

SATURDAY 14 MAY 2011

SAT 00:00 The Laxian Key (b007k30w)

Episode 4

Evans the Welsh vigilante aims to senselessly bomb the planetary decontaminationists for melting Earth. Stephen Hawking once warned us that our species could soon be wiped out by plagues, asteroids and our tendency to destroy ourselves. The solution, he suggested, was for us to colonise other planets. But Chris Lerner and David Gilbert's sci-fi comedy sees the truth as a little more complicated.

The Laxian Key shows how, as soon as Man steps onto another planet, he promptly fouls it up just as he did earth. The heroes of this wonderfully wacky tale are two interplanetary decontaminationists.

CAST:

Arnold Chris Lerner

Gregor Mark Bonner

Evan Trevor Cooper

Office Alex Lowe

Ferngraum Sam Dale

Jo Christine Kavanagh

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.

SAT 00:30 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.

Read by Joanna Tope.

Abridged by Scott Stainton Miller.

Producer: Eilidh McCreadie

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

SAT 01:00 Boogie Up the River (b007jzcv)

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.

SAT 01:30 Does The Team Think? (b00175tx)

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.

SAT 02:00 What's So Funny? (b01113jl)

Series 1

Episode 6

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

SAT 02:30 Ambridge Extra Omnibus (b010y3hv)

Series 1, Episodes 11-12

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

SAT 03:00 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.

SAT 04:00 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.

SAT 04:30 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.

SAT 05:00 Baroness Orczy - The Teahouse Detective (b0088zsz)

The Dublin Mystery

A dying businessman appears to have settled his will, but revenge wrecks family havoc. Stars Bernard Hepton and Suzanne Burden.

SAT 05:45 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.

SAT 06:00 The Complete Smiley (b0112csv)

Call for the Dead

Dramatisation by Robert Forrest of John le Carré's first novel. London, the late 1950s, and a disenchanted George Smiley is engaged in the routine job of security vetting. When a Foreign Office civil servant commits suicide not long after being cleared of Communist sympathies, Smiley investigates and uncovers a deadly conspiracy with its roots in his own wartime past.

George Smiley Simon Russell Beale

Inspector Mendel Kenneth Cranham

Elsa Fennan Eleanor Bron

Ann Smiley Anna Chancellor

Peter Guillam Richard Dillane

Maston James Laurensen

Dieter Frey Henry Goodman

Adam Starr/Mundt Sam Dale

Ludo Oriel Janice Acquah

Nursing Sister Caroline Guthrie

With Benjamin Askew and Jonathan Taffler.

SAT 07:30 What's So Funny? (b01113jl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:00 today]

SAT 08:00 Garrison Keillor's Radio Show (b0112cxs)

Series 6

Episode 25

From Spokane, the American funny man is joined by musician Wylie Gustafson and singers Robin and Linda Williams. From 2010.

SAT 09:00 I Did It My Way (b0092lb4)

Roy Hudd

Much-loved comedian and actor Roy Hudd talks to Peter Reed about his radio life and times, with behind-the-scenes stories of making his on-air hit shows:

The News Huddlines (06/06/79). Poking fun at topical events and personalities, this series ran for 25 years on BBC Radio 2 when Roy was joined by Chris Emmett and his leading ladies Janet Brown, Alison Steadman and June Whitfield.

The Newly Discovered Casebook of Sherlock Holmes

(16/01/1999). Roy dons his deerstalker to investigate 'The Case of the Clockwork Fiend' with June Whitfield.

The Sony Radio Academy Gold award-winning Huddwinks

(14/08/86). Chris Emmett and Denise Coffey join Roy for

'Railway '86 - The Movie!': British Rail's new 'Silver Bullet'

train ends up as a runaway express to Aberdeen.

Roy also reveals his more dramatic side in Peter Tinniswood's play The Scan (29/09/1999). Compulsive talker Ernest seeks reassurance from a protective nurse. Roy's co-star is Judy Cornwell.

Produced by Mik Wilkojc.

SAT 12:00 Ancient Mysteries Omnibus (b0112cyh)

A series of monologues adapted from interviews in which dementia sufferers recall their lives. Funny, sad, moving or angry, the mystery is human identity as much as its loss.

SAT 13:10 Leonard Rossiter - In a Nutshell (b00sj95g)

Double Cross Benchers

"United we stand, Divided we throw a tantrum".

Politics - and the shock of party loyalty - divulged by Leonard

Rossiter.

Barry Pilton's mercurial musings. .

Producer: Louise Purslow

First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in September 1981.

SAT 13:15 Baldi (b007jlkz)

Series 1

Miss Lonelyhearts

Paolo Baldi and Tina investigate the mysterious circumstances surrounding the death of a nurse at an old people's home and uncover an unlikely case of voyeurism.

Starring David Threlfall as Paolo Baldi, Tina Kellegher as Tina Mahon, TP McKenna as Father Troy, Owen Roe as Superintendent Rynne, Margaret D'Arcy as Mrs Reid and Marie Jones as Thelma.

Murder mystery written by Barry Devlin.

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 14:00 The Goon Show (b007jlcj)

Series 5

The Dreaded Batter Pudding Hurler of Bexhill-on-Sea

Constable Neddie Seagoon sets out to apprehend Minnie and Henry's Sussex assailant. Stars Spike Milligan. From October 1954.

SAT 14:30 Dad's Army (b007jll5)

Series 1

Sergeant Wilson's Little Secret

Confusion reigns for Sergeant Wilson when Mrs Pike reveals news of a "new arrival".

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 Snood 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

Warden Hodges Bill Pertwee

Mrs Pike Pearl Hackney

Announcer John Snagge

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1974.

SAT 15:00 Garrison Keillor's Radio Show (b0112cxs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SAT 16:00 The Complete Smiley (b0112csv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:30 What's So Funny? (b01113jl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:00 today]

SAT 18:00 The Scarifiers (b009v9np)

The Curse of the Black Comet

Episode 2

MI-13's Lionheart and Dunning search for Sir Basil in the Scottish Highlands - but discover something else. Stars Brian Blessed.

SAT 18:30 JG Ballard - The Drowned World (b00j59gg)

Episode 3

Looters clash with the surviving inhabitants. Robert Glenister reads the author's 1962 story set in submerged London.

SAT 19:00 I Did It My Way (b0092lb4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 Saturday Stand-Up (b0112d7d)

Greg Proops - Back in the UK

From Edinburgh, the American comedian holds forth on

everything from animals to the orange world of David

Copperfield. From September 1997.

SAT 22:45 Fabulous (b00j6jkk)

Series 1

Episode 6

Faye causes havoc when she decides to gatecrash 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 (b00b5v5s)

The Wrong Category

Ignoring his mother's fears, Barry goes out after dark to visit the sites of six recent murders. Read by Nick Moran.

SAT 23:15 Colin Dexter Short Stories (b007lnpx)

Monty's Revolver

When a special gun is auctioned, one collector is alarmed to end up facing the wrong end of the barrel. Read by Joe Dunlop.

SAT 23:30 Scandinavian Chiller (b0112d7g)

Hakan Nesser - Woman With Birthmark

Episode 2

Inspector Van Veeteren investigates a man's apparently

motiveless murder. Scandinavian chiller read by Michael

Maloney.

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SUN 01:00 Garrison Keillor's Radio Show (b0112cxs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Saturday]

SUN 02:00 Ancient Mysteries Omnibus (b0112cyh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Saturday]

SUN 03:10 Leonard Rossiter - In a Nutshell (b00sj95g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:10 on Saturday]

SUN 03:15 Baldi (b007jlkz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:15 on Saturday]

SUN 04:00 The Complete Smiley (b0112csv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday]

SUN 05:30 What's So Funny? (b01113jl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:00 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 Daughters of Britannia Omnibus (b00e9yppz)

Episode 4

Serial written by Katie Hickman, based on four centuries of letters, diaries and memoirs of diplomatic wives and daughters.

SUN 07:10 Leonard Rossiter - In a Nutshell (b00sj9pl)

Einstein Watch Maker

"As science and the microchip redesign the world in their image, it seems the most obsolescent piece of merchandise is man."

Technological advances in society and the humble wristwatch explained by Leonard Rossiter.

Written by Barry Pilton.

Producer: Louise Purslow

First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in March 1981.

SUN 07:15 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.

SUN 07:30 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

SUN 08:00 The Goon Show (b007j1cp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Saturday]

SUN 08:30 Dad's Army (b007j1js)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Saturday]

SUN 09:00 Michelle Magorian - Back Home (b0112flv)

Episode 2

The war is over but the battle is only just beginning for Rusty, as she moves to Guildford to face her acid-tongued grandmother. Stars Mary Wimbush.

SUN 09:30 The Silver Sword - Ian Serraillier (b0112flx)

Episode 3

Journeying to Switzerland, Ruth, Bronia, Edek and Jan must avoid the Burgomaster, who hunts Polish refugees. Stars Hester Cox.

SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b0112flz)

June Spencer

Kirsty Young presents gems from the Desert Island archive. In the second programme featuring the castaway choices of actors, we hear from June Spencer - 'Peggy' in The Archers.

SUN 10:50 Front Row Interviews (b0112fm1)

Garrison Keillor

The American funny man reflects on his career and his love of writing poetry in conversation with Mark Lawson.

SUN 11:00 William Trevor - A Bit on the Side (b00nhq56)

Sacred Statues

Can a statue maker's wife help her neighbours and herself, or is her husband being more realistic? Read by Niamh Cusack.

SUN 11:15 Ambridge Extra Omnibus (b010y3hv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:30 on Saturday]

SUN 11:45 William Trevor - A Bit on the Side (b00nm0k3)

Graillis's Legacy

The touching and compassionate story of one man's guilt over his love for two women. Read by Dermot Crowley.

SUN 12:00 Daughters of Britannia Omnibus (b00c9ypz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SUN 13:10 Leonard Rossiter - In a Nutshell (b00s9jlp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:10 today]

SUN 13:15 William Trevor Short Stories (b007jtxy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

SUN 13:30 Sarah Millican's Support Group (b010y7bp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 14:00 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.

SUN 14:30 Jim the Great (b01109xq)

Pilot

Back in England's days of feudal fiefdoms, one particular chief-fain was very hard up. Stars Jimmy Edwards. From February 1976. Pilot episode.

SUN 15:00 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 Hoddnit

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.

SUN 15:30 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.

SUN 16:00 Michelle Magorian - Back Home (b0112flv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SUN 16:30 The Silver Sword - Ian Serraillier (b0112flx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

SUN 17:00 Garrison Keillor's Radio Show (b0112csx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Saturday]

SUN 18:00 Mike Walker - Omega (b007j175)

Building what is destined to be the world's tallest tower, civil engineer John Stone comes to question his very existence. Mike Walker's fascinating vision of the near future.

John Stone.....David Calder

Kate.....Penelope Wilton

Louise.....Helen Longworth

Brandt.....Philip Voss

Dr Mary Brown.....Sarah Jane-Holm

Harry.....Karl Prekopp

Music composed and played by David Chiltern

Director: Gordon House

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in February 2002.

SUN 19:00 William Trevor - A Bit on the Side (b00nhq56)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

SUN 19:15 Ambridge Extra Omnibus (b010y3hv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:30 on Saturday]

SUN 19:45 William Trevor - A Bit on the Side (b00nm0k3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:45 today]

SUN 20:00 The Goon Show (b007j1cp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Saturday]

SUN 20:30 Dad's Army (b007j1js)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Saturday]

SUN 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b0112flz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SUN 21:50 Front Row Interviews (b0112fm1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:50 today]

SUN 22:00 Sarah Millican's Support Group (b010y7bp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 22:30 The Masterson Inheritance (b007jstr)

Series 1

The Sweat of the Mastersons

A young Charles Masterson seeks his fortune in Dickensian London, a town seething with body-snatchers, opium dens and female impersonators....

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 (b0081cbz)

Science and Progress

Humans like to think that even if evolution has dealt them a neat hand, they have made their own luck through their mastery of science and technology.

But many things, including penicillin and the light bulb, have been discovered accidentally.

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 Dry Slopes (b00ln0q8)

Series 1

The Lost Boys

Angus Dry has no job, no friends and lives at home with his mum. She has an international business career and a string of lovers. He feels very sorry for her.

In this opening episode of Nick Ball's sitcom, Angus tries to recapture the joys of childhood.

Angus Dry Nick Ball

Mum Louisa Rix

With Robert Harley, Toby Longworth and Julie Gibbs.

Producer: Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1995.

MONDAY 16 MAY 2011**MON 00:00 Mike Walker - Omega (b007j175)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]

MON 01:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b0112flz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

MON 01:50 Front Row Interviews (b0112fm1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:50 on Sunday]

MON 02:00 William Trevor - A Bit on the Side (b00nhq56)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Sunday]

MON 02:15 Ambridge Extra Omnibus (b010y3hv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:30 on Saturday]

MON 02:45 William Trevor - A Bit on the Side (b00nm0k3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:45 on Sunday]

MON 03:00 Take It From Here (b0110209)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Sunday]

MON 03:30 Jim the Great (b01109xq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Sunday]

MON 04:00 Yes Minister (b007j160)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Sunday]

MON 04:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b011082h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:30 on Sunday]

MON 05:00 Michelle Magorian - Back Home (b0112flv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 The Silver Sword - Ian Serraillier (b0112flx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 John Creasey - The Toff on the Farm (b007js1v)

5. A Step In The Dark

The Toff refuses to be fobbed off and receives some useful advice...

Rural intrigue stalks amateur sleuth - the Honorable Richard Rollison

John Creasey's thriller starring Terence Alexander.

The Toff Terence Alexander

Jolly Robert Dornig

Gillian Selby Heather Stoney

Monty Morne Terrence Hardiman

Superintendent Grice Duncan Lamont

Mr Smith Reg Lye

Bert Ebbutt Douglas Blackwell

Other parts played by the cast.

Dramatised by Roy Lomax

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in April 1977.

MON 06:30 Eric Ambler - Topkapi (b0112zz7)

Episode 2

Arthur Simpson is arrested and interrogated by Turkish security for unintentional arms smuggling. Read by David Westhead.

MON 07:00 Ballylenon (b00fz0g7)

Series 2

Episode 1

Already divided over the proposed demolition of an 18th-century court house to make way for the Swilly Arms' car park, the town's Development Association seems set for open confrontation.

Series set in the sleepy town of Ballylenon, Co Donegal, in 1954, before the days of mass tourism and proper plumbing in every home.

Written by Christopher Fitz-Simon.

Phonsie Doherty T.P. McKenna

Muriel McConkey Margaret D'Arcy

Vera McConkey Stella McCusker

Vivienne Boal Aine McCartney

Guard Gallagher John Hewitt

Stumpy Bonnar Gerard McSorley

Packy McGoldrick Charlie Bonnar

Josie Doherty Ciara McKeown

Music arranged and performed by Stephanie Hughes.

Director: Eoin O'Callaghan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1995.

MON 07:30 Down the Line (b0112zz9)

Series 2

War and Chocolate

War, chocolate and toothpaste. Gary Bellamy hosts the spoof phone-in. Stars Rhys Thomas with Catherine Tate. From January 2007.

MON 08:00 Round the Horne (b0012med)

Series 2

Episode 12

A deadly doctor returns, Rambling Syd Rumpo sings of courting, while celebrity wannabe Kenneth Horne gets some bona advice from Julian and Sandy.

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 (b011301y)

Series 7

Episode 7

Bill Oddie sings the 'Baby Samba' and Professor Prune loses his trousers. Stars John Cleese and David Hatch. From February 1969.

MON 09:00 Mad Man Blue (b0113060)

Unassuming but irrepressible Bloomer gets involved in a feud with his neighbour.

Will he escape his suburban nightmare unscathed?

Roy Hudd stars in Tracy Aston's comic monologue.

Producer: Jocelyn Boxall

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1998.

MON 09:30 Safety Catch (b00fn9d1)

Series 1

Whatever Happened to the Unlikely Lad?
Arms dealer Simon dreads his school reunion, but could he be the coolest kid in class? Stars Darren Boyd. From October 2007.

MON 10:00 Sarah Millican's Support Group (b0113086)
Series 2
3. 'I'm a cherry childless and proud of it'
"I'm a cherry childless and proud of it"
"I'd like to be romantic but I have a voice that makes children cry"
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
Jenny Bridget Christie
Keith Joe Wilkinson
Written by Sarah Millican.
Producer: Lianne Coop
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2011

MON 10:30 The Great Gatsby Letters (b01130n7)
F Scott Fitzgerald tells his editor Maxwell Perkins about his hopes and fears for his new novel. Read by William Hope.

MON 11:00 Virginia Woolf - The Waves (b01130n9)
Episode 1
Louis, Bernard, Neville, Jinny, Susan and Rhoda look back on childhood and their first forays into adulthood.
One of Virginia Woolf's most original titles, The Waves charts the lives of six friends from early childhood through to middle age.
Dramatised and directed in two parts by one of the UK's most original film makers, Terence Davies.
With Janet Suzman as the Narrator, Jon Cartwright as Bernard, Geraldine James as Susan, Anna Massey as Rhoda, Peter Guinness as Neville, Jane Lapotaire as Jinny and Don Warrington as Louis.
Producer: Polly Thomas
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007.

MON 12:00 Round the Horne (b0012mcd)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 12:30 The Unbelievable Truth (b010y39b)
Series 7
Episode 6
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: Ears, Divorce, Badgers and Ice Cream.
The show is devised by Graeme Garden and Jon Naismith.
Producer: Jon Naismith
A Random Entertainment for BBC Radio 4.

MON 13:00 John Creasey - The Toff on the Farm (b007js1v)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 13:30 Eric Ambler - Topkapi (b0112zz7)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 14:00 Vikas Swarup - Q&A (b00kt1q2)
5,000 Rupees
A street kid goes on an Indian TV game show. The novel that sparked the Oscar-winning film Slumdog Millionaire. Stars Anand Tiwari.

MON 14:15 William Trevor Short Stories (b007jtxy)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Sunday]

MON 14:30 F Scott Fitzgerald - The Great Gatsby (b007jmy8)
Episode 1
"I had a view of water, a partial view of my neighbour's lawn and the consoling proximity of millionaires."
It's the Jazz Age in roaring 1920s America. Nick Carraway moves to the East Coast, next door to the mysterious playboy, Jay Gatsby.
F Scott Fitzgerald's famous novel about aspiration in boom-time America. Read in 10-parts by Sam Robards.
Abridged by Neville Teller.
Producer: Duncan Minshull
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1996.

MON 14:45 Anton Chekhov - A Life of Chekhov (b00q9n2j)
The Leave Taking
From the playwright's tough childhood to his late marriage. Dramatisation of Irene Nemirovsky's biography with Andrew Scott.

MON 15:00 Baroness Orczy - The Teahouse Detective (b007jmk5)
The Edinburgh Mystery
Betrayal and murder is afoot when a worried aunt tackles her nephew, making a new case for the man in the corner. Stars Bernard Hepton.

MON 15:45 Arthur Conan Doyle: A Life in Letters (b00b9ghy)
Episode 1
As a candid young doctor, the Sherlock Holmes author writes to

his mother Mary. Extracts read by Forbes Masson and John Dougal.

MON 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b0113266)
Mel Giedroyc is joined by Fred MacAulay for a brand new quiz challenging contestants to Keep It In The Family. Plus Dermot O'Leary, daleks and the joys of going barefoot.

MON 17:00 Ballylenon (b00fz0g7)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 17:30 Down the Line (b0112zz9)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 18:00 Doctor Who (b01132sq)
Cobwebs
Episode 1
The Time Lord, Tegan and Turlough are reunited with Nyssa, who is on a mission to discover an anti-virus. Fifth Doctor adventure stars Peter Davison and Sarah Sutton.

MON 18:30 John Wyndham - Trouble with Lichen (b007k3r3)
Episode 4
Biochemist Diana Brackley's attempts to conceal the true source of the antigerone are finally overcome.
The scientific world, government, media and the beauty salon collide in John Wyndham's 1960 sci-fi novel.
Read by Joanna Tope.
Abridged by Scott Stainton Miller.
Producer: Eilidh McCreadie
Made for BBC Radio 7 by BBC Scotland and first broadcast in 2007

MON 19:00 Round the Horne (b0012mcd)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 19:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b011301y)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 20:00 John Creasey - The Toff on the Farm (b007js1v)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 20:30 Eric Ambler - Topkapi (b0112zz7)
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MON 21:00 Virginia Woolf - The Waves (b01130n9)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

MON 22:00 The Unbelievable Truth (b010y39b)
[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]

MON 22:30 The Atkinson People (b007k1z5)
George Dupont
The French philosopher remains an enigma, despite an exhaustive biography. Rowan Atkinson's satirical probe. From April 1979.

MON 23:00 Sarah Millican's Support Group (b0113086)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

MON 23:30 Weak at the Top (b00ry9j0)
Series 1
Trout Farm
John Weak discovers there's a "T" missing from the end of HR, when Human Resources has a communal hot flush over his witty entry on Deirdre Simmons's leaving card...
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
Phil Bellinger Stephen Critchlow
Clare Barrett Colleen Prendergast
Deirdre Simmons Susan Jameson
Simon Henshaw Harry Myers
Producer: Jonquil Panting
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2005.

TUESDAY 17 MAY 2011

TUE 00:00 Doctor Who (b01132sq)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Monday]

TUE 00:30 John Wyndham - Trouble with Lichen (b007k3r3)
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TUE 01:00 John Creasey - The Toff on the Farm (b007js1v)
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TUE 02:00 Mad Man Blue (b0113060)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Monday]

TUE 02:30 Safety Catch (b00fn9d1)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Monday]

TUE 03:00 Sarah Millican's Support Group (b0113086)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]

TUE 03:30 The Great Gatsby Letters (b01130n7)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Monday]

TUE 04:00 Virginia Woolf - The Waves (b01130n9)
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TUE 05:00 Ballylenon (b00fz0g7)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

TUE 05:30 Down the Line (b0112zz9)
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TUE 06:00 John Creasey - The Toff on the Farm (b007js4c)
6. The Mystery of Selby Farm
Finding an empty safe at the farmhouse - the Honourable Richard Rollison edges closer to solving the mystery.

Rural intrigue stalks amateur sleuth - the Honorable Richard Rollison
The conclusion of John Creasey's thriller stars Terence Alexander.
The Toff Terence Alexander
Jolly Robert Dorning
Gillian Selby Heather Stoney
Monty Morne Terrence Hardiman
Superintendent Grice Duncan Lamont
Eddie Forbes (alias Red Brand) Ed Bishop
Bert Ebbutt Douglas Blackwell
William T Brandt Alan White
Other parts played by the cast.
Dramatised by Roy Lomax
Producer: John Fawcett Wilson
First broadcast on the BBC World Service in April 1977.

TUE 06:30 Eric Ambler - Topkapi (b011367p)
Episode 3
Arthur Simpson is now seconded to Turkish security. He also has to start work at the suspect's villa. Read by David Westhead.

TUE 07:00 The World As We Know It (b00fks6k)
Babytalk
Donna, Johnny, Patrick and Abigail are the last four people left on Earth along with the mysterious stranger in their cellar.
Thoughts turn to the problem of furthering the species. Patrick sets up a test with a baby doll, to decide who would make the best parent.
Sitcom by Luke Sorba.
Donna Meera Syal
Johnny Toby Longworth
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 (b0113615)
Series 2
Episode 4
Sexy women shock - and are we becoming a nation of people?
Radio's posh paper tells all. With Emma Kennedy. From November 2000.

TUE 08:00 Take It From Here (b01136nk)
From 19/11/1953
The enigma of Mona Lisa's smile is solved, and Eth and Ron fancy their own place in The Glums. Stars Jimmy Edwards. From November 1953.

TUE 08:30 The Burkiss Way (b00jr7fw)
Series 2
Skive From School the Burkiss Way
Can Moses Minor lead the boys of Greyfriars away from the clutches of their oppressors?
The Burkiss Way to Dynamic Living with hints on truancy from Jo Kendall, Nigel Rees, Chris Emmett and Fred Harris
Forged sick notes written by Andrew Marshall and David Renwick.
And a variety of excuses from producer: Simon Brett.
Cult sketch show first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1977.

TUE 09:00 1834 (b01137b8)
What Century Are You Living In?
Jason Slater is a 21st-century English teacher from Cheadle Hulme who wakes in 19th-century Macclesfield.
In Jim Poyser's riotous comedy of transportation and delight, Jason discovers he's now Tarquin, third son of Lord Belport with a faithful valet, Ned who can't explain what's happened. He's also acquired a suspicious brother, Henry; a spurned ex-girlfriend, Millicent, now going out with Henry; and an over excited Luddite-cum-cauliflower farmer.
Jason Slater Michael Begley
Ned Joe Caffrey
Hoskins Kenneth Alan Taylor
Lord Belport Mark Chatterton
Henry James Nickerson
Luddite Toby Hadoke
Millicent Julia Rounthwaite
Directed at BBC Manchester by Polly Thomas.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2003.

TUE 09:30 The Leopard in Autumn (b00rvzkq)
Series 2
Considering the Lillies of the Field
Prince Ludovico of Monte Guano - besieged ruler of the pettiest state in Italy - battles to raise enough money from his meagre subjects to pay for the new Pope's tribute.
Second series of the comedy drama set in Renaissance Italy devised by Neal Anthony.
Written by Roger Danes.
Stars David Swift as Ludovico, Sian Phillips as Plethora, Graham Crowden as Francesco, Saskia Wickham as Rosalie, Nick Romero as Salvatori, Paul Bigley as Alessandro, Christopher Kelham as Guido and Kim Wall as Vitellozzo.
Producer: Helen Williams
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2002.

TUE 10:00 Ambridge Extra (b01137gh)
Series 1
Episode 13
Chris should be careful what he puts his name to, and Kirsty gears up for her date.

TUE 10:15 William Trevor - A Bit on the Side (b00nhq56)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Sunday]

TUE 10:30 It's a Funny Business (b01137gk)

Roy Hudd

The comedian and actor relives some of the humorous moments from his showbusiness career. From August 1976.

TUE 11:00 Virginia Woolf - The Waves (b01137gm)

Episode 2

As the life-long friends each try to come to terms with Percival's death, more secrets are uncovered. Stars Geraldine James.

TUE 12:00 Take It From Here (b01136nk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 12:30 Clare in the Community (b00slqvv)

Series 6

Luck of the Irish

Clare is delighted to discover she has an Irish ancestor...

Clare Barker is the self-absorbed social worker who has the right jargon for every problem she comes across, though never a practical solution. But there are plenty of challenges out there for an involved, caring social worker. Or even Clare.

The team at the Family Centre has been shaken around and shuffled about. Clare is now Acting Team Leader, as Irene has job-swapped. And whilst Irene is in Melbourne the team here are joined by Libby – an Aussie and a lezzie, proud to be both, and after Clare's job.

But it is in the nature of hell to be unchanging, and most of the regulars are present and correct for a further round of frustration, despair, disappointment, team meetings and 11 o'clock cakes at the Sparrowhawk Family Centre.

Clare ... Sally Phillips

Helen ... Liza Tarbuck

Brian ... Alex Lowe

Ray ... Richard Lumdsen

Libby ... Sarah Kendall

Ptolemy ... Philip Pope

Megan/Na ... Nina Conti

Written by Harry Venning and David Ramsden

Producer: Katie Tyrrell.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2010.

TUE 13:00 John Creasey - The Toff on the Farm (b007js4c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 13:30 Eric Ambler - Topkapi (b011367p)

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TUE 14:00 Vikas Swarup - Q&A (b00ktc7t)

10,000 Rupees

He's got the first question right, but can Ram Mohammad

Thomas win a billion on the Indian TV game show? Stars

Anand Tiwari.

TUE 14:15 Ambridge Extra (b01137gh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

TUE 14:30 F Scott Fitzgerald - The Great Gatsby (b007jmyr)

Episode 2

Nick becomes embroiled in the workings of Tom's affair and the stories of Gatsby's extravagant parties. Read by Sam Robards.

TUE 14:45 Anton Chekhov - A Life of Chekhov (b00q9nwt)

At the Tailor's

The 19-year-old studies to be a doctor and writes stories.

Dramatisation of Irene Nemirovsky's biography with Andrew Scott.

TUE 15:00 Baroness Orczy - The Teahouse Detective (b007jmlx)

The London Mystery

The canny man in the corner helps Polly when a gambler accused of murder seems to have the perfect alibi. Stars

Bernard Hepton.

TUE 15:45 Arthur Conan Doyle: A Life in Letters (b00b9m1s)

Episode 2

The author writes to his mother about marriage, fatherhood and Sherlock Holmes. Extracts read by Forbes Masson and John

Dougal.

TUE 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b0113d7w)

Mel Giedroyc hears how joining the circus has helped children from Afghanistan. Plus show tunes with John Barrowman, and

is it really lucky to have a birthday in May?

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TUE 18:00 Doctor Who (b0113d7y)

Cobwebs

Episode 2

The time travellers learn more about the base's crew and the planet's only species. But which is deadlier? Fifth Doctor

adventure stars Peter Davison and Sarah Sutton.

TUE 18:30 John Wyndham - Trouble with Lichen (b007k3xm)

Episode 5

The secret of long life is out, but with a reticent boss, Diana must face intense media pressure alone.

The scientific world, government, media and the beauty salon collide in John Wyndham's 1960 sci-fi novel.

Concluded by Joanna Tope.

Abridged by Scott Stainton Miller.

Producer: Eilidh McCreadie

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TUE 22:30 Vent (b00svcbq)

Series 1

Wake Me Up Before You Go-Go

Ben doesn't get out much, but he has a loving and attentive family, an active imagination and a comfortable bed, so he can't complain.

Because he's in a coma, Mary and Mum wonder whether some of his favourite music will wake him up, while his own thoughts are occupied with visions of Sue Lawley, Robbie Williams - and an unconventional seduction technique.

Dark sitcom written by Nigel Smith.

Starring Neil Pearson as Ben Smith, Fiona Allen as Mary, Josie Lawrence as Mum and Leslie Ash as Blitzkrieg.

With Mark Perry, Dave Lamb, Jo Martin, Tim Whitnall, Hils

Barker and Kim Wall.

Producer: Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2006.

TUE 23:00 Ed Reardon's Week (b007k3lp)

Series 2

Rogue Mail

After his cash windfall, ever curmudgeonly Ed is writing about royalty in a remote cottage.

Welcome back to the comical world of Ed Reardon, author, pipe smoker, consummate fare-dodger and master of the abusive e-mail.

Christopher Douglas stars as Ed Reardon.

Written by Christopher Douglas and Andrew Nickolds.

Featuring:

Stephanie Cole

John Fortune

Matthew Holness

Martin Hyder

Philip Jackson

Rita May

Geoffrey McGivern

Barunka O'Shaughnessy

Sally Grace

Geoffrey Whitehead

Producer: Simon Nicholls

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2005.

TUE 23:30 The Nimmo Twins in... (b00jh6jt)

Series 1

Exit. Pursued by a Bear

A provincial theatre company comes a cropper at the hands of a mad playwright. Stars Karl Minns. From September 2000.

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WED 06:00 Wimsey (b007jvk0)

Clouds of Witness

The Riddlesdale Inquest

An aristocratic scandal erupts after Lord Peter's Wimsey's

brother, the Duke of Denver, is arrested for murder...

Starring Ian Carmichael as Lord Peter Wimsey, Peter Jones as

Bunter, James Villiers as the Duke of Denver, Gabriel Woolf as

Inspector Parker, James Thomason as the Coroner, Maria

Aitken as Lady Mary Wimsey, Nigel Lambert as Freddie

Arbutnot, Betty Cardno as Miss Cathcart, Bill Wallis as

Pettigrew and Sean Arnold as Cooper.

British gentleman detective Lord Peter Wimsey features in a

number of detective novels and short stories by English crime writer, Dorothy L. Sayers. Clouds of Witness was first published in 1926.

Classy and sharp-witted, aristocratic amateur sleuth Lord Peter Bredon Wimsey was born in 1890 and educated at Eton and Oxford, before serving in the military during the First World War.

Ian Carmichael appeared as Lord Peter Wimsey for BBC Radio from 1973 to 1983, in addition to the BBC TV adaptations broadcast between 1972 and 1975.

Adapted for radio in eight episodes Peter Jones and Tania Lieven.

Producer: Simon Brett.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1974.

WED 06:30 Eric Ambler - Topkapi (b0116778)

Episode 4

Unwilling Turkish secret agent Simpson watches a group of 'tourists' while he works as their driver. Read by David

Westhead.

WED 07:00 Life in London (b01167w4)

In Training for a Swell

A tour of the sprawling post-Regency Metropolis in the years

before the Victorians turned up and made everything boring

All in the company of garrulous author Pierce Egan, cocksure

urbanite Corinthian Tom, his naive Somerset cousin Jerry

Hawthorn and their drunken compatriot Bob Logic.

Starring Greg Wise, Mark Gatiss and James Bachman.

Pierce Egan's 19th-century comic novel adapted by Dan Tetsell.

Pierce Egan Geoffrey McGivern

Corinthian Tom Greg Wise

Jerry Hawthorn Mark Gatiss

Bob Logic James Bachman

Old Hawthorn Christopher Douglas

Corinthian Kate Amanda Abbington

Mrs Belcher Laura Shavin

Mr Primefit Dave Lamb

Music: Ben Walker

Producer: Tilusha Ghelani

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2006.

WED 07:30 The Very World of Milton Jones (b00fkqzm)

Series 2

Episode 1

About to be shot by Mexican bandits, the comedian's life

flashes before his eyes. With Alexander Armstrong. From

October 1999.

WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jp9g)

Series 6

The Childhood Sweetheart

The lad sets off for a romantic reunion pledged 25 years before.

Starring Tony Hancock.

With Sidney James, Bill Kerr, Kenneth Williams and Patricia

Hayes.

Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.

Theme and incidental music written by Wally Stott.

Producer: Tom Ronald

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in October 1959.

WED 08:30 Yes Minister (b007j189)

Series 1

Big Brother

MP Jim Hacker crosses swords with Sir Humphrey over civil

liberties

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

Tom Fulton McKay

Godfrey Finch Gordon Clyde

Floor Manager Haydn Wood

Richard Linley Himself

Adapted for radio by producer Pete Atkin.

First broadcast on Radio 4 in October 1983.

WED 09:00 Instant Sunshine (b007jxgk)

From 17/12/1986

Humorous songs performed by the comedy musical cabaret

quartet, Instant Sunshine:

Featuring David Barlow, Peter Christie, Miles Kington and

Alan Maryon-Davis attempting to be reasonably together again.

With special guests: The Cambridge Buskers.

Producer: David Rayvern Allen

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1986.

WED 09:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b0116838)

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 (b0112f1z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

WED 10:50 Front Row Interviews (b0112fm1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:50 on Sunday]

WED 11:00 ER Braithwaite - To Sir With Love (b00dyydd)

Episode 1

Rick Braithwaite is a handsome, ex-RAF pilot from Guyana

who gets a job as a teacher in a radical school in post-war

London's East End.
Once in the classroom, the students are tough, foul-mouthed and angry, proving unreceptive to his teaching methods...
Stars Kwame Kwei-Armah as Rick, Sasha Behar as Gillian, Simon Treves as Weston, Liza Sadovy as Clinty and Sam Dale as Mr Florian.
The first of a two-part adaptation of Guyanese author, ER Braithwaite's semi-autobiographical, international best-selling novel. Dramatised by Roy Williams.
ER Braithwaite: born 1912 - died in 2016
Producer: Claire Grove
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007.
WED 12:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jp9g)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
WED 12:30 The Gobetweanies (b010xyy8)
Series 1
Sniffing Stevie and the Gym Horse
David Tennant and Sarah Alexander star as the exes determined their marital failures will not get in the way of good parenting. This week son Tom feels guilty about not wanting to be mates with a boy with a permanent snout bubble. The divorced pair confuse him about the morality of befriending losers. Meanwhile a visit to a tattoo parlour gives Lucy a great idea about getting some attention. Joe finds a new job and a visit to The Wellcome Institute provides Mimi with some useful information about Syphilis.
If it's Wednesday... it must be Holloway...
Cast List:
Joe David Tennant
Mimi Sarah Alexander
Tom Finlay Christie
Lucy Phoebe Abbott
Bobby Stephen Critchlow
Stevie Ben Baker
Ms Smart Morwenna Banks
Donald Gordon Kennedy
Writer: Marcella Evaristi
Director: Marilyn Imrie
Producer: Gordon Kennedy
An Absolutely Production for BBC Radio 4.
WED 13:00 Wimsey (b007jvk0)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
WED 13:30 Eric Ambler - Topkapi (b0116778)
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WED 14:00 Vikas Swarup - Q&A (b00ktgq0)
50,000 Rupees
TV show contestant Thomas delves into his troubled past, hoping to find the right answer and win a life-changing sum. Stars Anand Tiwari.
WED 14:15 William Trevor - A Bit on the Side (b00nm0k3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:45 on Sunday]
WED 14:30 F Scott Fitzgerald - The Great Gatsby (b007jnz5)
Episode 3
Nick experiences the beauty and allure of Gatsby's summer parties and meets their elusive host. Read by Sam Robards.
WED 14:45 Anton Chekhov - A Life of Chekhov (b00q9pp6)
The Dead Pool
Anton is attracted to the daughter of the family's landlord. Dramatisation of Nemirovsky's biography with Andrew Scott.
WED 15:00 Baroness Orczy - The Teahouse Detective (b007jmhd)
The Metropolitan Line Murder
Journalist Polly seeks help from an enigmatic old customer in a London teahouse over her friend's killing. Stars Bernard Hepton.
WED 15:45 Arthur Conan Doyle: A Life in Letters (b00b9xqc)
Episode 3
The author writes to his mother Mary about making a decision to 'kill Holmes'. Extracts read by Forbes Masson.
WED 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b0116817)
Mel Giedroyc heads into orbit, 20 years after Helen Sharman became the first Briton in space. Plus Sigourney Weaver on aliens, and how a homemade camera kit took photos from space.
WED 17:00 Life in London (b01167w4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
WED 17:30 The Very World of Milton Jones (b00fkqzm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
WED 18:00 Doctor Who (b01169bp)
Cobwebs
Episode 3
The shocked Time Lord realises how the base's computer will affect all of their fates, present and future. Fifth Doctor adventure stars Peter Davison and Sarah Sutton.
WED 18:30 Charles Chilton - Space Force (b007jmb4)
Series 1
1. The Voice from Nowhere
"It all began many Earth years ago during the summer of 2010..."
A routine trip to the moon turns into a nightmare in space for Captain Saxon Berry and his crew.
Starring Barry Foster and Nicky Henson.
Charles Chilton's intergalactic adventure in six-parts.
Captain Saxon Berry Barry Foster
Lemuel 'Chipper' Barnett Nicky Henson
Magnus Carter Nigel Stock

Lauderica Sincere Tony Osoba
with Wendy Murray and Teresa Stretfield
Charles Chilton wrote and produced many popular and successful radio programmes for the BBC - including the classic 1950s serial 'Journey into Space' with the adventures of Captain Jet Morgan. First broadcast years before the first moon landing, this fired the imagination of millions. It was the last radio drama to record higher ratings than the new young upstart - television!
Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in April 1984.
WED 19:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jp9g)
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[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]
WED 22:30 The Secret World (b01169br)
Series 1
Episode 1 - Pilot
From John Humphrys and Ringo to Alan Carr and Alan Sugar. Pilot of the comedy impressions series examining the bizarre and private lives of public people.
Starring:
Jon Culshaw
Sarah Hadland
Jess Robinson
Lewis Macleod
Duncan Wisbey
Producer: Bill Dare
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2008.
WED 23:00 Acropolis Now (b007jwml)
Series 1
War
Xanthippe's luck is in as the war-like, sex-mad Spartans arrive in Ancient Athens. Stars Stephen Moore. From January 2001.
WED 23:30 Deep Trouble (b00pp7t)
Series 1
Episode 4
A stray astronaut and a rock band spark confusion on board submarine HMS Goliath. Stars Jim Field Smith. From November 2005.

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Series 1
Episode 6
Tied to a railway track, the comedian's life flashes before his eyes. With Dave Lamb.
THU 06:00 Wimsey (b007jvk4)
Clouds of Witness
Mudstains and Bloodstains
The Duke of Denver stands accused of the murder of Captain Dennis Cathcart.
His brother, Lord Peter Wimsey desperately hunts for remaining clues at the scene of the shooting - Riddlesdale Lodge in Yorkshire
Starring Ian Carmichael as Lord Peter Wimsey, Peter Jones as Bunter, Gabriel Woolf as Inspector Parker, Nigel Lambert as Freddie Arbutnot, Bill Wallis as Pettigrew-Robinson, Miriam Margolyes as Mrs Hardraw and Betty Cardno as the Duchess of Denver.
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Classy and sharp-witted, aristocratic amateur sleuth Lord Peter Bredon Wimsey was born in 1890 and educated at Eton and Oxford, before serving in the military during the First World War.
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Adapted for radio in eight episodes Peter Jones and Tania Lieven.
Producer: Simon Brett.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1974.
THU 06:30 Eric Ambler - Topkapi (b0116gvk)
Episode 5
Arthur Simpson, crook and spy, witnesses a vicious knife fight and waits for news of Fischer. Read by David Westhead.
THU 07:00 The Brothers (b007m477)
Series 1
Episode 3
Liquidised orchids, tropical fish and John Travolta's cuff links. More events for brothers Nigel and Michael. Has one of them got a date?
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
Daughter..... Alice Hart
Dad John Glover
Producer: Marc Beeby
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2004.
THU 07:30 Electric Ink (b0116gvm)
Series 1
Episode 1
Maddox is an old school journalist struggling to keep up with new technology.
He feels the art of finding stories is being forgotten and he is not about to let that happen.
Old hacks meet new media in Alistair Beaton's satire set in the changing world of the newspaper industry.
Maddox Robert Lindsay
Oliver Alex Jennings
Amelia Elizabeth Berrington
Tasneem Zita Sattar
Masha Debbie Chazen
Freddy Ben Willbond
Announcer Matt Addis
With additional material by Tom Mitchelson.
Director: Sally Avens
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2009.
THU 08:00 The Men from the Ministry (b0116gvp)
We All Make Mistakes
Sir Gregory decides it's time to take action over the bumbling bureaucrats...
A weekly tribute to all those who work in government departments.
Stars Richard Murdoch and Deryck Guyler. With Norma Ronald, Ronald Baddley 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 (b0116h49)
Series 1
A Patron of the Arts
Perpetually hard-up monarch Jim manages to slip off to the pub - and appear in public.
Historical regal romp starring Jimmy Edwards.
With Joan Sanderson, Julian Orchard, John Baddeley, Andrew Palmer, Ronald Baddley and David Ryall.
Jim the Great ran for 2 series on BBC Radio 2 between 1976 - 1979.
Producer: Edward Taylor
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 1977.
THU 09:00 Like They've Never Been Gone (b00936z4)
Series 1
Episode 1
Sweethearts Tommy Franklin and Sheila Parr won the 1962 Eurovision Song Contest, but find themselves suddenly thrust back into the limelight when their song is used on TV.
The only snag is they can no longer stand the sight of one another...
Series 1 of Mike Coleman's sitcom starring June Whitfield and Roy Hudd.
Tommy Franklin Roy Hudd
Sheila Parr June Whitfield
With Pat Coombs, Julie Eardley, Joshua Henderson, Chris Pavlo and Terry Wogan.
Music by Frido Ruth.
Producer: Steve Doherty
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1998.
THU 09:30 Just a Minute (b0116hsp)
From London, chairman Nicholas Parsons welcomes Peter Jones, Clement Freud, Paul Merton and Maureen Lipman.
From July 1998.
THU 10:00 Ambridge Extra (b0116h8r)
Series 1
Episode 14

Suspicions are roused about Alice and Chaz, and the exam pressure is on for Jamie.

THU 10:15 Loose Ends (b011290x)

Clive Anderson and guests with an eclectic mix of conversation, music and comedy.

Clive is joined by two of our most famous, female former soap stars. Sarah Lancashire once played Raquel in Coronation Street and is now one of the most successful British actresses on stage and screen. She's currently starring in the new musical comedy Betty Blue Eyes, based on Alan Bennett and Malcolm Mowbray's film A Private Function.

Anita Dobson has long since moved from her role as Angie Watts in EastEnders and can now be seen playing Joan Crawford in Bette & Joan, opposite Greta Scacchi.

BBC Political Editor Nick Robinson talks about his documentary for BBC One, The Street That Cut Everything.

The programme follows the residents of a single street in Preston when council services are withdrawn for an experimental six week. They must decide how to run their own community and all does not run smoothly....

Following on from her exposes of the hotel, air and fashion industries, Imogen Edward-Jones talks to Allegra McEvedy about her latest book, Hospital Babylon. An in-depth, amusing and shocking peek into the world of modern medicine based on the anonymous confessions from some of the country's top medical practitioners. From bribes, sex, and drug addictions to blood, guts and plastic surgery.

There's music from Alabama's acclaimed country-music duo taking bluegrass back to its roots, The Secret Sisters.

And London six-piece Goldheart Assembly make it to the Loose Ends studio with their Beatle-esque close knit harmonies. Producer: Cathie Mahoney.

THU 11:00 ER Braithwaite - To Sir With Love (b00dz530)

Episode 2

Teacher Rick Braithwaite and his hostile, inner-city students are slowly getting to know each other better - and Rick is falling for his school colleague, Gillian...

Stars Kwame Kwei-Armah as Rick, Sasha Behar as Gillian, Simon Treves as Weston, Liza Sadovy as Clinty and Sam Dale as Mr Florian.

Two-part adaptation of Guyanese author, ER Braithwaite's semi-autobiographical, international best-selling novel. Dramatised by Roy Williams.

ER Braithwaite: born 1912 - died in 2016

Producer: Claire Grove

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007.

THU 12:00 The Men from the Ministry (b0116gvp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 12:30 The Simon Day Show (b010y312)

Series 1

Billy Bleach

With no headliner at The Mallard, newcomer Billy Bleach is asked to extend his stand-up set. With Simon Greenall. From May 2011.

THU 13:00 Wimsey (b007jvk4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 13:30 Eric Ambler - Topkapi (b0116gvk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 14:00 Vikas Swarup - Q&A (b00ktvww)

100,000 Rupees

Thomas' time spent working for an Australian Colonel proves useful when he answers the next quiz question. Stars Anand Tiwari.

THU 14:15 Ambridge Extra (b0116hsr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

THU 14:30 F Scott Fitzgerald - The Great Gatsby (b007jmzm)

Episode 4

Nick finds out more about Gatsby, but can he believe all that he discovers? Read by Sam Robards.

THU 14:45 Anton Chekhov - A Life of Chekhov (b00q9xrl)

His Sister Masha

A successful short story writer, Anton aims to fix his relationship with his dad. Biography dramatisation with Andrew Scott.

THU 15:00 Baroness Orczy - The Teahouse Detective (b007jmgw)

The York Mystery

A ragged old customer applies his uncanny deductive powers to a bookmaker's murder. Stars Bernard Hepton and Suzanne Burden.

THU 15:45 Arthur Conan Doyle: A Life in Letters (b00bb9m4)

Episode 4

The Sherlock Holmes author writes to his mother Mary about turning to politics. Extracts read by Forbes Masson and John Dougal.

THU 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b0116k73)

Mel Giedroyc with a new story, Through the Looking Glass and What Alice Found There. Mel finds out what recently discovered bank account records reveal about the book's author.

THU 17:00 The Brothers (b007m477)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 17:30 Electric Ink (b0116gvm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 18:00 Doctor Who (b0116kls)

Cobwebs

Episode 4

With the base facing destruction, the Time Lord and his

companions battle to secure the anti-virus. Fifth Doctor adventure stars Peter Davison and Sarah Sutton.

THU 18:30 Charles Chilton - Space Force (b007jmbm)

Series 1

2. Towards the Unknown

One of Space Force's crew members, Magnus Carter, reveals the true nature of their latest mission

Charles Chilton's intergalactic adventure starring Barry Foster and Nicky Henson.

Captain Saxon Berry Barry Foster

Lemuel 'Chipper' Barnett Nicky Henson

Magnus Carter Nigel Stock

Lauderic Sincere Tony Osoba

with Wendy Murray and Teresa Stretfield

Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in April 1984.

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THU 21:00 ER Braithwaite - To Sir With Love (b00dz530)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

THU 22:00 The Simon Day Show (b010y312)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]

THU 22:30 The Museum of Everything (b007k1gw)

Series 1

The History of Everything

Discover the origins of the first-ever museum and learn the secrets of the Pyramids.

Meanwhile, Badgerland fights back

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 (b007xvrp)

Series 1

Episode 3

Tom gets a job as an international courier and has to deliver a package to a contact in Spain.

However, after his "imaginary" band spark mayhem on the plane, Tom and Sadie find themselves caught up in a world of death and deception.

Still, if a good song won't cheer them all up, nothing will.

Andrew McGibbon and Nick Romero's everyday story about a man who can't stop himself from breaking into song.

Suggs Tom Caine

Bob Monkhouse Dr Boone

Mika Simmonds Sadie

Phil Cornwell Bouche

Michael Roberts Clammy Clemence

Andrew McGibbon Jake

Nick Romero Monty De Vere

Emma Clarke Air Stewardess

Songs: Andrew McGibbon, Nick Romero and Suggs

Director: Chris Neill

Producers: Torquill MacLeod, Julian Mayers and Andrew McGibbon.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2001.

THU 23:30 Dan and Nick: The Wildebeest Years (b007jyzh)

Pundemonium!

It's Pundemonium!

A comedy extravaganza written by and featuring Dan Freedman and Nick Romero

With Richard Coles.

Music by the Gents.

Producer: Julian Mayers

Pilot for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in August 1998

FRIDAY 20 MAY 2011

FRI 00:00 Doctor Who (b0116kls)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Thursday]

FRI 00:30 Charles Chilton - Space Force (b007jmbm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]

FRI 01:00 Wimsey (b007jvk4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]

FRI 01:30 Eric Ambler - Topkapi (b0116gvk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]

FRI 02:00 Like They've Never Been Gone (b00936z4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]

FRI 02:30 Just a Minute (b0116hsr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]

FRI 03:00 Ambridge Extra (b0116hsr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]

FRI 03:15 Loose Ends (b011290x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:15 on Thursday]

FRI 04:00 ER Braithwaite - To Sir With Love (b00dz530)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Thursday]

FRI 05:00 The Brothers (b007m477)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]

FRI 05:30 Electric Ink (b0116gvm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]

FRI 06:00 Wimsey (b007jvk7)

Clouds of Witness

The Diamond Cat

Who is the mysterious "number 10" and what connects him to the beautiful Mrs Grimethorpe?

With his brother accused of shooting Captain Dennis Cathcart, Lord Peter Wimsey continues his murder investigation, as the family barrister arrives in Yorkshire to discuss the case...

Starring Ian Carmichael as Lord Peter Wimsey, Peter Jones as Bunter, Gabriel Woolf as Inspector Parker, Maria Aitken as Lady Mary Wimsey, Brian Oulton as Sir Impey Biggs, Bill Wallis as Grimethorpe, Elizabeth Proud as Mrs Grimethorpe, David Sinclair as the Servant and Bonnie Hurren as Lucy Grimethorpe.

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FRI 06:30 Eric Ambler - Topkapi (b0112cyc)

Episode 6

Arthur Simpson is still on the roof. He has just reluctantly robbed the Treasury of the Topkapi Palace. Read by David Westhead.

FRI 07:00 The Arts and How They Was Done (b007767y)

The Birth of Art and How They Done the Cave Paintings
Desmond Olivier Dingle and the National Theatre of Brent
explore the Lascaux Caves. Stars Patrick Barlow. From April 2007.

FRI 07:30 Snap (b00thqvk)

Series 1

Episode 3

Doug's furious when he discovers Molly plans to take in a lodger.

Plus their best friends having a party, so it could be awkward if both Molly & Doug get an invite...

Paul Mendelson's sitcom about life for a couple after they've split.

Molly Rebecca Lacey

Doug Paul Venables

Kaz Soumaya Keynes

Scarlet Rebecca Front

Annie Marlene Sidaway

Raymond Jonathan Tafler

Gwyneth Williams Jennifer Hill

Producer: David Ian Neville

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2003.

FRI 08:00 The Navy Lark (b007w2hx)

Series 3

Sir Willoughby Takes over an Island

A new location is needed for the troublesome former governor and his wife.

Starring Leslie Phillips as the Sub-Lieutenant, Stephen Murray as the Number One, Jon Pertwee as the Chief Petty Officer, Richard Caldicot as Captain Povey, Ronnie Barker as AS Johnson, Tenniel Evans as Nunky, Heather Chasen as Lady Todhunter-Brown and Michael Bates as Mr Whittaker-Smyth.

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 December 1960.

FRI 08:30 Steptoe and Son (b00rlb08)

Series 1

65 Today

Albert Steptoe's 65th birthday outing turns into a disaster for his son Harold.

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

With Ian Burford and David Charlesworth

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 A Whole New Ball Game (b00b2tsd)

Series 1

Goodbye Gregory

The late Gregory Patterson was a stalwart of the Roman

Catholic Parishioners. But how will Mrs Patterson cope now with her headstrong daughter, Barbara? How will young Robert face up to his new responsibilities?

Surely football-crazy priest Father Benedict can help?

A six-part black comedy by Martin Davies

Stars Desmond Barrit as Father Benedict, Brenda Blethyn as Mrs Patterson, Paul Parris as Robert Patterson, Charlotte Coleman as Barbara Patterson, Martino Lazzeri as Guy Entwistle, Gordon Reid as Mr Plant, Mark Straker as Andy and Claire Skinner as Janet.

Producer: Lissa Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1992.

FRI 09:30 Does The Team Think? (b00lclt)

Series 1

Episode 2

Vic Reeves hosts, as Paul Whitehouse, Lucy Porter, Andy Parsons and Rowland Rivron get grilled by the audience. From July 2007.

FRI 10:00 What's So Funny? (b0112dg9)

Series 1

Episode 7

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

FRI 10:30 Ambridge Extra Omnibus (b0112dgc)

Series 1, Episodes 13-14

Chris should be careful what he puts his name to, and Kirsty gears up for her date.

FRI 11:00 Kington's Last Tapes (b0112dhd)

Tony Staveacre's highlights of candid conversations days before musician, writer and broadcaster Miles Kington died in 2008.

FRI 12:00 The Navy Lark (b007w2hx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 12:30 The News Quiz (b010y0r1)

Series 74

Episode 5

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

FRI 13:00 Wimsey (b007jvk7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 13:30 Eric Ambler - Topkapi (b0112cyc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 14:00 Vikas Swarup - Q&A (b00kvkpk)

500,000 Rupees

Sitting in the hot seat, ready for his next quiz question, Thomas remembers being reunited with Salim. Stars Anand Tiwari.

FRI 14:15 The Wartime Stories of Mollie Panter-Downes (b00769wf)

Fin de Siecle

Poignant Second World War experiences of women in Britain, starting with a soldier's wife. Read by Sylvestra Le Touzel.

FRI 14:30 F Scott Fitzgerald - The Great Gatsby (b007jn01)

Episode 5

Nick discovers the reason behind Gatsby's parties - his need to be reunited with someone from his past. Read by Sam Robards.

FRI 14:45 Anton Chekhov - A Life of Chekhov (b00qb397)

The Trap Pony

Falling for actress Olga Knipper, the writer faces conflict with his sister Masha. Biography dramatisation with Andrew Scott.

FRI 15:00 Nick Warburton - Every Book in the World (b00td5s8)

The real-life Victorian bibliomaniac, Sir Thomas Philipps, aimed to own a copy of every book in the world. But his mania came at a price.

A Victorian road movie, Nick Warburton's play is a study in obsession.

Stars Benjamin Whitrow as Sir Thomas Philipps, Lia Williams as Elizabeth Philipps and Peter Gunn as Herbert.

Director: Mark Smalley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2006.

FRI 15:45 Arthur Conan Doyle: A Life in Letters (b00bbmfd)

Episode 5

The Sherlock Holmes author writes to his mother debating his knighthood offer. Extracts read by Forbes Masson and John Dougal.

FRI 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b0112fc3)

Mel Giedroyc listens out for garden birds, takes some Sneaky Peeks at upcoming 4 Extra comedy, and learns why Helena Bonham Carter is happiest when dressed as a chimp.

FRI 17:00 The Arts and How They Was Done (b007767y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 17:30 Snap (b00thqvk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 18:00 Doctor Who (b0112fkr)

The Whispering Forest

Episode 1

The Time Lord, Tegan, Turlough and Nyssa run into a group of hygiene-obsessed settlers under attack. Fifth Doctor adventure stars Peter Davison and Janet Fielding.

FRI 18:30 Charles Chilton - Space Force (b007jmc2)

Series 1

3. The Silver Strangers

"The two strange figures drifted over from their ship to ours - they were heading for the main outside air lock..."
After drifting without power, the crew of Space Force receive a mysterious message and spot a spacecraft...

Charles Chilton's intergalactic adventure starring Barry Foster and Nicky Henson.

Captain Saxon Berry Barry Foster

Chipper Nicky Henson

Magnus Nigel Stock

Lauderic Tony Osoba

with Wendy Murray and Teresa Stretfeild.

Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in April 1984.

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FRI 22:00 The News Quiz Extra (b0112flj)

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 Steven Appleby's Normal Life (b007jnz1)

Series 1

Normal Love

Cartoonist Steven Appleby takes a distinctly abnormal look at everyday life in the 21st century by looking each week at one of life's fundamental topics.

When his wife leaves him for a kettle, the cartoonist looks for love elsewhere..

Starring Paul McCrink as Steven Appleby.

Featuring Rachel Atkins, Ewan Bailey, Nigel Betts and Rosalind Paul.

Six-part comedy written by Steven Appleby

Producer: Toby Swift

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2001

FRI 23:00 What's So Funny? (b0112dg9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 23:30 Lenin of the Rovers (b00cfz8)

Series 2

Apocalypse Des

Felchester Rovers take a break in the socialist idyll of El

Telvador - but a war is raging. Stars Alexei Sayle. From April 1989.