

## SATURDAY 07 MAY 2011

**SAT 00:00 Terry Pratchett (b007jlx)**

Only You Can Save Mankind  
2. I'll See You in My Hallucinations  
The ScreeWee Captain asks Johnny to lead them, but the Gunnery Officer has other ideas.  
As the alien fleet crosses the computer screen, 12 year-old Johnny prepares to blow the ScreeWee into a million pieces - sparking a wild seesaw adventure involving space warfare, starships and aliens.

Terry Pratchett's sci-fi fantasy novel stars Tim Smith and Janet Dale.

Dramatised by Bob Hescott.

Johnny Maxwell .... Tim Smith  
ScreeWee Captain .... Janet Dale  
Gunnery Officer .... Michael Angelis  
Newscaster .... Renu Setna

Wobbler .... Akbar Karim

Big Mac .... Michael Perestrello

Yo-less .... Peter Dalton

ScreeWee Crew Member .... Tessa Harrison

Kirsty .... Natalie Moore

Johnny's Father .... Laurence Rew

Johnny's Mother .... Marian Kemmer

Nozzer .... David Hawkins

Shane .... Matthew Campion

The Architect .... Simon Carter

Producer: Brian Lighthill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1996.

**SAT 00:30 James Follett - The Destruction Factor (b007jpb)****Birdstrike**

After sparking a plane crash, the deadly Exon plant strain's advancement continues.

James Follett's sci-fi thriller starring TP McKenna.

Max Flinders ..... TP McKenna

Denise Exon ..... Rosalind Adams

Howard Rogers ..... Paul Copley

Blowers ..... Michael Shannon

Prime Minister ..... Noel Johnson

Shand ..... Gregory de Polnay

Wayne ..... Roy Spencer

Dymond ..... Rod Beacham

Producer: David Spencer

First broadcast as 2 x 90 minute plays on BBC Radio 4 in March 1978.

**SAT 01:00 Boogie Up the River (b007jz40)**

Lechlade, Twinned with Zanzibar  
Mark is celebrating, but with dog hair in the champers. Can a living legend save the day? Stars Timothy Spall. From January 1993.

**SAT 01:30 Genius (b008gh65)****Series 1**

Paul Daniels

From the 99p coin to steel drum urinals.

Dave Gorman asks magician Paul Daniels 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 October 2005.

**SAT 02:00 What's So Funny? (b010vycc)****Series 1**

Episode 5

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

**SAT 02:30 Ambridge Extra Omnibus (b010vyfc)****Series 1, Episodes 9-10**

Alice has a guilty conscience and Fallon thinks romance is in the air.

**SAT 03:00 Jill Paton Walsh - A Piece of Justice (b010vyt7)**

When Fran gets the chance to take over the biography of the great mathematician Gideon Summerfield, she rapidly discovers there's a mystery over a few days he went missing in August 1978.

Her friend Imogen is the first to realise she may be in danger...  
Dramatised by Neville Teller from the novel by Jill Paton Walsh.

Imogen Quay .... Barbara Flynn

Janet Somerfield .... Rosemary Leach

Francis Bullion .... Tracy Wiles

Josh .... Robert Harper

Dr Mistral .... James Greene

Lady Buckmote .... Marlene Sidaway

Sir William Buckmote .... Geoffrey Whitehead

Professor Maverack .... Colin Starkey

Meredith Bagadeuce .... Peter Howell

Pamela Zephyr .... Di Botcher

David Swann .... Iwan Thomas

Director: Janet Whitaker

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1998.

**SAT 04:00 Desmond Olivier Dingle's Compleat Life and Works of William Shakespeare (b007k33j)****Episode 5**

John Barrowman's expert masterclass reaches a surprising conclusion about the Bard. Stars Patrick Barlow. From October

1995.

**SAT 04:30 Snap (b00td5sb)****Series 1****Episode 1**

When a couple have history, how can they ever be history? Molly and Doug are separating but as he's only moving a few streets away, can they make a clean break?

Paul Mendelson's sitcom stars Rebecca Lacey and Paul Venables.

Molly .... Rebecca Lacey

Doug .... Paul Venables

Kaz .... Soumaya Keynes

Ryan .... Jessie Sullivan

Scarlet .... Rebecca Front

Mrs Lonsdale .... Marlene Sidaway

Ansel .... Richard Firth

Producer: David Ian Neville

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2003.

**SAT 05:00 The Medical Detectives (b007k0qq)****The Epping Jaundice**

A strange epidemic sweeps through the inhabitants of a quiet Essex suburb. Starring Bernard Hepton and Roger Allam.

**SAT 05:45 Sweet Dreams (b007jsw8)****Episode 7**

As Howard gets to know God, he does well for himself and gets a promotion. Celestial satire concluded by Martin Jarvis.

**SAT 06:00 The Other Side of the Hill (b010x8rh)****The Long Road to Waterloo**

The 1808-1813 peninsular campaign of the Duke of Wellington continues. Peter Luke's two linked plays, with Michael Pennington.

**SAT 07:30 What's So Funny? (b010vycc)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:00 today]

**SAT 08:00 Garrison Keillor's Radio Show (b010x8rk)****Series 6****Episode 24**

From Santa Barbara, the American funny man welcomes bluesman Elvin Bishop and fiddler extraordinaire Sara Watkins. From 2010.

**SAT 09:00 I Did It My Way (b009qh5q)****Andy Hamilton**

The devil himself talks! The writer and star of 'Old Harry's Game' talks to Peter Reed about his radio life and times.

Featuring The Million Pound Radio Show (July 1991), Old Harry's Game (July 1995 and April 1998), Revolting People (February 2000) and Trevor's World of Sport (Mar 2007).

Andy Hamilton has been involved with some of the finest television comedies of the last four decades - Not the Nine O'Clock News, Drop the Dead Donkey and latterly Outnumbered. Television alone is not the only successful arena for Andy- Old Harry's Game, Revolting People and Trevor's World of Sport are just some of his radio triumphs. 2014 saw Andy's film What We Did On Our Holiday reach cinemas featuring David Tennant, Rosamund Pike and Billy Connolly. Produced by Martin Dempsey.

**SAT 12:00 Writing the Century - Omnibus (b010x8rm)****The Iron Curtain**

Nell Leyshon's drama inspired by the letters and diaries of Paula Kirby, who went to teach English in East Germany in the 1980s.

**SAT 13:10 Leonard Rossiter - In a Nutshell (b00sj8xc)****An Instant Opinion**

"Nowadays, the key question in any political or philosophical movement is, "Can we get it on a badge?" Leonard Rossiter (1926-1984) delivers a satirical musing on the effect of slogans on badges and t-shirts.

Written by Barry Pilton.

Producer: Louise Purslow

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1981.

**SAT 13:15 Baldi (b007jlk6)****Series 1****Keepers of the Flame**

Paolo Baldi, - priest, philosophy lecturer and accidental sleuth - is caught up in solving the murder of a leading University academic. He follows a trail leading into the past of one of Ireland's most cherished literary figures.

Starring David Threlfall as Paolo Baldi, Tina Kellegher as Tina Mahon, TP McKenna as Father Troy, Gerard McSorley as Doctor Graham, Owen Roe as Superintendent Rynne and Margaret D'Arcy as Mrs Reid.

Murder mystery written by Simon Brett.

Format by Barry Devlin. Developed and produced by BBC Northern Ireland.

Directed in Belfast by Lawrence Jackson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2000.

**SAT 14:30 Dad's Army (b007jllv)****Series 1****The Armoured Might of Lance-Corporal Jones**

Private Walker dreams up a plan to get petrol coupons so Corporal Jones's delivery van can be commandeered for the war effort...

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

Private Frazer .... John Laurie

Cissie Godfrey .... Nan Brawnton

Percy the Parrot .... Percy Edwards

Announcer .... John Snagge

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1974.

**SAT 15:00 Garrison Keillor's Radio Show (b010x8rk)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**SAT 16:00 The Other Side of the Hill (b010x8rh)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**SAT 17:30 What's So Funny? (b010vycc)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:00 today]

**SAT 18:00 The Scarifiers (b00v76yy)****The Curse of the Black Comet****Episode 1**

MI-13's Lionheart and Dunning investigate a mysterious outbreak of the Black Death in 1930s London. Stars Brian Blessed.

**SAT 18:30 JG Ballard - The Drowned World (b00j18v2)****Episode 2**

Tropical conditions trigger people's primal memories. Robert Glenister reads JG Ballard's 1962 story set in submerged London.

**SAT 19:00 I Did It My Way (b009qh5q)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**SAT 22:00 Saturday Stand-Up (b010x8rp)****Milton Jones - Live**

Life in the Arctic and coin conversations. The master of the one-liner in front of an Edinburgh Festival audience. From 1998.

**SAT 22:45 Fabulous (b00j2516)****Series 1****Episode 5**

Things are looking up for Faye, with invites to management drinks and her boss's wedding.

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

With:

Olivia Colman

Daisy Haggard

Katy Brand

Adam Buxton

Matthew Holness

Joanna Scanlan

Joanna Neary

Eve Dallas

Music by Osymyso.

Producer: Simon Nicholls

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2007.

**SAT 23:00 Ruth Rendell Stories (b00mqcx9)****The Wink**

Elderly Jean exacts revenge on the man who raped her when she was only a teenager.

Ruth Rendell's short story read by Kathy Staff.

Producer: Julia Butt

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2001.

**SAT 23:15 Ruth Rendell Stories (b00mr1rm)****Computer Seance**

Sophia is a medium with a laptop. One day she bumps into

Jimmy, who just happens to be her dead brother. Read by

Lesley Joseph.

**SAT 23:30 Scandinavian Chiller (b010x8rr)****Hakan Nesser - Woman With Birthmark****Episode 1**

Scandinavian chiller featuring a serial killer with a fascination for 1960s group The Shadows. Read by Michael Maloney.

## SUNDAY 08 MAY 2011

**SUN 00:00 The Scarifiers (b00v76yy)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Saturday]

**SUN 00:30 JG Ballard - The Drowned World (b00j18v2)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Saturday]

**SUN 01:00 Garrison Keillor's Radio Show (b010x8rk)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Saturday]

**SUN 02:00 Writing the Century - Omnibus (b010x8rm)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Saturday]

**SUN 03:10 Leonard Rossiter - In a Nutshell (b00sj8xc)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:10 on Saturday]

**SUN 03:15 Baldi (b007jlk6)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:15 on Saturday]

**SUN 04:00 The Other Side of the Hill (b010x8rh)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday]

**SUN 05:30 What's So Funny? (b010vycc)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:00 on Saturday]

**SUN 06:00 Daughters of Britannia Omnibus (b00c90g6)****Episode 3**

Katie Hickman examines the lives of "the women of the embassies" through their letters and diaries.

**SUN 07:10 Leonard Rossiter - In a Nutshell (b00sj91n)****Dear Mother of God**

"And lo! there also appeared an enormous great basilica, 500 car parks, infinite miracle hamburger stands and souvenir shops."

If the Son of Man returned, how would Christianity celebrate? Ponderings from Leonard Rossiter.

Barry Pilton's mercurial musings. .

Producer: Louise Purslow

First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in September 1981.

**SUN 07:15 Daphne Du Maurier (b00bdn13)**

The Supreme Artist

The matinee is over, but who is the visitor waiting at the stage door? Michael Drew reads Daphne du Maurier's short story.

**SUN 07:30 Sarah Millican's Support Group (b010twf6)**

Series 2

1. 'My partner is too controlling - a fight for the TV remote'  
"My partner is too controlling - a fight for the television remote"

"I'm a non drinker with no friends - should I just buy a cat?"  
Sarah Millican returns as a life counsellor and modern-day agony aunt tackling the nation's problems head on, dishing out real advice for real people.

Assisted by her very own team of experts of the heart - man of the people local cabbie Terry, and self qualified counsellor Marion.

Sarah tackles the nation's problems head on and has a solution for everything.

Sarah ..... Sarah Millican

Marion ..... Ruth Bratt

Terry ..... Simon Daye

Linda ..... Diane Morgan

Matthew ..... Will Smith

Written by Sarah Millican.

Producer: Lianne Coop

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2011.

**SUN 08:30 Dad's Army (b007jlvh)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Saturday]

**SUN 09:00 Michelle Magorian - Back Home (b010x9qg)**

Episode 1

Wartime evacuee Rusty returns to Britain with an American accent, and meets a mother she doesn't recognise. Stars Mary Wimbush.

**SUN 09:30 The Silver Sword - Ian Serrailier (b010x9wz)**

Episode 2

Ruth and Bronia Balicki head to Switzerland with street urchin Jan, hoping to track down their parents. Stars Stephen Hoyle.

**SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b010y3f8)**

Colin Firth

Kirsty Young presents gems from the Desert Island Discs archive. In the first in our series of actors, we revisit the choices of BAFTA and Academy Award winning actor Colin Firth.

**SUN 10:50 Front Row Interviews (b010y3fb)**

Miranda Hart

Award winning funny woman Miranda Hart reflects on what makes her laugh and creating 'Miranda' - talking to Kirsty Lang.

**SUN 11:00 William Trevor Short Stories (b007jvyb)**

The Distant Past

Two Irish Protestants live contentedly in the past, until the present catches up with them. Read by Denys Hawthorne.

**SUN 11:15 Ambridge Extra Omnibus (b010yvcf)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:30 on Saturday]

**SUN 11:45 William Trevor Short Stories (b007jtw9)**

Teresa's Wedding

At a bleak wedding reception, a young pregnant bride discovers why her marriage might just work. Read by Denys Hawthorne.

**SUN 12:00 Daughters of Britannia Omnibus (b00c90g6)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**SUN 13:10 Leonard Rossiter - In a Nutshell (b00s91n1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:10 today]

**SUN 13:15 Daphne Du Maurier (b00bdn13)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

**SUN 13:30 Sarah Millican's Support Group (b010twf6)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**SUN 14:00 The Leopard in Autumn (b00c683t)**

Series 1

The Future Begins Here

Prince Ludovico battles his enemies in the local tavern while his wife Princess Plethora tries to reconcile her quarrel-some sons.

Neal Anthony's 16th century 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 Doctor Dolfini.

Producer: Helen Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2001.

**SUN 14:30 The Brothers (b007k4nx)**

Series 1

Episode 1

A couple of years ago brothers Nigel and Michael gave up respectable careers to set up a website-design company. That was their first mistake...

Starring Adam Godley and Raymond Coulthard.

First of three comedy series by Caroline and David Stafford.

Nigel ..... Adam Godley

Michael ..... Raymond Coulthard

Oona ..... Pauline McLynn

Zorro ..... Pearce Quigley

Producer: Marc Beeby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2004.

**SUN 15:00 Snap (b00td5sb)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:30 on Saturday]

**SUN 15:30 Steptoe and Son (b007j15j)**

Series 1

The Offer

After a row with his father Albert, Harold decides to leave their rag and bone business and take up another offer of employment.

Starring Wilfrid Brambell as Albert and Harry H Corbett as Harold.

Following the conclusion of their hugely successful association with Tony Hancock, Ray Galton and Alan Simpson wrote 10 pilots for BBC TV's Comedy Playhouse in 1962.

The Offer was set in a house with a yard full of junk, featuring the lives of rag and bone men Albert Steptoe and his son Harold and it was the spark for a run of 8 series for TV.

Adapted for BBC radio from Galton and Simpson's TV script by Gale Pedrick.

Produced by Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in July 1966.

**SUN 16:00 Michelle Magorian - Back Home (b010x9qg)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**SUN 16:30 The Silver Sword - Ian Serrailier (b010x9wz)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

**SUN 17:00 Garrison Keillor's Radio Show (b010x8rk)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Saturday]

**SUN 18:00 Mike Walker - Alpha (b0080p6l)**

An all-knowing computer appears to have an independent life of its own - an abomination for those who believe in a supreme creator.

Father Marquez is sent to interrogate 'Alpha' to decide whether or not it can be allowed to exist. During their conversations, Marquez finds out far more than he expects about both Alpha and - much more disturbingly - himself...

Mike Walker's chilling drama won Gold at the Sony Radio Academy Awards 2001.

Stars David Calder as Father Marquez, Sarah-Jane Holm as Alpha, John Moffatt as Cardinal Correlli, Ana Sofrenovia as Katerina, Daniel O'Grady as Tom and Lexi Ross as Sophia.

Original music composed and played by David Chilton.

Producer: Gordon House

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in 2001.

**SUN 19:00 William Trevor Short Stories (b007jvyb)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

**SUN 19:15 Ambridge Extra Omnibus (b010yvcf)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:30 on Saturday]

**SUN 19:45 William Trevor Short Stories (b007jtw9)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:45 today]

**SUN 20:30 Dad's Army (b007jlvh)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Saturday]

**SUN 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b010y3f8)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**SUN 21:50 Front Row Interviews (b010y3fb)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:50 today]

**SUN 22:00 Sarah Millican's Support Group (b010twf6)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**SUN 22:30 The Masterson Inheritance (b007jsrx)**

Series 1

Scurvy

The Mastersons set sail across the Atlantic, but there are dangerous sheep lurking in them there waters.

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 May 1993.

**SUN 23:00 The Ape That Got Lucky (b0080nk7)**

Social Development

The real story of the human brain.

According to scientists, it's developed to help us cope with our unpleasantly complicated social lives.

A spoof exploration of the fascinating subject of human evolution.

Starring Chris Addison.

With Professor Austin Herring (aka Geoffrey McGivern), Jo Enright and Dan Tetsell.

Written by Chris Addison and Carl Cooper.

Producer: Simon Nicholls

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2005.

**SUN 23:30 Elvenquest (b00kpw9l)**

Series 1

Episode 6

Finally the Sword of Asnagar is found. But is Sam a traitor?

Fantasy comedy starring Darren Boyd and Dave Lamb. From June 2009

**MONDAY 09 MAY 2011**

**MON 00:00 Mike Walker - Alpha (b0080p6l)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]

**MON 01:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b010y3f8)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

**MON 01:50 Front Row Interviews (b010y3fb)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:50 on Sunday]

**MON 02:00 William Trevor Short Stories (b007jvyb)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Sunday]

**MON 02:15 Ambridge Extra Omnibus (b010yvcf)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:30 on Saturday]

**MON 02:45 William Trevor Short Stories (b007jtw9)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:45 on Sunday]

**MON 03:00 The Leopard in Autumn (b00c683t)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Sunday]

**MON 03:30 The Brothers (b007k4nx)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Sunday]

**MON 04:00 Snap (b00td5sb)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:30 on Saturday]

**MON 04:30 Steptoe and Son (b007j15j)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:30 on Sunday]

**MON 05:00 Michelle Magorian - Back Home (b010x9qg)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Sunday]

**MON 05:30 The Silver Sword - Ian Serrailier (b010x9wz)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Sunday]

**MON 06:00 The Toff (b007jrmb)**

The Toff and the Runaway Bride

6. Confrontation in Paris

Can the Honourable Richard Rollison finally unravel the mystery - and reveal the murderer's identity?

Terence Alexander stars as the Toff - upper-class amateur sleuth, the Honourable Richard Rollison.

The gripping conclusion of John Creasey's thriller.

Jolly ..... Robert Dornig

Carruthers ..... David Graham

Major Guy Lessing ..... Alan Cuthbertson

Robert Lawn ..... Kevin Brennan

Barbara Lessing ..... Rosalind Shanks

Inspector ..... Jean Dryant

Dramatised by Roy Lomax.

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson.

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in June 1975.

**MON 06:30 Mark McShane - Seance on a Wet Afternoon (b00r8hvd)**

Episode 3

Clairvoyant kidnapper Myra Savage and her husband await ransom money for their girl hostage. Read by Anton Lesser.

**MON 06:45 Frank W Abagnale (b00td6m9)**

Catch Me If You Can

Episode 3

Conman Frank Abagnale Jr continues to fake his way around the States. But how long will it be before he is found out? Read by William Hope. From August 2010.

**MON 07:00 Ballylenon (b007mf83)**

Series 1

Episode 6

Will the "1000 Years" Festival mark the end of the old courthouse battle?

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.

Phonsie Doherty ..... TP McKenna

Muriel Maconchy ..... Margaret D'Arcy

Vera Maconchy ..... Stella McCusker

Vivienne Boal ..... Aine McCartney

Guard Gallagher ..... John Hewitt

Stumpy Bonnar ..... Gerard McSorley

Canon Friel ..... Kevin Flood

Aubrey Frawley ..... Dominic Letts

Music arranged and performed by Stephanie Hughes.

Director: Eoin O'Callaghan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1994.

**MON 07:30 Chain Reaction (b00mtp14)**

Series 3

Jack Dee interviews Jeremy Hardy

The two comedians get chatting in the tag-team talk show, where this week's guest is next week's interviewer. From February 2007.

**MON 08:00 Round the Horne (b007js3y)**

Series 2

Episode 11

It's Kenneth Horne to the rescue in 'The Gaylords', a tune from Rambling Syd Rumpo, plus Julian and Sandy get all musical in Bona Beats.

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 Ben, 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 (b010y71x)**

Series 7

Episode 6

Solutions for unemployment - and Professor Prune hears a strange echo.

Starring Tim Brooke-Taylor, John Cleese, Graeme Garden, David Hatch, Jo Kendall and Bill Oddie.

Sketches written by Graeme Garden, Bill Oddie and Andrew Fisher.

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 Bill Oddie, 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 (b007jssx)**

Series 1  
Crises

Radio's sofa-bound daytime presenter duo tackles crises and reveal the popularity of sex

Bill Dare's sitcom starring Robert Duncan as Mike and Julia Hills as Sue.

With Mark Kilmurry, Roger Blake, Sally Phillips and Dan Strauss.

Music by Mark Burton.

Producer: Pete Sinclair

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1996.

**MON 09:30 Safety Catch (b00fkyrd)**

Series 1

Loose Lips Sink Ships

Will Simon blow the whistle on his murky world of international arms dealing? Stars Darren Boyd. From October 2007.

**MON 10:00 Sarah Millican's Support Group (b010y7bp)**

Series 2

2. 'I think I'm addicted to plastic surgery'

"I think I'm addicted to plastic surgery"

"My retired Dad has more of a social life than me - how can I get him to swap stripping for slippers?"

Sarah Millican is a life counsellor and modern-day agony aunt tackling the nation's problems head on, dishing out real advice for real people.

Assisted by her very own team of experts of the heart - man of the people local cabbie Terry, and self qualified counsellor Marion,

Sarah tackles the nation's problems head on and has a solution for everything.

Sarah ..... Sarah Millican

Marion ..... Ruth Bratt

Terry ..... Simon Daye

Rachel ..... Isy Suttie

Ian ..... William Andrews

Jeff ..... Kevin Eldon

Clive ..... Malcolm Tierney.

Written by Sarah Millican.

Producer: Lianne Coop

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2011

**MON 10:30 Playing a Dangerous Game (b00v7t28)**

In 1940, gypsy guitarist Django Reinhardt continued to play music banned in occupied Paris. Miles Kington discovers how.

**MON 11:00 The Rime of the Ancient Mariner (b00tdmc0)**

Biographer Richard Holmes introduces Coleridge's classic poem of a cursed sea voyage. Starring John Nettles and Philip Madoc.

**MON 12:00 Round the Horne (b007js3y)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**MON 12:30 The Unbelievable Truth (b010t64r)**

Series 7

Episode 5

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: Sheep, Furniture, The Ancient Greeks and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

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 The Toff (b007jrmb)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**MON 13:30 Mark McShane - Seance on a Wet Afternoon (b00r8hvd)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**MON 13:45 Frank W Abagnale (b00td6m9)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]

**MON 14:00 Daughters of Britannia (b007jprp)**

Hard Times

From putting on make-up in the dark to coping with snakebites

- Katie Hickman has more from the writings of diplomats' wives.

**MON 14:15 Daphne Du Maurier (b00bdn13)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Sunday]

**MON 14:30 David Park - The Truth Commissioner (b010y7mw)**

Episode 6

A government minister and an ex-policeman may be implicated in the disappearance of a boy years earlier. Read by Gerard Murphy.

**MON 14:45 You Cannot Live As I Have Lived and Not End Up Like This (b00sr302)**

Episode 1

Terence Blacker celebrates the outrageous life of Willie Donaldson, creator of the 'Henry Root letters'. Read by Stephen Boxer.

**MON 15:00 The Medical Detectives (b007k0rx)**

The Stranded Eagle

After Salomon August Andrée's doomed Arctic crossing by hydrogen balloon, investigators piece together events. Stars Ken Stott.

**MON 15:45 Clive James - Even As We Speak (b009x1jx)**

George Russell

Clive James muses on the influence of one of his university lecturers, and the contents of his cellar.

**MON 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b010y8br)**

Mel Giedroyc cooks with comedians Fred MacAulay and Susan Calman, enjoys live football with Radio 4's Peter White and searches for doughnut perfection.

**MON 17:00 Ballylenon (b007mf83)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**MON 17:30 Chain Reaction (b00mtpl4)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**MON 18:00 Terry Pratchett (b007ncfp)**

Only You Can Save Mankind

3. Is This Just Fantasy?

Johnny has the flu and wants to go to bed, but the ScreeWee Captain is still in trouble.

As the alien fleet crosses the computer screen, 12 year-old Johnny prepares to blow the ScreeWee into a million pieces - sparking a wild seasaw adventure involving space warfare, starships and aliens.

The conclusion of Terry Pratchett's sci-fi fantasy novel starring Tim Smith and Janet Dale.

Johnny Maxwell .... Tim Smith

ScreeWee Captain .... Janet Dale

Gunnery Officer .... Michael Angelis

The PT Teacher .... Mark Finn

Wobbler .... Akhbar Karim

Johnny's Mother .... Marian Kemmer

Johnny's Father .... Laurence Rew

ScreeWee Crew Member .... Tessa Harrison

Newsreader .... Terry Pearson

Yo-less .... Peter Dalton

Big Mac .... Michael Peristrello

Kirsty .... Natalie Moore

Kirsty's Mother .... Tina Gray

Mr Patel .... Renu Setna

With David Hawkins, David Campion and Simon Carter

Dramatised by Bob Hescott.

Producer: Brian Lighthill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1996.

**MON 18:30 James Follett - The Destruction Factor (b007jpbx)**

Search and Destroy

Despite the national emergency, landowners try to profit from the deadly Exon strain.

James Follett's sci-fi thriller starring TP McKenna.

Max Flinders ..... TP McKenna

Denise Exon ..... Rosalind Adams

Howard Rogers ..... Paul Copley

Nurse ..... Joan Matheson

Prime Minister ..... Noel Johnson

Blowers ..... Michael Shannon

TV Presenter ..... Henry Knowles

TV PA ..... Mary Elliott Nelson

Climatorium Technician ..... Rod Beacham

Helicopter Pilot ..... Peter Wickham

Farmer ..... Roy Spencer

Corporal ..... Gregory de Polnay

Sachs ..... Denis Goacher

Producer: David Spencer

First broadcast as 2 x 90 minute plays on BBC Radio 4 in

March 1978.

**MON 19:00 Round the Horne (b007js3y)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**MON 19:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b010y71x)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**MON 20:00 The Toff (b007jrmb)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**MON 20:30 Mark McShane - Seance on a Wet Afternoon (b00r8hvd)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**MON 20:45 Frank W Abagnale (b00td6m9)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]

**MON 21:00 The Rime of the Ancient Mariner (b00tdmc0)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

**MON 22:00 The Unbelievable Truth (b010t64r)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]

**MON 22:30 The Atkinson People (b007k1qg)**

Sir Benjamin Fletcher

Rowan Atkinson's satirical investigation into the life of the fictional master orator. With Hugh Thomas. From April 1979.

**MON 23:00 Sarah Millican's Support Group (b010y7bp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**MON 23:30 Weak at the Top (b00rs8gz)**

Series 1

Knowing Your Unions

Mean marketing director, John Weak discovers there's nothing legally binding about a legally binding contract.

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

Randy, devious, sexist and workshy, John Weak puts the man into management.

John Weak ..... Alexander Armstrong

Hayley ..... Clare Perkins

Sir Marcus ..... Geoffrey Whitehead

Bill Peters ..... Ron Cook

Gary Peyton ..... Ewan Bailey

Giles ..... Stephen Critchlow

Producer: Jonquil Panting

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2005.

**TUESDAY 10 MAY 2011**

**TUE 00:00 Terry Pratchett (b007ncfp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Monday]

**TUE 00:30 James Follett - The Destruction Factor (b007jpbx)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Monday]

**TUE 01:00 Life, Death and Sex with Mike and Sue (b007jssx)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Monday]

**TUE 01:30 Safety Catch (b00fkyrd)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Monday]

**TUE 02:00 Sarah Millican's Support Group (b010y7bp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]

**TUE 02:30 Playing a Dangerous Game (b00v7t28)**

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[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Monday]

**TUE 06:00 John Creasey - The Toff on the Farm (b007jrj3)**

1. Trouble for Sale

The Honourable Richard Rollison (the Toff) is offered the chance to buy a small farm in Sussex.

But when a man mysteriously disappears, the amateur sleuth soon realises something is amiss...

John Creasey's thriller starring Terence Alexander.

Dramatised in six parts by Roy Lomax

The Toff ..... Terence Alexander

Jolly ..... Robert Dorning

Gillian Selby ..... Heather Stoney

Vicar ..... Jeffrey Segal

Monty Morne ..... Terrence Hardiman

Bert ..... Frank Jarvis

Mr Brandt ..... Ed Bishop

Other parts played by the cast

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in March 1977.

**TUE 06:30 Mark McShane - Seance on a Wet Afternoon (b00r9216)**

Episode 4

Clairvoyant kidnapper Myra Savage's seance for the 'missing' girl sparks a dreadful incident. Read by Anton Lesser.

**TUE 06:45 Frank W Abagnale (b00td8rp)**

Catch Me If You Can

Episode 4

The FBI is in hot pursuit, but Frank Abagnale Jr's scams become even more daring. William Hope reads the infamous conman's story. From August 2010.

**TUE 07:00 The World As We Know It (b00fj2bt)**

The Election

Donna, Johnny, Patrick and Abigail have discovered they're the last four people left on earth, with the exception of the mysterious Stranger found in their cellar.

Unable to decide who should do what around the house, they hold an election to decide the head of the household.

Sitcom by Luke Sorba.

Johnny ..... Toby Longworth

Donna ..... Meera Syal

Patrick ..... Luke Sorba

Abigail ..... Carla Mendonca

The Stranger ..... Simon Greenall

Producer: Elizabeth Anstee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1999.

**TUE 07:30 The Sunday Format (b0110207)**

Series 2

Episode 2

Dream constructively, and get the right beach ball. Radio's posh paper tells you how. With Simon Greenall. From November 2000.

**TUE 08:00 Take It From Here (b0110209)**

From 12/11/1953

Frank Muir and Denis Norden's classic comedy, with the debut of the Glums family with Pa, Ron and Eth. Stars Jimmy Edwards, Dick Bentley and June Whitfield. From November 1953.

**TUE 08:30 The Burkiss Way (b00jr7ft)**

Series 2

Do You-Know-What The Burkiss Way

Any doubts about you-know-what are put to rest.

The Burkiss Way to Dynamic Living courtesy of Jo Kendall,

Nigel Rees, Chris Emmett and Fred Harris.

With written hints by Andrew Marshall and David Renwick

(who don't want to spell it out).

A discreet production from Simon Brett.

Cult sketch show first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February

1977.

**TUE 09:00 The Secret Life of Rosewood Avenue (b007jx7h)**

The Resurrection of Reverend Carswell

"I have something that the Reverend Hornblower will never enjoy: the love and respect of my congregation..."  
Shocks galore for the hapless vicar, Timothy Carswell with a disappearing congregation - and shock new title.  
Stephen Sheridan's six-part series starring James Grout.  
Reverend Timothy Carswell ..... James Grout  
Miss Tilling ..... Margaret Courtenay  
Miss Tapp ..... Jean Heywood  
Reverend Hornblower ..... Garrick Hagon  
Mrs Muir ..... Elizabeth Mansfield  
Mr Widlake ..... Brian Miller  
Mrs Widlake ..... Bernadine Corrigan  
Dr Warlock ..... Christopher Good  
Producer: Lissa Evans.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1991.

**TUE 09:30 The Leopard in Autumn (b00cbm6c)**

Series 1

Plethora Princess Regent

Awaiting news of a new pope, Plethora takes over Monte Guano and Ludovico takes to his bed.

Neal Anthony's 16th-century 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 Father Ignazio.  
Producer: Helen Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2001.

**TUE 10:00 Ambridge Extra (b01102gg)**

Series 1

Episode 11

Fallon turns up the heat at the barbeque, and Chaz has a proposition for Alice.

**TUE 10:15 William Trevor Short Stories (b007jvyb)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Sunday]

**TUE 10:30 It's a Funny Business (b01102gj)**

Roy Castle

The Record Breaking entertainer recalls his early years in comedy and the highs and lows of being on stage with Mike Craig. From 1976.

**TUE 11:00 Anthony Trollope - Orley Farm (b01102gl)**

1. Suspicions

Mr Dockwrath, attorney by profession and a tenant of Orley Farm, is convinced there are suspicious circumstances regarding the inheritance of the estate, and he's determined to prove it. Starring Tim Pigott-Smith, Samantha Bond and Ronald Pickup. First published in 1861, Anthony Trollope's compelling, emotional tale is a treasure trove of splendidly disreputable lawyers, young lovers, the beautiful Lady Mason and the honourable Sir Peregrine Orme.

Dramatised in three parts by Martyn Wade

Anthony Trollope ..... Tim Pigott-Smith

Lady Mason ..... Samantha Bond

Sir Peregrine ..... Ronald Pickup

Peregrine Orme ..... Dan Stevens

Mrs Edith Orme ..... Amanda Root

Lucius Mason ..... Jonathan Christie

Sophia Furnival ..... Lydia Leonard

Mr Furnival ..... Robert Maskell

Mrs Furnival ..... Joanna Monro

Mr Dockwrath ..... Sam Dale

Miriam Dockwrath ..... Janice Acquah

Joseph Mason ..... Jonathan Tafler

Mr Moulder ..... Stephen Critchlow

Mr Kantwise ..... Paul Rider

Felix Graham ..... Gunnar Cauthery

Augustus Staveley ..... Robert Lonsdale

Matthew Round ..... Dan Starkey

Richard Round ..... Malcolm Tierney

Miss Biggs ..... Jill Cardo

Director: Tracey Neale.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2008.

**TUE 12:00 Take It From Here (b0110209)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**TUE 12:30 Clare in the Community (b00sj5z7)**

Series 6

Liar, Liar, Pants on Fire

Sony Award-winning comedy. Caring social worker Clare Barker is now Acting Team Leader at the Family Centre. Stars Sally Phillips. From May 2010.

**TUE 13:00 John Creasey - The Toff on the Farm (b007jrj3)**

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**TUE 13:45 Frank W Abagnale (b00td8rp)**

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**TUE 14:00 Daughters of Britannia (b007jps3)**

The Tripoli Plague

The misery and mourning penned in poignant letters by Miss Tully in the 1780s, as the plague claims 35,000 victims. Katie Hickman presents.

**TUE 14:15 Ambridge Extra (b01102gg)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**TUE 14:30 David Park - The Truth Commissioner (b01103zk)**

Episode 7

Hiding out in America, Michael Madden is visited by two men

who hand him an envelope. Read by Gerard Murphy.

**TUE 14:45 You Cannot Live As I Have Lived and Not End Up Like This (b00srg4j)**

Episode 2

Cambridge, then London - which means Emma Jane Crampton. Stephen Boxer reads Terence Blacker's celebration of William Donaldson.

**TUE 15:00 Baroness Orczy - The Teahouse Detective (b007jmhx)**

The Body in the Barge

A River Thames corpse sparks a complex mystery for the astute old teahouse customer. Stars Bernard Hepton and Suzanne Burden.

**TUE 15:45 Clive James - Even As We Speak (b009x4jd)**

A Voice Is Born

Clive muses on taking singing lessons. It's all about support and the booby trap in The Flower Song. From July 2001.

**TUE 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b01103zm)**

Mel Giedroyc sings happy birthday to actress Catherine Tate, goes back to the classroom with chef Gary Rhodes, and wince in pain at the World Nettle Eating Championships.

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**TUE 17:30 The Sunday Format (b0110207)**

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**TUE 18:00 The Laxian Key (b007k2c1)**

Episode 1

Mystery space tourist deaths land two planet cleaners with a new contract.

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Ferngraum ..... Sam Dale

Jo ..... Christine Kavanagh

Dolores ..... Virge Gilchrist

The Virtual Newsreader ..... Bethan Walker

with Paul Biggin, Emma Noakes and Joseph Kloska.

Producer: Peter Kavanagh

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in February 2007.

**TUE 18:30 James Follett - The Destruction Factor (b007k4f9)**

World Without Fire

After sparking a plane crash, the deadly Exon plant strain's advancement continues.

Conclusion of James Follett's sci-fi thriller starring TP McKenna.

Max Flinders ..... TP McKenna

Denise Exon ..... Rosalind Adams

Howard Rogers ..... Paul Copley

Nurse ..... Joan Matheson

Craig ..... Noel Johnson

Blowers ..... Michael Shannon

Miss Anderson ..... Diana Olson

Scott ..... Diana Olsson

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**TUE 22:30 The Remains of Foley and McColl (b007m4dx)**

Subtle

Sean Foley and Hamish McColl investigate the art of subtlety by visiting a Jane Austen novel.

Surreal comedy starring award-winning double act Sean Foley and Hamish McColl, the Right Side.

With:

Rose English

Count Arthur Strong

Chris Lerner

Producer: Lissa Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2000.

**TUE 23:00 Ed Reardon's Week (b007rxrm)**

Series 1

King of the Road

A faculty fracas with an old rival helps re-ignite the author's career. Stars Christopher Douglas. From February 2005.

**TUE 23:30 The Nimmo Twins in... (b00jh6jr)**

Series 1

Killing Time

Mr Pike takes on many mundane jobs, with the zeal of a former assassin. Stars Karl Minns and Owen Evans. From September 2000.

**WEDNESDAY 11 MAY 2011**

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**WED 06:00 John Creasey - The Toff on the Farm (b007jrj3)**

2. Dead On Arrival

Someone is very keen to acquire Selby Farm, where the owner's brother has disappeared.

Can amateur sleuth, the Toff - the Honourable Richard Rollison- find out what's really going on?

John Creasey's thriller starring Terence Alexander.

Dramatised by Roy Lomax

The Toff ..... Terence Alexander

Jolly ..... Robert Dornig

Gillian Selby ..... Heather Stoney

Monty Morne ..... Terrence Hardiman

Bert ..... Frank Jarvis

Mr Brandt ..... Ed Bishop

Other parts played by the cast

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in March 1977.

**WED 06:30 Mark McShane - Seance on a Wet Afternoon (b00r9y0w)**

Episode 5

Clairvoyant Myra's husband Bill faces the grim aftermath of the kidnap stunt. Anton Lesser reads Mark McShane's thriller.

**WED 06:45 Frank W Abagnale (b00tdmc4)**

Catch Me If You Can

Episode 5

The authorities have conman Frank Abagnale Jr within their reach, but he's a very slippery catch. Concluded by William Hope. From August 2010.

**WED 07:00 Mr Finchley Takes the Road (b007k1yv)**

Episode 6

Edgar Finchley meets a one-man band, is put in the picture and all is revealed.

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 Peter Vaughan as Turk, Robert Gill as Robert Finchley, Dinah Sheridan as Mrs Finchley, Richard Ridings as Duffy, Ian Bartholomew as Jenks, Bill Wallis as Joe Turnbull, Geoffrey McGovern as James Grimes, Sebastian Brennan as Clarence Armitage and Jacqueline Tong as Mrs Armitage.

Concluding episode narrated by James Villiers.

Adapted in six parts by Andy and Eric Merriman.

Producer: Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in May 1993.

**WED 07:30 The Very World of Milton Jones (b007jx48)**

Series 1

Episode 6

Tied to a railway track, the comedian's life flashes before his eyes. With Dave Lamb.

**WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jp6s)**

Series 6

The Smugglers

Returning from a holiday abroad, Sid tricks the lad and Bill into sneaking in watches.

Starring Tony Hancock.

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

Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.

Theme and incidental music written by Wally Stott.

Producer: Tom Ronald

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in September 1959.

**WED 08:30 Yes Minister (b007j160)**

Series 1

Open Government

Newly re-elected, MP Jim Hacker is summoned to the PM's office.

Jim learns from his chauffeur that the new St Edwards Hospital has 300 administrators, cooks and cleaners, but no doctors, nurses or patients. How can he cure it? As usual the Minister doesn't know his ACAS from his NALGO.

Starring Paul Eddington, Nigel Hawthorne and Derek Fowlds. Antony Jay and Jonathan Lynn satirical sitcom ran on BBC TV between 1980 and 1984. Yes Minister is centred around the hapless Jim Hacker and a collection of civil service underlings headed by the Machiavellian Sir Humphrey Appleby and obsequious Bernard.

Jim Hacker ..... Paul Eddington

Sir Humphrey Appleby ..... Nigel Hawthorne

Bernard ..... Derek Fowlds

Annie Hacker ..... Diana Hoddinot

Frank Weisel ..... Bill Nighy

Sir Arnold ..... John Nettleton

Chief Whip ..... Edward Jewesbury

Nigel ..... Haydn Wood

Radio Presenter ..... Gordon Clyde

Newsreader ..... Bob Docherty

Adapted for radio by producer Pete Atkin.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1983.

**WED 09:00 Instant Sunshine (b007jxfm)**

Reasonably Together Again

The humorous singing quartet of David Barlow, Peter Christie, Miles Kington and Alan Maryon-Davis entertain. From April 1985.

**WED 09:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b011082h)**

Comedy panel game with Humphrey Lyttelton, Willie Rushton, Graeme Garden, Barry Cryer and Tim Brooke-Taylor. From May 1984.

**WED 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b010y3f8)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

**WED 10:50 Front Row Interviews (b010y3fb)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:50 on Sunday]

**WED 11:00 Anthony Trollope - Orley Farm (b011082k)**

Episode 2

Martyn Wade's dramatisation of the novel by Anthony Trollope. Romance is in the air for the young folk staying at Noningsby, the country home of Judge and Lady Staveley. Lady Mason accepts Sir Peregrine's invitation to spend Christmas at The Clevee, and, in the Moulder household, there is business to consider.

Anthony Trollope ..... Tim Pigott-Smith

Lady Mason ..... Samantha Bond

Sir Peregrine ..... Ronald Pickup

Peregrine Orme ..... Dan Stevens

Mrs Edith Orme ..... Amanda Root

Lucius Mason ..... Jonathan Christie

Sophia Furnival ..... Lydia Leonard

Mr Furnival ..... Robert Maskell

Lady Staveley ..... Pamela Miles

Madeline Staveley ..... Manjeet Mann

Augustus Staveley ..... Robert Lonsdale

Felix Graham ..... Gunnar Cauthery

Mr Dockwrath ..... Sam Dale

Miriam Dockwrath ..... Janice Acquah

Joseph Mason ..... Jonathan Tafler

Mr Moulder ..... Stephen Critchlow

Mrs Moulder ..... Jane Whittenshaw

John Kenneby ..... Inam Mirza

Mr Kantwise ..... Paul Rider

Matthew Round ..... Dan Starkey

Directed by Tracey Neale.

**WED 12:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jp6s)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**WED 12:30 The Gobetweanies (b01016nt)**

Series 1

Meet the Millers

A candid look at contemporary family through the prism of two North London siblings Lucy and Tom as they schlep between their determinedly hands-on parents. Lucy is excited about exploring surrealism, Tom is obsessively counting sultanas and their mum Mimi (Sarah Alexander) is desperate for her third attempt at married life to get started, but the children's father Joe (David Tennant) has come to a decision that will change their all their lives...

If it's Wednesday... it must be Holloway

Cast List:

Joe ..... David Tennant

Mimi ..... Sarah Alexander

Tom ..... Finlay Christie

Lucy ..... Phoebe Abbott

Harry ..... Stuart Milligan

Writer: Marcella Evaristi

Director: Marilyn Imrie

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An Absolutely Production for BBC Radio 4.

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**WED 14:00 Daughters of Britannia (b007jpsk)**

Dangers

Memories of revolution in Romania, kidnapping in Uruguay and assassination in Dublin. Katie Hickman presents.

**WED 14:15 William Trevor Short Stories (b007jtw9)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:45 on Sunday]

**WED 14:30 David Park - The Truth Commissioner**

(b011082p)

Episode 8

Pressure from outside forces mounts as the hearing of the Connor Walshe case approaches. Read by Gerard Murphy.

**WED 14:45 You Cannot Live As I Have Lived and Not End**

**Up Like This (b00srkks)**

Episode 3

Striking spoofers' gold with 'The Henry Root Letters'. Stephen Boxer reads Terence Blacker's celebration of William

Donaldson.

**WED 15:00 Baroness Orczy - The Teahouse Detective**

(b007jm1c)

The Brighton Mystery

When an American heiress is blackmailed by her 'dead' husband, it's a case for the astute crime solver. Stars Bernard

Hepton.

**WED 15:45 Clive James - Even As We Speak (b009x79j)**

Noble Talking Heads

Clive James muses on the first day of televising the House of

Lords in 1985. Is parliament the right place for comedy?

**WED 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b011082r)**

Mel Giedroyc plays dolls houses with Charlie & Lola creator Lauren Child, Ranulph Fiennes explains why family matters, and some under-12 girl footballers learn about team spirit.

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Episode 2

London is melting, but planetary decontaminationists Arnold and Gregor get the blame and go on the run.

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Music by Mark Stevens and Chris Larner

Producer: Peter Kavanagh

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in February 2007.

**WED 18:30 John Wyndham - Trouble with Lichen**

(b007k36c)

Episode 1

Biochemist Diana Brackley has stumbled across something earth-shattering - but why does no-one want to know?

The scientific world, government, media and the beauty salon are set to collide...

Read by Joanna Tope.

John Wyndham's 1960 sci-fi novel abridged by Scott Stainton Miller.

Producer: Eilidh McCreadie

Made for BBC Radio 7 by BBC Scotland and first broadcast in 2007.

**WED 19:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jp6s)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**WED 19:30 Yes Minister (b007j160)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**WED 20:00 John Creasey - The Toff on the Farm**

(b007jrsr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**WED 20:30 Mark McShane - Seance on a Wet Afternoon**

(b00r9y0w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**WED 20:45 Frank W Abagnale (b00tdmc4)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]

**WED 21:00 Anthony Trollope - Orley Farm (b011082k)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

**WED 22:00 The Gobetweanies (b01016nt)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]

**WED 22:30 Naked Radio (b00mlskc)**

The Scottish comedy team pokes fun at topical events. From Glasgow's Citizens Theatre. With Gregor Fisher. From April 2000.

**WED 23:00 Acropolis Now (b007jwm0)**

Series 1

Heroes

Frenzying is all the rage in Ancient Athens, but can Aristophanes cash in on the craze? Stars Stephen Moore. From January 2001.

**WED 23:30 Deep Trouble (b00sm5qn)**

Series 1

Episode 3

Goliath's crew faces a Russian sub, a Harrier jet, a sewing machine and a promotion. Underwater comedy stars Jim Field Smith. From November 2005.

**THURSDAY 12 MAY 2011**

**THU 00:00 The Laxian Key (b007k2m3)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 00:30 John Wyndham - Trouble with Lichen**

(b007k36c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Wednesday]

**THU 01:00 Instant Sunshine (b007jxfm)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 01:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b011082h)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Wednesday]

**THU 02:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b010y3f8)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

**THU 02:50 Front Row Interviews (b010y3fb)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:50 on Sunday]

**THU 03:00 Anthony Trollope - Orley Farm (b011082k)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 04:00 Mr Finchley Takes the Road (b007k1yv)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 04:30 The Very World of Milton Jones (b007jx48)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]

**THU 05:00 Baroness Orczy - The Teahouse Detective**

(b007jm1c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 05:45 Clive James - Even As We Speak (b009x79j)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Wednesday]

**THU 06:00 John Creasey - The Toff on the Farm**

(b007jrsr)

3. Destination Dancer

After the discovery of a body, the Toff is determined to uncover the secrets growing at Selby Farm.

Rural intrigue stalks amateur sleuth - the Honourable Richard

Rollison

John Creasey's thriller starring Terence Alexander.

The Toff ..... Terence Alexander

Jolly ..... Robert Dorning

Gillian Selby ..... Heather Stoney

Monty Morne ..... Terrence Hardiman

Red Brandt ..... Ed Bishop

Inspector Bishop ..... Derek Newark

Smith ..... Reg Lye

Police Sergeant ..... Paul Meier

Other parts played by the cast.

Dramatised by Roy Lomax

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in April 1977.

**THU 06:30 Mark McShane - Seance on a Wet Afternoon**

(b00rdsz6)

Episode 6

The backlash from Myra Savage's kidnap stunt catches up with her at a seance. Anton Lesser concludes Mark McShane's

thriller.

**THU 06:45 Colin Dexter Short Stories (b007k4xz)**

Inspector Morse - The Burglar

Neighbourly concern about a suspicious stranger sets a new

puzzle for the Oxford-based detective. Read by John Turner.

**THU 07:00 The Brothers (b007k4wc)**

Series 1

Episode 2

Brothers Nigel and Michael review a new website and Oonagh becomes a therapist.

Starring Adam Godley and Raymond Coulthard.

Comedy series about two brothers starting a website-design

company - written by Caroline and David Stafford.

Nigel ..... Adam Godley

Michael ..... Raymond Coulthard

Oonagh ..... Pauline McLynn

Zorro ..... Pearce Quigley

Sally ..... Alice Hart

Producer: Marc Beeby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2004.

**THU 07:30 Cabin Pressure (b00m4472)**

Series 2

Limerick

In the last of the series, an interminable flight with a very

baffling cargo gives our crew the opportunity to pass the time

by alternately opening their hearts up to each other and

persuading Arthur not to play charades...

Starring

Carolyn Knapp-Shappey ..... Stephanie Cole

1st Officer Douglas Richardson ..... Roger Allam

Capt. Martin Crieff ..... Benedict Cumberbatch

Arthur Shappay ..... John Finnemore

Written by John Finnemore.

Produced & directed by David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4

**THU 08:00 The Men from the Ministry (b01109vz)**

Thoroughly Modern Ministry

Life's a drag for Lamb when a new receptionist isn't all she seems...

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

Stars Richard Murdoch and Deryck Guyler. With Norma

Ronald, Ronald Baddiley and John Graham.

Written by Edward Taylor and John Graham.

'The Men from the Ministry' ran for 14 series between 1962

and 1977. Deryck Guyler replaced Wilfrid Hyde-White from

1966. Sadly many episodes didn't survive in the archive,

however the BBC's Transcription Service re-recorded 14 shows

in 1980 - never broadcast in the UK, until the arrival of BBC

Radio 4 Extra.

Producer: Edward Taylor

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 4 in August 1971.

**THU 08:30 Jim the Great (b01109xq)**

Pilot

Back in England's days of feudal fiefdoms, one particular

chieftain was very hard up. Stars Jimmy Edwards. From

February 1976. Pilot episode.

**THU 09:00 No Commitments (b007jp4g)**

Series 8

All Roads Lead to Rome

Roger's jealousy leads him to an unexpected confrontation.

Stars Celia Imrie, Angela Thorne and Bill Nighy. From

February 2002.

**THU 09:30 Just a Minute (b0110b7v)**

From Bath, chairman Nicholas Parsons welcomes Clement

Freud, Derek Nimmo, Paul Merton and Julian Clary. From June

1998.

**THU 10:00 Ambridge Extra (b0110c2b)**

Series 1

Episode 12

Chris faces a dilemma, and Kirsty's got a lunch date.

**THU 10:15 Loose Ends (b010y1x2)**

Clive Anderson and guests with an eclectic mix of conversation,

music and comedy.

Clive is joined by the Hollywood actor Chiwetel Ejiofor, who

after roles in American Gangster and Endgame takes the lead in

BBC Two's conspiracy thriller The Shadow Line.

Proudly holding the title as the '41st Best Stand Up Ever', cult

comic Stewart Lee brings his knowing irony and charmed

cynicism to the Loose Ends studio. His BAFTA nominated TV

series, Stewart Lee's Comedy Vehicle returns to BBC Two and

he's also curating his own weekend, Stewart Lee's Austerity

Binge, as part of the Southbank Centre's Festival of Britain

Celebrations.

Neil Strauss made his name with his best selling expose on the

pick up artist community, The Game. But he delves into his

music journalism for his latest book Everyone Loves You When

You're Dead, revealing the wild adventures and surprising

disclosures of stars including Lady Gaga, Tom Cruise, Brian

Wilson, Marilyn Manson and Britney Spears. From talking

death with Johnny Cash and sex with Russell Brand to buying

nappies with rap star Snoop Dogg.

Emma Freud talks to camper extraordinaire Emma Kennedy

about the follow up to her best selling childhood memoir, The

Tent, The Bucket and Me. Her new book, I Left My Tent in San

Francisco, charts her hapless attempt to cross America, in

glorious ineptitude and humour. Jack Kerouac it ain't...

There's music from 'The recession's soul voice of reason...'

Aloe Blacc, performing one of this years biggest hits I Need A

Dollar, which has been hailed as the anthem of our time.

Sunshine by name, Sunshine by nature - sun soaked soul from

Atlanta singer, songwriter and pianist, Avery Sunshine who

plays her single I Got Sunshine from her eponymous debut

album.

Producer: Cathie Mahoney.

**THU 11:00 Anthony Trollope - Orley Farm (b00ghrhh)**

3. Secrets

Lady Mason has confessed to her terrible secret and her chance

of marriage with Sir Peregrine has been shattered.

Will her secret be exposed at the trial and will her beloved son

lose Orley Farm?

Starring Tim Pigott-Smith, Samantha Bond and Ronald Pickup.

The conclusion of Anthony Trollope's compelling, emotional

novel

Dramatised by Martyn Wade.

Anthony Trollope ..... Tim Pigott-Smith

Lady Mason ..... Samantha Bond

Sir Peregrine ..... Ronald Pickup

Peregrine Orme ..... Dan Stevens

Mrs Edith Orme ..... Amanda Root

Lucius Mason ..... Jonathan Christie

Sophia Furnival ..... Lydia Leonard

Mr Furnival ..... Robert Maskell

Mrs Furnival ..... Joanna Monro

Lady Staveley ..... Pamela Miles

Judge Staveley ..... Chris Pavlo

Madeline Staveley ..... Manjeet Mann

Augustus Staveley ..... Robert Lonsdale

Felix Graham ..... Gunnar Cauthery

Mr Dockwraith ..... Sam Dale

Joseph Mason ..... Jonathan Taffer

Mr Moulder ..... Stephen Critchlow

Mrs Moulder ..... Jane Whittenshaw

John Kenney ..... Inam Mirza

Chaffanbrass ..... Malcolm Tierney

Miss Biggs ..... Jill Cardo

Judge ..... Dan Starkey

Director: Tracey Neale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2009.

**THU 12:00 The Men from the Ministry (b01109vz)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**THU 12:30 The Simon Day Show (b0107qt)**

Series 1

Dave Angel

British comedy legend and star of The Fast Show, Down the

Line and Bellamy's People, Simon Day debut's his own Radio 4

character comedy show.

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 back stage and front of house goings on at the theatre

itself.

This week 1990s Eco-Warrior Dave Angel (Simon Day),

performs at The Mallard Theatre and a confused delivery man

arrives with gifts from a star.

Cast list:

Dave Angel / White Van Man ..... Simon Day

Catherine ..... Catherine Shepherd

Goose ..... Felix Dexter

Ron Bone ..... Simon Greenall

Written by Simon Day

Produced by Colin Anderson.

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(b007jrwrm)

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**THU 13:45 Colin Dexter Short Stories (b007k4xz)**

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**THU 14:00 Daughters of Britannia (b007jpt1)**

Unforgettable Days

From Japanese cherry blossoms to the splendour of Russian

Society - Katie Hickman's magical moments of the diplomats'

wives.

**THU 14:15 Ambridge Extra (b0110c2b)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**THU 14:30 David Park - The Truth Commissioner**

(b0110d0m)

Episode 9

Connor Walsh's case comes before the Truth Commission, but

how much about his death will be revealed? Read by Gerard

Murphy.

**THU 14:45 You Cannot Live As I Have Lived and Not End**

**Up Like This (b00srqfg)**

Episode 4

Life and writing get mixed up - a dangerous combination.

Stephen Boxer reads Terence Blacker's celebration of William

Donaldson.

**THU 15:00 Baroness Orczy - The Teahouse Detective**

(b007jmjf)

The de Geneville Peerage

A murder shatters Polly, as the old man's crime-solving efforts

meet furious resistance. With Bernard Hepton and Suzanne

Burden.

**THU 15:45 Clive James - Even As We Speak (b009xxq9)**

Thorpie, Hoogie and the Golden Lolly

The essayist cogitates on the 2000 Sydney Olympics and the

mania surrounding the swimmer they called the 'Thorpedo'.

**THU 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b0110fw7)**

Boom bang-a-bang! Mel Giedroyc celebrates the Eurovision

Song Contest, eats biscuits, and hears a different take on sat-nav

from a famously booming actor.

**THU 17:00 The Brothers (b007k4wc)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

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**THU 18:00 The Laxian Key (b007k2tx)**

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Dolores .... Virge Gilchrist

Virtual Newsreader .... Bethan Walker

with Paul Biggin, Emma Noakes and Joseph Kloska

Music by Mark Stevens and Chris Lerner

Producer: Peter Kavanagh

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in February

2007.

**THU 18:30 John Wyndham - Trouble with Lichen**

(b007k3cz)

Episode 2

Perturbed by her boss's silence over the mysterious properties

of the lichen, biochemist Diana Brackley secretly begins her

own investigation

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collide in John Wyndham's 1960 sci-fi novel.

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Abridged by Scott Stainton Miller.

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**THU 22:30 The Museum of Everything (b007k17t)**

Series 1

To Infinity and Beyond

A bunch of Star Trek fans beam in to a sci-fi convention at the

museum - and a rival theme park draws visitors away from

Badgerland.

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 April 2004.

**THU 23:00 I Think I've Got a Problem (b007wwdc)**

Series 1

Episode 2

Having been arrested for inciting a near riot at a football match,

Tom is sentenced to do community service at an old folks home

where he meets an aging banjo player who can also see his

"imaginary" band.

Will Charlie prove to Sadie that he's not going mad? Will there

be lots of dancing and singing on the terraces? Will there be a

pun about "perfect-pitch..?"

Andrew McGibbon and Nick Romero's everyday story about a

man who can't stop himself from breaking into song.

Suggests .... Tom Caine

Bob Monkhouse ..... Dr Boone

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**FRI 06:00 John Creasey - The Toff on the Farm (b007jrzd)**  
 4. Cause For Alarm  
 Farm owner Gillian Selby reveals that she no longer requires any assistance from the Toff. Stars Terence Alexander.  
 Rural intrigue stalks amateur sleuth - the Honorable Richard Rollison  
 John Creasey's thriller starring Terence Alexander.  
 The Toff ..... Terence Alexander  
 Jolly ..... Robert Dornning  
 Gillian Selby ..... Heather Stoney  
 Monty Mome ..... Terence Hardiman  
 Superintendent Grice ..... Duncan Lamont  
 Red Brandt ..... Ed Bishop  
 Lola Bridge ..... Liz Gebardt  
 Alan Selby ..... Alaric Cotter  
 Other parts played by the cast.  
 Dramatised by Roy Lomax  
 Producer: John Fawcett Wilson  
 First broadcast on the BBC World Service in April 1977.  
**FRI 06:30 Eric Ambler - Topkapi (b0110jyv)**  
 Episode 1  
 Minor crook Arthur Abdel Simpson spots a likely mark at Athens airport. That's where the trouble starts. Read by David Westhead.  
**FRI 07:00 Desmond Olivier Dingle's Compleat Life and Works of William Shakespeare (b007k390)**  
 Episode 6  
 The Royal Dingle Company re-enact the Bard's great cinematic moments. Stars Patrick Barlow and Lionel Blair. From October 1995.  
**FRI 07:30 Snap (b00tf82j)**  
 Series 1  
 Episode 2  
 After their split, Molly and Doug are determined to prove they can have a life without each other.  
 And maybe they would, if it wasn't for Doug's elderly mum misbehaving...  
 Paul Mendelson's sitcom stars Rebecca Lacey and Paul Venables.  
 Molly .... Rebecca Lacey  
 Doug .... Paul Venables  
 Kaz .... Soumaya Keynes  
 Ryan .... Jessie Sullivan  
 Scarlet .... Rebecca Front  
 Annie .... Marlene Sidaway  
 Raymond .... Jonathan Taffler  
 Producer: David Ian Neville  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2003.  
**FRI 08:00 The Navy Lark (b007vkkf)**  
 Series 3  
 The Explosive Biscuits  
 Povey is warned about a bomb on a new frigate while Phillips receives a special gift for a journey.  
 Starring Jon Pertwee as the Chief Petty Officer, Leslie Phillips as the Sub-Lieutenant, Stephen Murray as the Number One, Richard Caldicot as Captain Povey, Heather Chasen as Heather 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 Steptoe and Son (b00rdsv7)**  
 Series 1  
 The Bird  
 Harold Steptoe is furious when his date Roxanne is late for dinner.  
 Starring Wilfrid Brambell and Harry H Corbett.  
 Following the conclusion of their hugely successful association with Tony Hancock, writers Ray Galton and Alan Simpson wrote 10 pilots for the BBC TV's Comedy Playhouse in 1962. The Offer featured the lives of rag and bone men Albert Steptoe and son Harold - and was the spark for a run of 8 series on TV.  
 Albert ..... Wilfrid Brambell  
 Harold ..... Harry H Corbett  
 Roxanne ..... Marion Stone  
 Adapted for radio from Galton and Simpson's TV script by

Gale Pedrick.  
 Producer: Bobby Jaye  
 First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in July 1966.  
**FRI 09:00 Boogie Up the River (b007jzwc)**  
 I'll See You at the Source  
 As their Thames quest climaxes, Jennifer attempts to drink Sam under the table. Stars Timothy Spall. From January 1993.  
**FRI 09:30 Does The Team Think? (b0075tx)**  
 Series 1  
 Episode 1  
 Vic Reeves hosts, as Alan Carr, Jools Holland, Ben Miller and Pauline McGlynn answer the audience's questions. From June 2007.  
**FRI 10:00 What's So Funny? (b01113ji)**  
 Series 1  
 Episode 6  
 Rufus Hound and guests with news, reviews and previews of what's happening in comedy this week.  
**FRI 10:30 Ambridge Extra Omnibus (b010y3hv)**  
 Series 1, Episodes 11-12  
 Fallon turns up the heat at the barbeque, and Chaz has a proposition for Alice.  
**FRI 11:00 Alan Ayckbourn - Absent Friends (b007k2tz)**  
 Colin's had it rough, but his concerned friends have their own troubles. Black comedy starring David Jason and Miriam Margolyes.  
**FRI 12:00 The Navy Lark (b007vkkf)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]  
**FRI 12:30 The News Quiz (b010t6f2)**  
 Series 74  
 Episode 4  
 A satirical review of the week's news, chaired by Sandi Toksvig. Featuring Jeremy Hardy, Rebecca Front, Richard Herring and Susan Calman.  
 Produced by Sam Bryant.  
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 Coming Home  
 A 17th century widow's lonely return and a sad goodbye to the Middle East. Katie Hickman bids farewell to the diplomatic wives.  
**FRI 14:15 William Trevor Short Stories (b007jtxy)**  
 The Forty-Seventh Saturday  
 Mavie and McCarthy have a weekly assignation, but is he as trapped by marriage as she thinks he is? Read by Denys Hawthorne.  
**FRI 14:30 David Park - The Truth Commissioner (b011140n)**  
 Episode 10  
 Despite efforts to protect Gilroy, Stanfield summons him to the hearing of Connor Walsh. Read by Gerard Murphy.  
**FRI 14:45 You Cannot Live As I Have Lived and Not End Up Like This (b00srwx8)**  
 Episode 5  
 A salute to the ending of a 'great comic moralist', Stephen Boxer concludes Terence Blacker's celebration of William Donaldson.  
**FRI 15:00 Baroness Orczy - The Teahouse Detective (b0088zsz)**  
 The Dublin Mystery  
 A dying businessman appears to have settled his will, but revenge wreaks family havoc. Stars Bernard Hepton and Suzanne Burden.  
**FRI 15:45 Clive James - Even As We Speak (b009xyzb)**  
 Destination Europe; Running Beside Ron Clarke  
 In the last of his essays, the writer shares thoughts on European unity and the joy of gyms. From July 2001.  
**FRI 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b011140q)**  
 Mel Giedroyc hears the stories of three teenage refugees, discovers the joys of fossil hunting, and tries out laughter yoga. Plus Andi Osho's comedy Sneaky Peeks.  
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 Episode 4  
 Evans the Welsh vigilante aims to senselessly bomb the planetary decontaminationists for melting Earth.  
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 Music by Mark Stevens and Chris Lerner  
 Producer: Peter Kavanagh  
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**FRI 18:30 John Wyndham - Trouble with Lichen (b007k3kn)**  
 Episode 3  
 Biochemist Diana's compensation payout catches the attention of Fleet Street.  
 Meanwhile, Paul has told his wife about the antigerone  
 The scientific world, government, media and the beauty salon collide in John Wyndham's 1960 sci-fi novel.  
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**FRI 22:00 The News Quiz Extra (b0111568)**  
 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 (b007k3h0)**  
 The Hair  
 A documentary maker films endangered hairstyles.  
 Oliver Postgate narrates a stream of bizarre coincidences in Ben Moor's cosmic comedy of connections.  
 With Dan Strauss, Doon Mackichan, Kerry Shale, Michael Troughton, Ben Moor and Alexander Armstrong.  
 Producer: Jon Naismith  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1995.  
**FRI 23:00 What's So Funny? (b01113ji)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]  
**FRI 23:30 Lenin of the Rovers (b007jvds)**  
 Series 2  
 The Felchester Firm  
 Crunchthorpe is a place so hard they dump nuclear waste in the town centre.  
 Can the so-called 'Felchester Firm' protect Ricky and the team?  
 More adventures of communist football club, Felchester Rovers starring Alexei Sayle.  
 Ricky Lenin ..... Alexei Sayle  
 Jeff Frankly ..... John Sessions  
 Frank Lee Brian ..... Kenneth Wolstenholme  
 Colonel Brace Cartwright ..... Donald Hewlett  
 Stevie Stalin ..... Andrew McLean  
 Terry Trotsky ..... Phil Cornwall  
 Announcer ..... John Witty  
 Written by Marcus Berkman.  
 Producer: Harry Thompson.  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1989.