

SATURDAY 18 JUNE 2011

SAT 00:00 James Follett - Earthsearch (b007s19b)

Earthsearch I
The Pools of Time
Darv and Astra, two of the starship's crew, are in grave danger after being taken prisoner by the inhabitants of Zelta 5. Their crewmates Telson and Sharna are in hot pursuit aboard the Challenger...
James Follett's 10-part adventure serial in time and space.
Commander Telson Sean Arnold
Sharna Amanda Murray
Astra Kathryn Hurlbutt
Darv Haydn Wood
Angel One Sonia Fraser
Angel Two Gordon Reid
Helan Judy Franklin
Thorden John Bott
Spegal Stephen Garlick
Custodian of the Past Eve Karpf
Old Man Godfrey Kenton
Director: Glyn Dearman
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1981.

SAT 00:30 Barry Letts - Who & Me (b00s5mf)

Episode 5
The Doctor Who producer recalls the birth of the Time Lord's nemesis and the attributes of a time traveller's female companion.
SAT 01:00 Wimsey (b007jvrl)
Unnatural Death
5. The Property Act
Unravelling property rules provides fresh clues for Lord Peter Wimsey's murder probe.
Ian Carmichael stars as the aristocratic sleuth.
British gentleman detective Lord Peter Wimsey features in a number of detective novels and short stories by English crime writer, Dorothy L Sayers. Have Unnatural Death was first published in 1927.
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 that were broadcast between 1972 and 1975.

Adapted for radio by Chris Miller.
Lord Peter Wimsey Ian Carmichael

Inspector Parker Gabriel Woolf
Mr Murbles Malcolm Hayes
Mr Towington Garard Green
Mr Trigg Gordon Clyde

Mrs Mead Bridget McConnell

Producer: Simon Brett.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1975.

SAT 01:30 DI Bibi Ash - Across the Narrow Water (b00j0q42)

A Child in the Night
Detective Bibi Ash spots a pattern in Glasgow's brutal killings - and looks to the past. Tom Kelly's thriller with Lalor Roddy.

SAT 02:00 A Whole New Ball Game (b00ck2dq)

Series 1
Found Wanting
To Robert's dismay, his sister, Barbara, is about to succumb to temptation in the shape of biker Andy Hunt.
His mother can't help to save her, so he enlists the help of Father Benedict as an avenger...

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, Mark Straker as Andy and Claire Skinner as Janet.
Producer: Lissa Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1993.

SAT 02:30 Does The Team Think? (b00lr6v7)

Series 1
Episode 6
Vic Reeves hosts, as Lawrence Llewelyn-Bowen, Arthur Smith, Tom Baker and Jo Caulfield answer the questions. From August 2007.

SAT 03:00 What's So Funny? (b011w4p2)

Series 1
Episode 11
Rufus Hound and guests with news, reviews and previews of what's happening in comedy this week.

SAT 03:30 Ambridge Extra Omnibus (b011w4p4)

Series 1, Episodes 21-22
It's a relaxing morning in for Alice and Chaz, while Nic is hatching a plan.

SAT 04:00 Elizabeth Gaskell - Wives and Daughters (b007jxsz)

Reviving Hopes and Brightening Prospects
What will become of Osborne's wife and child? And is a marriage proposal on its way to Cynthia? Starring Kathryn Hurlbutt.

SAT 05:00 The Arts and How They Was Done (b00777b4)

How Puccini Done Madame Butterfly
The National Theatre of Brent reveals mysteries behind the tragic opera. Stars Patrick Barlow. From May 2007.

SAT 05:30 Snap (b00ttmfv)

Series 2

Episode 3

Trying to be mature and adult after their separation, Doug and Molly attempt to bury their differences to find out what's wrong with their son Ryan.

Paul Mendelson's sitcom stars Rebecca Lacey as Molly, Paul Venables as Doug, Soumaya Keynes as Kaz, Jessie Sullivan as Ryan, Marlene Sidaway as Annie, Samantha Spiro as Dawn and Richard Firth as Ansel.

Producer: David Ian Neville

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2004.

SAT 06:00 Alan Bennett - The Lady in the Van (b0120vy5)

A radio version of Alan Bennett's celebrated autobiographical stage play about a woman who takes refuge in his Camden garden for three months, and ends up staying 15 years.
Starring Maggie Smith as Miss Shepherd and Alan Bennett as Adrian Scarborough and Alan Bennett 2. With Marcia Warren, Matt Addis, Janice Acquah and Stephen Critchlow.
Dame Maggie Smith also stars in the BBC film version.

Music composed by Simon Morecroft

Adapted and Directed by Gordon House

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2009.

SAT 07:30 What's So Funny? (b011w4p2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 03:00 today]

SAT 08:00 An Hour With... (b00sn7jn)

Alan Titchmarsh

Britain's favourite TV gardener Alan Titchmarsh talks about his life and career with an audience - and tells some of his favourite poems and funny stories. Hear how Placido Domingo sang to Evelyn Glennie, his attempt to interview Bette Davis - and shaking manure-covered hands with Princess Diana.

Green-fingered he may be, but there's nothing else green about Alan Titchmarsh. A fixture on our TV screens for over three decades, his gardening advice has brought pleasure and delight to millions. Alan's also written novels and books on horticulture. Recorded in 1999.

SAT 09:00 I Did It My Way (b00s5lbn)

Andrew Sachs

Best loved as Spanish waiter Manuel in BBC TV's 'Fawlty Towers' - actor and writer Andrew Sachs chats to Peter Reed about his radio life and times.

Andrew shares his memories of specially selected programmes from across his years on the BBC airwaves:

* Father Brown Stories:

Actor and Alibi: GK Chesterton's clerical sleuth hopes that the farce is with him in solving a theatre-land mystery, Stars Andrew Sachs. From BBC Radio's popular crime series. (1986)

* Wiggly Park:

Bigwigs in the Park: The residents of the city park are under threat. All characters voiced by Andrew Sachs. From BBC Radio 5. (1994)

* The Revenge:

Written and interpreted by Andrew Sachs, this was the world's first radio drama without words. Featuring sound effects and 11 actors, all recorded on location. From BBC Radio 3. (1978)

* Running Away:

Andrew Sachs takes time out from writing his autobiography to enjoy a grand day out at the zoo, and a stroll down memory lane with Tim Samuels. From BBC Radio 4. (2008)

* Cash Me a Portrait:

Third play in a trilogy of plays about the world of Art by Andrew Sachs. Trudi Snape has inherited a portrait which may turn out to be a Da Vinci. From BBC Radio 4. (1985)

Producers: Sarah Wade & Mik Wilkojc

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in March 2010.

SAT 12:00 HH Munro - Beasts on the Lawn: Saki 2011 (b0120vy7)

Omnibus. Edwardian short stories by Saki (aka HH Munro) restaged in a modern-day gated community. Adapted by Sean Grundy.

SAT 13:10 Chain Gang (b00n5ny1)

Series 3 - Paper, Scissors, Stone

Episode 3

Brian and Susan's honeymoon has been plunged into chaos... by our listeners. This week it's all about sausages, and predicting the future. But mostly sausages.

SAT 13:15 Baldi (b007jlmx)

Series 2

Twilight of a God

An invitation to an operatic wedding turns into a dramatic murder trail for the priestly sleuth. Stars David Threlfall.

SAT 14:00 The Goon Show (b007k4sy)

Series 5

The Mystery of the Marie Celeste (Solved)

Grytpype-Thynne needs a crew to discover the true fate of the mysterious brigantine.

Groundbreaking, surreal BBC radio comedy written by Spike Milligan and Eric Sykes.

Starring:

Peter Sellers

Harry Secombe

Spike Milligan

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

With the Ray Ellington Quartet and Max Geldray.

Orchestra conducted by Wally Stott.

Announcer: Wallace Greenslade

Producer: Peter Eton

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in November 1954.

SAT 14:30 Dad's Army (b007k48l)

Series 1

Something Nasty in the Vault

An unexploded bomb puts Mainwaring and Wilson in a jam. Six years after legendary sitcom Dad's Army started on BBC TV, these specially adapted radio versions began recording with the original cast.

Starring Arthur Lowe as Captain Mainwaring, John Le Mesurier as Sergeant Wilson, Clive Dunn as Corporal Jones, Arnold Ridley as Private Godfrey, Ian Lavender as Private Pike, John Laurie as Private Frazer, Jack Watson as Major Smith and Alan Tilvern as Captain Rodrigues. With John Snage as the announcer.

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

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 4 in April 1974.

SAT 15:00 An Hour With... (b00sn7jn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SAT 16:00 Alan Bennett - The Lady in the Van (b0120vy5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:30 What's So Funny? (b011w4p2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 03:00 today]

SAT 18:00 The Price of Fear (b007jmtj)

Not Wanted on the Voyage

Horror legend Vincent Price introduces a tale of the despotie Henrietta Forsythe's sway over her secretary and new husband. Stars Margaret Courtenay as Henriette Forsythe, Sandor Eles as Carlos Mendoza, Henry Stamper as The Captain and Sheila Grant as Evelyn.

Scripted by William Ingram.

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1983.

SAT 18:30 Bradbury 13 (b0120vy9)

Night Call, Collect

A lone survivor on Mars has waited a lifetime for rescue.

Finally at age 80, his phone rings. Ray Bradbury's thriller stars Morgan White.

SAT 19:00 I Did It My Way (b00s5lbn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 Saturday Stand-Up (b0120w12)

Eddie Izzard - Glorious

The comedian entertains an audience at London's Hammersmith Apollo with more of his unique outlook on life.

SAT 23:00 Craig Russell - Lennox (b0120w14)

Episode 5

Preparing for a Glasgow showdown with the armed robbers, the private eye dresses for his coffin. Read by Grant O'Rourke.

SAT 23:30 Ted Lewis - Jack Carter's Law (b00nx9j8)

Episode 2

As the legendary gangland enforcer edges closer to his quarry, he plans his next moves. Phil Daniels read the gritty thriller.

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SUN 02:00 HH Munro - Beasts on the Lawn: Saki 2011 (b0120vy7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Saturday]

SUN 03:10 Chain Gang (b00n5ny1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:10 on Saturday]

SUN 03:15 Baldi (b007jlmx)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday]

SUN 05:30 What's So Funny? (b011w4p2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 03:00 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 Rumer Godden - Black Narcissus Omnibus (b00sqh4)

Psychological drama about an order of idealistic nuns sent to establish a remote Himalayan mission. Stars Emma Fielding.

SUN 07:10 Chain Gang (b00ncbwy)

Series 3 - Paper, Scissors, Stone

Episode 4

The serial steered by listeners continues on its unpredictable journey. This week we deal with the fallout from the Sausage Incident, and introduce The Man.

SUN 07:15 Anton Chekhov (b00qbb8m)

Stories by Anton Chekhov

Ivan Matveyitch

An old academic and a young boy. It's a topsy-turvy friendship, but it endures. Alistair McGowan reads the Russian master's tale.

SUN 07:30 Meet David Sedaris (b011tzm)

Series 2

The Incomplete Quad, The Squirrel and the Chipmunk
The multi-award winning American essayist brings his wit and charm to BBC Radio 4 for a second series of audience readings. This week a memoir of one nefarious summer while studying at college: "The Incomplete Quad" and a modern take on the anthropomorphic fable in: "The Squirrel & The Chipmunk".

Producer: Steve Doherty

A Boomerang production for BBC Radio 4.

SUN 08:00 The Goon Show (b007k4sy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Saturday]

SUN 08:30 Dad's Army (b007k48l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Saturday]

SUN 09:00 Catherine Fisher - Incarceron (b0120xns)

Episode 3

The inmates battle to escape the evil prison, as enlightened Claudia tries to evade her arranged wedding. Stars Joshua Jenkins.

SUN 09:30 FH Burnett - The Secret Garden (b00rm084)

Episode 5

What will Mr Craven discover on his return home? Conclusion to Frances Hodgson Burnett's classic, with Beryl Reid.
SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b0120y44)

Bob Monkhouse

Kirsty Young introduces the castaway choices of comedian Bob Monkhouse, in conversation with Sue Lawley. From December 2007.

SUN 10:50 Front Row Interviews (b0120y46)

Peter Brook

The film and theatre director talks about his career and the challenges of opera on stage, in conversation with Kirsty Lang.
SUN 11:00 Anton Chekhov (b00qbb8r)

Stories by Anton Chekhov

Bad Weather

Or to put it another way, what has the husband been up to in Moscow? Alistair McGowan reads Constance Garnett's translation. From January 1998.

SUN 11:15 Ambridge Extra Omnibus (b011w4p4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 03:30 on Saturday]

SUN 11:45 Margaret Bonham - The Casino (b0076lzm)

The Horse

Angela does her homework, as her mother hosts a drinks party for some intellectual friends. Read by Emma Fielding.

SUN 12:00 Rumer Godden - Black Narcissus Omnibus (b00sqh4)

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SUN 14:00 Capital Gains (b007qgnq)

Series 1

Risk Capital

Amateur philosopher, Julius Hutch is looking forward to spending his retirement just "pottering". But one morning, he wakes early to find that his life is changed forever...

Peter Jones stars as Julius Hutch.

First of two series written by Collin Johnson.

Julius Hutch Peter Jones

Mrs Pauline Tone Celestine Randall

Kate Justine Midda

Sexton Lewis Jeffrey Wickham

News Reader Collin Johnson

Producer: Andy Jordan.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1995.

SUN 14:30 Tales From the Mausoleum Club (b007k2d0)

A Study in Starlets

Clever sleuth Melcroft Dupont gets his comeuppance, but Inspector Chalker's on the case. Stars Fulton Mackay. From January 1987.

SUN 15:00 Mark Tavener - Absolute Power (b007q93w)

Series 1

Episode 3

Prentis McCabe - the machiavellian doctors of spin – get involved in the race for London Mayor.

Mark Tavener's comedy about the two specialists in government and media relations.

Starring Stephen Fry as Charles Prentiss and John Bird as Martin McCabe.

With:

Tony Gardner

Siobhan Hayes

Colin McFarlane

Hugh Parker

Producer: Paul Schlesinger

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2000.

SUN 15:30 The Very World of Milton Jones (b00fzwp5)

Series 2

Episode 5

The comic's about to be crushed by a printing press, as his journalistic life flashes before his eyes.

SUN 16:00 Catherine Fisher - Incarceron (b0120xns)

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SUN 16:30 FH Burnett - The Secret Garden (b00rm084)

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SUN 17:00 An Hour With... (b00sn7jn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Saturday]

SUN 18:00 Nevil Shute - On the Beach (b0120ykk)

Episode 1

In the aftermath of a nuclear war, a deadly radioactive cloud is moving slowly towards Australia. Stars Claudia Harrison.

SUN 19:00 Anton Chekhov (b00qbb8r)

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SUN 19:45 Margaret Bonham - The Casino (b0076lzm)

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SUN 20:00 The Goon Show (b007k4sy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Saturday]

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SUN 22:00 Meet David Sedaris (b011tzm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 22:30 The Masterson Inheritance (b007jpyh)

Series 2

Last Word to the Mastersons

Living off the land, will there be tears for the Masterson family before milking time?

The award-winning improvised historical family saga based entirely on audience suggestions.

Starring Paul Merton, Josie Lawrence, Jim Sweeney, Lee Simpson, Phelim McDermott and Caroline Quentin.

Producer: Phil Clarke

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1994.

SUN 23:00 Chris Addison's Civilization (b00f68lx)

A Sense of Identity

Chris Addison reveals how "culture" gives a civilisation a sense of identity, and Professor Herring tells all about a conference on deckchairs

Continuing his journey through the vast and rich subject of civilisation, the thinking-idiot's anthropologist explains exactly what we need to create a new one.

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

Producer: Simon Nicholls

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2006.

SUN 23:30 Masala FM (b007jyfv)

Episode 2

Maz Mazoo gets an offer from Radio Fun FM, Madoona, the Asian Madonna is intent on making her mark on Masala FM, and Shanta's sick of the pair of them.

Six-part sitcom written by Meera Syal
Starring Sanjeev Bhaskar, Nitin Sawheny, Meera Syal and Nina Wadia.

Music by Nitin Sawheny.

Producer: Liz Anstee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1996.

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MON 02:00 Anton Chekhov (b00qbb8r)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Sunday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Sunday]

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MON 06:00 Wimsey (b007jvm7)

Unnatural Death

6. Vera Findlater

Lord Peter Wimsey's murder trail leads him to make a shocking seaside discovery.

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Adapted for radio by Chris Miller.

Lord Peter Wimsey Ian Carmichael

Inspector Parker Gabriel Woolf

Miss Climpson Ambrosine Phillpotts

Miss Findlater Gretta Gouriet

Sir Charles Pillington ... James Thomason

Alf the Boy Scout/Maid Denise Bryer

Producer: Simon Brett.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1975.

MON 06:30 Above Suspicion (b007xt7c)

Episode 1

With the Second World War looming, a naive young British couple are swept into the world of espionage. Read by Emma Currie.

MON 07:00 Ballylenon (b00grysk)

Series 3

Episode 2

A distinguished relative's arrival rings the alarm for Vera McConkey. It's 1955 in the sleepy Irish town. Stars TP McKenna. From June 1996.

MON 07:30 Down the Line (b01211xy)

Series 2

Education and Ghosts

Things go bump in the night on award-winning Gary Bellamy's phone-in. Stars Rhys Thomas and Mark Gatiss. From February 2007.

MON 08:00 Round the Horne (b007jlx6)

Series 3

Episode 4

Kenneth Horne heads up the river and swings by Julian and

Sandy's Bona Antiques shop just off the Portobello Road.

Rambling Syd Rumpo sings 'The Taddle Groper's Dance'.

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 March 1967.

MON 08:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b01211y0)

Series 7

Episode 12

Your complete guide to the Aristocracy - and the hunt for

Professor Prune's Time Trousers heads Down Under.

Starring Tim Brooke-Taylor, John Cleese, Graeme Garden,

David Hatch, Jo Kendall and Bill Oddie.

Sketches written by Graeme Garden and Bill Oddie

Originating from the Cambridge University Footlights revue

'Cambridge Circus', ISIRTA ran for 8 years on BBC Radio and

quickly developed a cult following.

Music and songs by Bill Oddie, Liam Cohen and Dave Lee.

Producer: David Hatch/Peter Titheradge

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in March 1969.

MON 09:00 The Wordsmiths at Gorsemere (b007jv2y)

Series 1

Episode 3

An Everyday Story of Towering Genius.

Sue Limb's four-part soap opera set in and around the Lake

District at the turn of the 18th century

Dorothy is perturbed by William's impending wedding. Percy

Jelley is depressed despite his recent bigamous marriage to

Mary Godwit. The Leechpedlar reveals that he was 'The

Antique Mariner'. Cholerick is inspired....

Dorothy Wordsmith Denise Coffey

William Wordsmith Geoffrey Whitehead

Samuel Tailor Cholerick Simon Callow

Stinking Iris Miriam Margolyes

The Leechpedlar Chris Emmett

Percy Jelley Hugh Thomas

Mary Godwit Alison Fiske

Music by Stephen Oliver and sung by Cantabile

Producer: Jonathan James-Moore

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1985.

MON 09:30 The Party Line (b00sx226)

Series 1

Episode 5

Family friction for Duncan Stonebridge as MPs debate the Religious and Racial Hatred Bill. Stars James Fleet. From June 2005.

MON 10:00 Meet David Sedaris (b01211y4)

Series 2

Me Talk Pretty One Day; It's Catching

The multi-award winning American essayist brings his wit and charm to BBC Radio 4 for a series of audience readings. This week the perils of an American learning French in Paris in "Me Talk Pretty One Day" and an essay dealing with a friend's concern for cleanliness; "It's Catching".

Producer: Steve Doherty

A Boomerang production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 10:30 The House I Grew Up In (b00d74s3)

Series 2
Shaun Bailey
Wendy Robbins presents a series revisiting the childhood neighbourhoods of influential Britons.
Shaun Bailey, prospective parliamentary candidate and founder of youth charity My Generation, was raised by his extended Jamaican family on a tough west London housing estate. He takes Wendy back to the place where he grew up, remembering how his mother's discipline and becoming an army cadet at 12 saved him from a life of crime and violence.
MON 11:00 Howard Spring - Fame is the Spur (b012129m)
Born in Captivity
Ian McKellen stars in the story of John Hamer Shawcross - from his boyhood on the streets of Ancoats, Manchester to his pursuit of power and fame.
Set against the wider current of events in England in the early 19th century.
Howard Spring's novel freely adapted for radio in eight episodes by Ken Whitmore.
John Shawcross Ian McKellen
John Shawcross as a Boy Gary Carp
Tom Hannaway as a Youth Phillip Polit
Arnold Ryerson as a Youth David Riley
Grandfather Geoffrey Banks
Ellen Rosalie Williams
Gordon Stansfield Ian Flintoff
Ma Hannaway Elizabeth Hannaway
Charles Artingstall George Hagan
Ann Artingstall Susan Revill
Hawley Graham Tennant
Lizzie Lightowler Rosalie Crutchley
With Jimmy Braddock, Philippa Connell and Ruth Williams as the other children.
Director: Trevor Hill
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1979.
MON 12:00 Round the Horne (b007jlx6)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
MON 12:30 Just a Minute (b011tzl5)
Series 60
From 13/06/2011
Graham Norton, Jenny Eclair, Paul Merton and Josie Lawrence join chairman Nicholas Parsons for the most devious of panel games. The four panellists are asked by Mr Parsons to speak on subjects he gives them for sixty seconds without hesitation, repetition or deviation. A surprisingly taxing task.
This week Graham Norton reveals his thoughts on Internet Dating and How to Make Smalltalk at Parties, Jenny Eclair describes her Favourite Shoes, Josie Lawrence shares her ability to Leave on a High and Paul Merton talks about Plankton and Smoothies.
MON 13:00 Wimsey (b007jvm7)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 13:30 Above Suspicion (b007xt7c)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
MON 14:00 Ladies of Letters (b01213dz)
Ladies of Letters Go Green
Episode 1
More electronic correspondence from the tempestuous twosome - Irene and Vera.
This time their thoughts turn to all things environmental.
Starring Prunella Scales as Irene and Patricia Routledge as Vera.
Written by Lou Wakefield and Carole Hayman.
Producer: Liz Webb
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008.
MON 14:15 Anton Chekhov (b00qbb8m)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Sunday]
MON 14:30 Book at Beachtime (b01214tr)
Joanna Trollope - Daughters-in-Law
Episode 1
As a spirited new daughter-in-law joins the Brinkley clan, simmering tensions threaten family harmony
Evoking the beautiful wilds of Suffolk, this is a sharply observed study of a family in crisis - suspected affairs, unspoken tensions, money troubles threaten to tear this close-knit cast of characters apart.
Joanna Trollope's bestseller read by Jane Whittenshaw.
Abridged by Viv Beeby
Producer: Gemma Jenkins
Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in June 2011.
MON 15:00 Sherlock Holmes (b007k2kh)
The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes - Series 1
The Stockbroker's Clerk
The sleuth probes the mystery company behind a young man's offer of a dream job. Stars Clive Merrison and Michael Williams.
MON 15:45 John Major - More Than a Game (b00swkvj)
Episode 1
Uncovering the early forms of the game, the former prime minister John Major reads from his vivid book about cricket's rich past.
MON 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b01213f1)
Mel Giedroyc has her tennis racket in hand as Wimbledon gets underway, and learns how to look after dragons.
MON 17:00 Ballylenon (b00grysk)
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MON 17:30 Down the Line (b01211xy)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 18:00 James Follett - Earthsearch (b007sw34)

Earthsearch I
Across the Abyss
The starship Challenger, continuing its search for Earth, has left Zeldia 5 and - with Grand Emperor Thorden on board - is heading toward the star cluster, Tersus 9.
Darv is certain that this is where Paradise - a planet discovered by the second generation crew - is to be found.
James Follett's 10-part adventure serial in time and space.
Commander Telson Sean Arnold
Sharna Amanda Murray
Astra Kathryn Hurlbutt
Darv Haydn Wood
Angel One Sonia Fraser
Angel Two Gordon Reid
Kroll Michael Spice
Fagor Sion Probert
Dren John Webb
Director: Glyn Dearman
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1981.
MON 18:30 Barry Letts - Who & Me (b00s7g9g)
Episode 6
The Doctor Who producer recalls the 'Terror of the Autons' - and a threat to his autonomy via increasing attention from above.
MON 19:00 Round the Horne (b007jlx6)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
MON 19:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b01211y0)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
MON 20:00 Wimsey (b007jvm7)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 20:30 Above Suspicion (b007xt7c)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
MON 21:00 Howard Spring - Fame is the Spur (b012129m)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
MON 22:00 Just a Minute (b011tzl5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]
MON 22:30 Mark Tavener - Absolute Power (b007qs09)
Series 1
Episode 4
Can Prentiss McCabe come up with a strategy to increase church congregations around the country?
Mark Tavener's comedy about the machiavellian doctors of PR spin with contacts at the highest level of government.
Starring Stephen Fry as Charles Prentiss and John Bird as Martin McCabe.
With:
Tony Gardner
Siobhan Hayes
John Rowe
Alys Torrance
Producer: Paul Schlesinger
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2000.
MON 23:00 Meet David Sedaris (b01211y4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
MON 23:30 Fags, Mags and Bags (b00rdzyw)
Series 1
Raising Keenan
Sanjeev Kohli and Donald McLeary's Glasgow corner shop sitcom. Owner Ramesh tackles a young tearaway. From October 2007.

TUESDAY 21 JUNE 2011

TUE 00:00 James Follett - Earthsearch (b007sw34)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Monday]
TUE 00:30 Barry Letts - Who & Me (b00s7g9g)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Monday]
TUE 01:00 Wimsey (b007jvm7)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]
TUE 01:30 Above Suspicion (b007xt7c)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]
TUE 02:00 The Wordsmiths at Gorsemer (b007jv2y)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Monday]
TUE 02:30 The Party Line (b00sx226)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Monday]
TUE 03:00 Meet David Sedaris (b01211y4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]
TUE 03:30 The House I Grew Up In (b00d74s3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Monday]
TUE 04:00 Howard Spring - Fame is the Spur (b012129m)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Monday]
TUE 05:00 Ballylenon (b00grysk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]
TUE 05:30 Down the Line (b01211xy)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]
TUE 06:00 Wimsey (b007jvm7)
Unnatural Death
7. Miss Climpson Investigates
Lord Peter Wimsey enlists help to try and solve the puzzling murder mystery.
Ian Carmichael stars as the aristocratic sleuth.
British gentleman detective Lord Peter Wimsey features in a number of detective novels and short stories by English crime writer, Dorothy L Sayers. Have Unnatural Death was first published in 1927.
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 that were broadcast between 1972 and 1975.
Conclusion of Chris Miller's radio adaptation.
Lord Peter Wimsey Ian Carmichael
Inspector Parker Gabriel Woolf
Miss Climpson Ambrosine Phillpotts
Mrs Forrest Bridget McConnell
Mr Tredgold John Forrest
Dr Faulkner John Dunbar
Sacristan Mark Penfold
Bunter Peter Jones
Producer: Simon Brett.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1975.
TUE 06:30 Above Suspicion (b007xw11)
Episode 2
On holiday in Europe, naive young couple Frances and Richard try to track down a missing British agent. Read by Emma Currie.
TUE 07:00 Capital Gains (b007qw7j)
Series 1
Stake Capital
Retired gent, Julius Hutch is beset with bills and final demands. Then a sum of £4,601,740.72 is mistakenly paid into his account by an off-shore bank.
So should he return it or not? And whose money is it anyway?
Peter Jones stars as Julius Hutch.
Written by Collin Johnson.
Julius Hutch Peter Jones
Pauline Tone Celestine Randall
Creditor Collin Johnson
Creditor Peter Whitman.
Producer: Andy Jordan
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1995.
TUE 07:30 The Sunday Format (b01211h1)
Series 3
Episode 3
Perfect pecs in sixty seconds - and invest in a nest egg. Radio's posh paper tells you how. With Jan Ravens. From October 2001.
TUE 08:00 Take It From Here (b01211h3)
From 21/01/1954
Frank Muir and Denis Norden's classic comedy. Ron Glum considers growing a moustache. Stars Jimmy Edwards. From January 1954.
TUE 08:30 The Burkiss Way (b00jq7qq)
Series 3
Discover Gravity the Burkiss Way
Fred Harris, Jo Kendall, Nigel Rees and Chris Emmett refuse to mention the unsavoury Eric Podge of Croydon.
Cult sketch comedy series which originally ran from 1976 to 1980.
Written by Andrew Marshall and David Renwick.
Producer: John Lloyd
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1977.
TUE 09:00 1834 (b01211h5)
Victorian Principles
The young Queen Victoria is coming to Woolsley House for a visit. But when 21st century Jason invents the electric guitar, he unwittingly changes the course of history.....
In Jim Poyser's riotous comedy, Jason has been transported back to the 18th century as Tarquin, third son of Lord Belpot with faithful valet, Ned.
Jason Slater Michael Begley
Ned Joe Caffrey
Hoskins Kenneth Alan Taylor
Lord Belpot Mark Chatterton
Henry James Nickerson
Queen Victoria Caroline Harding
Directed at BBC Manchester by Polly Thomas.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2003.
TUE 09:30 The Leopard in Autumn (b00sbf7q)
Series 2
Royal Wedding Blues
All is not well in Monte Guano. Countess Rosalie has confessed she no longer loves Prince Ludovico - sending him into a terrible rage.
Can Princess Plethora save the day?
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 Salvatore and Chris Kelham as Guido.
Producer: Dawn Ellis
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2002.
TUE 10:00 Ambridge Extra (b01211h7)
Series 1
Episode 23
Alice is keeping a vigil, and the competition's hotting up between Harry and Rhys.
TUE 10:15 Anton Chekhov (b00qbb8r)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Sunday]
TUE 10:30 How Ticked Am I? (b007jnxj)
Series 1
Jimmy Clitheroe
"Nearly a quarter of the population settle down to listen to a radio classic..."

Mark Radcliffe profiles the diminutive radio star who played a schoolboy. But was he ever allowed to grow up?
A six-part series exploring the tradition of the northern comedian.

Producer: Bernadette McConnell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1999.

TUE 11:00 Howard Spring - Fame is the Spur (b0121lh9)

Thrown to the Wolves

As John starts work, he studies, preaches and keeps fit - preparing to change the world.

Ian McKellen stars in the story of John Hamer Shawcross - set against the wider current of events in England in the early 19th century.

Howard Spring's novel freely adapted for radio by Ken Whitmore.

John Shawcross Ian McKellen

John Shawcross as a Boy Gary Carp

George Hagan Charles Artingstall

Polly Burnsall Romy Baskerville

Hawley Graham Tennant

Lillian Artingstall Elizabeth Kelly

Ellen Rosalie Williams

Ian Flintoff Gordon Stansfield

Hilda Lesley Nicol

Arnold Ryerson Andrew Jackson

Pen Muff Vida Paterson

Richardson Randal Herley

Ezra Crompton Jimmy Bradock

Director: Trevor Hill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1979.

TUE 12:00 Take It From Here (b0121lh3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 12:30 When the Dog Dies (b00s3h86)

Series 1

The Same Hymn Sheet

Ronnie Corbett reunites with the writers of his hit sitcom Sorry, Ian Davidson and Peter Vincent. Sorry ran for seven series on BBC 1 and was number one in the UK ratings.

In this Radio 4 sitcom, Ronnie plays Sandy Hopper, who is growing old happily along with his dog Henry. His grown up children 'both married to people Sandy doesn't approve of at all' would like him to move out of the family home so they can get their hands on their money earlier. But Sandy's not having this. He's not moving until the dog dies. And not just that, how can he move if he's got a lodger? His daughter is convinced that his too attractive lodger Dolores (Liza Tarbuck) is after Sandy and his money.

Luckily, Sandy has three grandchildren and sometimes a friendly word, a kindly hand on the shoulder can really help a Granddad in the twenty-first century. Man and dog together face a complicated world. There's every chance they'll make it more so.

In this first episode, The Same Hymn Sheet, Sandy wants to protect his grandson Tyson from the harsh training programme and insane sporting ambitions of Tyson's father Blake, and sets out to torpedo Blake's touchline plans. The story takes Sandy all the way to the bank. Unfortunately, it's the bottle bank.

Cast:

Sandy Ronnie Corbett

Dolores Liza Tarbuck

Mrs Pompong Sally Grace

Ellie Tilly Vosburgh

Blake Jonathan Aris

Mr Stott Jon Glover

Tyson Daniel Bridle

Pronunciations:

Lisa - Leeza

Aris - Airis

Producer: Liz Anstee

A CPL Production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 13:00 Wimsey (b007jymb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 13:30 Above Suspicion (b007xw11)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 14:00 Ladies of Letters (b0121lhc)

Ladies of Letters Go Green

Episode 2

Vera offers to help Irene sort out her Auntie's artefacts - and writes to Al Gore. With Patricia Routledge and Prunella Scales.

TUE 14:15 Ambridge Extra (b0121lh7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

TUE 14:30 Book at Beachtime (b0121lhf)

Joanna Trollope - Daughters-in-Law

Episode 2

Money troubles put an already fragile relationship into further jeopardy.

Simmering tensions threaten the harmony of a close-knit family.

Joanna Trollope's bestseller read by Jane Whittenshaw

Abridged by Viv Beeby

Producer: Gemma Jenkins

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in June 2011.

TUE 15:00 Sherlock Holmes (b007k2mx)

The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes - Series 1

The Gloria Scott

Cruel blackmail and mutiny at sea, as the Baker Street sleuth recalls his very first case. Starring Clive Merrison and Michael Williams.

TUE 15:45 John Major - More Than a Game (b00swmt6)

Episode 2

Tracing the game through the revolutionary 18th century, the former prime minister John Major reads from his book about cricket's past.

TUE 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b0121lhj)

Mel Giedroyc with some summer solstice treats. KT Tunstall goes to the Arctic, comedian Mark Thomas on standing stones, and tennis technology in Wimbledon's nerve centre.

TUE 17:00 Capital Gains (b007qw7j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

TUE 17:30 The Sunday Format (b0121lh1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 18:00 James Follett - Earthsearch (b007jld3)

Earthsearch I

New Blood

Telson and Sharna, two of the Challenger's crew, have entered the floating hulk of its sister ship and discovered it houses a population with no knowledge of anything outside their own small world. To them, Earth is eternity.

James Follett's 10-part adventure serial in time and space.

Commander Telson Sean Arnold

Sharna Amanda Murray

Astra Kathryn Hurlbutt

Darv Haydn Wood

Angel One Sonia Fraser

Angel Two Gordon Reid

Fagor Sion Probert

Lenart Jane Knowles

Tandor Pauline Letts

Forty One John Church

Director: Glyn Dearman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1981.

TUE 18:30 Barry Letts - Who & Me (b00sbcdt)

Episode 7

The Doctor Who TV producer concludes his memoirs, secretly writing for the series and tinkering with the famous theme tune.

TUE 19:00 Take It From Here (b0121lh3)

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TUE 19:30 The Burkiss Way (b00jq7qq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 20:00 Wimsey (b007jymb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 20:30 Above Suspicion (b007xw11)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 21:00 Howard Spring - Fame is the Spur (b0121lh9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

TUE 22:00 When the Dog Dies (b00s3h86)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]

TUE 22:30 Vent (b006v4j)

Series 1

Switching Off

As he lies unconscious in intensive care, Ben's mind takes him on the most difficult journey yet.

Travelling through the landscape of his own chaotic brain, it looks surprisingly like Mordor.

In the real world, it's time to see if Ben can breathe on his own.

Dark sitcom written by Nigel Smith.

Ben Neil Pearson

Jean Josie Lawrence

Mary Fiona Allen

Blitzkrieg Leslie Ash

With Dave Lamb, Mark Perry, Jo Martin, Tim Whitnall and Scarlett Milburn-Smith

Producer: Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2006.

TUE 23:00 Ed Reardon's Week (b007k4lq)

Series 2

The Operation

Will pain inspire the writer's novel - or will he just moan in his hospital bed? Stars Christopher Douglas. From January 2006.

TUE 23:30 The Cabaret of Dr Caligari (b007x0bl)

Teenage Psycho Chainsaw Bimbos

Video nasties get their own back on a video shop owner.

Starring John Woodvine and Sylvester McCoy.

WEDNESDAY 22 JUNE 2011

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[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Tuesday]

WED 00:30 Barry Letts - Who & Me (b00sbcdt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Tuesday]

WED 01:00 Wimsey (b007jymb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Tuesday]

WED 01:30 Above Suspicion (b007xw11)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Tuesday]

WED 02:00 1834 (b0121lh5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Tuesday]

WED 02:30 The Leopard in Autumn (b00sbf7q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Tuesday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Tuesday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Sunday]

WED 03:30 How Ticked Am I? (b007jnxj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Tuesday]

WED 04:00 Howard Spring - Fame is the Spur (b0121lh9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Tuesday]

WED 05:00 Capital Gains (b007qw7j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]

WED 05:30 The Sunday Format (b0121lh1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Tuesday]

WED 06:00 Wimsey (b007jw7f)

Five Red Herrings

1. The Body in the Burn

Aristocratic sleuth, Lord Peter Wimsey, goes on a Scottish fishing holiday in Kircudbright, but ends up catching more than trout - when he's called upon to investigate the death of a local artist.

Ian Carmichael stars as Lord Peter Wimsey.

The British gentleman detective features in a number of detective novels and short stories by English crime writer, Dorothy L. Sayers.

'The Five Red Herrings' was first published in 1931. Adapted for radio in eight episodes by Chris Miller.

Lord Peter Wimsey Ian Carmichael

Bunter Peter Jones

Murdoch Bruce Bennett

Waters Bill Wallace

Campbell/Dr Cameron Trevor Martin

McAdam Alaric Cotter

Sgt Dalziel John Graham

Mrs Strachan Hazel McBride

Strachan Gordon Clyde

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 that were broadcast between 1972 and 1975.

Producer: Simon Brett.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1978.

WED 06:30 Above Suspicion (b007xwjp)

Episode 3

With two agents contacted, the British couple's search moves to Austria - but they're being followed. Read by Emma Currie.

WED 07:00 Life in London (b0121lh3)

An End to Life in London

With Bob "on the Fleet" for debts, Tom betrayed by Kate, and Jerry so fatigued that rustication is recommended, is this an end to the trio's adventures?

Some years on, an older, more reflective Egan ruminates on the heyday of Life in London.

Starring Greg Wise and Mark Gatiss.

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

Pierce Egan Geoffrey McGivern

Theodore Holt Giles Taylor

Corinthian Tom Greg Wise

George Sala Ben Graves

Jerry Hawthorn Mark Gatiss

Fanny Margaret Cabourn Smith

Bob Logic James Bachman

Corinthian Kate Amanda Abbington

Original music by Ben Walker

Producer: Tilusha Ghelani

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2006.

WED 07:30 The Very World of Milton Jones (b00g27c8)

Series 2

Episode 6

The comic's facing certain death at the mouth of shark, when his life flashes before his eyes. From November 1999.

WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b009h714)

Series 6

Fred's Pie Stall

The Lad Himself is out to save one of Cheam's institutions that's threatened by a council closure.

Starring Tony Hancock.

With Sidney James, Bill Kerr, Wilfred Babbage, Hugh Morton and Harry Towb.

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 November 1959.

WED 08:30 Yes Minister (b007jmsk)

Series 1

Doing the Honours

During an economy drive, MP Jim Hacker find himself outwitted by Sir Humphrey.

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

Sir Arnold John Nettleton

The Master Graham Crowden

The Bursar William Fox

Committee Member Stuart Organ

Committee Member David Peart

Committee Member Moir Leslie

Adapted for radio by producer Pete Atkin.

First broadcast on Radio 4 in November 1983.

WED 09:00 Legal, Decent, Honest and Truthful (b007jv4w)
Series 2
Episode 5
Will Ken and Sandy's plan to use a lion to advertise Leo cosmetics be a roaring success?
CAST:
Ken Handley Martin Jarvis
John 'Sandy' Beach Christopher Godwin
Freddie Lockwood West
Deborah Rosalind Ayres
Ambrose Paul Jesson
Andy Chris Emmett
Christina Jo Manning Wilson
Film Director Scott Cherry
With Joss Ackland, James Griffiths, Miriam Margolyes, John Shrapnel, Imelda Staunton and David Tate
Written by John Canter and Guy Jenkin.
Producer: Pete Atkin.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1984.

WED 09:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b0121m4s)
Humphrey Lyttelton's comedy panel game with Bill Tidy, Willie Rushton, Graeme Garden and Tim Brooke-Taylor. From January 1989.
WED 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b0120y44)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]
WED 10:50 Front Row Interviews (b0120y46)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:50 on Sunday]
WED 11:00 Howard Spring - Fame is the Spur (b0122k4h)
The Fight for St Swithin's
John's political campaign starts in Bradford with rousing speeches to the crowds.
Ian McKellen stars in the story of John Hamer Shawcross - set against the wider current of events in England in the early 19th century.
Howard Spring's novel freely adapted by Ken Whitmore.
John Shawcross Ian McKellen
Haslett Alan Meadows
Tom Hannaway Geoffrey Wheeler
Marsden Herbert Smith
Lord Lostwithiel of Hereward Castle Jeffrey Wickham
Lady Lettice Melland Helen Ryan
Anne Artingstall June Barry
Lizzie Lightowler Rosalie Crutchley
Arnold Ryerson Andrew Jackson
Pen Muff Vida Paterson
Bellows Peter Bell
Director: Trevor Hill
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1979.

WED 12:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b009h714)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
WED 12:30 Party (b011vg9k)
Series 2
Prison Ain't All That Bad
The student politicians of the new political Party use prison-based TV shows as inspiration for forming their policy on crime and punishment.
Second series of Tom Basden's satirical comedy.
Simon Tom Basden
Duncan Tim Key
Jared Jonny Sweet
Mel Ann Crilly
Phoebe Katy Wix
Producer: Julia McKenzie
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2011.

WED 13:00 Wimsey (b007jw7f)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
WED 13:30 Above Suspicion (b007xwjp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
WED 14:00 Ladies of Letters (b0122k7j)
Ladies of Letters Go Green
Episode 3
Irene's son has a surprise for his mother and the police pay Vera a visit. With Prunella Scales and Patricia Routledge.
WED 14:15 Margaret Bonham - The Casino (b0076lzm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:45 on Sunday]
WED 14:30 Book at Beachtime (b0121mlq)
Joanna Trollope - Daughters-in-Law
Episode 3
A dinner party descends into chaos when Rachel clashes with her new daughter-in-law.
Simmering tensions threaten the harmony of a close-knit family.
Joanna Trollope's bestseller read by Jane Whittenshaw
Abridged by Viv Beby
Producer: Gemma Jenkins
Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in June 2011.

WED 15:00 Sherlock Holmes (b007jm5p)
The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes - Series 1
The Musgrave Ritual
The sleuth recalls an early case involving a noble family's ancient tradition. Starring Clive Merrison and Michael Williams.
WED 15:45 John Major - More Than a Game (b00sx347)
Episode 3
Charting the rise of the institutions that still dominate, former prime minister John Major reads from his book about cricket's past.
WED 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b0121mym)
Mel Giedroyc comes face to face with fire-breathing dragons,

hears about bringing up a tennis talent, and listens to music with Dame Jacqueline Wilson.
WED 17:00 Life in London (b0121lz3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
WED 17:30 The Very World of Milton Jones (b00g27c8)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
WED 18:00 James Follett - Earthsearch (b007jldg)
Earthsearch I
Marooned
The Challenger's crew has returned to its solar system to discover that a million years has passed on Earth while only 115 years had passed on their starship.
After their devastating news, the four-strong crew face peril from a once benign force.
James Follett's 10-part adventure serial in time and space.
Commander Telson Sean Arnold
Sharna Amanda Murray
Astra Kathryn Hurlbutt
Darv Haydn Wood
Angel One Sonia Fraser
Angel Two Gordon Reid
Sentinel Alexander John
George John McAndrew
Director: Glyn Dearman
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1981.

WED 18:30 The Brightonomicon (b00d3kmq)
The Incredible Encounter with Hugo Rune
A young man is mysteriously saved from drowning in 1960s Brighton. Fantastical comic serial with David Warner and Rupert Degas.
WED 19:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b009h714)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
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[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
WED 22:00 Party (b011vg9k)
[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]
WED 22:30 The Secret World (b0121myp)
Series 1
Episode 6
From William Hague to Simon Cowell, Jon Culshaw explores the bizarre private lives of famous folk. From May 2009.
WED 23:00 Tales From the Mausoleum Club (b007jnlh)
The Turn of the Knob
Miss Primrose's gruesome story of her time as governess at a country mansion. Stars Miranda Richardson. From January 1987.
WED 23:30 Delve Special (b00sz32f)
Series 1
The Shifton Scandal
Undercover investigative reporter David Lander begins a four-part expose into irregularities over plans to site a new London airport near Birmingham.
With serious allegations aimed at a multi-national giant - what exactly has the government's role been in the plans to demolish the town?
And exactly who is the shifty Mr Browncoat?
Studio production by Stephen Fry, Brenda Blethyn and Tony Robinson.
With Jack Klaff, James Griffiths, Stephen Frost, Peter Wear and Mark Arden.
Dramatic reconstruction by Hilda Schroder, Monica Grey, Jon Strickland and Scott Cherry.
Researched and compiled by Tony Sarchet.
Editor: Paul Mayhew-Archer.
Delve Special ran for four series from 1984 to 1987 and later transferred to TV as: This is David Lander.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1984.

THURSDAY 23 JUNE 2011

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THU 05:30 The Very World of Milton Jones (b00g27c8)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]

THU 06:00 Wimsey (b00s6492)
Five Red Herrings
2. Disappearances
As Lord Peter Wimsey investigates the mysterious death of unpopular artist, Sandy Campbell - key suspects keep vanishing.
Ian Carmichael stars as Lord Peter Wimsey - the aristocratic amateur sleuth created by Dorothy L. Sayers.
Dramatised by Chris Miller.
Lord Peter Wimsey Ian Carmichael
Bunter Peter Jones
Sir Maxwell Jameson Garard Green
Sgt Dalziel John Graham
Mrs Faron Frances Jeater
Miss Selby Nell Brennan
Miss Cochran Audrey Muir
Inspector MacPherson Don McKillopp
Allcock Peter Wickham
Hammond/PC Duncan David Strong
Betty Heather Bell
Jock Graham Christopher Scoular
Producer: Simon Brett.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1978.

THU 06:30 Above Suspicion (b007xwnq)
Episode 4
Getting closer to the British agent in Pertisau, couple Frances and Richard have sought friends' help. Read by Emma Currie.
THU 07:00 The Brothers (b00p2z5w)
Series 2
Episode 4
Zorro saves the day for the dysfunctional web designers, or does he? Stars Adam Godley and Pauline McLynn. From October 2005.
THU 07:30 Electric Ink (b0121pjk)
Series 1
Episode 6
A swathe of job cuts are predicted with circulation dropping, but who will survive the bloodbath?
Old heads 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 July 2009.

THU 08:00 The Men from the Ministry (b0121pt0)
The Night We Crept Into the Crypt
The bumbling bureaucrats land themselves up to their necks in it!
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 July 1972.

THU 08:30 Hello Cheeky (b007jnx4)
From 14/04/1973
What do you get when you fall in love? And bizarre events at Crewe Junction.
Pun-tastic fast-moving comedy sketch series written by and starring John Junkin, Barry Cryer and Tim Brooke-Taylor. With musical accompaniment from the Denis King Trio.
Producer: David Hatch
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1973.

THU 09:00 Like They've Never Been Gone (b009sdcy)
Series 1
Episode 6
Comeback singing duo Tommy and Sheila hit stormy waters performing on a cruise ship.
Winners of the 1962 Eurovision Song Contest, sweethearts Tommy Franklin and Sheila Parr are back in the limelight. The only snag is they can't stand the sight of each other...
Mike Coleman's sitcom stars June Whitfield and Roy Hudd.
Tommy Franklin Roy Hudd
Sheila Parr June Whitfield
With Pat Coombs, Julian Eardley, Joshua Henderson and Chris Pavlo.
Singers: John Barr and Lisa Peace.
Music by Frido Ruth.
Producer: Steve Doherty
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1998.

THU 09:30 Just a Minute (b0121q35)
From London - Nicholas Parsons welcomes Clement Freud, Graham Norton, Paul Merton and Sue Perkins. From January 2001.
THU 10:00 Ambridge Extra (b0121q37)
Series 1
Episode 24

Alice is doing her best to put a brave face on, and Steve wants to try something different.

THU 10:15 Loose Ends (b011zklr)

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

Clive is joined by the comedienne and actress Kathy Griffin. She's a double Emmy award winner for her television series Kathy Griffin: My Life on the D List, she's featured on The New York Times Bestselling list for her memoir 'Official Book Club Selection' and she's been nominated for two Grammys for her comedy albums. Kathy's here in the UK to perform for one day only, with two shows at London's Palace Theatre.

Marcus Brigstocke has got ranting down to an art form, from his Now Show monologues to his team captaincy on Argumental. This time he's having a go at religion in his new book 'God Collar'. His need for it, his lack of it, the myths surrounding it..... Oh and he's about to play Station Master Perks in the stage adaption of The Railway Children.

Douglas Henshall has been on our screens in Dennis Potter's Lipstick On Your Collar' and recently as Professor Nick Cutter in Primeval. Now he's starring on stage alongside Kristin Scott Thomas in Harold Pinter's Betrayal at the Comedy Theatre in London.

Political incorrectness in music are explored with columnist and author Terence Blacker. He talks to Jo Bunting about his two part documentary Taboo De Do featuring songs with the power to upset and offend from jazz to rock to hip hop.

Music comes from the multi-talented singer-songwriter, dancer and actress Fatoumata Diawara who blends her Wassalou traditions with wider influences in her music. She performs Bakanoba from her debut EP 'Kanou'.

And introducing the fearsome talent of Kyla La Grange who brings one of her passionate, epic pop songs 'Been Better' to the Loose Ends studio.

Producer: Cathie Mahoney.

THU 11:00 Howard Spring - Fame is the Spur (b0122klz)

Lovers and Losers

Dirty tricks are played by a ruthless opponent - how will Labour fare in the by-election?

Ian McKellen stars in the story of John Hamer Shawcross - set against the wider current of events in England in the early 19th century.

Howard Spring's novel freely adapted by Ken Whitmore.

John Shawcross Ian McKellen

Tom Hannaway Geoffrey Wheeler

Lord Lostwithiel of Hereward Castle Jeffrey Wickham

Lady Lettice Melland Helen Ryan

Anne Artingstall June Barry

Lizzie Lightowler Rosalie Crutchley

Arnold Ryerson Andrew Jackson

Pen Muff Vida Paterson

Harry, Viscount Liskeard Peter Guinness

Jimmy Newbould John Baldwin

Sergeant Newbould Tom Harrison

Ellen Stansfield Rosalie Williams

Edith Ryerson Ann Rye

Hawley Artingstall Graham Tennant

Hilda Lesley Nicol

Election Official Anthony Wingate

Director: Trevor Hill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1979.

THU 12:00 The Men from the Ministry (b0121pt0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 12:30 It's Your Round (b00yz3t4)

Series 1

Episode 3

Angus Deayton hosts the comedy panel show with no format. Arthur Smith, Lucy Montgomery, Tom Wrigglesworth and Will Smith battle it out to see who can beat each other at their own games.

Find out the hilarity that ensues when each of them play the games they've brought along. What will Arthur make of Tom's "Re-wound, Sped Up Played Backwards"? How will Twitter-fan Will Smith get on with Lucy's "Twitter-witter-witter-who" game? And how much would it take for Tom Wrigglesworth to change his name to Adolf Hitler when he plays Arthur Smith's round?

Angus Deayton valiantly tries to make sure everyone comes out of it with their reputations intact.

Writers: Angus Deayton, Ged Parsons and Paul Powell

Devised by Benjamin Partridge

Producer: Sam Michell.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2011.

THU 13:00 Wimsey (b00s6492)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 13:30 Above Suspicion (b007xwnq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 14:00 Ladies of Letters (b0121xgw)

Ladies of Letters Go Green

Episode 4

Wedding bells are in the air, but will Vera be invited? Comedy of correspondence with Patricia Routledge and Prunella Scales.

THU 14:15 Ambridge Extra (b0121q37)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

THU 14:30 Book at Beachtime (b0121xgy)

Joanna Trollope - Daughters-in-Law

Episode 4

News of a suspected affair further rocks a cherished way of life.

Simmering tensions threaten the harmony of a close-knit family.

Joanna Trollope's bestseller read by Jane Whittenshaw

Abridged by Viv Beby

Producer: Gemma Jenkins

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in June 2011.

THU 15:00 Sherlock Holmes (b007jm66)

The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes - Series 1

The Reigate Squires

Burglary and violent death among the Surrey gentry, as the sleuth tries to convalesce from over-work. Starring Clive Merrison.

THU 15:45 John Major - More Than a Game (b00sxlkh)

Episode 4

Recalling one of the game's most enduring figures, WG Grace, the former prime minister John Major reads from his book about cricket's past.

THU 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b0121xb0)

Join Mel Giedroyc as she goes panning for gold, hunting for dragon bones and investigating the perfect way to hit a cricket ball.

THU 17:00 The Brothers (b00p2z5w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 17:30 Electric Ink (b0121pjk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 18:00 James Follett - Earthsearch (b007jldt)

Earthsearch I

Star Cluster - Tersus Nine

Having destroyed the warrior android Fagor and returned safely to the starship Challenger, the crew have resumed their search for Earth and are heading - in a state of suspended animation - for Tersus Nine.

James Follett's 10-part adventure serial in time and space.

Commander Telson Sean Arnold

Sharna Amanda Murray

Astra Kathryn Hurlbutt

Darv Haydn Wood

Angel One Sonia Fraser

Angel Two Gordon Reid

Director: Glyn Dearman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1981.

THU 18:30 The Brightonomic (b00d7h6v)

The Hound of the Handletons

Hugo Rune and Rizla attempt to solve the missing spaniel mystery. Fantastical comic serial with David Warner and Elliott Stein.

THU 19:00 The Men from the Ministry (b0121pt0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 19:30 Hello Cheeky (b007jnx4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 20:00 Wimsey (b00s6492)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 20:30 Above Suspicion (b007xwnq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 21:00 Howard Spring - Fame is the Spur (b0122klz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

THU 22:00 It's Your Round (b00yz3t4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]

THU 22:30 The Museum of Everything (b007k4j3)

Series 2

The Coach Trip

The Museum's annual away day heads to a medieval fayre in Chaversham.

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 2005.

THU 23:00 I Think I've Got a Problem (b00cm91h)

Series 2

Episode 4

After falling over and knocking himself out, Tom - and the band in his head - awakes to find himself in a strange world where castrati singers are all the rage...

Starring Suggs and Bob Monkhouse.

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

Tom Caine Suggs

Dr Boone Bob Monkhouse

Bouche Phil Cornwell

Jake Andrew McGibbon

Monty De Vere Nick Romero

Malc Bill Nighy

Phelia Julia Deakin

Clammy Toby Longworth

Pi Debra Stephenson

Songs: Andrew McGibbon, Nick Romero and Suggs

Producers: Andrew McGibbon and Dawn Ellis.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2003.

THU 23:30 Dan and Nick: The Wildebeest Years (b00891xf)

Turning 40

Dan Freedman and Nick Romero's pun-fest with a distraught Robin Wood turning 40 and The Archers goes sci-fi. Comedy extravaganza written by and featuring Dan Freedman and Nick Romero.

With Richard Coles.

Music by the Gents.

Producer: Julian Mayers

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1998

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FRI 00:00 James Follett - Earthsearch (b007jldt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Thursday]

FRI 00:30 The Brightonomic (b00d7h6v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]

FRI 01:00 Wimsey (b00s6492)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]

FRI 01:30 Above Suspicion (b007xwnq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]

FRI 02:00 Like They've Never Been Gone (b009sdcy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]

FRI 02:30 Just a Minute (b0121q35)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]

FRI 03:00 Ambridge Extra (b0121q37)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]

FRI 03:15 Loose Ends (b011zklr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:15 on Thursday]

FRI 04:00 Howard Spring - Fame is the Spur (b0122klz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Thursday]

FRI 05:00 The Brothers (b00p2z5w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]

FRI 05:30 Electric Ink (b0121pjk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]

FRI 06:00 Wimsey (b00s6492)

Five Red Herrings

3. Bicycles

One of six suspects over the death of Sandy Campbell, Jock Graham has let slip that he knows rather more than he pretends. Lord Peter Wimsey investigates.

Ian Carmichael stars as Lord Peter Wimsey - the aristocratic amateur sleuth created by Dorothy L Sayers.

Dramatised by Chris Miller.

Lord Peter Wimsey Ian Carmichael

Hammond/PC Duncan David Strong

Jock Graham Christopher Scouler

Inspector MacPherson Don McKillopp

Jaime Mair/The Constable Jonathan Scott

Ferguson Iain Blair

Mrs McGregor Miriam Margolyes

Helen McGregor Yvonne Gillan

PC Ross Gordon Kane

Producer: Simon Brett.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1978.

FRI 06:30 Above Suspicion (b00cfdwc)

Episode 5

Mission accomplished, amateur spies Frances and Richard are being watched by a man with a duelling scar. Read by Emma Currie.

FRI 07:00 The Arts and How They Was Done (b007cp1n)

The Entire History of Theatre Through the Ages and How It Is Done

The National Theatre of Brent reveals the true history of the stage. Stars Patrick Barlow. From May 2007.

FRI 07:30 Snap (b00tvql2)

Series 2

Episode 4

A problem aired is a problem shared, but will Ryan find a way to deal with being bullied on his own?

And Molly doesn't care who Doug goes out with now they're divorced, but she'd still like to know all the details...

Paul Mendelson's sitcom stars Rebecca Lacey as Molly, Paul Venables as Doug, Soumaya Keynes as Kaz, Jessie Sullivan as Ryan, Marlene Sidaway as Annie, Samantha Spiro as Dawn and Jonathan Taffler as Raymond.

Producer: David Ian Neville

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2004.

FRI 08:00 The Navy Lark (b007zmr1)

Series 3

Families' Day

As the chief fundraises, Cedric Phillips arrives on board HMS Troutbridge to see his brother, 'the Captain'!

Stars Jon Pertwee as the Chief Petty Officer, Leslie Phillips as the Sub-Lieutenant, Stephen Murray as the Number One, Ronnie Barker as Lt Commander Stanton, Richard Caldicoate as Captain Povey and Michael Bates as Cedric Phillips. Plus Heather Chasen as Ramona, Tenniel Evans as LS Goldstein, and June Tobin as Charlotte Stanton.

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 January 1961.

FRI 08:30 Steptoe and Son (b00s5xtn)

Series 1

Steptoe a la Carte

After meeting Monique on his round, Harold's hoping he's found true love with a French twist. But what will she make of his dad Albert?

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 Steptoe Wilfrid Brambell

Harold Steptoe Harry H Corbett

Monique Gwendolyn Watts

The Butler Ian Burford

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

Producer: Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in August 1966.

FRI 09:00 A Whole New Ball Game (b00cmypt)

Series 1

The Final Supper

It's Frewitt Cup Final day. A day of destiny for the Patterson family and Father Benedict.

Will there be tears of joy at the end of it? Or a weeping and a gnashing of teeth?

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

Entwhistle, Mark Straker as Andy, Claire Skinner as Janet and

Gordon Reid as Mr Plant.

Producer: Lissa Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1993.

FRI 09:30 Does The Team Think? (b00lw1m5)

Series 1

Episode 7

Vic Reeves hosts, as Sean Lock, Patrick Kielty, Liz Smith and Suggs answer questions from the audience. From August 2007.

FRI 10:00 What's So Funny? (b0121zvz)

Series 1

Episode 12

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

FRI 10:30 Ambridge Extra Omnibus (b0121zz9)

Series 1, Episodes 23-24

Alice is keeping a vigil, and the competition's hotting up between Harry and Rhys.

FRI 11:00 Howard Spring - Fame is the Spur (b0121xgr)

Deaths and Entrances

John's political pursuits lead him to Westminster and Welsh valley mines.

Ian McKellen stars in the story of John Hamer Shawcross - set against the wider current of events in England in the early 19th century.

Howard Spring's novel freely adapted by Ken Whitmore.

John Shawcross Ian McKellen

Tom Hannaway Geoffrey Wheeler

Lord Lostwithiel of Hereward Castle Jeffrey Wickham

Lady Lettice Melland Helen Ryan

Anne Artingstall June Barry

Lizzie Lightowler Rosalie Crutchley

Arnold Ryerson Andrew Jackson

Pen Muff Vida Paterson

Harry Liskeard Peter Guinness

Jimmy Newbould John Baldwin

Ellen Stansfield Rosalie Williams

Edith Ryerson Ann Rye

Nell Richards Nina Holloway

Marsden Herbert Smith

Carrickfergus James Tomlinson

Evan Vaughan Richard Clay-Jones

Gallery Assistant Rory Scase

Director: Trevor Hill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1979.

FRI 12:00 The Navy Lark (b007zmrl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 12:30 The Now Show (b011vjhr)

Series 34

Episode 2

Coalition health reforms, opposition leadership squabbles and Leicester's preparedness against the unknowable zombie threat.

This week's Now Show Audience Question was:

As "Your Desert Island Discs" showed last week, particular songs recall particular memories for people. Give us one of yours.

What does it make you think of?

Starring Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis; with Mitch Benn, Jon Holmes, Laura Shavin and special guest Andy Zaltzman.

Written by the cast, with additional material from Steve Hall,

Jon Hunter, Ben Partridge, Ava Vidal and Andy Wolton.

Produced by Colin Anderson.

FRI 13:00 Wimsey (b00s6brb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 13:30 Above Suspicion (b00cfwdc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 14:00 Ladies of Letters (b012211j)

Ladies of Letters Go Green

Episode 5

The floating Malaysian wedding ends in chaos. Can the Ladies ever be reconciled? With Patricia Routledge and Prunella Scales.

FRI 14:15 Margaret Bonham - The Casino (b007rsyx)

Miss King

A penny is the source of much discord between Emma Bury

and Milly Young. Read by Emma Fielding.

FRI 14:30 Book at Beachtime (b012216d)

Joanna Trollope - Daughters-in-Law

Episode 5

The truth about the suspected affair emerges and Rachel makes plans for the future.

Simmering tensions threaten the harmony of a close-knit family.

Joanna Trollope's bestseller concluded by Jane Whittenshaw

Abridged by Viv Beeby

Producer: Gemma Jenkins

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in June 2011.

FRI 15:00 Sherlock Holmes (b007jm6p)

The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes - Series 2

The Crooked Man

The sleuth investigates an officer's death, with the regimental honour of the Royal Mallocks at stake. Stars Clive Merrison.

FRI 15:45 John Major - More Than a Game (b00sy253)

Episode 5

Moving on to the 20th century and the threat of war, the former prime minister reads from his book about cricket's rich past.

FRI 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b012216g)

Mel Giedroyc is wombling free in Wimbledon, finding out how tennis balls are made. Kirsten Dunst hits Centre Court, and Andi Osho previews the comedy week ahead.

FRI 17:00 The Arts and How They Was Done (b007cp1n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 17:30 Snap (b00tvql2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 18:00 James Follett - Earthsearch (b00cfzsp)

Earthsearch I

Earthfall

Despite the difficulties put in their way by the two guardian 'Angels', the crew of the Challenger have found Paradise - an earth-like planet originally discovered by the second generation crew.

However, the 'Angels' are by no means beaten.

Conclusion of James Follett's 10-part adventure serial in time and space.

Commander Telson Sean Arnold

Sharna Amanda Murray

Astra Kathryn Hurlbutt

Darv Haydn Wood

Angel One Sonia Fraser

Angel Two Gordon Reid

Director: Glyn Dearman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1981.

FRI 18:30 The Brightonomicon (b00d9z5l)

The Curious Case of the Centenary Centaur

Hugo Rune and Rizla cause a riot at a new-age seminar.

Fantastical comic serial with David Warner and Elliott Stein.

FRI 19:00 The Navy Lark (b007zmrl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 19:30 Steptoe and Son (b00s5xtn)

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FRI 20:00 Wimsey (b00s6brb)

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FRI 20:30 Above Suspicion (b00cfwdc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 21:00 Howard Spring - Fame is the Spur (b0121xgr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 22:00 Now Show Extra (b012216j)

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

FRI 22:45 Steven Appleby's Normal Life (b012216l)

Series 1

Normal Work

Steven Appleby concludes his series with a look at the world of work.

However, pondering on why he became a cartoonist instead of getting a "proper job" proves to be rather more dangerous and revealing than he intended.

Starring Paul McCrink as cartoonist Steven Appleby who takes an abnormal look at everyday life.

Steven Paul McCrink

Mum Rosalind Paul

Mr Two Ewan Bailey

Dad Nigel Betts

Lauren Rachel Atkins

Steven Appleby As Himself

Other parts played by the cast.

Written by Steven Appleby

Producer: Toby Swift

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2002.

FRI 23:00 What's So Funny? (b0121zvz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 23:30 Sorry About Last Night (b00ndrql)

A Occurrence

Andy's dinner party sparks a rift with Julie. Alexei Sayle's

quirky couples comedy, with Siobhan Redmond. From

November 1999.