

SATURDAY 16 JULY 2011

SAT 00:00 Stephen Baxter - Voyage (b007q9p3)

1972-80 Trajectories
Geologist Natalie York must decide whether she wants to compete for a place on the first manned mission to Mars. Stephen Baxter's 1996 novel presents an alternative history of the US space programme.

Dramatised in five parts by Dirk Maggs
Starring Laurel Lefklow as Natalie York, William Dufres as Mike Conlig, Michael Roberts as Gregory Dana, Vincent Marzello as Joe Muldoon, Frank Lazarus as Chuck Jones, Russell Bentley as Jim Dana, William Roberts as Ben Priest, Mel Taylor as Ralph Gershon and Rolf Saxon as Phil Stone. Music by Wilfredo Acosta.

Producer: Dirk Maggs
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1999.

SAT 00:30 Ghost Stories of Walter De La Mare (b00wwd8m)

The Almond Tree
A man looks back on the complex relationship between his parents and a female friend of his father's. It's one that will influence the rest of his life...

Read by Julian Wadhams.
Walter de la Mare (1873-1956) was a popular award-winning poet, short story writer and novelist. He wrote for both children and adults.

Abridged by Doreen Estall.
Producer: Lawrence Jackson
Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in December 2010.

SAT 01:00 A Case for Dr Morelle (b007qw7)

6. Voice in the Night
After receiving sinister death threats over the telephone, an elderly spinster calls in cantankerous criminal psychologist, Dr Morelle.

Ernest Dudley's Harley Street psychiatrist-turned-detective uses psychology as well as criminology to hunt down lawbreakers by deducing their felonious personalities.

Cecil Parker stars as Dr Morelle with Sheila Sim as his long-suffering assistant, Miss Frayle
Dr Morelle Cecil Parker
Miss Frayle Sheila Sim

Miss Nicholson Hester Paton Brown
Billy Boy the Dog Percy Edwards
Mr Nicolson Alan McClelland

Superintendent Denham Fred Yule
Station Officer Alan Keith
Julian Smith/Taxi Driver John Baker

Audio recovered by BBC Radio 4 Extra listener, Steve Arnold.
Director: Leslie Bridgmont

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1957.

SAT 01:30 Falco (b008m17q)

Shadows in Bronze
Episode 6
A final showdown for the Roman sleuth - but his reunion with Helena proves bittersweet.

Anton Lesser stars as Marcus Didius Falco, Lindsey Davis's witty detective, patrolling the streets of 1st-century Rome.

With Ben Crowe as Petronius, Robert Lister as Decimus Camillus, Fiona Clarke as Tullia, Anna Madeley as Helena Justina, Michael Tudor Barnes as Vespasian, Christian Rodska as Gordianus and Sean Connolly as Attius Pertinax,

Dramatised by Mary Cutler.
Directed at BBC Birmingham by Peter Leslie Wild.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2005.

SAT 02:00 A Whole New Ball Game (b00fzwp9)

Series 2
Brief Encounter
A tale of jealousy, deceit and football unfolds when Robert attends a rival school. Stars Desmond Barrit. From November 1994.

SAT 02:30 All the Young Dudes (b00egyjs)

Series 1
School's Out
Patrick pursues a job at his old school and meets his ex-teacher. Stars Jim Sweeney and Cathryn Harrison. From July 2001.

SAT 03:00 Loose Ends (b012f6fx)

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

Fashion guru Gok Wan casts a critical eye over Clive's attire and brings some glitz and glamour to the Loose Ends studio. He talks about how he battled with weight, race and sexuality during his Leicester upbringing to becoming Channel 4's darling fashionista.

Globe-trotting radio presenter Andy Kershaw really does have No Off Switch. Starting out as Billy Bragg's roadie one year and presenting Live Aid to 400 million the next, Andy has introduced roots and world music to millions of Radio 1 and Radio 3 listeners. He's visited over 97 countries, not just to satisfy his curiosity for music, but as a foreign correspondent.

He talks to Clive about his career, his highly publicised breakdown and his return to broadcasting last year with Radio 3's Music Planet.

Operation Julie. 1976. The biggest drugs bust in British History, hauling six million 'tabs' of LSD with a street value of £100 million, a hundred people arrested and news programmes extended to cover the event. It even inspired a Clash song 'Julie's been working for the Drug's Squad'. And Leaf Fielding was in the middle of it all as one of the ringleaders. Reformed

and reflective, Leaf tells Clive how he went from hippie idealism to incarceration.
Music from Wild Beasts. Last time they were in the Loose Ends studio, they had just been nominated for the 2010 Mercury Prize. Will it happen again this year with the release of their critically acclaimed new album 'Smother'? They perform Loop the Loop and Albatross.

SAT 03:45 The Shuttleworths (b007jmn5)

Series 1
One Foot in the Gravy
Sheffield singer John Shuttleworth must cope while wife Mary is visiting Auntie Janet. Stars Graham Fellows. From March 1994.

SAT 04:00 Anthony Trollope - The Pallisers (b007jwgd)

Episode 4
Phineas Finn finally triumphs in Parliament, but his romantic ambitions are faltering. Stars Ben Miles and David Troughton.

SAT 05:00 Anything Legal (b0084hrs)

Episode 3
Charles and George kick off their secret new business offering anything legal - but at what cost?
Starring Donald Hewlett and Michael Knowles.

'A Tale of Two City Gents' by Wally K Daly.
Charles Donald Hewlett
George Michael Knowles

Publican Douglas Blackwell
Theme music by Jim Parker.

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1984.

SAT 05:30 Snap (b012h9lq)

Series 3
Episode 1
After 16 years of marriage and one year of divorce, Doug and Molly Brownridge are attempting to rekindle their relationship.

But it's not easy with two teenage kids embarking on their first romances and Doug's mum dating men like there's no tomorrow...

Third and final series of Paul Mendelson's sitcom
Starring Rebecca Lacey as Molly, Paul Venables as Doug, Soumaya Keynes as Kaz, Jessie Sullivan as Ryan, Marlene Sidaway as Annie, Robin Weaver as Dawn and Jonathan Tafler as Raymond.

Producer: David Ian Neville
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2005.

SAT 06:00 Georgette Heyer - Regency Buck (b007k1v3)

Pretty but shrewd Judith Taverner gallops in from the provinces and daringly defies the gaming, drinking and brawling world of Regency London to claim her rights, her fortune - and who knows, perhaps her happiness?

Starring Elizabeth Proud as Judith Taverner, Simon Shepherd as Peregrine Taverner, Steve Hodson as Lord Worth and Gary Cady as Bernard Taverner.

Written by Georgette Heyer. Dramatised by Neville Teller.

Producer: David Johnston
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1986.

SAT 07:30 Fabulous Flops (b012kwzw)

Fabulous Flops
Episode 2
Behind the scenes of musical theatre's biggest flops like Norwegian rock opera 'Which Witch'. With Paul Roseby. From May 2004.

SAT 08:00 Ed Doolan Interviews... (b007jzcy)

Bill Maynard
The comic actor chooses his favourite tunes and chats about his long career - including his TV role as Heartbeat's Greengrass.

SAT 09:00 Comedy Controller (b007y1p3)

Rainer Hersch
The musical comedian selects All Classical Music Explained, My Music, The Mark Steel Lectures, 20th Century Retrospective, The Miles and Millner Show, and The Cambridge Buskers.

SAT 12:00 Imaginary Friends Omnibus (b012kwzy)

Episode 1
Alison Lurie's comic novel of academia and alien gurus, dramatised by Melissa Murray. New York, 1968. Naive young sociologist Roger Zimmern has just got his first job at university.

SAT 13:10 Chain Gang (b00nrv01)

Series 3 - Paper, Scissors, Stone
Episode 7
The subterranean encounters continue in the story told by its listeners. Can Susan trust her husband, and what is the cost if she does?

SAT 13:15 Baldi (b007jlp5)

Series 2
Early Retirement
A retired policeman, a fatal shooting, Thomas Hardy and a murky past revealed. With David Threlfall as the priest-cum-sleuth.

SAT 14:00 PG Wodehouse (b00b41fq)

What Ho! Jeeves: Joy in the Morning
Florence Craye
Trapped in the Hampshire hamlet of Steeple Bumpleigh, Bertie Wooster meets an old flame.

PG Wodehouse's romp starring Michael Hordern and Richard Briers.
Adapted in seven-parts by Chris Miller.

Jeeves Michael Hordern

Bertie Wooster Richard Briers
Florence Craye Bronwen Williams
Stilton Cheesewright Michael Kilgarriff
Salesman Bruce Bennett
Producer: Simon Brett
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1978.

SAT 14:30 The Navy Lark (b0081k4q)

Series 3
The Efficiency Expert
Another collision convinces Captain Povey that the Admiralty must sort out HMS Troubridge.

Stars Jon Pertwee as the Chief Petty Officer, Leslie Phillips as the Sub-Lieutenant, Stephen Murray as the Number One, Ronnie Barker as Able Seaman Johnson/ Lieutenant Commander Stanton, Richard Caldicoate as Captain Povey and Heather Chasen as Ramona Povey.

Laughs afloat aboard British Royal Navy frigate HMS Troubridge. 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 February 1961.

SAT 15:00 Ed Doolan Interviews... (b007jzcy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SAT 16:00 Georgette Heyer - Regency Buck (b007k1v3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:30 Fabulous Flops (b012kwzw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 18:00 Weird Tales (b00vknlv)

Series 1
The Fly by Lynn Ferguson
Lonely, middle-aged computer programmer Alan knows everything there is to know about flies.

Then one day, online, he meets Amber, a Californian lady who knows everything there is to know about spiders.

Written by Lynn Ferguson.
Series of four chilling dramas inspired by Lovecraft's stories of magical rites and forbidden lore.

Lovecraft/Colby Stephen Hogan
Mother Stella Gonet
Alan Alec Newman
Amber Rachel Ogilvy

Other parts played by Caroline Guthrie, Janice Acquah and Paul Rider.

Producer: Luke Frele.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2009.

SAT 18:30 Bradbury 13 (b012kx00)

Dark They Were and Golden Eyed
The Bittering family aim to make the best of life on Mars. Ray Bradbury's tale of alienation stars Bryce Chamberlain.

SAT 19:00 Comedy Controller (b007y1p3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 Saturday Stand-Up (b012kx02)

Eddie Izzard - Sexie
Pondering fox-hunting, racism and difficult mime - the outspoken comedian entertains an audience in Brighton. From 2003.

SAT 22:45 Adam and Joe's Famous Guy (b010m7g6)

"I'm the best at pretending..."
Adam Buxton and Joe Cornish star in the tale of Manthea Shringleton, a journalist sent to interview a reclusive Hollywood star.

Written by Adam Buxton.
Producer: Claudine Toutoungi.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2006.

SAT 23:00 Adam Baron - Hold Back the Night (b00t5jwq)

Episode 4
Private-eye Billy Rucker uncovers the full horror that has wrecked the lives of Lucy and Donna. Stars David Morrissey.

SAT 23:30 Scandinavian Chiller (b01210k9)

Camilla Lackberg - The Ice Princess
Episode 1
The murder of a beautiful woman reveals dark lies and secrets in an isolated Swedish coastal community. Read by Alex Treagar.

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SUN 02:00 Imaginary Friends Omnibus (b012kwzy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Saturday]

SUN 03:10 Chain Gang (b00nrv01)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday]

SUN 05:30 Fabulous Flops (b012kwzw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 William Makepeace Thackeray - Vanity Fair

Omnibus (b008qpwv)

Episode 3

Becky's ambitious pursuit of riches goes from strength to strength. Narrated by Stephen Fry. Stars Emma Fielding and Jon Glover.

SUN 07:10 Chain Gang (b00nvvgg)

Series 3 - Paper, Scissors, Stone

Episode 8

From dog-fights to alchemy, we cover plenty of ground this week. And this week's listener-storyliner sets up a real stand-off.

SUN 07:15 Oscar Wilde (b007k0vk)

The Remarkable Rocket

A collection of celebratory fireworks discuss the nature of love and one of them gets his comeuppance. Read by John Moffat. From December 1997.

SUN 07:30 Meet David Sedaris (b012f9s3)

Series 2

Memento Mori and The Motherless Bear

The multi-award winning American essayist brings his wit and charm to BBC Radio 4 for a second series of audience readings. This week: The consequences of buying your partner an antique skeleton in "Memento Mori" and a dark fable about mourning: "The Motherless Bear".

Producer: Steve Doherty

A Boomerang production for BBC Radio 4.

SUN 08:00 Take It From Here (b012lj1y)

From 25/02/1954

Eth dithers over her wedding dress in The Glums. Muir and Norden's classic comedy stars Jimmy Edwards and June Whitfield. From February 1954.

SUN 08:30 Life With The Lyons (b00ztc7)

Roaming Scandals

Holiday shambles - as Bebe heads for Loch Lomond and Ben is planning a surprise.

Starring real-life American family: Ben Lyon and his wife Bebe Daniels and their children, Barbara and Richard. With Molly Weir as Aggie, Doris Rogers as Florrie, Angela Ferguson Arthur Lawrence and John Pullen.

Life With The Lyons was one the BBC's most popular radio sitcoms between 1950 and 1961. It was also adapted for BBC TV.

Written by Bebe Daniels and Bob Black

BBC Variety Orchestra conducted by Paul Fenoulhet.

Producer: Tom Ronald

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1961.

SUN 09:00 Fairytales: Live From the Palace (b012lj20)

Exclusive inside scoops on best-loved fairytales from top correspondents at royal palaces. Stars Sean Baker and Alex Tregear.

SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b012lj22)

Emmylou Harris

Kirsty Young presents gems from the Desert Island Discs archive. This time it's the castaway choices of singer-songwriter Emmylou Harris.

SUN 10:50 Terry-Thomas - Top of the Town (b012lk2m)

Episode 2

Poking fun at bands in a surviving series extract from gap-toothed, cad playing comic actor, Terry-Thomas.

Top of The Town ran for two series of 16 hour-long programmes, broadcast weekly between 1953 and 1955.

With Joan Sims and Leslie Mitchell.

Programme based on an idea by Terry Thomas

Script editor: Jimmy Grafton

Producer: Dennis Main Wilson.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in January 1954.

SUN 11:00 The Friend in the Corner (b007k10t)

1943

The BBC turns 21, and is totally dedicated to the war effort. Six selected years in radio history with Daphne Oxenford.

SUN 11:30 How Ticked Am I? (b007jp6m)

Series 1

Ken Dodd

Mark Radcliffe reveals how the tattyfilarious Squire of Knotty Ash became one of the greatest comic acts of our time.

SUN 12:00 William Makepeace Thackeray - Vanity Fair Omnibus (b008qpwv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

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SUN 13:30 Agatha Christie (b007jwve)

The Pale Horse

Can death be brought about by remote control? Historian Mark Easterbrooke discovers that witchcraft and black magic can induce a terrifying series of events.

First published in 1961, Agatha Christie's classic thriller dramatised by Michael Bakewell.

Stars Jeremy Clyde as Mark Easterbrooke, Stephanie Cole as Ariadne Oliver, Terence Alexander as Mr Venables, Mary Wimbush as Thyrsa Grey, Hilda Schroder as Bella, Stephen Hodson as Jim Corrigan, Jonathan Adams as Inspector Lejeune and Federay Holmes as Ginger.

Jill Graham as Sybil, Jillie Meers as Rhoda Despard and John Evitts as Colonel Despard, John Fleming as Zachariah Osborne, John Baddeley as Bradley, Geraldine Fitzgerald as Hermia, Philip Anthony as Rev. Calthrop and John Church as Soames-White.

Matthew Morgan as Ardingly, Teresa Gallagher as Poppy and Keith Drinkel as Father Gorman, David Thorpe as Mike, Mike Hudson as Eileen Brandon, Melinda Walker as Mrs Tuckerton, Diana Payan as Mrs Coppins, Sandra James Young as Mrs Davis and Kate Binchy as Mrs Gerahy.

Originally aired to celebrate the 50th anniversary of BBC Radio 4's Saturday Night Theatre.

Director: Emyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1993.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SUN 15:30 Life With The Lyons (b00ztc7)

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SUN 16:00 Fairytales: Live From the Palace (b012lj20)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SUN 17:00 The Clitheroe Kid (b007jn6p)

Series 4

The Keyhole Kid

The cheeky schoolboy causes chaos when he misinterprets sister Susan's conversation. Stars Jimmy Clitheroe. From April 1961.

SUN 17:30 All Gas and Gaiters (b007jp5l)

Series 1

Only Three Can Play

The Bishop, Archdeacon and Bishop's Chaplain regularly enjoy their own board game of imaginary railway journeys - until Nootie gets distracted by an attractive neighbour...

The ecclesiastical sitcom started life as a TV pilot in Comedy Playhouse, ahead of a run on BBC1 from 1966 to 1971.

Adapted from their TV script by husband-and-wife team,

Pauline Devaney and Edwin Apps.

The Archdeacon Robertson Hare

The Bishop William Mervyn

The Bishop's Chaplain - Nootie Derek Nimmo

The Dean John Barron

Christine Elizabeth Proud

Mrs Buckley Sonia Fraser

Granny Eva Stuart

Producer: David Hatch.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1971.

SUN 18:00 Fear on 4 (b007zzyr)

Series 1

Music Lovers

The Man in Black introduces Mr Ford's terrifying quest for musical perfection. Stars Edward de Souza and Prunella Scales.

SUN 18:30 A Short History of Gothic (b00pd7cm)

Clytie

By Eudora Welty. Watery parallels to Greek mythology, as life gets too much for a woman in Mississippi. Read by Barbara Barnes.

SUN 19:00 The Friend in the Corner (b007k10t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

SUN 19:30 How Ticked Am I? (b007jp6m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:30 today]

SUN 20:00 Take It From Here (b012lj1y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SUN 20:30 Life With The Lyons (b00ztc7)

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SUN 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b012lj22)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SUN 21:50 Terry-Thomas - Top of the Town (b012lk2m)

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SUN 22:00 Meet David Sedaris (b012f9s3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 22:30 The Masterson Inheritance (b007jqqh)

Series 3

The Masterson's Magical Marquee, pt 1

The improvised historical family saga's two-part romp about a Victorian travelling circus. Stars Paul Merton. From July 1995.

SUN 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b012lk88)

Andi Osho and her guest chat about life and laughs.

SUN 23:00 Pleased to Meet You (b007k35j)

Series 1

Episode 3

90-something good-time girl Dora Dale spills the beans on the Rat Pack, John and Yoko - and the subtext of Right Said Fred sung by Bernard Cribbins.

Betraying confidences and breaking unwritten rules galore, the friend of the stars reveals some surprising and salacious secrets.

Written by and starring Martin Kelner and Jake Yapp.

Made for BBC7 and first broadcast in August 2006.

SUN 23:30 Masala FM (b0080p9x)

Episode 6

Love is in the air at Masala FM as their first wedding resulting from Khalid's matrimonial phone-in looms.

But is love blind, or just stupid?

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 October 1996.

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MON 05:00 Fairytales: Live From the Palace (b012lj20)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 Edgar Wallace - White Face (b012lh0)

Episode 1

Crime reporter Michael Quigley's evening is ruined when a mysterious master criminal chooses his nightclub to carry out his latest escapade. Read by Danny Webb.

Who is White Face? The "Devil of Tidal Basin" - they called him. Out of the slums and filth of London slunk this marauder, dealing death and striking terror into all hearts and confounding the clearest brains of Scotland Yard.

All the ingredients of a great mystery are here - a beautiful young girl, a handsome and romantic stranger from South Africa; a keen crime-reporter from London's Fleet Street in love with the girl; the dull witted inspector of Police countered by the brilliant Superintendent from Scotland Yard.

It's a hunt to expose an arch blackmailer - bent on destroying the lives of his victims.....

Richard Horatio Edgar Wallace (1875-1932) was a prolific British crime writer, journalist and playwright, who wrote 175 novels - including the Four Just Men and Mr JG Reeder series - 24 plays, and countless articles in newspapers and journals. He co-created the movie monster 'King Kong', writing the film's early screenplay. Over 160 films have been made of his novels. Edgar Wallace's novel abridged by Robin Brooks.

Producer: Clive Brill

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Pacificus Productions and first broadcast in 2011.

MON 06:15 Dick Francis - Straight (b012lm0m)

Episode 1

Jockey Derek Franklin faces a new challenge when his brother dies, leaving him a deadly inheritance. Read by James Aubrey.

MON 06:30 Falco (b00k7xct)

Venus in Copper

Episode 1

Marcus Didius Falco comes face to face with temptation when he's hired to follow a professional bride with a habit of outliving her husbands.

Anton Lesser stars as Ancient Rome's favourite detective in a gripping serialisation of Lindsey Davis's best seller.

Marcus Didius Falco Anton Lesser

Helena Justina Ann Madeley

Hyacinthus Stephen Crichtlow

Politia Julia Hills

Cake Seller/Lusius Laurence Saunders

Cossus Jonathan Tafler

Tyche Bella Merlin

Dramatised by Mary Cutler.

Directed at BBC Birmingham by Peter Leslie Wild.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2006.

MON 07:00 Ballylenon (b007ymbv)

Series 4

Episode 2

The death of Canon Friel causes upset amongst the faithful and ruins Phonsie Doherty's plans...

Series set in the sleepy town of Ballylenon, County Donegal in 1955.

Written by Christopher Fitz-Simon.

Starring TP McKenna as Phonsie Doherty, Margaret D'Arcy as Muriel McConkey, Stella McCusker as Vera McConkey, Aine McCartney as Vivienne Boal, John Hewitt as Guard Gallagher, Gerard McSorley as Stumpy Bonnar and Gerard Murphy as Rev Samuel Hawthorne.

Music arranged and performed by Stephanie Hughes.

Director: Eoin O'Callaghan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1997.

MON 07:30 Down the Line (b012lm5p)

Series 3

The Elderly, Consumer Rights and the Countryside

Old people and consumer rights get the Gary Bellamy phone-in treatment. Stars Rhys Thomas and Simon Day. From January 2008.

MON 08:00 Round the Home (b00m1d2k)

Series 3

Episode 8

Kenneth Horne's all at sea, and drops into the Bona Nature Clinic for advice from homeopathic practitioners Julian and Sandy. Plus Rambling Syd Rumpo sings 'The Highland Lament' 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 Home 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 April 1967.

MON 08:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b012lm9q)

Series 8

Episode 3

Hard times for Radio Prune - are ads the answer? Plus one woman's struggle to get a phone.

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 Graeme Garden, Liam Cohen and Dave Lee.

Producer: David Hatch/Peter Titheradge

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in March 1970.

MON 09:00 Meet David Sedaris (b012lpvz)

Series 2

The Ship Shape and Make That a Double

The multi-award winning American essayist brings his wit and charm to BBC Radio 4, concluding his second series of audience readings. This week some serious thought is put into buying a holiday home in 'The Ship Shape' and the complexities of gender assignment when learning French in 'Make That a Double'.

Producer: Steve Doherty

A Boomerang production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 09:30 The Party Line (b012lpzv)

Series 2

Episode 3

MP Duncan faces accusations of financial irregularities. Punt and Dennis's topical sitcom with James Fleet. From October 2006.

MON 10:00 Martyn Wade - Another Shakespeare (b0080hlv)

Drama inspired by the true life story of an 18th-century forger of the Bard. Starring Julian Rhind-Tutt and James Grout.

MON 10:45 The Shuttleworths (b007jm2l)

Series 1

John Goes to London

Sheffield singer John Shuttleworth's efforts to find Big City fame don't go to plan. Stars Graham Fellows. From April 1994.

MON 11:00 Anthony Trollope - The Pallisers (b007jwgm)

Episode 5

Phineas Finn's political career is on the rise, but he is short of money. Glencora worries over her children's inheritance.

MON 12:00 Round the Horne (b00m1d2k)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 12:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b012fc5g)

Series 55

Episode 3

The nation's favourite wireless entertainment pays a first-time visit to the Waterside Theatre in Aylesbury. Regulars Barry Cryer, Graeme Garden and Tim Brooke-Taylor are joined on the panel by David Mitchell, with Jack Dee in the chair. Colin Sell provides piano accompaniment.

Producer - Jon Naismith.

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MON 14:00 William Makepeace Thackeray - Vanity Fair (b007jvyn)

Episode 16

Rawdon leaves debtors' prison, but more trouble soon follows. William Makepeace Thackeray dramatisation with Stephen Fry.

MON 14:15 Nella Last's Peace: Housewife 49 (b012lq82)

Episode 1

As Japan surrenders, the reflections of an ordinary housewife from Barrow-in-Furness in August 1945. Read by Imelda Staunton.

MON 14:30 The Colonel of The Bridge on the River Kwai (b00rw6ms)

Episode 1

The story of Burma's real PoW colonel - Philip Toosey. Anton Lesser reads his granddaughter Julie Summers' biography.

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MON 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b012lq9y)

Mel hears about the restoration of a Lancaster bomber, finds out how to cook fresh pasta, and introduces the next chapter of At The Firefly Gate.

MON 17:00 Ballylenon (b007vmbw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 17:30 Down the Line (b012lm5p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 18:00 Stephen Baxter - Voyage (b007qbdb)

1980 Apollo N

Natalie York has qualified as an astronaut, but the nuclear

booster test is about to change her life for ever...

Stephen Baxter's 1996 novel presents an alternative history of the US space programme.

Dramatised in five parts by Dirk Maggs

Starring Laurel Lefklow as Natalie York, William Dufris as

Mike Conlig, Michael Roberts as Gregory Dana, Vincent

Marzello as Joe Muldoon, Frank Lazarus as Chuck Jones,

Russell Bentley as Jim Dana, William Roberts as Ben Priest,

Mel Taylor as Ralph Gershon and Rolf Saxon as Phil Stone.

Music by Wilfredo Acosta.

Producer: Dirk Maggs

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1999.

MON 18:30 The Heart of Hark'un (b007jq83)

Episode 1

The Great Wizard sends student sorcerer Arcos on a mission, little realising how perilous and menacing it will prove to be...

A fantasy-adventure by Peter Thomson and Jamie Thomson in six parts.

Arcos Francis Thomson

Kaddah Trevor Peacock

Vanna Elizabeth Whiting

Shazir Crawford Logan

Bereneth Edward Kelsey

Va Melanie Hudson

Alviza Emma Fielding

Zander Robert Portal

Kishah John Church

Rashiq Theresa Streetfeild

Producer: Peter Hutchings

First broadcast on BBC Radio 5 in September 1991.

MON 19:00 Round the Horne (b00m1d2k)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 19:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b012lm9q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 20:00 Edgar Wallace - White Face (b012lr0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 20:15 Dick Francis - Straight (b012lm0m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:15 today]

MON 20:30 Falco (b00k7xct)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 21:00 Anthony Trollope - The Pallisers (b007jwgm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

MON 22:00 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b012fc5g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]

MON 22:30 Mark Tavener - Absolute Power (b007tcpt)

Series 2

Episode 2

An old flame pits spinmeisters Charles and Martin against one another. Stars Stephen Fry and Tamsin Greig. From February 2001.

MON 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b012y0mf)

Comic act Ray Peacock chats to Arthur Smith about his uber cool podcast and forthcoming tour.

MON 23:00 Meet David Sedaris (b012lpvz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 23:30 Fags, Mags and Bags (b00rzqq4)

Series 1

The Festival of Maltodextrin

Corner shop owner Ramesh concocts a fake religious festival to shift unsold fireworks. Stars Sanjeev Kohli. From October 2007.

TUESDAY 19 JULY 2011

TUE 00:00 Stephen Baxter - Voyage (b007qbdb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Monday]

TUE 00:30 The Heart of Hark'un (b007jq83)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Monday]

TUE 01:00 Edgar Wallace - White Face (b012lr0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:15 on Monday]

TUE 01:30 Falco (b00k7xct)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]

TUE 02:00 Meet David Sedaris (b012lpvz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Monday]

TUE 02:30 The Party Line (b012lpzv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Monday]

TUE 03:00 Martyn Wade - Another Shakespeare (b0080hlv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]

TUE 03:45 The Shuttleworths (b007jm2l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Monday]

TUE 04:00 Anthony Trollope - The Pallisers (b007jwgm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Monday]

TUE 05:00 Ballylenon (b007vmbw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

TUE 05:30 Down the Line (b012lm5p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]

TUE 06:00 Edgar Wallace - White Face (b012lr0)

Episode 2

After musing in his surgery, Dr Marford and Sergeant Elk are soon confronted by a fresh murderous mystery. Read by Danny Webb.

TUE 06:15 Dick Francis - Straight (b012mbjq)

Episode 2

Jockey Derek's brother is dead, but investigating his gem business is proving to be dangerous. Read by James Aubrey.

TUE 06:30 Falco (b00k89mm)

Venus in Copper

Episode 2

Falco is searching for the truth about the deaths of Severina's three husbands, when an unexpected offer forces him to question his instincts.

Maybe he should consult his new feathered friend?

Anton Lesser stars as Ancient Rome's favourite detective in a gripping serialisation of Lindsey Davis's best seller.

Marcus Didius Falco Anton Lesser

Helena Justina Ann Madeley

Politia Julia Hills

Doctor Jez Thomas

Thalia Chipo Chung

Severina Zotica Tracy Wiles

Cossus Jonathan Tafler

The Parrot Colin Rote

Hortensius Novus Ian Brooker

Dramatised by Mary Cutler.

Directed at BBC Birmingham by Peter Leslie Wild.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2006.

TUE 07:00 Capital Gains (b00s4qv8)

Series 2

Stake Capital

When an act of civil disobedience centred around a tea break fails to bring results, Julius Hutch, the leader of The Tree Party, turns to games of chance.

CAST:

Julius Hutch Peter Jones

Pauline Hutch Celestine Randall

Sexton Lewis Jeffrey Wickham

Kate Justine Midda

Sir Gainford Blounty Stephen Thorne

Dahlia Sprout Jillie Meers

Haiku Jack Collin Johnson

Ted Smoothie/Dr Heinz Strudel David Holt

Brian Perkins as Himself

Written by Collin Johnson.

Producers: Andy Jordan and David Blount

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1997.

TUE 07:30 The Sunday Format (b012mbjs)

Series 4

Episode 3

The Obscurity Chefs - and Things That Get My Goat. Radio's posh paper reveals all. With Alexander Armstrong. From January 2003.

TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b007jlzb)

Series 5

Ye Bandit of Sherwood Forest

Neddie Seagoon wants fame and riches, but will he risk life and limb for Maid Marion?

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 December 1954.

TUE 08:30 The Burkiss Way (b007jzjc)

Series 3

One Hour to Burkiss Way

Don't panic! It's the War of the Worlds - with some emergency rewrites.

Starring Fred Harris, Jo Kendall, Nigel Rees and Chris Emmett

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 December 1977.

TUE 09:00 1835 (b012mbjv)

Down at the Old Bull and Bush

Belpot falls in love with renowned music-hall artiste Emilia La Rue. But can he prise her away from Svyatislav the strong man? Probably not.

Comic saga of an aristocrat and his servant who struggle to find things to do in the mid-1830s.

Belpot Paul Rider

Ned Jason Done

Danvers Roy Barraclough

The Great Fettuccine Simon Greenall

Emelia Sue Cleaver

Written and directed at BBC Manchester by Jim Poyser.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2004.

TUE 09:30 Street and Lane (b00vhw43)

Series 1

Hitting the Highs

Builders, Johnny Street and Arthur Lane, reach new professional heights curing the leak in the penthouse roof of an Australian businesswoman who is single-handedly regenerating South Yorkshire.

Specialist help comes in the form of Shafto, ex-miner turned fearless free climber.

Sitcom written by Ian McMillan and Dave Sheasby.

Johnny Street Nick Lane

Arthur Lane Fine Time Fontayne

Alison Bronwyn Lim

Shafto John Banks

Producer: David Hunter

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2005.

TUE 10:00 Martyn Wade - A Home of Their Own (b00b4038)

To escape their children who won't leave home, Kenneth and Clare move to a smaller house - with no space for visitors. But the couple are soon plagued by former residents and visitors - unaware that the previous owner Mrs Hooper has departed... Martyn Wade's comedy starring David Troughton as Kenneth and Barbara Flynn as Clare.

With Margaret Tyzack as Mrs Hooper, Richenda Carey as Miss Grainger-Taylor, Jonathan Keeble as Mr Norton, Wayne Foskett as Maurice, Harry Myers as George and Colleen Prendergast as Jill.

Production note:

'A Home of Their Own' was due to be recorded on location in a house used for a number of Martyn's previous plays, but which had become too noisy for period plays.

Ironically during the recording, the cast and crew had to decamp to a studio as severe building work at both the back and front of the house made the recording inaudible. Perhaps the house was having the last word...?

Producer: Cherry Cookson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2005.

TUE 10:45 The Shuttleworths (b007jm35)

Series 2

Wireless Wanderings (Part One)

Sheffield's aspiring singer/songwriter John Shuttleworth and his agent Ken roam the radio airwaves.

Featuring Alistair Cook's Letter From America, Timothy Bentinck and Norman Painting from 'The Archers' and Sue Lawley from 'Desert Island Discs'

Written and performed by Graham Fellows. With Charlotte Green.

Producer: Paul Schlesinger

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1995.

TUE 11:00 Anthony Trollope - The Pallisers (b007jwh0)

Episode 6

Phineas fears his past will affect his career, and with rumours over his love life, a fresh setback awaits. Stars Conleth Hill.

TUE 12:00 The Goon Show (b007jzb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 12:30 When the Dog Dies (b00sgbr3)

Series 1

Squeaky Shoes

These days Sandy finds himself doing more hospital visiting and attending an increasing number of funerals. At the latest, he finds himself singled out by the Merry Widow, Eileen. His children are horrified and so is his lodger Dolores. Son-in-law and security expert Blake keeps Sandy under close surveillance. Even so, Sandy finishes up in hospital himself.

Ronnie Corbett reunites with the writers of his hit comedy Sorry - Ian Davidson and Peter Vincent - for a new sitcom.

Sandy Ronnie Corbett

Eileen Anne Reid

Clovis Jon Glover

Ellie Tilly Vosburgh

Dolores Liza Tarbuck

Blake Jonathan Aris

Producer: Liz Anstee

A CPL production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 13:00 Edgar Wallace - White Face (b012m9vx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 13:15 Dick Francis - Straight (b012mbjq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:15 today]

TUE 13:30 Falco (b00k89mm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 14:00 William Makepeace Thackeray - Vanity Fair (b007jvyr)

Episode 17

Rawdon falters in his resolve to fight a duel with Lord Steyne. Narrated by Stephen Fry. Stars Emma Fielding and Philip Fox.

TUE 14:15 Nella Last's Peace: Housewife 49 (b012mdwy)

Episode 2

The Barrow-in-Furness housewife looks forward to the first peace-time Christmas in seven years. Read by Imelda Staunton.

TUE 14:30 The Colonel of The Bridge on the River Kwai (b00rwyrb)

Episode 2

Following the fall of Singapore, Philip Toosey is confronted by the appalling prison camp conditions. Read by Anton Lesser.

TUE 15:00 Martyn Wade - A Home of Their Own (b00b4038)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

TUE 15:45 The Shuttleworths (b007jm35)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]

TUE 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b012mdz6)

Map and compass at the ready? We're going orienteering! Plus, Brian May tells us about his first ever guitar, and we find out what fireflies are.

TUE 17:00 Capital Gains (b00slqv8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

TUE 17:30 The Sunday Format (b012mbjs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 18:00 Stephen Baxter - Voyage (b007qgns)

1981-85 Approaches

Following the Apollo-N disaster, Natalie York's prospects for a seat on the mission to Mars look bleak.

Stephen Baxter's 1996 novel presents an alternative history of the US space programme.

Dramatised in five parts by Dirk Maggs

Starring Laurel Lefklow as Natalie York, William Dufres as Mike Conlig, Michael Roberts as Gregory Dana, Vincent Marzello as Joe Muldoon, Mel Taylor as Ralph Gershon and Rolf Saxon as Phil Stone.

Music by Wilfredo Acosta.

Producer: Dirk Maggs

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1999.

TUE 18:30 The Heart of Hark'un (b007v25z)

Episode 2

Novice sorcerer Arcos is appalled by Kaddah's behaviour.

Alviza is attacked mentally.

A fantasy-adventure by Peter Thomson and Jamie Thomson.

Arcos Francis Thomson

Kaddah Trevor Peacock

Vanna Elizabeth Whiting

Shazir Crawford Logan

Bereneth Edward Kelsey

Va Melanie Hudson

Alviza Emma Fielding

Zander Robert Portal

The General Clarence Smith

Producer: Peter Hutchings

First broadcast on BBC Radio 5 in September 1991.

TUE 19:00 The Goon Show (b007jzb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 19:30 The Burkiss Way (b007jqzc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:15 today]

TUE 20:30 Falco (b00k89mm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 21:00 Anthony Trollope - The Pallisers (b007jwh0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

TUE 22:00 When the Dog Dies (b00sgbr3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]

TUE 22:30 Armando Iannucci's Charm Offensive (b007zd04)

Series 1

Episode 5

The funny man's radio drop-in centre tackles Live 8 and white-collar boxing matches. With David Mitchell. From June 2005.

TUE 23:00 The Penny Dreadfuls (b00gpbcz)

More Brothers Faversham

Perceus and Lucius Faversham

The comedy trio's swashbuckling tale of Victorian Britain's great twin industrialists, Perceus and Lucius. From October 2008.

TUE 23:30 The Museum of Everything (b00gs2nj)

Series 3

Natural Science

The birds and the bees, blue plaques and the human body are all on exhibition.

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 August 2006.

WEDNESDAY 20 JULY 2011**WED 00:00 Stephen Baxter - Voyage (b007qgns)**

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]

WED 05:30 The Sunday Format (b012mbjs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Tuesday]

WED 06:00 Edgar Wallace - White Face (b012mh0j)

Episode 3

Whose death has Dr Manford witnessed? What could a lowly small-time light-fingered felon know about it? Read by Danny Webb.

WED 06:15 Dick Francis - Straight (b012mh0l)

Episode 3

With a million dollars of diamonds missing and his brother dead, Derek is no nearer to solving the puzzle. Read by James Aubrey.

WED 06:30 Falco (b00k8t30)

Venus in Copper

Episode 3

After a short spell in prison, Falco finds half of Rome is having a party but it seems he isn't invited.

One particular gathering comes to an abrupt halt and as a result, the detective's reputation could be at stake.

Anton Lesser stars as Ancient Rome's favourite detective in a gripping serialisation of Lindsey Davis's best seller.

Marcus Didius Falco Anton Lesser

Helena Justina Ann Madeley

Titus Caesar Jonathan Keeble

Hyacinthus Stephen Critchlow

Viridovix Nick Fletcher

Hortensius Felix Graham Padden

Severina Zotica Tracy Wiles

Pollia Julia Hills

Dramatised by Mary Cutler.

Directed at BBC Birmingham by Peter Leslie Wild.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2006.

WED 07:00 Tony's (b007k2tv)

Series 1

Is This True Love?

Still single at 41, the barber's mother - and fate - seem determined to take a hand. Stars Victor Spinetti. From November 1979.

WED 07:30 The Very World of Milton Jones (b007tcc2)

Series 3

Episode 4

Opening up a tomb in Egypt and falling into a pit of snakes, the comedian's life flashes before his eyes. From May 2001.

WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jps5)

Series 6

The Poetry Society

The lad's new avant garde friends produce some poetical gems - with a little help from Sid and Bill.

Starring Tony Hancock. With Sidney James, Bill Kerr, Fenella Fielding, Warren Mitchell and Fraser Kerr.

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 December 1959.

WED 08:30 Yes Minister (b007k0fx)

Series 2

The Skeleton in the Cupboard

MP Jim Hacker gets the better of Sir Humphrey over a crisis in Derbyshire.

Starring Paul Eddington, Nigel Hawthorne and Derek Fowlds. Antony Jay and Jonathan Lynn's satirical sitcom centred around the hapless MP Jim Hacker and a collection of civil service underlings headed by the Machiavellian Sir Humphrey Appleby and obsequious Bernard.

It first ran on BBC TV between 1980 and 1984.

Jim Hacker Paul Eddington

Sir Humphrey Appleby Nigel Hawthorne

Bernard Woolley Derek Fowlds

Dr Cartwright Ian Lavender

Alex Andrews Clive Merrison

Civil Servant Peter Acre

Civil Servant Ellen McIntosh

The Man on the Train William Eedle

Adapted for radio by producer Pete Atkin.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1984.

WED 09:00 Legal, Decent, Honest and Truthful (b007jw0s)

Series 3

Episode 3

An American TV evangelist creates waves, and ad man Ken causes a surprise.

Martin Jarvis stars in Guy Jenkin and Jon Canter's satire set in the competitive world of advertising.

Ken Handley Martin Jarvis

Sandy Christopher Godwin

Freddie Lockwood West

Ambrose Paul Jesson

April Shelley Thompson

Mr Cheater James Griffiths

Larry Childs William Hootkins

Loretta-Jane Duff Toni Coyne

With Miriam Margolyes, John Shrapnel, David Tate, Sally Grace, Enn Reitel and Anton Rogers.

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1986.

WED 09:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b012mjnr)

Award-winning edition with Humphrey Lyttelton, Barry Cryer, Graeme Garden, Tim Brooke-Taylor and Jeremy Hardy. From June 2001.

WED 10:00 Martyn Wade - Hermit Lucas (b007jx32)

Staying at home for 25 years, the strange tale of celebrated Victorian recluse James Lucas. Stars Anton Lesser and Conleth Hill. From May 2004.

WED 10:45 The Shuttleworths (b007jm3p)

Series 2

Wireless Wanderings (Part 2)

Sheffield's aspiring singer/songwriter John Shuttleworth and his agent Ken continue their expedition of the radio airwaves. Featuring Sue Lawley, Melvyn Bragg, Terry Wogan and Ken Bruce.

Written and performed by Graham Fellows. With Charlotte Green.

Producer: Paul Schlesinger

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1995.

WED 11:00 Anthony Trollope - The Pallisers (b007jwh5)

Episode 7

Phineas Finn's trial grabs headlines, while Glencora and Plantagenet Palliser receive important news. Stars Juliet Stevenson.

WED 12:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jps5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 12:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b00xpkw7)

Series 7

Become a Successful Writer

Episode 3

"Become a Successful Writer"

Radio 4's most curmudgeonly author is back for a new series, complete with his trusty companion Elgar, his pipe and his never ending capacity for scrimping and scraping at whatever scraps his agent, Ping, can offer him to keep body, mind and cat together.

This week sees Ed enrolled on a writing course which endeavours to teach him how to 'write successfully'. He naturally feels he's already mastered this art, as testified to in the 1976 issue of Films and Filming, and the fact that he teaches his own course at the local leisure centre. However, much persuasion by Ping and the mention of free food and drink for three days finally sways Ed into attendance. In the event, Ed does learn a thing or two about setting up his very own 'Script Doctor' service at £25 a consultation.

Cast list ep 2

Ed Reardon Christopher Douglas

Mort Rich Henry Goodman

Dave Wang Geoff McGivern

Ping Barunka O'Shaughnessy

Municipal woman Nicola Sanderson

Sorting Officer Martin Hyder

Pearl Rita May

Olive Stephanie Cole

Stan Geoffrey Whitehead

Written by Andrew Nickolds and Christopher Douglas

Produced by Dawn Ellis.

WED 13:00 Edgar Wallace - White Face (b012mh0j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 13:15 Dick Francis - Straight (b012mh0l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:15 today]

WED 13:30 Falco (b00k8t30)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 14:00 William Makepeace Thackeray - Vanity Fair (b007jyvt)

Episode 18

A keen William Dobbin returns from India to visit a frosty Amelia. Narrated by Stephen Fry. Stars Katy Cavanagh and Tom Smith.

WED 14:15 Nella Last's Peace: Housewife 49 (b012mkj2)

Episode 3

The Barrow-in-Furness housewife worries over the prospects for her husband and sons in January 1946. Read by Imelda Staunton.

WED 14:30 The Colonel of The Bridge on the River Kwai (b00rwxkn)

Episode 3

Philip Toosey's men are forced to move camp and set about constructing railway bridges for the Japanese. Read by Anton Lesser.

WED 15:00 Martyn Wade - Hermit Lucas (b007jx32)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

WED 15:45 The Shuttleworths (b007jm3p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]

WED 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b012mkj4)

Mel Giedroyc hears from a female bodyguard, introduces the next chapter in At The Firefly Gate, and learns about the planes on show at the Imperial War Museum in Duxford.

WED 17:00 Tony's (b007k2tv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

WED 17:30 The Very World of Milton Jones (b007tcc2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 18:00 Stephen Baxter - Voyage (b007q9ld)

1985-86 Project Ares

The first manned mission to Mars lifts off on a perilous journey of discovery - both scientific and personal.

Conclusion of Stephen Baxter's 1996 novel presenting an alternative history of the US space programme.

Dramatised in five parts by Dirk Maggs

Starring Laurel Lefklow as Natalie York, Rolf Saxon as Phil Stone, William Dufris as Adam Bleeker, Michael Roberts as Voice of NASA, Mel Taylor as Ralph Gershon and Vincent Marzello as Joe Muldoon.

Music by Wilfredo Acosta.

Producer: Dirk Maggs

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1999.

WED 18:30 The Heart of Hark'un (b007jq8x)

Episode 3

Shaznir calls on the power of the Deadlands, while Arcos meets a strange Brotherhood.

A fantasy-adventure by Peter Thomson and Jamie Thomson.

Arcos Francis Thomson

Kaddah Trevor Peacock

Vanna Elizabeth Whiting

Shazir Crawford Logan

Bereneth Edward Kelsey

Va Melanie Hudson

Alviza Emma Fielding

Zander Robert Portal

The General Clarence Smith

Rashiq Theresa Streetfeild

Producer: Peter Hutchings

First broadcast on BBC Radio 5 in September 1991.

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WED 21:00 Anthony Trollope - The Pallisers (b007jwh5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

WED 22:00 Ed Reardon's Week (b00xpkw7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]

WED 22:30 The Secret World (b012mzvm)

Series 2

Episode 4

Alan Titchmarsh reveals a dark side when his career is at risk.

Jon Culshaw explores famous folk's private lives. From July 2010.

WED 23:00 The Fall of the Mausoleum Club (b007jqjk)

The Charge of the Boys' Brigade

Miss Primrose is ordered to travel to South Africa and murder

General Cheeseman. With Alison Steadman. From September

1988.

WED 23:30 The Castle (b012mzvp)

Series 1

Episode 1

Sitcom by Kim Fuller, set in a medieval castle with some

remarkably modern trappings.

Sir John Woodstock James Fleet

Sir William De Warenne Neil Dudgeon

Lady Anne Woodstock Susan Earl

Cardinal Duncan Jonathan Kydd

Lady Charlotte Ingrid Oliver

Master Henry Woodstock Steven Kynman

Sam Tree Toby Ross-Bryant.

THURSDAY 21 JULY 2011**THU 00:00 Stephen Baxter - Voyage (b007q9ld)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Wednesday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Wednesday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Wednesday]

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THU 05:00 Tony's (b007k2tv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]

THU 05:30 The Very World of Milton Jones (b007tcc2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]

THU 06:00 Edgar Wallace - White Face (b012n3rn)

Episode 4

What crime scene discovery will put pressure on Quigley? What

trouble will Bateman's death bring for Janice? Read by Danny

Webb.

THU 06:15 Dick Francis - Straight (b012n3rq)

Episode 4

Derek searches for the missing diamonds and makes a shocking

discovery about his brother's mistress. Read by James Aubrey.

THU 06:30 Falco (b00k8x93)

Venus in Copper

Episode 4

After two murders in one night, Falco is offered a job by the prime suspect.

Meanwhile his social life looks up as he hosts a turbot supper with more than one unexpected guest. But Falco has his sights set on catching a bigger fish.

Anton Lesser stars as Ancient Rome's favourite detective in a gripping serialisation of Lindsey Davis's best seller.

Marcus Didius Falco Anton Lesser

Helena Justina Ann Madeley

Falco's Mother Frances Jeater

Petronius Ben Crowe

Titus Caesar Jonathan Keeble

Hyacinthus Stephen Critchlow

Severina Zotica Tracy Wiles

Pollia Julia Hills

The Parrot Colin Rote

Appius Priscillus Kim Wall

Dramatised by Mary Cutler.

Directed at BBC Birmingham by Peter Leslie Wild.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2006.

THU 07:00 PG Wodehouse (b00b7b0p)

What Ho! Jeeves: Joy in the Morning

Steeple Bumbleigh

Forced into a meeting he's been trying to avoid at the cottage,

Bertie Wooster gets a warning.

PG Wodehouse's romp starring Michael Hordern and Richard

Briers.

Adapted by Chris Miller.

Jeeves Michael Hordern

Bertie Wooster Richard Briers

Stilton Cheesewright Michael Kilgarriff

Boko Fittleworth Jonathan Cecil

Edwin the Boy Scout Denise Bryer

Producer: Simon Brett

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1978.

THU 07:30 Tomorrow, Today! (b012n3rs)

Series 1

What Price Utopia

Comedy series by Christopher William Hill, set in 1961. A

BBC producer struggles to make a radio soap set in the

unimaginably futuristic world of 2006.

The government tries to use the programme for a very dark

purpose.

With Peter Bowles, Cheryl Campbell, John Fortune, Gary

Waldhorn.

THU 08:00 The Men from the Ministry (b012n3rv)

Taking Leave of Their Census

The bungling bureaucrats are sent to Cornwall where some

odgy villagers are up to no good...

A weekly tribute to all those who work in government

departments.

Stars Richard Murdoch and Deryck Guyler. With Norma

Ronald, Ronald Baddiley and John Graham.

Written by Edward Taylor and John Graham.

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

and 1977. Deryck Guyler replaced Wilfrid Hyde-White from

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

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

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

Radio 4 Extra.

Producer: Edward Taylor.

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 4 in August 1972.

THU 08:30 Hello Cheeky (b012n3rx)

From 26/05/1973

The FBI meets cricket meets Listen With Mother.

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 May 1973.

THU 09:00 Like They've Never Been Gone (b00b7bd3)

Series 2

The Anniversary Blues

Tommy has big celebration plans for Sheila, but then Lewis gets

involved.

30 years after sweethearts Tommy Franklin and Sheila Parr won

the 1962 Eurovision Song Contest, the musical double-act are

back in the big time.

June Whitfield and Roy Hudd star in Mike Coleman's sitcom.

Tommy Franklin Roy Hudd

Sheila Parr June Whitfield

With Pat Coombs, Julian Eardley, Edward Halstead, Paul

Rogan and Tracy-Ann Oberman.

Music by Frido Ruth.

Producer: Steve Doherty

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1999.

THU 09:30 Jest a Minute (b012n3rz)

Series 1

Episode 2

Justin Moorhouse, Rob Deering, Chris Corcoran and Tom Allen

hit London in Rhod Gilbert's comedy quiz. From September

2006.

THU 10:00 Martyn Wade - Dogged Persistence (b009xytf)

the vicious beast bequeathed to Maureen by her late husband. Especially written by Martyn Wade for distinguished actresses Joan Sims and Elizabeth Spriggs.

Maureen Joan Sims

Veronica Elizabeth Spriggs

Cab Driver David Thorpe

Nettie Richenda Carey

Director: Cheery Cookson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2000.

THU 10:45 The Shuttleworths (b007jm47)

Series 2

The Birthday Bench

Sheffield's aspiring singer/songwriter John Shuttleworth spots the perfect birthday gift for his agent. But Ken's got other ideas...

Written and performed by Graham Fellows.

Producer: Paul Schlesinger

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1995.

THU 11:00 Anthony Trollope - The Pallisers (b007jwhb)

Episode 8

Glencora opts for a potentially disastrous course of action to help the Duke of Omnium in his new role as Prime Minister. And as Palliser's domestic arrangements become more difficult, so do those of Mr Wharton and his daughter Emily...

Starring David Troughton as the Narrator, Ben Miles as

Plantagenet Palliser, Sophie Thompson as Lady Glencora,

Geoffrey Whitehead as Duke of St Bungay, Frances Jeater as

Mrs Roby, Stella Gonet as Mme Goesler, Jonathan Keeble as

Arthur Fletcher, Peter Marinker as Sir Orlando, Geoffrey

Streetfield as Everett, Chris Moran as Club Member, Greg

Wise as Lopez, James Laurensen as Mr Wharton, Emily Bruni

as Emily and Gerard McDermott as Parker.

Dramatised from Anthony Trollope's novels in 12 parts by

Martyn Wade.

Music by Elizabeth Parker.

Director: Marc Beeby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2004.

THU 12:00 The Men from the Ministry (b012n3rv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 12:30 The Sinha Test (b012fs6y)

In April 1990, Norman Tebbit suggested that immigrants who

supported their country of origin over the England at cricket

were unpatriotic. The "Tebbit Test", as it became known, was

always an over-simplification; there are lots of reasons why the

immigrant community in Britain may not support England:

apparently racist selection policies; leading players taking part

in sanctions-busting tours of Apartheid-era South Africa;

Britain's complicated and not always flattering colonial history;

the fact that for fifteen years, England were simply rubbish. But

is any of this still relevant?

In July 2011, the Indian cricket team will arrive in England as

the number one ranked team in the world. Over the course of

five weeks an ageing but brilliant team containing the likes of

Zaheer Khan, Virender Sehwag, Harbhajan Singh and possibly

the greatest batsman to have ever played, Sachin Tendulkar, will

compete against the young, improving team that includes

Alistair Cook, Jimmy Anderson, Stuart Broad and Kevin

Pietersen.

In The Sinha Test stand-up comedian and cricket obsessive Paul

Sinha - born in London to Indian parents - examines why he has

been a lifelong India fan, despite considering himself "as British

as a pub fight". Between the jokes he speaks to experts - a

sociologist and a former Test cricketer - to see if he's alone in

not always cheering on the country of his birth when it comes to

cricket.

Paul Sinha was nominated for the if.Comedy Award at the 2006

Edinburgh Festival, and more "Best Headliner" at the 2009

Chortle awards. His 2010 Edinburgh show, Extreme Anti-

White Vitriol won five five-star and six four-star reviews. He is

a regular guest on Radio 4's The Now Show and 5Live's

Fighting Talk.

Written and performed by Paul Sinha.

Producer: Ed Morrish.

THU 13:00 Edgar Wallace - White Face (b012n3rn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 13:15 Dick Francis - Straight (b012n3rq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:15 today]

THU 13:30 Falco (b00k8x93)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 14:00 William Makepeace Thackeray - Vanity Fair (b007jvyy)

Episode 19

Jos, Amelia and William head to Europe and meet an old

'friend'. Narrated by Stephen Fry. Stars Emma Fielding and

David Calder.

THU 14:15 Nella Last's Peace: Housewife 49 (b012n474)

Episode 4

In June 1946, the housewife sees PoWs working in Barrow, and

wonders why they can't be repatriated. Read by Imelda

Staunton.

THU 14:30 The Colonel of The Bridge on the River Kwai (b00xf8m)

Episode 4

Dismayed Philip Toosey is separated from his men and forced

to establish an allied hospital prison camp. Read by Anton

Lesser.

THU 15:00 Martyn Wade - Dogged Persistence (b009xytf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

THU 15:45 The Shuttleworths (b007jm47)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]

THU 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b012n476)

Mel Giedroyc finds out about the secret British troops during

World War II, hears about allergies and visits a North Devon

Show. Plus, another Daily Dalek.

THU 17:00 PG Wodehouse (b00b7b0p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 17:30 Tomorrow, Today! (b012n3rs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 18:00 Short Stories by Robert Heinlein (b00l3pzz)

Ordeal in Space

Deeply traumatised astronaut, William Cole is back on earth

recovering from a terrible accident.

After being jettisoned into outer-space, he's been left with a

debilitating fear of falling. Facing the prospect of never

returning to a job he loves, he's struggling to adapt to life as a

civilian...

Read by Adam Sims.

Robert A Heinlein (1907-1988) is recognised by many as one of

the great masters of sci-fi.

Produced and abridged by Gemma Jenkins.

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in 2007.

THU 18:30 The Heart of Hark'un (b007jq8l)

Episode 4

One word is the key to the Grimoire. But is Arcos able to

harness its magical power?

A fantasy-adventure by Peter Thomson and Jamie Thomson.

Arcos Francis Thomson

Kaddah Trevor Peacock

Vanna Elizabeth Whiting

Shazir Crawford Logan

Bereneth Edward Kelsey

Va Melanie Hudson

Alviza Emma Fielding

Zander Robert Portal

The General Clarence Smith

Rashiq Theresa Streetfield

Producer: Peter Hutchings

First broadcast on BBC Radio 5 in September 1991.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

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THU 20:30 Falco (b00k8x93)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 21:00 Anthony Trollope - The Pallisers (b007jwhb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

THU 22:00 The Sinha Test (b012fs6y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]

THU 22:30 Linda Smith's A Brief History of Timewasting (b007js92)

Series 1

East End Mafia

Linda gets her neighbour's Jack the Ripper letters authenticated

and falls foul of the dodgy East End Mafia, headed by the

elusive and notorious Don Estelle.

Comedy series written by and starring Linda Smith.

Linda Linda Smith

Chris Chris Neill

Betty Margaret John

Worra Femi Elufowaju Jr

Other parts played by Jeremy Hardy.

Special guest star: Don Estelle.

With Peter Donaldson as the radio announcer and Colin Sell at

the piano.

Producer: Lucy Armitage

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2001.

THU 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b012y0n4)

Katherine Ryan

Katherine Ryan charms Arthur Smith with her razor sharp

sparkle.

THU 23:00 That Mitchell and Webb Sound (b00mk7rn)

Series 4

Episode 4

A plea for donations to Britain's only balloon-animal sanctuary,

a wooden boy who's a bit annoying - and what to do at work if

you suspect you have a decadent colleague.

Sketch show starring David Mitchell and Robert Webb.

With Olivia Colman, Sarah Hadland and James Bachman.

Producer Gareth Edwards

Firs broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2009.

THU 23:30 Forty Nights in the Wildebeest (b007k16j)

Episode 4

Pun masters Dan Freedman and Nick Romero with a sheep

version of Star Trek and an American Blackadder. From May

2000.

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FRI 00:00 Short Stories by Robert Heinlein (b00l3pzz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Thursday]

FRI 00:30 The Heart of Hark'un (b007jq8l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]

FRI 01:00 Edgar Wallace - White Face (b012n3rn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]

FRI 01:15 Dick Francis - Straight (b012n3rq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:15 on Thursday]

FRI 01:30 Falco (b00k8x93)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]

FRI 02:00 Like They've Never Been Gone (b00b7bd3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]

FRI 02:30 Jest a Minute (b012n3rz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]

FRI 03:00 Martyn Wade - Dogged Persistence (b009xytf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]

FRI 03:45 The Shuttleworths (b007jm47)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Thursday]

FRI 04:00 Anthony Trollope - The Pallisers (b007jwhb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Thursday]

FRI 05:00 PG Wodehouse (b00b7b0p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]

FRI 05:30 Tomorrow, Today! (b012n3rs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]

FRI 06:00 Edgar Wallace - White Face (b012ltpk)

Episode 5

Confusion reigns. If Lorna isn't an addict, why does she seem to

have a well-used syringe in her possession? Read by Danny

Webb.

FRI 06:15 Dick Francis - Straight (b012m9x2)

Episode 5

Derek must risk more danger in order to discover who has

taken his brother's diamonds, and why. Read by James Aubrey.

FRI 06:30 Falco (b00k9dbx)

Venus in Copper

Episode 5

A battered and bruised Falco discovers the best way to win back

the affections of his girlfriend.

Helena proves that she too can play detective, but the intriguing

murder case is put on hold when Falco discovers his world

crashing down around him.

Anton Lesser stars as Ancient Rome's favourite detective in a

gripping serialisation of Lindsey Davis's best seller.

Marcus Didius Falco Anton Lesser

Helena Justina Ann Madeley

Petronius Ben Crowe

Hyacinthus Stephen Critchlow

Appius Priscillus Kim Wall

Severina Zotica Tracy Wiles

The Maid Emily Chemery

The Cake Seller Laurence Saunders

Cossus Jonathan Tafler

The Parrot Colin Rote

Dramatised by Mary Cutler.

Directed at BBC Birmingham by Peter Leslie Wild.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2006.

FRI 07:00 Anything Legal (b0085hnm)

Episode 4

George and Charles tackle a horrid child and a bizarre giant in

their new business offering anything legal...

Starring Donald Hewlett and Michael Knowles.

A Tale of Two City Gents by Wally K Daly

Charles Donald Hewlett

George Michael Knowles

Isabel Madeline Smith

Little Willy Stephen Grief

Simon Elizabeth Proud

Miss Folliate Frances Jeater

Theme music by Jim Parker

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1984.

FRI 08:30 Steptoe and Son (b00sf1tm)

Series 1

The Musical Evening

War erupts in the rag and bone yard, when Albert takes action over music-loving Harold's gramophone.

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

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

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

Produced by Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in September 1966.

FRI 09:00 A Whole New Ball Game (b00g3x7g)

Series 2

Retreat

When the Pattersons get a dog, Father Benedict is not impressed. Stars Desmond Barrit and Brenda Blethyn. From November 1994.

FRI 09:30 All the Young Dudes (b007qx33)

Series 1

Lazy Sunday

Patrick faces a full house, as Maria takes on her pub competition. Stars Jim Sweeney and Cathryn Harrison. From August 2001.

FRI 10:00 Loose Ends (b012jcs4)

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

Marcus du Sautoy takes joy from explaining numbers and maths - as he should as Oxford Professor of Mathematics and the Simonyi Professor for the Public Understanding of Science. In his latest BBC TV series 'The Code' he searches for the mysterious code - the numbers, shapes and patterns that govern our world.

The Bandidos are one of the world's most feared outlaw motorcycle gangs. Writer and former policeman Duncan McNab talked to a member of the Australian Chapter who did the unthinkable - became a police informant and is on the run from the gang, he's a 'Dead Man Running'.

Unofficial Mayor of Balham, Arthur Smith celebrates the sights, sounds and soul of one of the world's greatest cities as he talks to Mark Mason about his book 'Walk the Lines: The London Underground, Overground.

Swing, blues and rock 'n' roll siblings Kitty, Daisy and Lewis are joined by their mum and dad for their Loose Ends Session and play 'I'm Coming Home' from their album. Smoking in Heaven.

And the 7 piece bedtime party outfit Soul Rebels Brass Band give us a taste of Mardi Gras and their home town of New Orleans as they perform a track from their forthcoming album 'Unlock Your Mind'

Producer: Cathie Mahoney.

FRI 10:45 The Shuttleworths (b007jm4t)

Series 2

John Dries Up

John's ambitions to be a successful singer/songwriter suffer a mild setback.

Wife Mary is not impressed...

Written and performed by Graham Fellows.

Producer: Paul Schlesinger

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1995.

FRI 11:00 Anthony Trollope - The Pallisers (b007jwhj)

Episode 9

Plantagenet Palliser wrestles with the difficulties of government and problems created by his wife. Stars Ben Miles.

FRI 12:00 The Navy Lark (b0081vx2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 12:30 The Now Show (b012ftsc)

Series 34

Episode 6

Steve Punt presents an assortment of topical stand-up sketches and songs, with Jon Holmes, Danielle Ward, Mitch Benn and Laura Shavin.

FRI 13:00 Edgar Wallace - White Face (b012llpk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 13:15 Dick Francis - Straight (b012m9x2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:15 today]

FRI 13:30 Falco (b00k9dbx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 14:00 William Makepeace Thackeray - Vanity Fair (b007jvyz)

Episode 20

Becky, Jos, Amelia and William's futures are finally decided. Conclusion of William Makepeace Thackeray's drama, narrated by Stephen Fry.

FRI 14:15 Nella Last's Peace: Housewife 49 (b012m9yp)

Episode 5

In 1947's bitter winter, the housewife looks back - and ponders the next generation's prospects. Concluded by Imelda Staunton.

FRI 14:30 The Colonel of The Bridge on the River Kwai (b00ry9hw)

Episode 5

Philip Toosey succeeds in improving the camp's sanitary conditions, but is brutalised by Japanese guards. Read by Anton

Lesser.

FRI 15:00 Loose Ends (b012jcs4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 15:45 The Shuttleworths (b007jm4t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]

FRI 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b012m9zl)

Mel Giedroyc finds out how to cook the perfect BBQ, hears about different types of laugh, throws another Daily Dalek our way - and the final part of our story At the Firefly Gate.

FRI 17:00 Anything Legal (b0085hmm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 17:30 Snap (b012llxz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 18:00 Short Stories by Robert Heinlein (b001blq5)

The Green Hills of Earth

Rhysling, the blind singer of the spaceways, captures the beauty of space and complexities of being a spaceman in songs about his heroic adventures.

Snatches of his music are interwoven with the story of how he lost his sight and became Earth's unofficial chronicler of the universe.

Read by Adam Sims.

Written in 1947, 'The Green Hills of Earth' is recognised as one of the best-ever sci-fi stories by master writer, Robert A Heinlein (1907-1988).

Produced and abridged by Gemma Jenkins.

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in 2007.

FRI 18:30 The Heart of Hark'un (b007jq9v)

Episode 5

Young novice sorcerer Arcos learns an unpalatable truth about his father from Kaddah.

A fantasy-adventure by Peter Thomson and Jamie Thomson.

Arcos Francis Thomson

Kaddah Trevor Peacock

Vanna Elizabeth Whiting

Shazir Crawford Logan

Bereneth Edward Kelsey

Va Melanie Hudson

Alviza Emma Fielding

Rashiq Theresa Streatfeild

Producer: Peter Hutchings

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FRI 21:00 Anthony Trollope - The Pallisers (b007jwhj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 22:00 Now Show Extra (b012mbg6)

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 (b00sr30b)

Series 2

Normal Things

Cartoonist Steven has a very removing experience when an expert de-clutters his house.

Paul McCrink stars as Steven Appleby with what he laughably describes as "insights into normal, everyday life".

With:

Rosalind Paul

Ewan Bailey

Nigel Betts

Rachel Atkins

Written by Steven Appleby

Producer: Toby Swift

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2003

FRI 23:00 The Jason Byrne Show (b00mlxk9)

Series 1

Relationships

Exploring a fresh theme each week, the Irish comedian hosts stand-up and sketches. With guest Ivan Brackenbury. From July 2008.

FRI 23:30 Big Town All Stars (b007jvpf)

Series 1

If You Sack Me, I'll Leave

The band must get assertive with scary Lorelei, and Johnny's love life is in tatters. Stars Stephen Tompkinson. From March 2000.