

SATURDAY 23 JULY 2011

SAT 00:00 Short Stories by Robert Heinlein (b00lhlq5)

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.

SAT 00:30 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 Streafeld

Producer: Peter Hutchings

First broadcast on BBC Radio 5 in September 1991.

SAT 01:00 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.

SAT 01:15 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.

SAT 01:30 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.

SAT 02:00 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.

SAT 02:30 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.

SAT 03:00 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 Soulham, Arthur Smith celebrates the sights, sounds and smell 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 goodtime 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.

SAT 03:45 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.

SAT 04:00 Anthony Trollope - The Pallisers (b007jwhj)

Episode 9

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

SAT 05:00 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.

SAT 05:30 Snap (b012lhxz)

Series 3

Episode 2

Trying to rebuild their relationship after divorcing, Molly and Doug try changing their least appealing traits.

But life isn't that simple...

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, Jonathan Tafler as

Raymond and Richard Firth as Ansel.

Producer: David Ian Neville

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2005.

SAT 06:00 Georgette Heyer - Friday's Child (b007jq09)

"I'm going back to London! And I'm going to marry the first woman I see!"

So cries young Lord Sheringham when his proposal of marriage is rejected by Isabella, the Incomparable.

True to his word, he takes the even younger Hero Wantage as his bride...

Published in 1944, Georgette Heyer's Regency tale of romance dramatised by John Peacock.

Viscount Anthony Sheringham James Frain

Hero Wantage Elli Garnett

Montagu Revesby Nicholas Boulton

Lady Saltash Mary Wimbush

Ferdy Fakenham Julian Rhind-Tutt

Jasper Tarleton Simon Russell Beale

Lord George Wrotham Ian Hughes

Jason Peter Kenny

Isabella Milborne Annabel Mullion

Gil Paul Panting

Ruth Cathy Sara

Lady Sheringham Susan Sheringham

Jane Bagshot Eva Stuart

Mrs Milborne Tessa Worsley

Lady Jersey Jilly Bond

The Postboy David Antroub

Groombridge David Bannerman

Music by Trevor Allan Davies

Producer: Ned Chaillet.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1995.

SAT 07:30 Fabulous Flops (b012qmk3)

Fabulous Flops

Episode 3

Paul Roseby remembers the pain of short-lived musicals inspired by royalty and religion. With Polly James and Bonnie Langford.

SAT 08:00 Ed Doolan Interviews... (b00fhzqv)

Brian Conley and Joe Pasquale

The multi-talented entertainer and the comedian chat about their showbiz careers, from backstage in Birmingham.

SAT 09:00 Comedy Controller (b007jw11)

Eric Sykes

Comedian and writer Eric Sykes [05/05/1923 - 04/07/2012] takes control and picks some of his favourite BBC radio comedies:

* The Goon Show: 'Phantom Batter Pudding Hurler'

Constable Neddie Seagoon sets out to apprehend Minnie and Henry's Sussex assailant. Stars Spike Milligan, Peter Sellers and Harry Secombe. From 12/10/1954.

* The Al Read Show

A look at the fire brigade and the morning after the night before - a collection of the Northern comic's 1950s monologues. From 06/02/1966

* Round the Horne: Series 4 (6/16)

Kenneth Horne's in for a shock from sneaky Kenneth Williams - and bona gifts galore from Julian and Sandy. From

31/03/1968

* The Ken Dodd Show

Nude photography and a Scottish monster are on Doddy's chuckles menu. With John Laurie and Patricia Hayes. From 19/07/1964

* Variety Bandbox

With Frankie Howerd, William Tennent, Jerry Allen, Barbara Leigh, Peter Sellers, Bill Kerr and Philip Slessor. From 22/01/1950

* Take It from Here

The fall and rise of a Punch & Judy show - and in 'The Glums' Ron and Eth are planning their honeymoon. Stars Jimmy Edwards, Dick Bentley and June Whitfield. From 19/02/1959.

Producer: Mik Wilkoje

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in 2005.

SAT 12:00 Imaginary Friends Omnibus (b012qn75)

Episode 2

Alison Lurie's comic novel dramatised by Melissa Murray. Roger has gone to see Verena, worried that Tom has influenced the announcement that the Varnians are coming to Earth.

SAT 13:10 Chain Gang (b00nvvvg)

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.

SAT 13:15 Baldi (b007k06w)

Series 3

Tempus Fugit

Mrs Reid leads Franciscan priest Paolo Baldi and his broken watch to a house of clocks where love, revenge and jealousy make a mockery of time...

David Threlfall stars in Series 3 about the murder-solving priest.

Written by Martin Meenan.

Starring David Threlfall as Paolo Baldi, Tina Kellegher as Tina Mahon, Owen Roe as Rynne, Margaret D'Arcy as Mrs Reid, David Kelly as Stanley, Niall Toibin as Frederick, Sorcha Cusack as Aggie, Des Cave as Eddie and Pauline McLynn as Deborah.

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

Script Editor: Gemma McMullan

Recorded at RTE's studios in Dublin.

Director: Mark Lambert

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2003.

SAT 14:00 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.

SAT 14:30 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.

SAT 15:00 Ed Doolan Interviews... (b00fhzqv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SAT 16:00 Georgette Heyer - Friday's Child (b007jq09)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:30 Fabulous Flops (b012qmk3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 18:00 Weird Tales (b00vknrg)

Series 2

Split the Atom

Hoarder of horror Lovecraft returns to share three more chilling tales.

By Lynn Ferguson. Frank Ivory is full of anger: burning, simmering, steaming anger. On his way home one night, after making his colleagues lives a misery, he meets Gwen, who is determined to tell him the story of the Morrigan, the Celtic goddess in charge of who should live and who should die. FrankDerek Riddell

GwenRachel Ogilvy
 Lovecraft Stephen Hogan
 Louise Emma Stansfield
 Bill Rhys Jennings
 Barbara/Delivery Woman Tessa Nicholson
 George Ewan Hooper
 William Perkins/Homeless Guy Piers Wehner
 Directed by Luke Fresle.
SAT 18:30 Bradbury 13 (b012qqvn)
 The Screaming Woman
 Has little Margaret stumbled on a murder? Ray Bradbury's vintage tale of suspense stars Rachael Jacobs and Beverly Rowland.
SAT 19:00 Comedy Controller (b007jw11)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
SAT 22:00 Saturday Stand-Up (b011efk2)
 Robin Ince - Bleeding Heart Liberal
 4 Extra Premiere. The world's most bookish comedian and very angry man in a cardigan shares his insights into Britain at London's King's Head.
SAT 22:45 15 Minute Musical (b00svcb5)
 Series 1
 Jeffrey!
 Gilbert and Sullivan spoof about the disgrace of convicted criminal liar Jeffrey Archer. Stars Dave Lamb. From November 2004.
SAT 23:00 Patricia Highsmith - The Cry of the Owl (b012qqvq)
 Episode 1
 Robert Forester is now living in Langley, Pennsylvania, after a messy divorce.
 He's escaped his oppressive wife and has no need to see a psychiatrist again. So why is he outside Jenny Theirolf's house, watching her every move?
 Patricia Highsmith's intriguing tale of obsession stars John Sharian as Robert Forester, Adrian Lester as Greg Wyncoop, Joanne McQuinn as Jenny Theirolf and Matt Rippy as Jack Neilsen.
 Adapted by Shaun McKenna.
 Music composed and performed by David Chilton
 Director: Marion Nancarrow
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002.
SAT 23:30 Scandinavian Chiller (b012qqvs)
 Camilla Lackberg - The Ice Princess
 Episode 2
 Alex's death sparks a murder investigation. More dark secrets in an isolated Swedish coastal community. Read by Alex Tregear.

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SUN 00:00 Weird Tales (b00vknrj)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Saturday]
SUN 00:30 Bradbury 13 (b012qqvn)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Saturday]
SUN 01:00 Ed Doolan Interviews... (b00fhzqv)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Saturday]
SUN 02:00 Imaginary Friends Omnibus (b012qn75)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Saturday]
SUN 03:10 Chain Gang (b00nvvgg)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 13:10 on Saturday]
SUN 03:15 Baldi (b007k06w)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 13:15 on Saturday]
SUN 04:00 Georgette Heyer - Friday's Child (b007jq09)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday]
SUN 05:30 Fabulous Flops (b012qmk3)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Saturday]
SUN 06:00 William Makepeace Thackeray - Vanity Fair Omnibus (b008s959)
 Episode 4
 Becky Sharp's husband is taken to debtors' prison. William Makepeace Thackeray dramatisation concluded by Stephen Fry.
SUN 07:10 Chain Gang (b00p1gh6)
 Series 3 - Paper, Scissors, Stone
 Episode 9
 The Chain Gangers are nearly 2 months in to their mini-epic now. This week Susan's wedding reveals something special about her.
SUN 07:15 Joanne Harris - Jigs and Reels (b00ckcjk)
 Faith and Hope Go Shopping
 Bored with daily life, two friends plan to escape Meadowbank Old People's Home. Short story read by June Whitfield.
SUN 07:30 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.
SUN 08:00 Take It From Here (b012qr1m)
 From 18/03/1954
 Pa Glum warns Ron about feeling jealous. Frank Muir and Denis Norden's classic comedy stars Jimmy Edwards. From March 1954.
SUN 08:30 Life With The Lyons (b012qrpv)

Time Marches Back
 Ben needs jokes for his big speech at the Festival of Britain - can the family help?
 Starring real-life American family: Ben Lyon and his wife Bebe Daniels and their children, Richard and Barbara.
 With Doris Rogers as Florrie, Molly Weir as Aggie, Horace Percival as Mr Wimple, Ian Sadler and David Enders.
 Life With The Lyons was one the BBC's most popular radio sitcoms between 1950 and 1961. It was also adapted for BBC Television.
 Written by Bebe Daniels, Bob Block and Bill Harding.
 BBC Revue Orchestra conducted by Robert Busby
 Incidental music by Arthur Wilkinson
 Producer: Tom Ronald
 First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in February 1951.
SUN 09:00 Charles Kingsley - The Water Babies (b007jxrs)
 Cruelty
 Tom is forced by his cruel master, Grimes, up the chimneys of Hartover Hall.
 In the chase that follows, Tom is rescued by the Fairies and taken to be a Water Baby under the waves.
 Published in 1863, Charles Kingsley's novel dramatized in three parts by Berlie Doherty.
 Starring Julia McKenzie and Timothy West.
 Mrs Doasyouwouldbedoneby Julia McKenzie
 Charles Kingsley Timothy West
 Tom Oliver Peace
 Grimes Philip Jackson
 Sir John Geoffrey Whitehead
 The Dame Maggie McCarthy
 Miss Ellie Ciara Janson
 The Otter Frances Jeater
 The Dragon FlyCharles Simpson
 The Fly David Antrobus
 The Caddis FlySarah-Jane Holm
 Other parts played by Rosie Wiggins, Victoria Hickson, Alex Bird, Mark Guildae, Fiona Taylor, Samantha Morris, Nicola Cannon, Leigh Harris and Patrick Clibbens.
 Director: Janet Whitaker
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1998.
SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b012qrx4)
 Christy Moore
 Kirsty Young presents gems from the Desert Island Discs archive. In the third in our series of singer-songwriters, we hear the choices Christy Moore, who was interviewed in 2007.
SUN 10:50 Front Row Interviews (b012f5y7)
 Rob Lowe
 The actor talks about the pressures of fame and finding fulfilment in ensemble acting - in conversation with Mark Lawton.
SUN 11:00 The Friend in the Corner (b007k18t)
 1947
 Dick Barton hits the airwaves, and BBC Children's Hour turns 25. Six selected years in radio history with Daphne Oxenford.
SUN 11:30 How Ticked Am I? (b007jp99)
 Series 1
 Jimmy James
 Mark Radcliffe profiles the comedians' comedian, Jimmy James - a teetotaler revered for his stage act of playing a drunk. But his one vice as a love of gambling...
 Last of a six-part series exploring the tradition of the northern comedian.
 Producer: Bernadette McConnell
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1999.
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SUN 13:30 Hercule Poirot (b007jxgm)
 Murder on the Links
 Hercule Poirot is summoned urgently to France, but on arrival he discovers that his very wealthy client is dead.
 The Belgian sleuth launches a murder investigation and the baffling mystery begins to unfold...
 Agatha Christie's whodunit stars John Moffatt as Hercule Poirot
 Hercule Poirot John Moffatt
 Captain Hastings Jeremy Clyde
 Dulcie Duveen Madeline Smith
 Sergeant of Police Kein Cumberidge
 Inspector Bex Geoffrey Whitehead
 Judge Hautet David King
 Francoise Barbara Atkinson
 Leonie Joanna Mackie
 Madame Renauld Joan Matheson
 Giraud Vincent Brimble
 Marthe Daubreuil Francesca Buller
 Madame Daubreuil Petra Bridgen
 Jack Renauld Stephen Tompkinson
 Hotel Receptionist Danny Schiller
 Doctor/Usher Brian Miller
 From Agatha Christie's book first published in 1923 and dramatised by Michael Bakewell.
 Director: Enyd Williams
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1990.
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SUN 16:00 Charles Kingsley - The Water Babies (b007jxrs)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
SUN 17:00 The Clitheroe Kid (b007jzmn)
 Series 7
 A Load of Chinese Junk
 Hijinks abound as the cheeky schoolboy performs in a pantomime, with a twist. 50th anniversary broadcast on the exact day. Stars Jimmy Clitheroe. From December 1963.
SUN 17:30 All Gas and Gaiters (b007jp89)
 Series 1
 Give a Dog a Bad Name
 Confusion reigns when Nootie does his aunt a favour - behind the Bishop's back.
 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 Derek Nimmo
 The Dean John Barron
 Mrs Pugh-Critchley Joan Sanderson
 Miss Stephenson Tania Robinson
 Producer: David Hatch.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1971.
SUN 18:00 Fear on 4 (b007jm22)
 Series 1
 The Beast With Five Fingers
 The Man in Black reveals the horror in a small box bequeathed to a scientist. Stars Edward de Souza and James Laurenson.
SUN 18:30 A Short History of Gothic (b00pgnqn)
 The Lady of the House of Love
 By Angela Carter. A vampire tale with a twist. On the eve of war, an unwary army officer meets the last of the Nosferatu family. Read by Indira Varma.
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SUN 22:00 Meet David Sedaris (b012lpvz)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
SUN 22:30 The Masterson Inheritance (b007jqwj)
 Series 3
 The Masterson's Magical Marquee, pt 2
 The improvised historical family saga's two-part romp about a Victorian travelling circus. With Josie Lawrence. From July 1995.
SUN 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b012zqwm)
 Stephen Carlin
 Stephen Carlin talks to Andi about the sketch show he's in during the Edinburgh Festival.
SUN 23:00 Pleased to Meet You (b007k3c3)
 Series 1
 Episode 4
 90-something good-time girl Dora Dale spills the beans spills the beans on a famous singer, the man who played Kojak and a famous newsreader gets his funk on.
 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 The Harpoon (b007k4cc)
 Series 1
 Episode 1
 From patent cures to whaling for the under 5s.
 The nostalgic spiffing spoof of adventure story papers for boys. Hip hip!
 With Susie Brann, Alistair McGowan, Mary Elliot-Nelson, Julian Dutton and Peter Baynham.
 Producer: Sarah Smith
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1991.

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MON 06:00 Edgar Wallace - White Face (b012r6vn)

Episode 6

Elk and Bray quiz a suspect. Is he "Thomas"? Quigley gets a tip-off, as the master criminal sets to work. 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 (b012r6vq)

Episode 6

Derek's life is in danger, and he must act quickly to solve the mystery of his brother's death. Read by James Aubrey.

MON 06:30 Falco (b00kf0yz)

Venus in Copper

Episode 6

Falco begins to understand the lengths that a lover will go to for revenge.

The case is still unsolved, but Falco has a couple of ideas that may lead to the culprit...

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

Marcus Didius Falco Anton Lesser

Helena Justina Ann Madeley

Petronius Ben Crowe

Appius Priscillus Kim Wall

Pollia Julia Hills

Severina Zotica Tracy Wiles

Cossus Jonathan Tafler

Thalia Chipo Chung

The Parrot Colin Rose

Dramatised by Mary Cutler.

Directed at BBC Birmingham by Peter Leslie Wild.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2006.

MON 07:00 Ballylenon (b007w3j8)

Series 4

Episode 3

Tongues are wagging. Certain weddings are due and some folk aren't happy...

Series set in the sleepy town of Ballylenon, Co 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, Gerard Murphy as Rev Hawthorne, Cathy White as Josie Doherty and Tim Loane as Packy McGoldrick.

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 (b012r6vs)

Series 3

Olympics, and Can We Trust the Media?

Britain's Olympic chances, and can we trust phone-ins? Gary Bellamy takes the calls. Stars Rhys Thomas. From February 2008.

MON 08:00 Round the Horne (b007jswv)

Series 3

Episode 9

Kenneth Horne hosts a special tribute to the passing of J Peasmold Gruntfutcock. Mr Horne also pops into Bona Press to varda the tomes of Julian and Sandy.

With Kenneth Williams, Hugh Paddick, Betty Marsden and Bill Pertwee.

Recorded at the BBC's Paris Studio in Lower Regent Street, London. Announcer: Douglas Smith

Round The Horne was born out of the demise of BBC radio comedy Beyond Our Ken, after the end of writer Eric Merriman's involvement. Using the same cast and producer, Barry Took and Marty Feldman were persuaded to write the scripts - which led to four series that ran between 1965 and 1968 - packed full of parodies, recurring characters, catchphrases and double-entendres.

Music by Edwin Braden and the Hornblowers and The Fraser Hayes Four.

Producer: John Simmonds

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in April 1967.

MON 08:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b012r6wt)

Series 8

Episode 4

Tales of the Circus - and the Director of Radio Prune speaks out.

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

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MON 09:00 When the Dog Dies (b012r7k7)

Series 2

Catchment if You Can

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 the second series of their 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.

Sandy's quiet life is shattered by the need to make himself scarce while his daughter Ellie and his son-in-law Blake pretend, for reasons of social mobility and educational opportunity, that his address is their address. Hiding in the shed doesn't seem right for someone who dreams of being a hero. Not in the world's eye, perhaps - but certainly in his grandson Tyson's.

Cast:

Ronnie Corbett Sandy

Liza Tarbuck Dolores

Sally Grace Mrs Pompong

Tilly Vosburgh Ellie

Jonathan Aris Blake

Daniel Bridle Tyson

Stephen Crichtlow Mr Mountjoy

Producer: Liz Anstee

A CPL Production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 09:30 The Party Line (b012r7if)

Series 2

Episode 4

Hapless backbench MP Duncan Stonebridge is worried about his majority. To boost his popularity his office organised a competition where children could spend a day with an MP to discover what politics is really like.

Unfortunately the winner is a ferociously obnoxious child prodigy. Nothing is ever simple for the MP who craves a quiet life.

Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis's topical sitcom from 2006 about a hapless backbench MP.

Stars James Fleet as Duncan Stonebridge.

With Simon Greenall, Geoffrey McGivern, Geraldine McNulty, Neil Edmond, Matilda Ziegler and Sarah Coleman.

Producer: Adam Bromley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2006.

MON 10:00 The No 1 Ladies' Detective Agency (b00k2d8t)

Series 1

The Daddy

Based in Botswana, owner and founder Precious Ramotswa takes on her first case and a new secretary. Stars Clare Benedict.

MON 10:45 The Shuttleworths (b007jq5t)

Series 2

Shuttleworth Diplomacy

John Shuttleworth decides he's not spending enough "quality time" with his family - so sets out to be a nicer, more approachable person.

Written and performed by Graham Fellows.

Producer: Paul Schlesinger

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1995.

MON 11:00 Anthony Trollope - The Pallisers (b007jwht)

Episode 10

As Plantagenet Palliser's government comes under attack, so Lopez's standing becomes more difficult. Stars Sophie Thompson.

MON 12:00 Round the Horne (b007jswv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 12:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b012l0rd)

Series 55

Episode 4

The nation's favourite wireless entertainment pays a return 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 attempts piano accompaniment.

Producer - Jon Naismith.

MON 13:00 Edgar Wallace - White Face (b012r6vn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 13:15 Dick Francis - Straight (b012r6vq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:15 today]

MON 13:30 Falco (b00kf0yz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 14:00 Ladies of Letters (b007k325)

Ladies of Letters.com

Episode 1

India-bound Vera is full of New Millennium resolutions, and Irene suggests emailing. Stars Patricia Routledge and Prunella Scales.

MON 14:15 Byron Rogers - The Last Human Cannonball (b00fwdfc)

Episode 1

Byron Rogers embarks on a visit to the packed treasure house of a costume store. Read by Crawford Logan.

MON 14:30 The Colonel of The Bridge on the River Kwai (b00rzkyg)

Episode 6

Philip Toosey and his men must suffer Japanese brutality - and air raid horror from allied bombers. Read by Anton Lesser.

MON 15:00 The No 1 Ladies' Detective Agency (b00k2d8t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

MON 15:45 The Shuttleworths (b007jq5t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]

MON 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b012r7rx)

Join Mel Giedroyc for some cloud-spotting, sandcastle building and standing on one leg.

MON 17:00 Ballylenon (b007w3j8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 17:30 Down the Line (b012r6vs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 18:00 The Spaceship II (b0090x4d)

Hole

Captain Gordon Taylor hits trouble over a failing call centre. Paul Barnhill and Neil Warhurst's comic sci-fi with James Fleet.

MON 18:30 The Heart of Hark'un (b007jqbs)

Episode 6

Is Shazir the real enemy? Can Arcos and his hero friends escape the Palace of Memory?

Conclusion of the fantasy-adventure by Peter Thomson and Jamie Thomson.

Arcos Francis Thomson

Kaddah Trevor Peacock

Vanna Liz Whiting

Shazir Crawford Logan

Bereneth Edward Kelsey

Va Melanie Hudson

Alviza Emma Fielding

Rashiq Theresa Streetfield

Xander Robert Portal

Producer: Peter Hutchings

First broadcast on BBC Radio 5 in October 1991.

MON 19:00 Round the Horne (b007jswv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 19:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b012r6wt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 20:00 Edgar Wallace - White Face (b012r6vn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 20:15 Dick Francis - Straight (b012r6vq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:15 today]

MON 20:30 Falco (b00kf0yz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 21:00 Anthony Trollope - The Pallisers (b007jwht)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

MON 22:00 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b012l0rd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]

MON 22:30 Mark Tavener - Absolute Power (b007v1pd)

Series 2

Episode 3

Can spin kings Prentiss McCabe turn a failed novelist into a best seller? Stars Stephen Fry and John Bird. From February 2001.

MON 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b012zqzk)

Kieran and the Joes

Kieran and the Joes teach Arthur Smith how to be a team player.

MON 23:00 When the Dog Dies (b012r7k7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 23:30 Fags, Mags and Bags (b012r8dd)

Series 1

January February

The local racists want to put a poster in the corner shop window. Stars Sanjeev Kohli and Donald Cameron. From November 2007.

TUESDAY 26 JULY 2011**TUE 00:00 The Spaceship II (b0090x4d)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Monday]

TUE 00:30 The Heart of Hark'un (b007jqbs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Monday]

TUE 01:00 Edgar Wallace - White Face (b012r6vn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]

TUE 01:15 Dick Francis - Straight (b012r6vq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:15 on Monday]

TUE 01:30 Falco (b00kf0yz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]

TUE 02:00 When the Dog Dies (b012r7k7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Monday]

TUE 02:30 The Party Line (b012r7lf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Monday]

TUE 03:00 The No 1 Ladies' Detective Agency (b00k2d8t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]

TUE 03:45 The Shuttleworths (b007jqt5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Monday]

TUE 04:00 Anthony Trollope - The Pallisers (b007jwht)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Monday]

TUE 05:00 Ballylenon (b007w3j8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

TUE 05:30 Down the Line (b012r6vs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]

TUE 06:00 Edgar Wallace - White Face (b012r9tz)

Episode 7

As more emerges about Bateman's presence in England, crime reporter Quigley gets a lead from a crazy man. Read by Danny Webb.

TUE 06:15 Dick Francis - Straight (b012rb45)

Episode 7

Piecing together the clues, Derek believes he knows who the diamond thief is. But will they confess? Read by James Aubrey.

TUE 06:30 Falco (b00qy0lr)

The Iron Hand of Mars

Episode 1

The famous detective of Ancient Rome, Falco is sent to the Barbarian forests of Free Germany - home to a giant bull, raging Celts and a pagan priestess.

Starring Anton Lesser as Marcus Didius Falco, Anna Madely as Helena Justina and Ben Crowe as Petronius.

Dramatised by Mary Cutler.

Directed at BBC Birmingham by Peter Leslie Wild.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007.

TUE 07:00 Capital Gains (b00snlx2)

Series 2

Development Capital

There must be a way to stop the Haiku Jack Consortium from covering the land in concrete. Accidental billionaire Julius

Hutch turns to the law - and goes beyond it.

Starring Peter Jones as Julius Hutch.

With Celestine Randall as Pauline Hutch, Justine Midda as Kate, Jeffrey Wickham as Sexton Lewis, Stephen Thorne as Sir

Gainford Blounty, Jillie Meers as Dahlia Sprout, David Holt as Ted Smoothie and Brian Perkins as Himself.

Scripted by Collin Johnson.

Producers: Andy Jordan and David Blount

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1997.

TUE 07:30 The Sunday Format (b012rb47)

Series 4

Episode 4

Eat, Drink and Be Miserable. Radio's posh paper plumbs new

depths. With Alexander Armstrong. From January 2003.

TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b00q9xrg)

Series 5

1985

Winston Seagoon battles the Big Brother Corporation. Can he

survive Room 101?

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 Bruce Campbell.

Announcer: Wallace Greenslade

Producer: Peter Eton

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in January 1955.

TUE 08:30 The Burkiss Way (b007jr1v)

Series 3

Not to Be Unwrapped

The Burkiss Way Queen Victoria needs some help with a personal problem - and

all is revealed 'Upstairs Downstairs'.

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 Any Other Business (b012rb49)

Episode 1

After the local elections,

Chesbury is in uproar. The

undefeatable have been defeated, while the unelectable have

been elected - and it looks like the unspeakable will become

Mayor...

Lucy Flannery's local government sitcom stars Nelson David,

John Dutline, James Grout, Rosy Fordham, Nick Hardy,

Howard Lew Lewis, Toby Longworth, Jan Ravens, Vivienne

Rochester and June Whitfield.

Producer: Liz Anstee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1995.

TUE 09:30 Street and Lane (b00vls7z)

Series 2

Ringing the Changes

The white van men are back. University drop-out and would-be

writer Johnny Street and his worker-of-the-world mate Arthur

Lane are Yorkshire builders for whom no job is too small.

Can they manage to fix some church bells with the help of

slightly suspect 'bell expert' Stan French?

Shaun Dooley and Fine Time Fontayne star in series 2 of Ian

McMillan and Dave Sheasby's comedy.

Johnny Street Shaun Dooley

Arthur Lane Fine Time Fontayne

Stanley Stephen Hogan

Susan Claire Rushbrook

Producer: David Hunter

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2007.

TUE 10:00 The No 1 Ladies' Detective Agency (b00k2lzp)

Series 1

The Bone

Precious Ramotswe seeks the truth about Nandira Patel's

boyfriend and tries to solve a bone mystery. Stars Claire

Benedict.

TUE 10:45 All the World's a Globe (b007jwp2)

The Creation

The National Theatre of Brent tells the chaotic story of life on

Earth. Stars Patrick Barlow and Jim Broadbent. From May

1990.

TUE 11:00 Anthony Trollope - The Pallisers (b007jwj3)

Episode 11

Glencora's daughter Mary falls in love with a man who has

neither fame nor fortune. Stars David Troughton and Sophie

Thompson.

TUE 12:00 The Goon Show (b00q9xrg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 12:30 When the Dog Dies (b00sk7rk)

Series 1

Desperately Seeking Dolores

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.

The final episode is Desperately Seeking Dolores. Sandy and

Dolores are always bickering but this time it's serious and she

walks out on him and his dog Henry. Luckily, Sandy remembers

that Dolores is going on a charity run dressed as a chicken; but

so are all her friends. In an exciting chase sequences, Henry

comes up trumps.

Cast:

Sandy Ronnie Corbett

Dolores Liza Tarbuck

Lance Philip Bird

Mrs Pompom Sally Grace

Drobny Jon Glover.

TUE 13:00 Edgar Wallace - White Face (b012r9tz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 13:15 Dick Francis - Straight (b012rb45)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:15 today]

TUE 13:30 Falco (b00qy0lr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 14:00 Ladies of Letters (b007k333)

Ladies of Letters.com

Episode 2

Vera writes from India, while Irene does some stirring over her

pregnant daughter. Stars Patricia Routledge and Prunella Scales.

TUE 14:15 Byron Rogers - The Last Human Cannonball (b00fy24x)

Episode 2

Byron Rogers goes in search of his Wild West heroes in Spain

and the USA. Read by Crawford Logan.

TUE 14:30 The Colonel of The Bridge on the River Kwai (b00rzqq0)

Episode 7

After the Japanese surrender, Philip Toosey oversees his men's

journey home and return to civilian life. Read by Anton Lesser.

TUE 15:00 The No 1 Ladies' Detective Agency (b00k2lzp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

TUE 15:45 All the World's a Globe (b007jwp2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]

TUE 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b012rcvy)

Mel Giedroyc find out why time flies when you're having fun.

wishes Helen Mirren a happy birthday, and goes hunting for a

40 year old time capsule.

TUE 17:00 Capital Gains (b00snlx2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

TUE 17:30 The Sunday Format (b012rb47)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 18:00 The Spaceship II (b0090xyb)

Manhood

Scientist Clive 55 reconstructs a dead space pirate, who before

long is running the ship. Stars James Fleet and Rosie Cavaliero.

TUE 18:30 The Routemasters by Andrew McGibbon (b007jnqx)

1. Taking the Michelangelo

When Bernie catches the wrong London bus, he's transported

back to 16th century Rome to thwart two meddling time

travellers - and rescue Michelangelo.

Starring Andrew McGibbon as Raymond, Amanda Donohoe as

Hilderghast, Karl Minns as the Conductor, Owen Evans as

Bernie, Andy Mulligan as Michelangelo, Dan Freedman as

Kurzio and Alex Lowe as the interpolator

Written by Andrew McGibbon. Additional material by Rob

Colley and Kevin Greening.

Theme by Ozzy Temple and other music by Nick Romero.

Producer: Julian Mayers

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1999.

TUE 19:00 The Goon Show (b00q9xrg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 19:30 The Burkiss Way (b007jr1v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 20:00 Edgar Wallace - White Face (b012r9tz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 20:15 Dick Francis - Straight (b012rb45)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:15 today]

TUE 20:30 Falco (b00qy0lr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 21:00 Anthony Trollope - The Pallisers (b007jwj3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

TUE 22:00 When the Dog Dies (b00sk7rk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]

TUE 22:30 Armando Iannucci's Charm Offensive (b00djq1)

Series 1

Episode 6

The funny man's radio drop-in centre tackles the Blairs, Paula

Radcliffe and Anne Robinson. With Alexei Sayle.

TUE 23:00 The Nick Revell Show (b007jp45)

Series 1

Holy Water

The life of a struggling writer with his dysfunctional friends and

a talking geranium.

A sitcom for the 1990s, written by and starring comedian Nick

Revell.

With Alistair McGowan, Caroline Gruber, Kate McKenzie and

Brian Bowles.

Special guest star: Brian Johnston and Vince the geranium.

Producer: Jon Magnusson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1992.

TUE 23:30 The Museum of Everything (b00h3h6c)

Series 3

The Thing

Learn about medieval cooking, and view the most precious

exhibit.

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 27 JULY 2011**WED 00:00 The Spaceship II (b0090xyb)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Tuesday]

WED 00:30 The Routemasters by Andrew McGibbon (b007jnqx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Tuesday]

WED 01:00 Edgar Wallace - White Face (b012r9tz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Tuesday]

WED 01:15 Dick Francis - Straight (b012rb45)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:15 on Tuesday]

WED 01:30 Falco (b00qy0lr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Tuesday]

WED 02:00 Any Other Business (b012rb49)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Tuesday]

WED 02:30 Street and Lane (b00vls7z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Tuesday]

WED 03:00 The No 1 Ladies' Detective Agency (b00k2lzp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Tuesday]

WED 03:45 All the World's a Globe (b007jwp2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Tuesday]

With White Face on the run, Mason tries to get through to Lorna. But what is wrong with Gregory Wicks? Read by Danny Webb.

WED 06:15 Dick Francis - Straight (b012rdgp)

Episode 8

Derek has confronted the diamond thief, but is this his most dangerous adversary? Concluded by James Aubrey.

WED 06:30 Falco (b00qyk7j)

The Iron Hand of Mars

Episode 2

Falco and Xanthus travel to Germany and witness the aftermath of a grisly crime on the way. As the Roman detective tries to deliver the new standard to the 14th legion, he receives a rather hostile welcome. At least he finds more hospitality at the house of Helena's Tribune brother, Justinus.

Starring Anton Lesser as Marcus Didius Falco and David Holt as Xanthus.

Dramatised by Mary Cutler.

Directed at BBC Birmingham by Peter Leslie Wild.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007.

WED 07:00 Tony's (b00tdlr8)

Series 1

The Italian Connection

The salon and owner are attacked by gangsters, but can a cousin speak their language? Stars Victor Spinetti. From November 1979.

WED 07:30 The Very World of Milton Jones (b007jxg3)

Series 3

Episode 5

About to win an Olympic marathon, the comedian doesn't make the finish - as his life flashes before his eyes. From May 2001.

WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jpvv)

Series 6

Hancock in Hospital

Laid up with a broken leg, the lad soon regrets a visit from Sid and Bill.

Starring Tony Hancock. With Sidney James, Bill Kerr, Joan Frank and Patricia Hayes.

Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.

Theme and incidental music written by Wally Stott.

Producer: Tom Ronald

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in December 1959.

WED 08:30 Yes Minister (b007k0nj)

Series 2

A Question of Loyalty

With a war on waste at the Civil Service - what does MP Jim Hacker think?

Starring Paul Eddington, Nigel Hawthorne and Derek Fowlds.

Antony Jay and Jonathan Lynn's satirical collection centred around the hapless MP Jim Hacker and a selection 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

Betty Oldham, MP Judy Parfitt

Sir Mark Spencer Nigel Stock

Peter William Hope

Gillian Helena Breck

The Committee Chairman John Strickland

The PM Arnold Diamond

Adapted for radio by producer Pete Atkin.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1984.

WED 09:00 Legal, Decent, Honest and Truthful (b007js81)

Series 3

Episode 4

Freshly wed ad man Ken receives a wedding invite and faces upset at a photo shoot.

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

Larry Childs William Hootkins

Loretta-Jane Duff Toni Coyne

Dawn Sally Watts

Mr Cheater James Griffiths

Sally Jane Leonard

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 (b012rdld)

Sheffield welcomes Humphrey Lyttelton, with Linda Smith, Barry Cryer, Graeme Garden and Tim Brooke-Taylor. From June 2001.

WED 10:00 The No 1 Ladies' Detective Agency (b00k2nk9)

Series 1

The Maid

The Maid: Precious Ramotswe faces a domestic drama, tackles a doctor's erratic behaviour and takes on a new case. Stars Claire Benedict. Episode 3 of 4.

WED 10:45 All the World's a Globe (b007k44p)

2. Civilisation

From Egypt to origami.

The history of mankind from the first amoeba to the Second World War.

Presented by the entire cast of the National Theatre of Brent - Desmond Olivier Dingle and Wallace, aided by Mr Barker. Written by Patrick Barlow, with additional material by Jim Broadbent and Martin Duncan.

With thanks to

Patrick Barlow

Jim Broadbent

Martin Duncan

Producer: Lissa Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1990.

WED 11:00 Anthony Trollope - The Pallisers (b007jw9j)

Episode 12

Lady Glencora's children must choose between duty and love.

Will the family be reconciled? Stars Sophie Thompson.

WED 12:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jpvv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 12:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b00y28q5)

Series 7

Parsnip Junction

"Parsnip Junction"

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.

Ed Reardon Christopher Douglas

Ping Barunka O'Shaughnessy

Py Katy Wix

Charles Geoffrey Palmer

Pearl Rita May

Olive Stephanie Cole

Stan Geoffrey Whitehead

Written by Andrew Nickolds and Christopher Douglas

Produced by Dawn Ellis

Ed finds himself in the middle of some sibling rivalry when

Ping's sister, Py, undertakes some work experience at the agency. Ed finds the 'can-do' attitude of Py rather refreshing after Ping's normal 'might be a problem' response, particularly when she finds him some paid work with one Charles Cobbold, reinventing the much loved children's classic 'Parsnip Junction'. If Ed can withstand Charles' Communist tendencies and his penchant for porn he may be on to a winner.

WED 13:00 Edgar Wallace - White Face (b012rdgm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 13:15 Dick Francis - Straight (b012rdgp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:15 today]

WED 13:30 Falco (b00qyk7j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 14:00 Ladies of Letters (b007k33z)

Ladies of Letters.com

Episode 3

Vera fears malaria, while puzzled Irene thinks her house is being staked out. Stars Patricia Routledge and Prunella Scales.

WED 14:15 Byron Rogers - The Last Human Cannonball (b00fy2r2)

Episode 3

Byron Rogers goes in search of those who provide the wallpaper of the movies, the Hollywood extras. Read by Crawford Logan.

WED 14:30 The Colonel of The Bridge on the River Kwai (b00rzs6y)

Episode 8

Philip Toosey's war efforts are recognised by his men, royalty and a former high-ranking adversary. Read by Anton Lesser.

WED 15:00 The No 1 Ladies' Detective Agency (b00k2nk9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

WED 15:45 All the World's a Globe (b007k44p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]

WED 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b012rdnb)

I'll have a 99 with sprinkles. Mel finds out about the history of ice cream, and the seaside trip which inspired The Darling Buds of May.

WED 17:00 Tony's (b00tdlr8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

WED 17:30 The Very World of Milton Jones (b007jxg3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 18:00 The Spaceship II (b00911c5)

Rude

The crew of Really Invincible III have some space tourists aboard - but it turns into a holiday from hell. Sci-fi comedy stars James Fleet.

WED 18:30 The Routemasters by Andrew McGibbon (b007jnrf)

2. Don't Be a Freud

The time travellers hit 19th-century Austria, where Freud is about to give a historic paper on telepathy, which Raymond and Hildegard are bent on stealing...

Starring Amanda Donohoe as Hilderghast, Andrew McGibbon as Raymond, Karl Minns as the Conductor, Owen Evans as Bernie, Nick Romero as Karl, Andy Mulligan as Herr Grubberman, Dan Freedman as Breyer, Alex Lowe as the interpolator and Sophie Aldred as Martha.

Written by Andrew McGibbon. Additional material by Rob Colley, Julian Mayers and Kevin Greening.

Theme by Ozzy Temple and other music by Nick Romero.

Producer: Julian Mayers

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1999.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 21:00 Anthony Trollope - The Pallisers (b007jw9j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

WED 22:00 Ed Reardon's Week (b00y28q5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]

WED 22:30 The Secret World (b012rf47)

Series 2

Episode 5

Prince Charles ends up helping his driver move a sideboard. Jon Culshaw explores famous folk's private lives. From July 2010.

WED 23:00 The Fall of the Mausoleum Club (b007jqlf)

Trevor Island

Mr Zizz, the bad cartoonist, is not really capable of murder. Or is he? Stars Martin Jarvis and Ron Pember. From September 1988.

WED 23:30 The Castle (b007yd2d)

Series 1

Episode 2

Sitcom by Kim Fuller, set in a medieval castle with some remarkably modern trappings.

An unexpected lion and the world's first satellite dish spell trouble for Anne and Sam Tree's ongoing romance.

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 28 JULY 2011

THU 00:00 The Spaceship II (b00911c5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Wednesday]

THU 00:30 The Routemasters by Andrew McGibbon (b007jnrf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Wednesday]

THU 01:00 Edgar Wallace - White Face (b012rdgm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday]

THU 01:15 Dick Francis - Straight (b012rdgp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:15 on Wednesday]

THU 01:30 Falco (b00qyk7j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Wednesday]

THU 02:00 Legal, Decent, Honest and Truthful (b007js81)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Wednesday]

THU 02:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b012rdld)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Wednesday]

THU 03:00 The No 1 Ladies' Detective Agency (b00k2nk9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Wednesday]

THU 03:45 All the World's a Globe (b007k44p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Wednesday]

THU 04:00 Anthony Trollope - The Pallisers (b007jw9j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Wednesday]

THU 05:00 Tony's (b00tdlr8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]

THU 05:30 The Very World of Milton Jones (b007jxg3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]

THU 06:00 Edgar Wallace - White Face (b012rxzy)

Episode 9

As the law finally catches up with the mysterious master criminal, his shocking true identity is revealed. Read by Danny Webb.

THU 06:15 Stella Duffy - From the River's Mouth (b012ry00)

A cautionary tale of how the malign and sultry River Thames exacts a watery revenge. Short story read by Samantha Bond.

THU 06:30 Falco (b00qyk7j)

The Iron Hand of Mars

Episode 3

Falco has arrived in Germany and discovered that Gracilis, the Fourteenth Legion's legate, has gone missing. It looks as though he might be involved in some corrupt business with the local potters.

Falco's inquiries get him into trouble with a centurion, and Xanthus the barber reveals an unexpected talent.

Starring Anton Lesser as Marcus Didius Falco, Anna Madely as Helena Justina and David Holt as Xanthus.

Dramatised by Mary Cutler.

Directed at BBC Birmingham by Peter Leslie Wild.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007.

THU 07:00 PG Wodehouse (b00bmfj)

What Ho! Jeeves: Joy in the Morning

Tribulations of an Uncle By Marriage

After the cottage inferno in Steeple Bumbleigh, Bertie Wooster plots a fake burglary.

A P.G. Wodehouse romp adapted in seven-parts by Chris Miller.

CAST:

Jeeves Michael Horder

Bertie Wooster Richard Briers

Stilton Cheeswright Michael Kilgariff
Boko Fittleworth Jonathan Cecil
Percy, Lord Worpleston Peter Woodthorpe
Nobby Hopwood Rosalind Adams
Edwin the Boy Scout Denise Bryer
Producer: Simon Brett
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1978.
THU 07:30 Double Science (b012ry02)
Pilot
Teacher turmoil erupts at a Sixth Form College specialising in drama, when a new female head arrives determined to revitalise the science department.
Incompetent science teachers Dr Colin Jackson and Dr Kenneth Farley-Pittman react in different ways to the arrival of Dr Alison Hatton.
Pilot episode for the series written by and starring Ben Willbond and Justin Edwards.
With Rebecca Front, Raza Jaffrey and Dustin Demri-Burns.
Producer: Adam Bromley
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2007.
THU 08:00 The Men from the Ministry (b012ry04)
That's My Pigeon
A visiting dignitary gets the bird-brained bureaucrats get in a flap.
A weekly tribute to all those who work in government departments.
Stars Richard Murdoch and Deryck Guyler. With Norma Ronald, Ronald Baddiley, John Graham and John Cole.
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 March 1973.
THU 08:30 Hello Cheeky (b00dr4t4)
From 02/06/1973
This Is Your Life' for the unsung Mr Hilary Crabtree.
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 June 1973.
THU 09:00 Like They've Never Been Gone (b00bn44)
Series 2
Practice Makes Perfect
It's not all plain sailing as duo Tommy and Sheila prepare for a cruise.
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 and Edward Halstead
Music by Frido Ruth.
Producer: Steve Doherty
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1999.
THU 09:30 Jest a Minute (b012rys1)
Series 1
Episode 3
Rhod Gilbert chairs the Radio Wales comedy quiz. With special guests Roger Monkhouse and Kirsten O'Brien. From September 2006.
THU 10:00 The No 1 Ladies' Detective Agency (b00k2s0q)
Series 1
Tears of the Giraffe
Precious Ramotswe gets a surprise, while her case of the missing American has yet to be solved. Stars Claire Benedict.
THU 10:45 All the World's a Globe (b007k4cp)
3. The Fall of Troy. The Rise of Greece
The history of mankind from the first amoeba to the Second World War.
Presented by the entire cast of the National Theatre of Brent - Desmond Olivier Dingle and Wallace, aided by Mr Barker.
With guest star Juliet Stevenson.
Written by Patrick Barlow, with additional material by Jim Broadbent and Martin Duncan.
With thanks to Patrick Barlow
Jim Broadbent
Martin Duncan
Producer: Lissa Evans
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1990.
THU 11:00 David Wade - Power of Attorney (b007w3c3)
Moral: If you have a rich aunt who is slightly dotty, think twice before attempting to defraud her of her money – as hard-up Geoffrey and Annabelle soon discover.
David Wade's comedy stars Geoffrey Palmer as Geoffrey Campion, Geraldine McEwan as Annabelle Campion, Joan Matheson as Aunt Beattie, Katherine Parr as Mrs Penny and John Moffatt as Corvo.
Producer: Glyn Dearman
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1990.
THU 12:00 The Men from the Ministry (b012ry04)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 12:30 Another Case of Milton Jones (b012lkzf)
Series 5
Astronomer
Move over Brian Cox - Milton Jones is now a world-famous astronomer and seeker after scientific truth and accuracy.
Typical Sagittarian. He's joined in his endeavours by his co-stars Tom Goodman-Hill ("Camelot"), Ben Willbond ("Horrible Histories") and Lucy Montgomery ("Down The Line").
Milton Jones returns to BBC Radio Four for an amazing 9th series - which means he's been running for longer than Gardeners' Question Time and answered more questions on gardening as well.
Britain's funniest Milton and the king of the one-liner returns with a fully-working cast and a shipload of new jokes for a series of daffy comedy adventures
Each week, Milton is a complete and utter expert at something - brilliant Mathematician, World-Class Cyclist, Aviator, Championship Jockey...
... and each week, with absolutely no ability or competence, he plunges into a big adventure with utterly funny results...
"Milton Jones is one of Britain's best gagsmiths with a flair for creating daft yet perfect one-liners" - The Guardian.
"King of the surreal one-liners" - The Times
"If you haven't caught up with Jones yet - do so!" - The Daily Mail
Written by Milton with James Cary ("Think The Unthinkable", "Miranda"), the man they call "Britain's funniest Milton," returns to the radio with a fully-working cast and a shipload of new jokes.
The cast includes regulars Tom Goodman-Hill ("Spamalot"), Lucy Montgomery ("Down The Line"), Dave Lamb ("Come Dine With Me") and Ben Willbond ("Horrible Histories")
Produced & directed by David Tyler
A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4.
THU 13:00 Edgar Wallace - White Face (b012rxzy)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
THU 13:15 Stella Duffy - From the River's Mouth (b012ry00)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:15 today]
THU 13:30 Falco (b00qyq1t)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
THU 14:00 Ladies of Letters (b007k34t)
Ladies of Letters.com
Episode 4
After a fall out with Vera, Irene is off to Australia to see her pregnant daughter. Stars Patricia Routledge and Prunella Scales.
THU 14:15 Byron Rogers - The Last Human Cannonball (b00fwbq3)
Episode 4
Byron Rogers tells the extraordinary tale of Hitler's nephew William, born in Liverpool. Read by Crawford Logan.
THU 14:30 An English Journey (b0092mzs)
Episode 1
Retracing JB Priestley's footsteps of 1933, poet Lemn Sissay heads south to begin his odyssey around modern England.
THU 15:00 The No 1 Ladies' Detective Agency (b00k2s0q)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
THU 15:45 All the World's a Globe (b007k4cp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]
THU 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b012rys3)
Mel's got her sunhat on - for some beachcombing, surfing and hanging out with gnomes.
THU 17:00 PG Wodehouse (b00bbmfj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
THU 17:30 Double Science (b012ry02)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
THU 18:00 The Spaceship II (b0091ppl)
Sick
The crew contract a mystery virus which makes them age at an alarming rate. Sci-fi comedy stars James Fleet and Rosie Cavaliero.
THU 18:30 The Routemasters by Andrew McGibbon (b007jry)
3. On the Buses
Bernie is kidnapped by Hildegard and then escapes to the 24th century. Raymond discovers his true identity...
Starring Amanda Donohoe as Hilderghast, Andrew McGibbon as Raymond, Karl Minns as the Conductor, Owen Evans as Bernie, Nick Romero as the Driver, Andy Mulligan as Herr Grubberman, Dan Freedman as Kunitrol, Alex Lowe as the interpolator and Sophie Aldred as Spikea.
Written by Andrew McGibbon. Additional material by Rob Colley and Kevin Greening.
Theme by Ozzy Temple and other music by Nick Romero.
Producer: Julian Mayers
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1999.
THU 19:00 The Men from the Ministry (b012ry04)
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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:15 today]
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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
THU 21:00 David Wade - Power of Attorney (b007w3c3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

THU 22:00 Another Case of Milton Jones (b012lkzf)
[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]
THU 22:30 Linda Smith's A Brief History of Timewasting (b00ftk3l)
Series 1
Opera, Gas and Gardening
When Linda's neighbour Betty invites the Ground Force team round, some unlikely gardeners arrive.
Comedy series written by and starring Linda Smith.
With Jeremy Hardy, Hattie Hayridge, Martin Hyder, Margaret John and Chris Neill.
Producer: Lucy Armitage
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2001.
THU 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b012zr02)
Meryl O'Rouke
Meryl O'Rouke's taking her new show to the Edinburgh Fringe. It's called Bad Mother. She chats to Arthur Smith about it.
THU 23:00 That Mitchell and Webb Sound (b00mr4w3)
Series 4
Episode 5
A date with a slightly disappointing superhero; and the perils of compulsory workplace drinking.
Sketch show starring David Mitchell and Robert Webb.
With Olivia Colman, Sarah Hadland and James Bachman.
Producer Gareth Edwards
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2009.
THU 23:30 Forty Nights in the Wildebeest (b00r93bk)
Episode 5
Pun masters Dan Freedman and Nick Romero's cheeky movie spoofs of Star Wars and Notting Hill. From May 2000.

FRIDAY 29 JULY 2011

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FRI 05:00 PG Wodehouse (b00bbmfj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]
FRI 05:30 Double Science (b012ry02)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]
FRI 06:00 Edgar Wallace - White Face (b012s2g9)
Episode 10
The master criminal tells all about his humble origins and rise to prominence, and seals his fate. Concluded by Danny Webb.
FRI 06:15 Anthony Horowitz - Blackfriars Bridge (b012s2gc)
A cuckolded husband intends to murder his rival. What could go wrong with his fastidious plan? Anthony Horowitz's thriller, read by Robert Bathurst.
FRI 06:30 Falco (b00qyr9t)
The Iron Hand of Mars
Episode 4
After making enquiries with Claudia, the missing legate's mistress, Falco decides he has to cross the Rhine into Barbarian territory. Accompanied by Justinus, Helveticus and a motley crew of raw recruits, he sets off on his most dangerous journey yet.
Things begin to look ominous when they find a deserted Roman camp in the heart of the forest.
Starring Anton Lesser as Marcus Didius Falco, Anna Madely as Helena Justina, David Holt as Xanthus and Gary Lewis as Helveticus.
Dramatised by Mary Cutler.
Directed at BBC Birmingham by Peter Leslie Wild.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007.
FRI 07:00 Anything Legal (b0088z2b)
Episode 5
Charles and George hire a secretary to boost 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
Belinda Bustrom Sherrie Hewson
Job Applicant Helena Breck
Theme music by Jim Parker
Producer: John Fawcett Wilson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1984.
FRI 07:30 Snap (b012s2gf)

Series 3
Episode 3
Divorced Doug and Molly come to blows over his mum Annie, who seems to be going senile.
Continuing Paul Mendelson's sitcom about a couple trying to rebuild their relationship after divorce.
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 Taffler as Raymond.

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

FRI 08:00 The Navy Lark (b013zbzf)

Series 4
The Northampton Hunt Ball
Chief Petty Officer Pertwee receives an invitation and hatches another cunning plan.

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, Richard Caldicote as Captain Povey and Heather Chasen as Ramona Povey.

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 March 1961.

FRI 08:30 Steptoe and Son (b00shdzy)

Series 1
The Bonds That Bind Us
After a win on the premium bonds, Albert starts splashing the cash and brings home a young gold digger.
Starring Wilfrid Brambell as Albert, Harry H Corbett as Harold and Yootha Joyce as Madge.

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 (b00gf8dn)

Series 2
The Friendly
Fists fly when Andy and Robert's football teams meet, but not among the players. Stars Brenda Blethyn. From November 1994.

FRI 09:30 All the Young Dudes (b007r4md)

Series 1
Girls Talk
Patrick and Helen get dragged to a stag and hen night for a couple neither of them know. Stars Jim Sweeney. From August 2001.

FRI 10:00 Loose Ends (b012qlbq)

Peter Curran and guests with an eclectic mix of conversation, music and comedy and this week we have an exclusive session as Dave Stewart plays 'The Gypsy Girl and Me' from help with Noah and the Whale.

Rick Stein has been going to Spain on holiday since he was a child. And that's where he returns in his latest BBC Two series and accompanying book 'Rick Stein's Spain' to discover such treats as Asturian cider, pimenton and the best anchovies to be found in the world.

Legendary Broadway star Ellen Greene joins the cast of the new West End musical *Betwixt!*. Famous for her role as Audrey in the quirky and hugely successful *Little Shop of Horrors*, she has more recently appeared on the small screen in various US television productions, such as *Heroes* and *Pushing Daisies*.
Dave Stewart talks to Peter about life after Eurythmics. Not only has he written the music and lyrics for 'Ghost The Musical' which opened this week to critical acclaim in the West End, he also has a new album out called 'The Blackbird Diaries'. And if that isn't enough, he's one of the members of a new band SuperHeavy (alongside Mick Jagger, Joss Stone, Damian Marley and A.R. Rahman) who released their first single 'Miracle Worker' earlier this month.

Comedy's favourite poetry man Tim Key con'verses' with Nikki Bedi. His book 'The Complete Tim Key' is heavy with poems on love, sex, death and fruit (strawberries, beans etc) and it's of a nice weight. He'll also be in Edinburgh in August with his one man show 'Masterslut'.

Fresh from headline dates in the US and now back for their UK tour - music comes from Noah And The Whale playing a track from their Top 10 album 'Last Night on Earth'.

Producer: Cathie Mahoney.

FRI 10:45 All the World's a Globe (b007jwrt)

From Scythians to Shakespeare

From the Scythians to the Crusades.

The history of mankind from the first amoeba to the Second World War.

Presented by the entire cast of the National Theatre of Brent - Desmond Olivier Dingle and Wallace, aided by Mr Barker.
With guest star Juliet Stevenson.

Written by Patrick Barlow, with additional material by Jim Broadbent and Martin Duncan.

With thanks to

Patrick Barlow

Jim Broadbent

Martin Duncan

Producer: Lissa Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1990.

FRI 11:00 Martyn Wade - Stepniak (b00sfby9)

The bitter-sweet real-life love story of Olive Garnett (sister of the famous Russian Translator, Constance) who meets and falls for a Russian expatriate whose charms hide a secret and rather sinister past...

Written by Martyn Wade.

Olive Garnett Justine Waddell

Stepniak David Horovitch

Connie Garnett Jennie Stoller

Fanny Stepniak Elizabeth Bell

Olive Rossetti Jasmine Hyde

Edward Garnett Charles Simpson

Director: Cherry Cookson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2001.

FRI 12:00 The Navy Lark (b013zbzf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 12:30 The Now Show (b012lm0h)

Series 34

Episode 7

Stop the press! It's all about Newspapers in the Now Show Series 34 finale. Who's writing them, who's reading them, who's having to resign because of them and who's been sending local newspaper stories in to us (thanks for that by the way).

Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis are joined by Mitch Benn and Jon Holmes, with special guests Robin Ince and Margaret Cabourn-Smith.

Producer: Colin Anderson.

FRI 13:00 Edgar Wallace - White Face (b012s2g9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 13:15 Anthony Horowitz - Blackfriars Bridge (b012s2gc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:15 today]

FRI 13:30 Falco (b00qyr9t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 14:00 Ladies of Letters (b012xnfv)

Ladies of Letters.com

Episode 5

Irene emails about her grandchild's early arrival, but Vera is getting impatient. Stars Patricia Routledge and Prunella Scales.

FRI 14:15 Byron Rogers - The Last Human Cannonball (b00fwdvz)

Episode 5

Byron Rogers on two unlikely heroes, a witchcraft trial judge and a man who gets shot out of a cannon. Read by Crawford Logan.

FRI 14:30 An English Journey (b00941ht)

Episode 2

Retracing JB Priestley's footsteps of 1933, poet Lemn Sissay heads north to complete his odyssey around England.

FRI 15:00 Loose Ends (b012qlbq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 15:45 All the World's a Globe (b007jwrt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]

FRI 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b012s2jl)

More summer fun as Mel Giedroyc steps inside a beach hut, hears some comedy Sneaky Peeks, and tries not to get stung by wasps.

FRI 17:00 Anything Legal (b0088z2b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 17:30 Snap (b012s2gf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 18:00 The Spaceship II (b0091tms)

The End

The crew is brought face-to-face with reality when they reach the end of the universe. Stars James Fleet and Emily Joyce.

FRI 18:30 The Routemasters by Andrew McGibbon (b007jnsh)

4. Wolfie and Beetie

Raymond and Hildegard kidnap Beethoven and Mozart in their plot to create the greatest ever rock band.

Herr Grubberman comes clean, while Bernie finally discovers the truth about who - or what - is driving the time bus.

Starring Amanda Donohoe as Hilderghast, Andrew McGibbon as Raymond, Karl Minns as the Conductor, Owen Evans as Bernie, Nick Romero as Mozart, Andy Mulligan as Herr Grubberman, Dan Freedman as Glenn Miller, Alex Lowe as Taffy and Sophie Aldred as Spikea.

Written by Andrew McGibbon. Additional material by Rob Colley and Kevin Greening.

Theme by Ozzy Temple and other music by Nick Romero.

Producer: Julian Mayers

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1999.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 22:00 Now Show Extra (b012s35x)

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 (b00st0z2)

Series 2

Normal Oceanography

Cartoonist Steven wades into the world under the sea and gets intimate with a haddock.

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 (b00mrtdl)

Series 1

Religion

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

FRI 23:30 Big Town All Stars (b007jrjl)

Series 1

Band of Gold

The band head off to an engagement party for Lorelei's ex, as old scores surface. Stars Stephen Tompkinson. From March 2000.