge egos.

Welcome to the world of Ed Reardon, author, pipe smoker,

consummate fare-dodger and master of the abusive e-mail.

He may have only one pair of trousers and a seven-figure

Amazon sales ranking, but no writer knows more about

freeloading than Ed Reardon.

Christopher Douglas stars as Ed Reardon.

Written by Christopher Douglas and Andrew Nickolds.

Featuring:

Philip Jackson

Alice Lowe

Geoffrey Whitehead

Emma Kennedy

Geoffrey McGovern

Stephanie Cole

Ronnie Golden

John Fortune

Dan Tetsell

Rita May

Producer: Simon Nicholls

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2005

TUE 23:30 The Nimmo Twins in... (b00jgg2v)

Series 1

Lord of the Onion Rings

Ed fancies Elaine. So does his boss. But in another world,

mighty Ed can smite his enemies. With Owen Evans. From

August 2000.

WEDNESDAY 27 APRIL 2011**WED 00:00 Terry Pratchett (b008brpc)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Tuesday]

WED 00:30 Fantastic Tales (b007k2m4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Tuesday]

WED 01:00 The Secret Life of Rosewood Avenue (b007jx5n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Tuesday]

WED 01:30 The Leopard in Autumn (b00c3b7g)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]

WED 04:30 The Sunday Format (b010m61d)

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WED 05:00 The Man Born to Be King (b008ggwh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Tuesday]

WED 05:45 WE Johns - Biggles Flies North (b007m9sh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Tuesday]

WED 06:00 Julie Enfield Investigates (b010nn2k)

Leaves of the Dead

2. Stacks and Baps and Amulets

Feisty detective superintendent Julie Enfield begins to unravel the murder in the British Library when she learns of a second killing - a new "mummy" in the Egyptian rooms...

Imelda Staunton stars as Julie Enfield in Nick Fisher's atmospheric thriller.

Julie Enfield Imelda Staunton

Dad Geoffrey Matthews

Lawrence Evans Ross Livingstone

Stephen Arnold Alex Lowe

Amanda Thorne Janet Maw

Ken Ioan Meredith

Tony Sean Baker

Terry Faulkner Hugh Dickson

Melanie Sharp Colleen Prendergast

Dorothy Shirley Dixon

Phil Carter Christopher Scott

Producer: Richard Wortley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1997.

WED 06:30 John Mortimer - Rumpole (b007jsgq)

The Fascist Beast

Rumpole takes on a new pupil and defends a racist politician.

"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 John Bott as Judge Jameson, Michael Spice as Guthrie

Featherstone, Lockwood West as Mr Keith and Saeed Jaffrey as

Lutuf Khan.

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.

WED 07:00 Mr Finchley Takes the Road (b007k1gh)

Episode 4

All at sea, Mr Finchley discovers the dignity of labour and visits an old haunt.

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 John Bird as Mr Blain, Clive Swift as the Captain, Auriol

Smith as Mrs Maberley, Richard Ridings as Duffy and Albert

Welling as Mr Greevey.

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 (b007jmlh)

Series 1

Episode 4

Stuck in concrete and about to be shot, the comedian's life

flashes before his eyes. With Dave Lamb. From September

1998.

WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jp42)

Series 5

The Threatening Letters

The lad is full of the joys of Spring - until the postman arrives.

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 (b007jx7q)

The veteran comedian's fun-packed Tickle Tour arrives at

Crewe's Lyceum Theatre. With Peter Goodwright.

WED 09:00 Legal, Decent, Honest and Truthful (b007jvs5)

Series 1

Episode 5

Ken Handley fancies a winter break, but can he escape the ad

agency? Stars Martin Jarvis and Wendy Richard. From

February 1982.

WED 09:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b010nn2p)

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 (b010m614)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

WED 10:50 Front Row Interviews (b010m616)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:50 on Sunday]

WED 11:00 Jane Austen (b007jsb5)

Sense and Sensibility

Delaford, House and Parsonage

Elinor is pained by thoughts of Edward marrying Lucy Steele -

and Marianne gets sick. Stars Jane Leonard and Abigail

McKern.

WED 12:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jp42)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 12:30 Act Your Age (b010dqgb)

Series 3

Episode 5

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?

Jon Richardson is joined by Carl Donnelly, Lucy Porter is

paired with Justin Edwards and Tom O'Connor teams up with

Norman Lovett.

Devised and produced by Ashley Blaker and Bill Matthews.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2011.

WED 13:00 Julie Enfield Investigates (b010nn2k)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 13:30 John Mortimer - Rumpole (b007jsgq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 14:00 Daughters of Britannia (b007jplq)

Getting to Know the Country

From Persia to Paris - Katie Hickman reveals how some diplomatic women relished their destination, but others were not so keen.

WED 14:15 Katie Fforde - A Fortnight in Tuscany (b010m61b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:45 on Sunday]

WED 14:30 Martin Jarvis - Acting Strangely (b007k177)

Good Luck, Please!

From making films to his passion for working in radio, the actor recalls the highlights of his career.

WED 14:45 Sissinghurst: An Unfinished History (b010nn2r)

Dealing With the Trust

Reading his account of the famous Kent garden, Adam Nicolson wants to create an organic farm, but others aren't so sure.

WED 15:00 The Man Born to Be King (b008h949)

Royal Progress

Baruch the Zealot has plans for Jesus. Dorothy L Sayers' cycle of plays on the life of Jesus Christ. Stars Gabriel Woolf.

WED 15:45 WE Johns - Biggles Flies North (b007mc8q)

At the Eleventh Hour

Tied to a tree, will the air ace and his chums meet an untimely end? Michael Palin concludes Captain WE Johns' adventure.

From August 1981.

WED 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b010nn6r)

Mel Giedroyc goes fishing for piranhas in Guyana and hears the musical choices of seafood chef and restaurateur Rick Stein.

WED 17:00 Mr Finchley Takes the Road (b007k1gh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

WED 17:30 The Very World of Milton Jones (b007jmlh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 18:00 Terry Pratchett (b00bdjq2)

Small Gods

Episode 4

Deacon Vorbis has returned triumphantly to Omnia. He proclaims himself the One True Prophet.

But Brutha knows what really happened in the desert and the Great God Om is still out there, stuck in the body of a tortoise.

Conclusion of Terry Pratchett's comic Discworld 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

Fergman Gerard McDermott

Urn John Cummins

Nhumrod Geoffry Beevers

Sergeant Simony Nick Sayce

Death Michael Kilgarriff

Other parts played by the cast.

Dramatised by Robin Brooks.

Producer: Claire Grove

Director: Gordon House

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2006.

WED 18:30 Fantastic Tales (b007k2ty)

Alarm Clock On The Night Table by Zoran Zivkovic

An unusual chain of events forces an elderly woman to confront a tragedy from her past.

Zoran Zivkovic gripping story is read by Anna Massey.

Fantastic Tales is a collection of weird and wonderful stories from around the world.

Translated from the Serbian by Alice Coppel-Tosic.

Director: Gemma Jenkins

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in March 2007.

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WED 20:30 John Mortimer - Rumpole (b007jsgq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 21:00 Jane Austen (b007jsb5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

WED 22:00 Act Your Age (b010dqgb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]

WED 22:30 Naked Radio (b00mbv9r)

The Scottish comedy team pokes fun at topical events. From Glasgow's Tron Theatre. With Elaine C Smith. From May 1987.

WED 23:00 Acropolis Now (b007m9zv)

Series 1

Games

Philosophy takes a back seat when ex-Olympic champions demand a free restaurant meal. Stars Stephen Moore. From December 2000.

WED 23:30 Deep Trouble (b00sg1sj)

Series 1

Episode 1

Britain 2012. Nuclear submarine HMS Goliath is on patrol,

minus a high-tech crew. Stars Jim Field Smith. From October

2005.

THURSDAY 28 APRIL 2011

THU 00:00 Terry Pratchett (b00bdjq2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Wednesday]

THU 00:30 Fantastic Tales (b007k2ty)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Wednesday]

THU 01:00 Legal, Decent, Honest and Truthful (b007jvs5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Wednesday]

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THU 05:45 WE Johns - Biggles Flies North (b007mc8q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Wednesday]

THU 06:00 Julie Enfield Investigates (b010nnhx)

Leaves of the Dead

3. Welcome To The Nightmare

Feisty detective superintendent Julie Enfield probes a third killing. Could it be a ritual murder?

Imelda Staunton stars as Julie Enfield in Nick Fisher's

atmospheric thriller.

Julie Enfield Imelda Staunton

Dad Geoffry Matthews

Lawrence Evans Ross Livingstone

Stephen Arnold Alex Lowe

Amanda Thorne Janet Maw

Melanie Sharp Colleen Prendergast

Dorothy Shirley Dixon

Phil Carter Christopher Scott

Producer: Richard Wortley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1997.

THU 06:30 John Mortimer - Rumpole (b007jsh4)

The Case of Identity

Rumpole deals with some dubious alibis in court and in chambers.

"The Splendours And Miseries Of An Old Bailey Hack".

Starring Maurice Denham as ageing London barrister-at-law

Horace Rumpole.

With Robert Harris as Mr Justice Vosper, Michael Spice as

Guthrie Featherstone, Brian Carroll as Erskine-Brown and

Amanda Murray as Phillida Trant.

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: Peter King

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1980.

THU 07:00 One Foot in the Grave (b007jn64)

The Beast in the Cage

Victor suffers a bank holiday traffic nightmare stuck in a jam -

and so do Margaret and Jean!

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

With Michael Fenton-Stevens, Ainslee Foster, Paul Rogan,

Stephanie Pack and Keith Wickham.

Winning numerous awards, six series were made for TV plus

numerous specials on BBC ONE from 1990 to 2000.

Producer: Diane Messias

First broadcast in February 1995 on BBC Radio 2.

THU 07:30 Cabin Pressure (b00lhx3r)

Series 2

Johannesburg

When Carolyn makes a foolish bet with her pilots, what better

place for a race against time than a sleepy Spanish airfield? Plus

we learn about the thermodynamic properties of boiled sweets

and the kinetic thrust of white wine.

Starring

Carolyn Knapp-Shapley Stephanie Cole

1st Officer Douglas Richardson Roger Allam

Capt. Martin Crieff Benedict Cumberbatch

Arthur Shapley John Finnemore

Senor Quintanilla Michael Fenton-Stevens

Diego Javier Marzan

Written by John Finnemore.

Produced & directed by David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4

THU 08:00 The Men from the Ministry (b010nrmt)

Bringing the House Down

A new office block is on the agenda. But it's a bit too close to

home for Mildred.

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 (b008zdfh)

Episode 4

Hospitals, the Post Office and noisy neighbours.

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 1998.

THU 09:00 No Commitments (b007jp3j)

Series 8

Wanderlust

Roger is tempted to stray, but he'd be keeping it in the family.

Stars Rosemary Leach and Bill Nighy. From January 2002.

THU 09:30 Just a Minute (b00b71dv)

From Belfast, chairman Nicholas Parsons welcomes Paul

Merton, Clement Freud, Sir Tim Rice and Gerry Kelly. From

February 1998.

THU 10:00 Ambridge Extra (b010nrtp)

Series 1

Episode 8

The party lifestyle is wearing thin for Jamie, while Alice and

Chris are making plans.

THU 10:15 Loose Ends (b010k3rm)

Clive Anderson and guests with an eclectic mix of conversation,

music and comedy.

Clive is joined by the entertainer, raconteur and former

politician Gyles Brandreth. His one man comedy show covers

all aspects from his life and was a sell out success at the

Edinburgh Festival last year. London folk get a chance to see

him and The One to One Show at The Riverside Studios in

Hammersmith in May.

Paul Merson was a hugely successful football player for Arsenal

and England. Now he's written his memoir 'How Not to Be a

Professional Footballer'. Top tips on what NOT to do include:

not getting drunk enough to forget the 90 minutes of football

you've just played, not to share a house with Gazza and not to

place £30,000 bets at the bookies. Paul is now a panellist on

SkySports' weekend football results show, Soccer Sunday.

Following a BBC television adaptation starring Billie Piper, the

author of A Passionate Woman, Kay Mellor talks to Clive about

the confession of an affair made to her by her mother. Kay

takes on the emotional role of playing her mother Betty on stage

in Ipswich and Oldham over the next couple of months.

Arthur Smith tries a spot of Sign Spinning under the tutelage of

'spinstor' Max Durovic. It's America's fastest growing form

of outdoor advertising - a mix of break dancing and acrobatic

performance whilst waving a six foot advertising board around

your body!

There's music from London based six-piece skiffle group, The

Severed Limb. Drawn together from a love of rockabilly, folk

and the King of Skiffle Lonnie Donegan, they perform their

single Woo Eee Ha Ha!

Having toured with the likes of Laura Marling and Mumford

and Sons, folk popstress Alessi's Ark makes a welcome return

to Loose Ends, performing The Wire from her new album,

Time Travel.

Producer: Cathie Mahoney.

THU 11:00 Jane Austen (b007jtd1)

Persuasion

Old Friends and New Meetings

Mr Shepherd Stephen Hancock
 Charles Hayter Clive Marlowe
 Captain Harville Paul Alexander
 Captain Benwick Tony Turner
 Square piano (William Rolfe and Sons c 1810) played by Kenneth Mobbs
 Directed at BBC Pebble Mill by Vanessa Whitburn.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1986.
THU 12:00 The Men from the Ministry (b010nrmt)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
THU 12:30 The Simon Day Show (b010dw09)
 Series 1
 Geoffrey Allerton
 Simon Day and his characters welcome listeners to The Mallard, a small provincial theatre somewhere in the UK. Each week one of Simon's characters come to perform at The Mallard and we hear the highlights of that night's show along with the backstage and front-of-house goings on at the theatre itself.
 In show one the theatre is visited by acclaimed Yorkshire poet, Geoffrey Allerton (Simon Day). Geoffrey reads poems and excerpts from his recent memoir "Marking Time" and struggles to get a hot meal from sound and lighting technician, Goose (Felix Dexter). Meanwhile in the bar two local mums are getting to know each other over several bottles of wine.
 Cast list:
 Geoffrey Allerton Simon Day
 Anna / Claire Catherine Shepherd
 Sarah Arabella Weir
 Goose Felix Dexter
 Ron Bone Simon Greenall
 Written by Simon Day
 Produced by Colin Anderson.
THU 13:00 Julie Enfield Investigates (b010nnhx)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
THU 13:30 John Mortimer - Rumpole (b007jsh4)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
THU 14:00 Daughters of Britannia (b007jpm7)
 Painting on the Smiles
 From a ball for 30,000 to entertaining at home - Katie Hickman reveals how being on show wasn't all fun for diplomatic women.
THU 14:15 Ambridge Extra (b010nrtp)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
THU 14:30 Martin Jarvis - Acting Strangely (b007k18j)
 National Curriculum
 Acting with Judi Dench for Peter Hall and working with Harold Pinter, the actor recalls more career highlights.
THU 14:45 Sissinghurst: An Unfinished History (b010nrtr)
 Setbacks and Struggles
 In his account of the famous Kent garden, Adam Nicolson faces opposition to his plan to return to productive farming.
THU 15:00 The Man Born to Be King (b008hq13)
 The King's Supper
 Jesus issues a new law to live by. Dorothy L Sayers' cycle of plays on the life of Jesus Christ. Stars Gabriel Woolf.
THU 15:45 Sweet Dreams (b007jst8)
 Episode 1
 Educated with liberal views, Howard Baker goes to heaven and is pleasantly surprised. Celestial satire read by Martin Jarvis.
THU 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b010nrtr)
 Mel Giedroyc gets excited about the royal wedding and finds out whether or not it's possible to kill someone by firing a pillow from a canon.
THU 17:00 One Foot in the Grave (b007jn64)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
THU 17:30 Cabin Pressure (b00lhx3r)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
THU 18:00 Terry Pratchett (b010ns71)
 Night Watch
 Episode 1
 Living in the past is hard. Dying in the past is incredibly easy. Commander Sam Vimes of the City Watch falls through time and arrives in the city of his youth.
 Terry Pratchett's Discworld novel dramatised in five parts by Robin Brooks.
 Stars Philip Jackson as Sam Vimes, Carl Prekopp as Young Sam, Paul Ritter as Carcer, Peter Marinker as Willikins, Clare Corbett as Rosie, Sam Dale as Fred Colon, Ben Onwukwe as Dr Lawn and Matt Addis as Sergeant Knock.
 Director: Claire Grove
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008.
THU 18:30 Fantastic Tales (b007k30x)
 The White People by Arthur Machen
 The nature of good and evil and the origins of sin are explored as two learned gentlemen hold a heated theological debate...
 Arthur Machen's intriguing tale read by Ioan Meredith and Louise Collins.
 Fantastic Tales is a collection of weird and wonderful stories from around the world.
 Director: Gemma Jenkins
 Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in March 2007.
THU 19:00 The Men from the Ministry (b010nrmt)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
THU 19:30 The Al Read Show (b008zdfh)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
THU 20:00 Julie Enfield Investigates (b010nnhx)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
THU 20:30 John Mortimer - Rumpole (b007jsh4)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 21:00 Jane Austen (b007jtd1)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
THU 22:00 The Simon Day Show (b010dw09)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]
THU 22:30 The Museum of Everything (b007k0r6)
 Series 1
 A Very Important Visitor
 Take a wander around the Museum of Everything- an infinite gallery of strange exhibits and stranger characters.
 Learn about Mary Queen of Scots' execution and enjoy the Sheriff of Nottingham Medieval Disco Experience
 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 (b0081mmm)
 Series 2
 Adam Hills
 The champion of celebratory comedy, Adam Hills chats about some of his most memorable gigs.
 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 (b007wp38)
 The Affair of the Baddie's Niece
 Lord Zimbabwe and Dr Lilac travel back through the seas of time to the Wild West.
 With the help of the good folk of the town of Tombstone, they must thwart the evil Waffle Baron Ike Clanton.
 Dan Freedman and Nick Romero's comedy about the swashbuckling exploits of Lord Zimbabwe, occultist and adventurer.
 Lord Zimbabwe Nick Romero
 Dr Lilac Dan Freedman
 Ike Clanton Owen Oakeshott
 Miss Clanton Sophie Aldred
 Priest Colin Guthrie
 Ringo Peter Donaldson
 Other parts played by the cast.
 Producer: Helen Williams
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2000.

FRIDAY 29 APRIL 2011

FRI 00:00 Terry Pratchett (b010ns71)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Thursday]
FRI 00:30 Fantastic Tales (b007k30x)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]
FRI 01:00 No Commitments (b007jp3j)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]
FRI 01:30 Just a Minute (b00b71dv)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]
FRI 02:00 Ambridge Extra (b010nrtp)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]
FRI 02:15 Loose Ends (b010k3rm)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:15 on Thursday]
FRI 03:00 Jane Austen (b007jtd1)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Thursday]
FRI 04:00 One Foot in the Grave (b007jn64)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]
FRI 04:30 Cabin Pressure (b00lhx3r)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]
FRI 05:00 The Man Born to Be King (b008hq13)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Thursday]
FRI 05:45 Sweet Dreams (b007jst8)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Thursday]
FRI 06:00 Julie Enfield Investigates (b010nwbj)
 Leaves of the Dead
 4. Pyramids In The Spider
 Rendered unconscious, a detective superintendent Julie Enfield has been injected with a deadly drug.
 Are Lawrence Evans and her dad in a position to help?
 Conclusion of Nick Fisher's atmospheric thriller starring Imelda Staunton as Julie Enfield.
 Julie Enfield Imelda Staunton
 Dad Geoffrey Matthews
 Lawrence Evans Ross Livingstone
 Stephen Arnold Alex Lowe
 Amanda Thorne Janet Maw
 Melanie Sharp Colleen Prendergast
 Dorothy Shirley Dixon
 Phil Carter Christopher Scott
 Arthur Morton Stephen Thorne
 Richard Baker Ioan Meredith
 Sal Tracy-Ann Oberman
 Terry Faulkner Hugh Dickson
 Producer: Richard Wortley
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1997.
FRI 06:30 John Mortimer - Rumpole (b007jshh)
 The Expert Witness
 Rumpole recalls the case of a GP accused of killing his wife.
 "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 Derek Farr as Mr Justice Skelton and Ellis Dale as Owen

Munroe.
 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: Peter King
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1980.
FRI 07:00 Desmond Olivier Dingle's Compleat Life and Works of William Shakespeare (b007k2xh)
 Episode 4
 The Royal Dingle Company wreak havoc in Stratford-Upon-Avon. Stars Patrick Barlow and Louise Lombard. From September 1995.
FRI 07:30 The Penny Dreadfuls (b00gpbqc)
 The Brothers Faversham
 Augustus Faversham
 The story of Victorian Britain's most celebrated magician - Augustus 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 February 2008.
FRI 08:00 The Navy Lark (b007tcd9)
 Series 3
 Sea Trials of the Poppadom
 It's hands across the sea - as the crew of HMS Troutbridge help to commission a foreign frigate.
 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, Heather Chasen as Heather, Tenniel Evans as the Admiral and Ronnie Barker and Michael Bates as the Potarneylanders.
 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 (b00r156h)
 Thirty Minutes Worth
 The Burglar
 Cat burglar Fingers Fogerty pays Harry Worth an unwelcome visit.
 Starring Harry Worth.
 With Jacqueline Clarke, Roger John-Lee and Michael Robbins.
 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 (b007jv8w)
 A Curry at Kelmscot
 Jennifer joins Mark and his mutt's Thames quest, but there is a surprise on their menu. Stars Timothy Spall. From January 1993.
FRI 09:30 Genius (b008n9f6)
 Series 1
 Stewart Lee
 From a self-cleaning fish tank with a twist to a CD player-cum-microwave oven?
 Dave Gorman asks comedian Stewart Lee to select the public's best loopy idea.
 The first of three radio comedy series where 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? (b010nwwc)
 Series 1
 Episode 4
 Rufus Hound and guests with news, reviews and previews of what's happening in comedy this week.
FRI 10:30 Ambridge Extra Omnibus (b010nwwf)
 Series 1, Episodes 7-8
 Fallon's got a busy day ahead, and Alice is glad to be back.
FRI 11:00 Jane Austen (b007jtdf)
 Persuasion
 Accidents and Encounters
 Captain Wentworth has returned to the village of Uppercross - becoming the centre of social life for the Musgrove family.
 Only Anne Elliot appears to remember the past and her rejection of his love eight years ago. But is it coldness of indifference which she now senses in his attitude towards her?
 First published in 1817, Jane Austen's last fully completed novel, dramatised by Michelene Wandor.
 Anne Elliot Juliet Stevenson
 Captain Wentworth Tim Brierley
 Jane Austen Sorcha Cusack

Sir Walter Elliot Roger Hume
 Elizabeth Elliot Claire Faulconbridge
 Mr Elliot Peter Harlowe
 Mary Musgrove Kathryn Hurlbutt
 Charles Musgrove Alister Cameron
 Louisa Musgrove Jayne Dowell
 Henrietta Musgrove Alison Dowling
 Mrs Musgrove Sheila Grant
 Lady Russell Patricia Gallimore
 Admiral Croft Jeffery Dench
 Sophia Croft Tina Gray
 Mrs Clay Hedli Niklaus
 Mrs Smith Carole Boyd
 Captain Harville Paul Alexander
 Captain Benwick Tony Turner
 Square piano (William Rolfe and Sons c 1810) played by
 Kenneth Mobbs
 Directed at BBC Pebble Mill by Vanessa Whitburn.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1986.
FRI 12:00 The Navy Lark (b007tcd9)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
FRI 12:30 The News Quiz (b010fd8n)
 Series 74
 Episode 2
 Snooping, Superinjunctions, and Sleeping on the Job: iPhone's tracking abilities, celebrity gagging orders and an air traffic controller who watched movies on the job get the News Quiz treatment, in a satirical review of the week's news, chaired by Sandi Toksvig. Guests this week are Susan Calman, Matthew Parris, Will Smith and Jeremy Hardy. Charlotte Green reads the news.
 Produced by Victoria Lloyd.
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FRI 13:30 John Mortimer - Rumpole (b007jshh)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
FRI 14:00 Daughters of Britannia (b007jpms)
 Husbands and Wives
 Meeting both the diplomatic needs of their partner and the Foreign Office - Katie Hickman shares the advice given to the women.
FRI 14:15 Love Stories (b010nxrt)
 The Lark
 By Alan Titchmarsh. A widow's life is transformed by an unexpected love affair. Read by Joanna Tope.
FRI 14:30 Martin Jarvis - Acting Strangely (b007k19t)
 Swimming with Sharks
 Established on stage, TV and radio, the bright lights of Tinsel Town beckon. The actor concludes his career highlights.
FRI 14:45 Sissinghurst: An Unfinished History (b010nxrw)
 The Way Forward
 Concluding his recollections, Adam Nicolson must convince his workers to back the garden's return to a working landscape.
FRI 15:00 The Man Born to Be King (b008h619)
 The Princes of this World
 Jesus has been taken prisoner. Dorothy L Sayers' cycle of plays on the life of Jesus Christ. Stars Gabriel Woolf.
FRI 15:45 Sweet Dreams (b007jstk)
 Episode 2
 Howard Baker can do no wrong up in Heaven - and his wife forgives his bad behaviour. Celestial satire read by Martin Jarvis.
FRI 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b010nyk2)
 Mel Giedroyc celebrates the royal wedding, listens to the latest Sneaky Peeks for the comedy week ahead and enjoys the final chapter of Goodnight Mr Tom.
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 Night Watch
 Episode 2
 Chasing a villain called Carcer, Commander Sam Vimes of the City Watch has been thrown back in time. The Old Watch are a lack-lustre bunch and they've taken him prisoner.
 Terry Pratchett's Discworld novel dramatised by Robin Brooks. Stars Philip Jackson as Sam Vimes, Carl Prekopp as Young Sam, Paul Ritter as Carcer, Peter Marinker as Tilden, Clare Corbett as Rosie, Sam Dale as Colon, Ben Onwukwe as Dr Lawn and Matt Addis as Knock.
 Director: Claire Grove
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008.
FRI 18:30 Fantastic Tales (b0084sqq)
 Delhi by Vandana Singh
 A man living in present-day Delhi is haunted by visions of the city as it was in the past - and how it will be in the future...
 Vandana Singh's story is read by Shiv Grewal.
 Fantastic Tales is a collection of weird and wonderful stories from around the world.
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FRI 22:00 The News Quiz Extra (b010nyk6)
 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 (b007k33s)
 The Zoo
 Revealing the links between hurdling cattle, the Elephant's Lumberyard, gong beetles, alternative horticulture and the Llama movies of the early 60s.
 Oliver Postgate narrates a stream of bizarre coincidences in Ben Moor's cosmic comedy of connections.
 With Julian Pettifer, Brian Hayes, Dan Strauss, Kerry Shale, Geoff McGivern, Fiona Allen.
 Producer: Jon Naismith
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1995
FRI 23:00 What's So Funny? (b010nwwc)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
FRI 23:30 Lenin of the Rovers (b007jplc)
 Series 1
 Episode 4
 Britain's first communist football team tackles Germany. But what about the revolution? Stars Alexei Sayle. From March 1988.