

SATURDAY 22 OCTOBER 2011

SAT 00:00 Tanith Lee - Red as Blood (b007jq65)

In a dark Snow White fantasy, the Queen sets out to rescue her stepdaughter from her sinister heritage. Read by Stella Gonet.
SAT 00:30 Blood Lines (b007k2sj)

Father's Day

An estranged father and daughter's reunion is threatened by sinister state forces. Jasmine Callan reads Ian Dudley's tale.
SAT 00:45 The Ghostbuster Diaries (b007jye9)

My Three Ladies

The past misdeeds of the infamous King Henry VIII come back to haunt him. Read by Paul Darrow.
SAT 01:00 Paul Temple (b00rq27n)

Paul Temple and the Gilbert Case

A Warning from Miss Wayne
Lynn Ferguson recounts her ordeal of being kidnapped - while suave sleuth Paul Temple gets some drunken advice from Betty Wayne.

Francis Durbridge's thriller stars Peter Coke as Paul Temple and Marjorie Westbury as Steve in another intriguing case for BBC radio's smoothest investigator and his glamorous wife. With Peggy Hassard as Lynn Ferguson, James Beattie as Charlie, Lester Mudditt as Sir Graham Forbes, Grizelda Hervey as Betty Wayne and Duncan McIntyre as Detective Inspector Kingston.

From 1938 to 1969 the fictional crime novelist and detective Paul Temple, together with his Fleet Street journalist Steve, solved case after case in one of BBC radio's most popular series. They inhabited a sophisticated world of chilled cocktails and fast cars, where the women were chic and the men wore cravats - a world where Sir Graham Forbes, of Scotland Yard, usually needed Paul's help with his latest tricky case.
Producer: Martin C Webster

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in 1954.
SAT 01:30 Mark Gatiss - Black Butterfly (b0161mpx)

5. Deadly Adversary

Having followed a trail that led from Soho to Jamaica, via Istanbul, Lucifer Box has finally come face to face with a deadly adversary from his past.

Will our hero prevent him from carrying out his evil plan? Written and concluded by Mark Gatiss.

Set in 1953, this is the third in a trilogy of spoof spy novels detailing the devilishly daring adventures of secret agent, Lucifer Box.

Producer: Kirsteen Cameron.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 Extra in October 2011.
SAT 02:00 Second Holmes (b0161p3d)

The Case of the Shadowed Minister

The grandsons of Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson help a member of Parliament who claims he's being followed...

Six light-hearted adventures involving the grandsons of Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson written by Grant Eustace
Starring Peter Egan as Stamford Holmes, Jeremy Nicholas as Dr Watson, Angela Down as Alex Messinger, Stuart Organ as Mr Belling, Jim Reid as Michael, Wendy Murray as Mrs Waterfield and Miranda Forbes as Mrs Belling.
Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1983.
SAT 02:30 Foul Play (b0080shw)

Series 1

The Corpse in the Car Park

Crime writers John Harvey and Margaret Yorke try to solve a woman's death in a car park. Written and chaired by Simon Brett.
SAT 03:00 The Complete Smiley (b07pszqr)

Smiley's People

Episode 2

On the trail of the killer, George is reunited with an old colleague and thinks of an old enemy. Stars Simon Russell Beale.
SAT 04:00 Afternoon Reading (b007x23g)

William Trevor - Cheating at Canasta

The Dressmaker's Child

Cahal's plans to dupe a gullible young couple backfire tragically. Read by the author, William Trevor.
SAT 04:15 John Peacock - Posters of Montmartre (b007ncyz)

Aristide Bruant

The socialist club owner questions his success. John Peacock's play based on Toulouse-Lautrec's characters. Stars Bernard Hill and Julie Covington.
SAT 05:00 Ring Around the Bath (b00nwsb4)

Series 1

Pregnancy

A pregnancy scare sparks Bartholomew family chaos. Who is expecting and where will the baby sleep? Stars Duncan Preston. From August 2003.
SAT 05:30 The Alan Davies Show (b007js69)

Episode 1

Struggling actor Alan and his friends Kate and Murray find themselves locked in - a lot!
Alan Davies stars in his own six-part sitcom.

Written by Alan Davies, Ben Silburn and Tony Roche.
Alan Francis and Ronnie Ancona play his long-suffering friends.

Alan Alan Davies
Murray Alan Francis

Kate Ronni Ancona

With Caroline Loncq and Kevin Eldon.

Producer: Jane Berthoud

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1998.
SAT 06:00 Bernard Pomerance - The Elephant Man (b007k2by)

A disfigured man is rescued from a Victorian freak show. But what is 'normality'? Powerful drama starring Gerard Murphy.
SAT 07:30 Simon Schama - Baseball and Me (b00yhgcf)

Episode 2

After 30 years in America, English-born historian Simon Schama wonders why he's still bewitched by the ever-popular sport.
SAT 08:00 Garrison Keillor's Radio Show (b016c22y)

Series 7

Episode 1

Originally cinecast to US cinemas, the American funny man welcomes singers Joe Ely and Sara Watkins to Minnesota. From October 2010.
SAT 09:00 Ulrika's Comedy Gold (b007jvtl)

Episode 1

Ulrika Jonsson's Sony Radio Academy Awards six-pack: I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue, People Like Us, Goodness Gracious Me, In One Ear, A Perforated Ulster and Knowing Me Knowing You.
SAT 12:00 Disconnected Omnibus (b016827s)

4 Extra Debut. Following his son's separation, Ray is forbidden to see his granddaughter Ellie - and the legal struggle begins for access to the child he loves. By Richard Monks.
SAT 13:10 Two Minute Tales (b015zmg)

Give a Dog a Bad Name

In Jimmy Richards' tale, a bad boy of British football gets his own back on the sport's golden boy. Read by Nicholas Boulton.
SAT 13:15 Mairret (b00fz0g3)

Series 1

The Bar on the Seine

A condemned man gives the French detective a fresh lead on an unsolved murder. With Nicholas Le Prevost and Julian Barnes.
SAT 14:00 The Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise Show (b00bx21q)

From 25/03/1978

The duo welcome Penelope Keith, who does her own intro before performing in Ern's sketch what he wrote. From October 1977.
SAT 14:30 Steptoe and Son (b007jlnf)

Series 3

TB or Not TB

Sixty years of smoking takes its toll on Albert Steptoe.

Starring Wilfrid Brambell and Harry H Corbett.

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

The Offer featured the lives of rag and bone men Albert Steptoe and son Harold - and was the spark for a run of eight series on TV.

Albert Wilfrid Brambell

Harold Harry H Corbett

Receptionist Jo Manning Wilson

Adapted for radio from their TV scripts by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.

Producer: Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in April 1971.
SAT 15:00 Garrison Keillor's Radio Show (b016c22y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SAT 16:00 Bernard Pomerance - The Elephant Man (b007k2by)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:30 What's So Funny? (b0161nt1)

Series 2

Episode 3

Ed Byrne, Veronica Lee and Ian Stone debate British comedy, Rafe Spall talks comic acting and Lucy Porter meets Phil Nichol.
SAT 18:00 Francis Turnly - Lullaby (b00d7jh3)

Kate and Patrick face terror from the sinister past of their newly renovated house. Francis Turnly's thriller with Tara Flynn.
SAT 18:30 Fantastic Journeys (b00h73hy)

The Door in the Wall by HG Wells

Daydreamer Lionel Wallace's encounters with an unlocked door as a young child continue to prey on his mind as an adult.

At different times in his life, the door temptingly reappears. But when a golden opportunity arrives, is Lionel brave enough to turn his back on the world he knows for a better life?

Anton Lesser reads HG Wells' story.

Some of the best sci-fi/fantasy writers in a series of fantastic journeys featuring flights of fancy, time travel, magical transporters and alternate realities.

Abridged and produced by Gemma Jenkins.

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in February 2009.
SAT 19:00 Ulrika's Comedy Gold (b007jvtl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 Comedy on the Boat (b016827v)

Chris Martin, Tom Stace, Adam Bloom and Topping & Butch rock The Tattershall Castle with laughter on London's River Thames.
SAT 22:45 Greg at The Stand (b016827x)

Episode 4

Greg McHugh welcomes more corking comedians to the renowned Glasgow venue. With Stephen K Amos and Zoe

Lyons. From July 2011.
SAT 23:00 VI Warshawski (b007jnjn)

Deadlock

A Hero's Death

At the funeral of her ice-hockey hero cousin, private eye V I Warshawski gets suspicious. Was his death really an accident? Sara Paretsky's thriller stars Kathleen Turner as VI Warshawski.

With Eleanor Bron as Lottie, William Hootkins as Bobby Mallory, James Aubrey as Martin Bledsoe, Peter Marinker as Nils Greyfalk, Teresa Gallagher as Paige Carrington and William Roberts as Clayton Phillips.

Sara Paretsky has created one of the most popular female sleuths in modern crime-fiction. Her heroine, VI Warshawski, is a strong female character in a male-dominated world. VI is comfortable packing heat and trailing nasty suspects but she never loses touch with her basic femininity. Paretsky says of her Warshawski: "I was troubled by the way women were portrayed in (detective fiction) they always seemed either evil or powerless. I thought it was time for a tough, smart, likeable female private investigator".

Kathleen Turner also starred in the same role in the 1991 film 'VI Warshawski'.

Dramatised by Michelene Wandor.
Director: Janet Whitaker

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1993.
SAT 23:30 Jake Arnott - The Long Firm (b01683vn)

Episode 10

Prison sociologist Lenny gets drawn further than he ever imagined into the world of Harry Starks. Read by Julian Rhind-Tutt.
SAT 23:45 Jennifer Donnelly - A Gathering Light (b01683vq)

Episode 5

Will she stay or will she go? Mattie reads Grace's last letter and receives some news from Miss Wilcox. And Royal awaits.

As the story behind Grace Brown's death unfolds, 17 year old Mattie Gokey must choose to between her desire to be a writer, and the excitement of a first romance.

Jennifer Donnelly's debut novel concluded by Vicki Simon.

Abridged by Penny Leicester.

Producer: Liz Allard

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2004.

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SUN 05:30 What's So Funny? (b0161nt1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:30 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 Soloparentals.com Omnibus (b0169487)

Single parents Rosie and Tom are four months into their long distance-relationship, and they still haven't told their online pals. Sue Teddern's comedy stars Kris Marshall.
SUN 07:10 Two Minute Tales (b016948c)

It Should Have Been Me

It Should Have Been Me: If marriage takes courage, how much nerve would it take to stop a wedding? Jimmy Richards' tale, read by Nicholas Boulton.
SUN 07:15 Five Stories by Rose Tremain (b00cr1lq)

How It Stacks Up

A poignant portrait of John McCreedy's 46th birthday celebration. Read by Dermot Crowley.
SUN 07:30 Elvenquest (b016161j)

Series 3

Episode 1

When Sam is left behind to "guard the stuff" whilst the others are off killing the Man-munching Giant of Rankor he is accosted by a beautiful maiden. Eirwen, who has been kept captive in the giant's castle and takes Sam to be her rescuer. She promptly proposes, throwing the future of the Questers' Fellowship into jeopardy.

Meanwhile, Lord Darkness' attempts to conquer Lower Earth take a new turn when Kreech discovers an ancient prophesy enabling Lord Darkness to create the "UnChosen One", an evil spirit that is the only being that can defeat the Chosen One.

Problem is, it means Lord Darkness has to impregnate a hideous, misshapen creature. If only there was one of those close to hand...

Starring:

Darren Boyd as Vidar

Kevin Eldon as Kreech/Dean

Martha Howe-Douglas as Eirwen

Dave Lamb as Amis/The Chosen One

Stephen Mangan as Sam

Alistair McGowan as Lord Darkness

and Sophie Winkleman as Penthesilea

The producer is Sam Michell.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2011.

SUN 08:00 Take It From Here (b016951g)

From 14/04/1955

The Glums grapple with a crossword, and there's a cautionary tale from Monte Carlo. With Jimmy Edwards and Dick Bentley. From April 1955.

SUN 08:30 Listen to Les (b016961w)

From 07/12/1980

Les Dawson presents a gritty UK version of TV's Dallas, plus culture with Cosmo Smallpiece and a not-so-tuneful piano singalong.

With Daphne Oxenford and Colin Edwynn.

Music by Brian Fitzgerald.

Scripted and produced by James Casey.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in December 1980.

SUN 09:00 Herge - The Adventures of Tintin (b00ps17c)

Series 1

The Black Island

On the trail of forgers, the intrepid boy reporter arrives at a mysterious castle. Stars Richard Pearce and Andrew Sachs. **SUN 09:30 Rosemary Sutcliffe - The Eagle of the Ninth (b00sh59l)**

Episode 1

Can Marcus recover his father's reputation and the lost Eagle of his legion? Rosemary Sutcliffe's adventure stars Tom Smith.

SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b016961y)

Crime Writers

James Ellroy

Desert Island Discs Revisited with Kirsty Young explores the choices of the author of noir fiction in the second of a series featuring crime writers.

SUN 10:50 Front Row Interviews (b01696m0)

Jonathan Lynn

Yes Minister writer Jonathan Lynn explains the hidden rules of comedy - in conversation with Mark Lawson.

SUN 11:00 Paper Gardens (b007k2gk)

The Holy Suburb - Cookham

Leslie Forbes peers behind the Berkshire privet hedges in search of renowned artist Stanley Spencer's personal Eden.

SUN 11:15 Ambridge Extra Omnibus (b01697h0)

Series 2, Episodes 5-6

The second series of the Archers spin-off continues.

SUN 11:45 The Science of DIY (b008x0vn)

If I Had a Hammer

The art of construction deconstructed. Len Fisher and fellow experts locate the 'sweet spot' to hit your nail on the head.

SUN 12:00 Soloparentpals.com Omnibus (b0169487)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:10 today]

SUN 13:15 Five Stories by Rose Tremain (b00cr11q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

SUN 13:30 Len Deighton - The Ipress File (b01697h2)

An unnamed agent is ensnared in a sinister plot to brainwash scientists and trade them across the Iron Curtain.

Len Deighton's gripping Cold War thriller was first published in 1962. This taut BBC radio dramatisation is by Mike Walker.

The Agent Ian Hart

Colonel Ross James Laurensen

Major Dalby Jonathan Coy

Chico Jamie Bamber

Jean Fenella Woolgar

Alice Rachel Atkins

Jay Peter Marinker

Skip Kerry Shale

Keightley Adam Tedder

Adem Raad Rawi

Battersby John Sharian

Embassy Official John Sharian

Producer: Toby Swift

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2004.

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SUN 16:00 Herge - The Adventures of Tintin (b00ps17c)

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SUN 16:30 Rosemary Sutcliffe - The Eagle of the Ninth (b00sh59l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

SUN 17:00 Roy Hudd - Stick a Geranium in Your Hat! (b0169n6w)

A Proper Cuppa Coffee

A comic celebration of the words and music of renowned songwriters RP Weston and Bert Lee.

Starring Roy Hudd as Bert Weston and Billy Dainty as Bert Lee.

Devised and written by Roy Hudd.

Musical arrangements by Ian Smith.

Producer: Jonathan James-Moore

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in November 1982.

SUN 17:30 The Palace of Laughter (b007tbvx)

Series 1

Glasgow Pavilion Theatre

Geoffrey Wheeler's affectionate portrait of the Pavilion Theatre in Glasgow, one of the last Variety venues in Scotland.

Built in 1895 by architect Bertie Crewe, it boasts a magnificent

ceiling which rolls back to reveal the stars, and is watched over - or so they say - by the ghost of one of its best-loved comedians, Tommy Morgan.

Among those recalling their days at the Pavilion are Johnny

Beattie, Mary Lee Milroy, and Rikki Fulton.

Series featuring Variety theatres from all over the United Kingdom.

Producer: Libby Cross

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2002.

SUN 18:00 The Man in Black (b00yhs8p)

Series 3

Connect by Lucy Moore

Helpline volunteer Rosie receives a series of strange calls from a sinister caller raking up her past...

Mark Gatiss returns as the sinister raconteur, The Man in Black, to introduce Lucy Moore's chilling tale that may make you think twice before picking up the phone.

Rosie Claire Harry

Mike Iain Batchelor

The Demon Eliza Caitlin Parkes

Sam Lloyd Thomas

Liz Leah Brotherhood

The Volunteer Deeivya Meir

More horrifying tales from The Man in Black. You might meet him at a luggage carousel in an airport, or behind the desk at an employment agency or he might approach you in the corridor of a care home. Wherever you encounter him, he's eager to pass on his stories. Stories to unsettle and horrify. Stories to haunt you.

Director: Abigail le Fleming

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in February 2011.

SUN 18:30 A Short History of Vampires (b00yy6vt)

Israbel By Tanith Lee

The ultimate killing machines.

Natalie Haynes introduces another dark story, as she examines why the vampire - an iconic figure in horror-fiction - continues to exert such a powerful hold on our imaginations...

Mark Bonnar and Claire Harry read Tanith Lee's tale: A beautiful vampire hires an artist to paint her portrait, but then he develops a dangerous obsession...

Producer: Gemma Jenkins

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in February 2011.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

SUN 19:15 Ambridge Extra Omnibus (b01697h0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

SUN 19:45 The Science of DIY (b008x0vn)

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SUN 20:00 Take It From Here (b016951g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SUN 20:30 Listen to Les (b016961w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

SUN 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b016961y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SUN 21:50 Front Row Interviews (b01696m0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:50 today]

SUN 22:00 Elvenquest (b016161j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 22:30 Comic to Comic (b007jw9k)

Series 1

Omid Djalili

British-Iranian Omid Djalili reveals to Bruce Morton how disco-dancing and experimental theatre shaped his life and work.

Series in which Bruce Morton talks to top stand-up comedians about life, the universe and comedy.

Producer: Carol Purcell

First broadcast on BBC Radio Scotland in August 2005.

SUN 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b0169nbh)

Andi Osho and her guest chat about life and laughs.

SUN 23:00 Newsjack (b01621j3)

Series 5

Episode 6

Justin Edwards and the team tastefully make fun of the news stories from the last seven days.

SUN 23:30 The Harpoon (b007lrqx)

Series 2

Episode 4

Wow! And hip hiporama, Harpooners! Get down daddyyos to the formica fun and crepe-soled capers of this special 1950s edition of your favourite weekly rag!

Plenty of nylon and skiffle, plus here comes a Muffin the Mule shocker!

With Susie Brann , Alistair McGowan , Mary Elliot-Nelson,

Julian Dutton and Peter Baynham.

Producer: Sarah Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1992.

MONDAY 24 OCTOBER 2011

MON 00:00 The Man in Black (b00yhs8p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]

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MON 06:00 Paul Temple (b00rqjm4)

Paul Temple and the Gilbert Case

The Note

Detective Inspector Kingston shares his murder theory with the debonair sleuth - while wife Steve gets a shock.

Francis Durbridge's thriller stars Peter Coke as Paul Temple and Marjorie Westbury as Steve in another intriguing case for BBC radio's smoothest investigator and his glamorous wife.

With Olaf Olsen as Louis Fabian, James Beattie as Charlie, Duncan McIntyre as Detective Inspector Kingston, Richard Williams as Lance Reynolds and Grizelda Hervey as Betty Wayne.

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Producer: Martin C Webster.

MON 06:30 The Spying Game (b016c7by)

The Living Daylights

Legendary spy James Bond battles to rescue a trapped British agent. Ian Fleming's Cold War thriller set in Berlin. Read by Dan Steven.

Hired assassins, double agents and secret codes. 'The Spying Game' is 4 Extra's gripping series of espionage stories.

Abridged by Sally Marmion

Produced by Gemma Jenkins

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

MON 07:00 No Commitments (b016c7c0)

Series 9

Ill of the Dead

There is a death in the family and the ripples from Victoria's insecurities flow outward. With Angela Thorne. From January 2003.

MON 07:30 The Museum of Curiosity (b015yt4k)

Series 4

Ince, Highfield, Edwards

Hosted by the Professor of Ignorance from the University of Buckingham John Lloyd C.B.E. and the intensely curious comedian Dave Gorman.

This week's guests:

Coming from a long line of vicars, Robin Ince is the UK's most rational comedian, and he tests his reason to the limit once every year by performing at least four shows a day at the Edinburgh fringe. His infamous Bad Book Club, which in which he invites his fellow comedians to celebrate awful literature, has become an institution, and his massive Christmas show Nine Lessons and Carols For Godless People is now a huge event, featuring the likes of Jarvis Cocker, Dara O Briain and Richard Dawkins.

Roger Highfield is a scientist, science author and the editor of New Scientist, but if you met him, you wouldn't immediately guess that science is his thing. He's jolly and worldly and has the hearty laugh of a comic supervillain. He first made his name as a scientist by being the first person ever to bounce a neutron off a soap bubble. Roger has written and co-written 9 best-selling science books, including a book on the hows and whys of Dolly the sheep, an explanation of the science of Harry Potter and a biography of Einstein.

Gareth Edwards is a filmmaker whose success and methods of achieving it have sent ripples of fear through the studios of Hollywood. His movie Monsters is an apocalyptic blockbuster which he made for one five hundredth of the budget for Avatar by shooting with a small, mobile team, hiring non-actors on the spot and using dazzling-but-cheap CGI effects.

MON 08:00 Round the Horne (b007w4df)

Series 4

Episode 2

Kenneth Horne stars in a roaring 1920s film spoof 'Thoroughly Modern Willy', Rambling Syd Rumpo sings of a nagger and Julian and Sandy come over all transcendental with Bona Gurumut.

With Kenneth Williams, Hugh Paddick and Betty Marsden. 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.

Marty Feldman had moved on so series 4 is written by Barry Took with Brian Cooke & Johnnie Mortimer and Brian

Webster.
Music by the Max Harris Group.
Producer: John Simmonds
First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in March 1968.
MON 08:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00j1c4p)
Series 9
Episode 4
What's My Kink? - and Prune Playhouse presents The Search for the Nile.
Starring Tim Brooke-Taylor, John Cleese, Graeme Garden, David Hatch, Jo Kendall and Bill Oddie.
Sketches written by Graeme Garden and Bill Oddie.
Originating from the Cambridge University Footlights revue 'Cambridge Circus', ISIRTA ran for 8 years on BBC Radio and quickly developed a cult following.
Music and songs by Bill Oddie, Liam Cohen and Dave Lee.
Producers: David Hatch/John Cassels
First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in November 1973.
MON 09:00 Elvenquest (b016c8y5)
Series 3
Episode 2
As they continue their search for the Sword of Asnagar, the noble Questers are lead to a quiet town in the countryside, which they have heard may hold their prize. But they get there only to discover that it has been razed to the ground by a band of ruthless barbarians, lead by the blood-thirsty Ragnar Half-tooth (Daniel Rigby), who has taken the Sword taken as booty. In order to get it back, the Questers decide to masquerade as barbarians and enter Ragnar's camp. Can they trick Ragnar, deceive his men and get the Sword? Well...they give it a jolly good go...
Meanwhile, Kreech tells Lord Darkness that his annual regeneration is coming up and that he needs to get some sleep in order to avoid meeting the new Dawn which will send his body crumbling into dust. Problem is, getting to sleep when it really matters is easier said than done. And Lord Darkness is suddenly overcome by a nasty bout of insomnia...
Cast:
Darren Boyd as Vidar
Kevin Eldon as Dean/Kreech
Dave Lamb as Amis aka The Chosen One
Alistair McGowan as Lord Darkness
Stephen Mangan as Sam
Daniel Rigby as Ragnar Half-tooth
and
Sophie Winkleman as Penthiselea
Written by Anil Gupta and Richard Pinto
Producer: Sam Mitchell.
MON 09:30 HR (b00j1dvv)
Series 1
A Leaving Party
Peter meets Sam on his way to a leaving party. But they suffer a mishap...
Nigel Williams' comedy drama series charting the misfortunes of a middle-aged HR officer and his trouble-making colleague.
Peter Jonathan Pryce
Sam Nicholas le Prevost
Elevator voice Sam Dale
Director: Peter Cavanagh
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2009.
MON 10:00 The Complete Smiley (b07pt0wy)
Smiley's People
Episode 3
George has a chance to take his nemesis down once and for all. Will he lose himself in the process? Stars Simon Russell Beale.
MON 11:00 Fay Weldon Stories (b007jtk9)
A Knife for Cutting Mangoes
A tale of relationships and the insecurity that one woman feels when she replaces another. Read by Louise Jameson.
MON 11:15 Loose Ends (b0167rdp)
Peter Curran and guests with an eclectic mix of conversation, music and comedy.
Olivier and Tony Award-winning actor Douglas Hodge will be swearing to tell Peter Curran 'the whole truth and nothing but the truth' about his role as struggling middle-aged lawyer Bill Maitland in John Osborne's witty and compelling play 'Inadmissible Evidence' at the Donmar Warehouse.
The sweetest man on radio, (sorry Peter!) broadcaster and author Matthew Sweet will be checking in to regale us with some of the scandalous antics in his book 'The West End Front: The Wartime Secrets Of London's Grand Hotels'. Matthew's extraordinary tales range from Dylan Thomas licking gravy from an M15 girl's legs to the barmaid appointed keeper of Churchill's private bottle of whiskey!
Lady of the 'Live Lounge', DJ and Radio 2 presenter Jo Whiley is no stranger to live music in her radio studio. She now returns to television on Friday nights with yet more rock 'n' roll and industry chit chat on her music-themed show on Sky Arts 1. No doubt Jo will be tapping her feet to our music performances this week.
Rachael Stirling is exposed to the elements as polar producer Alastair Fothergill blows in from the arctic to talk about his new BBC1 series and book 'Frozen Planet'. Alistair goes to the ends of the earth to see the planet's great wildernesses before they change forever....
Having just cycled across the finish line of their 'Tour De Anglairs', Bombay Bicycle Club will be saddling up again to perform their new single 'Lights Out Words Gone'. And no 'Passing Stranger' to Loose Ends, Ivor Novello Award-winner

Scott Matthews returns to sing the fruit of his labours, 'Bad Apple' from his new album 'What The Night Delivers'.
Producer: Cathie Mahoney.
MON 12:00 Round the Horne (b007w4df)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
MON 12:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00j1c4p)
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MON 13:30 The Spying Game (b016c7by)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
MON 14:00 William Boyd - Restless (b016c8y9)
Episode 1
When Ruth visits her mother, she embarks on a dangerous journey into the past. William Boyd's thriller stars Eileen Atkins.
MON 14:15 This Sceptred Isle (b009prhp)
Edwin to Whitby
Anna Massey narrates the history of Britain, revealing how King Edwin became one of the most powerful men of his day.
MON 14:30 Ben Macintyre - Agent Zigzag (b00jmttw)
Episode 1
The story of ex-convict Eddie Chapman, Britain's most extraordinary wartime double agent. Read by Damian Lewis.
MON 14:45 James Bond - Casino Royale (b016c8yc)
Episode 6
Bond has won. Will he live long enough to enjoy victory? Is Le Chiffre really beaten? Alex Jennings reads the classic spy novel.
MON 15:00 The Complete Smiley (b07pt0wy)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
MON 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b016c8yf)
Mel Giedroyc introduces the first chapter of The Phoenix and the Carpet by E Nesbit, and we hear another episode of Soundscape, capturing the life of white-tailed sea eagles.
MON 17:00 Ballylenon (b00890fc)
Series 6
Episode 6
Do Muriel's visions bode prosperity and will the Hawthornes move on?
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 Hawthorne, Gerard Murphy as Rev Samuel Hawthorne, Charlie Bonnar as Packy McGoldrick, Ali White as Josie Doherty and John Hewitt as Guard Gallagher.
Music arranged and performed by Stephanie Hughes.
Directed at BBC Belfast by Peter Kavanagh.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1998.
MON 17:30 No Commitments (b016c7c0)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
MON 18:00 Paradise Lost in Space (b007jnt)
1. Ruination
Space travel throws the most unlikely people together.
Norman is an idealist with a hand grenade. Max is a cheerful bore who won't stop talking.
Together, they're set to ruin the lives of some decidedly friendly aliens. Forever.
Six-part black-hole sci-fi comedy by Colin Swash
Norman Tony Robinson
Max David Haig
Stella Louise Lombard
Macari Michael Troughton
Captain Rositter Dan Strauss
Jane Carla Mendonca
Tony Geoff McGivern
Producer: Richard Wilson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1995.
MON 18:30 Marty Ross - Catch My Breath (b007k378)
Episode 1
On the run from a women's prison in the Scottish Highlands, Kate and Colleen are given refuge in a vast country mansion by a charming but rather enigmatic host, Adam Strachan.
It could be a decision they come to regret...
The storyline for Marty Ross's supernatural five-part thriller is based around the notion, found in old Scottish folk tales, of the Beatha Greimach - literally 'The Breath Thief' - a celtic demon said to lure victims into a kiss which would drain the soul from their bodies.
Kate Claire Knight
Colleen Suzanne Donaldson
Strachan Liam Brennan
Old Strachan John Shedden
Donnie Lewis Howden
Isla Eileen McCallum
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[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
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[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]
MON 22:00 The Museum of Curiosity (b015yt4k)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 22:30 Elvenquest (b016c8y5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
MON 23:00 The News Quiz Extra (b016c8yh)
Featuring jokes that you won't have heard in this week's News Quiz, some clips from the archives and exclusive behind-the-scenes material.
MON 23:45 Gus Murdoch's Sacred Cows (b00fcbgm)
1. Pubs
Is the concept of the pub dead?
Incisive reporter Gus Murdoch investigates Britain's public houses.
Written by and starring Stephen Carlin.
With Rachel Atkins, Christopher Douglas, Chris Pavlo, Renton Skinner and Dan Tetsall.
Producer: Tilusha Ghelani
Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in November 2008.

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TUE 06:00 Paul Temple (b00rs2dd)
Paul Temple and the Gilbert Case
The Guilty Party
Suave sleuth Paul Temple sets up a cocktail party - aiming to solve the case once and for all.
Francis Durbridge's thriller stars Peter Coke as Paul Temple and Marjorie Westbury as Steve in another intriguing case for BBC radio's smoothest investigator and his glamorous wife. With Lester Mudditt as Sir Graham Forbes, James Beattie as Charlie, Olaf Olsen as Louis Fabian, Richard Williams as Lance Reynolds and Grizelda Harvey as Betty Wayne.
From 1938 to 1969 the fictional crime novelist and detective Paul Temple, together with his Fleet Street journalist Steve, solved case after case in one of BBC radio's most popular series. They inhabited a sophisticated world of chilled cocktails and fast cars, where the women were chic and the men wore cravats - a world where Sir Graham Forbes, of Scotland Yard, usually needed Paul's help with his latest tricky case.
Producer: Martin C Webster
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in 1954.
TUE 06:30 The Spying Game (b016d4h9)
Max Is Calling
An idealistic CIA recruit is pitched against the hardened cynicism of a seasoned operative.
Gayle Lynds' thriller is set in the spy capital of the world, Vienna. Read by Simon Lee Phillips.
Abridged and produced by Gemma Jenkins.
Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in 2011.
TUE 07:00 Robin and Wendy's Wet Weekends (b0076syq)
Series 4
Congratulations, It's a Hob Nob
Wendy is busy preparing for the baby's arrival. Unfortunately, Robin isn't feeling very well and takes to his bed, much to the frustration of everyone.
Robin Brian Capron
Wendy Kay Stonham
Derek Martin Trenaman
Maureen Amelia Bullmore.
TUE 07:30 Hard to Tell (b015zpdv)
Series 1
Episode 2
One of those parties that starts out as a great way to get to know each other better, but promptly gets taken over by fake tans, jerk chicken, insomniac parents and berets.
Hard To Tell is a four part relationship comedy by Jonny Sweet (Edinburgh Comedy Award for Best Newcomer 2009). It conjures up characters depicting every relationship from father and daughter to the mirror in the bathroom and the feller hiding at a party; from the stalker and the stalked to dog owners and their dogs; and from lifelong friends to long term partners and their dearly departed.

The series revolves around Tom Sheffield (played by Jonny himself), his immediate family (Getting On's Vicki Pepperdine, The Thick Of It's Alex MacQueen and Not Going Out's Katy Wix), and Tom's longed-for-and-lusted-after new girlfriend Ellen (played by Charlotte Ritchie), her best friend Hermione (Him & Her's Sarah Solemani) and Ellen's zealously protective father (Simon Greenall).

Tim Key and Tom Basden both make deliciously awkward cameo appearances.

Recorded on location, Hard To Tell's naturalistic, contemporary and conversational style brings new meaning to pub toilets, themed parties, early morning phone calls and Christmas Editions of Jonathan Creek.

Producer: Lucy Armitage
A Tiger Aspect production for BBC Radio 4.
TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b007jmrj)

Series 6
Shangri-La Again
Neddie Seagoon escapes an invasion and finds Utopia.

Groundbreaking, surreal BBC radio comedy written by Spike Milligan.

Starring:
Peter Sellers
Harry Secombe
Spike Milligan

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

With the Ray Ellington Quartet and Max Geldray.

Orchestra conducted by Wally Stott.

Announcer: Wallace Greenslade

Producer: Peter Eton

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in November 1955.
TUE 08:30 The Burkiss Way (b00crq2m)

Series 4
Repeat Yourself the Burkiss Way - Part 1
Enter the 'Pardon.Sir?' school of languages.
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: David Hatch

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1979.

TUE 09:00 The News Quiz Extra (b016d4z6)

Featuring jokes that you won't have heard in this week's News Quiz, some clips from the archives and exclusive behind-the-scenes material.

TUE 09:45 Gus Murdoch's Sacred Cows (b00fcbgm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:45 on Monday]

TUE 10:00 The Complete Smiley (b07pt0x4)

The Secret Pilgrim

Episode 1

Recollections of an eventful secret life when a British spy went missing. John le Carré thriller stars Simon Russell Beale.

TUE 11:00 Fay Weldon Stories (b007jx0x)

Climbing the Pine

As Robert reluctantly prepares for college, he's disconcerted by the predicament of brown bear cubs. Read by Maureen O'Brien.

TUE 11:15 Tanika Gupta - The Whispering Tree (b007jy9f)

A year after her mother's death, 14 year old Sharmila prefers to escape into a world of Hindu myths and legends - rather than confront her guilt and pain...

Tanika Gupta's family drama stars Parminder K Nagra as Sharmila, Souad Faress as Madhu, Lyndam Gregory as Ranjeet, Amanda Gordon as Danny and Akbar Kurtha as Sunil.

Producer: Pam Fraser Solomon

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1998.

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TUE 14:00 William Boyd - Restless (b016d77c)

Episode 2

Ruth learns more about her mother's recruitment as a British spy, while her own past catches up with her. Stars Eileen Atkins.

TUE 14:15 Ambridge Extra (b016d77f)

Series 2

Episode 7

The second series of The Archers spin-off continues.

TUE 14:30 Ben Macintyre - Agent Zigzag (b00jn0n6)

Episode 2

Recruited by the German enemy, British double agent Eddie Chapman is codenamed Fritz. Read by Damian Lewis.

TUE 14:45 James Bond - Casino Royale (b016d77h)

Episode 7

Bond is captive, and no help can possibly reach him in time. He

is at Le Chiffre's mercy. Alex Jennings reads the classic spy novel.

TUE 15:00 The Complete Smiley (b07pt0x4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

TUE 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b016d77k)

We hear the Inheritance Books of children's author Damian Dibben and we'll listen to the second chapter of E Nesbit's The Phoenix and the Carpet.

TUE 17:00 For Better or for Worse (b00g43w6)

Series 1

Episode 2

A trip to the cinema turns into a disaster off-screen for sweethearts Bernard and Iris and his dad Wilf. Dithering Bernard tries to get engaged to his flighty partner Iris. Will she manage to persuade Bernard to buy her an engagement ring at last?

Gorden Kaye and Su Pollard star in Vince Powell's sitcom about the turbulent relationship of an odd couple.

Iris Su Pollard

Bernard Gorden Kaye

Wilf David Ross

Daisy Paula Tilbrook

Mr Foley Peter Wheeler

Myrtle Julie Higginson

Writer Vince Powell (1928–2009) scripted a number of popular

TV sitcoms including Love Thy Neighbour, For the Love of Ada and Never Mind the Quality, Feel the Width.

Produced in Manchester by Mike Craig.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 1993.

TUE 17:30 Robin and Wendy's Wet Weekends (b0076syq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

TUE 18:00 Paradise Lost in Space (b007jnpj)

2. Gifting

Norman and Max are welcomed by the incurably friendly Oblivions and soon they're offering priceless gifts - the secret of fire, contemplation and baked potatoes.

Colin Swash's sci-fi comedy about two space-age humans stranded on a friendly alien planet.

Norman Tony Robinson

Max David Haig

Stella Louise Lombard

Macari Michael Troughton

Terayz Carla Mendonca

Tony Geoff McGivern

Ken Tom Hollander

Inspector Albermarle Andy Rashleigh

Producer: Richard Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1995.

TUE 18:30 Marty Ross - Catch My Breath (b007k387)

Episode 2

Fugitives Kate and Colleen hide from the police - but who's hiding with them?

Marty Ross's five-part supernatural thriller.

Kate Claire Knight

Colleen Suzanne Donaldson

Strachan Liam Brennan

John Strachan John Shedden

Donnie Lewis Howden

Isla Eileen McCallum

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TUE 22:00 Hard to Tell (b015zpdv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 22:30 Miranda Hart's Joke Shop (b00mk4bz)

What a Job!

The tall, life-embracing shopkeeper tries to prove that she can get a proper job. With Patricia Hodge. From August 2008.

TUE 23:00 At Home With The Snails (b007k3hb)

Series 2

Episode 2

George and Beverley have feigned their deaths to see how their children will cope with the grief.

Alex is missing his parents, but his snail obsession is back with a vengeance...

Second series of Gerard Foster's comedy drama

George Geoffrey Palmer

Beverley Angela Thorne

Alex Gerard Foster

Rose Miranda Hart

Hosana Debra Stephenson

Producer: Jane Berthoud

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2002.

TUE 23:30 Hair in the Gate (b007k3t3)

Series 1

Episode 3

Camilla revamps the TV arts show to keep her cutting edge lover. Stars Harriet Thorpe and Alistair McGowan. From October 1993.

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WED 06:00 Paul Temple (b007jzds)

Paul Temple and the Spencer Affair

My Heart and Harry

The suave amateur private detective is drawn into the murder of the actress daughter of a theatre impresario.

Francis Durbridge's thriller stars Peter Coke as Paul Temple and Marjorie Westbury as Steve in another intriguing case for BBC radio's smoothest sleuth and his glamorous wife.

With James Thomason as Sir Graham Forbes, Brewster Mason as Rupert Dreisler, Hugh Manning as Vosper, James Beattie as Charlie, John Graham as Eric Lansdale, Isobel Dean as Terry Gibson, Simon Lack as Adrian Frost, June Turbin as Judy Milton and Thomas Heathcote as Pete Roberts.

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Producer: Martyn C. Webster

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in 1957.

WED 06:30 The Spying Game (b016d4h9)

The Red Carnation

The loyalties of a former Russian spy are tested to the limits when she uncovers an assassination plot. Baroness Orczy's thrilling tale, set in 19th century Vienna, is read by Adjoa Andoh.

Abridged and produced by Gemma Jenkins.

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

WED 07:00 Clare in the Community (b008fxxz)

Series 1

Glad to be Ray

Clare can't understand why she hasn't been invited to Ray's, so she decides to call round uninvited and gets a bit of a shock.

WED 07:30 The Return of Inspector Steine (b0167zk8)

Episode 2

A comedy series written by Lynne Truss set in and around a Brighton police station in the 1950s.

Second World War Bomb disposal hero Captain 'mad Hoagy' Hoagland, reassures a doubtful Sergeant Brunswick that he does indeed deserve his silver truncheon award for bravery, and saves the day at the bandstand presentation ceremony of this presentation when he defuses a ticking bomb in a box with the aid of his old army bomb disposal team member Terence Chambers; who discovers that criminal Adelaide Vine has arranged for the severed head of his old criminal fraternity friend Birthmark Potter to be placed in the ticking box so it will appear that Mrs Groynes is responsible for his murder.

Vine is led off by Chambers to meet her fate at his hands, and the Brighton police station team learn that Inspector Steine can be persuaded into all kinds of useful behaviour by the employment of reverse psychology; with hilarious results..

Cast:

Inspector Steine Michael Fenton Stevens

Mrs Groynes Samantha Spiro

Sergeant Brunswick John Ramm

Twitten Matt Green

Captain Hoagland Robert Bathurst

Adelaide Vine Janet Ellis

Terence Chambers Ewan Bailey

Sound design: David Thomas

Music: Anthony May

Director: Marilyn Imrie

Producer: Karen Rose

A Sweet Talk Production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007k15z)

Series 2

The Holiday Camp

Sid hires the lad to run his new venture, but then he discovers a surprise next door.

Starring Tony Hancock.

With Bill Kerr, Sidney James, Andree Melly, Kenneth Williams and Denis Wilson.

Announcer: Kenneth Williams

Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.

Theme and incidental music composed by Wally Stott.

Recorded by the BBC Revue Orchestra conducted by Harry Rabinowitz.

Producer: Dennis Main Wilson

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1955.

WED 08:30 Doctor at Large (b00b0jz0)

To Bed or Not to Bed

Simon Sparrow takes Wendy off for a naughty weekend, but events don't quite go to plan...

The misadventures of newly qualified doctor, Simon Sparrow - adapted for radio by Ray Cooney from Richard Gordon's 'Doctor at Large' published in 1955.

Starring Richard Briers as Simon Sparrow, Norma Ronald as Wendy Swithenbank, Ray Cooney as Tony Benskin, Dennis Ramsden as Colonel Brown, David Jason as Harris the Receptionist and Edward Cast as the Waiter.

Producer: David Hatch

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1969.

WED 09:00 The Brothers (b00pzzgs)

Series 3

First Aid

Michael aims to dump his fiancée, Nigel suffers, and Zorro wields some murderous crutches. Stars Adam Godley. From March 2007.

WED 09:30 Whispers (b007k3jf)

Series 1

Episode 6

Swearing, cocaine, wine throwing and flagellation are just some of the items on Gyles Brandreth's agenda.

Regular team captains, biographer Anthony Holden, and writer Stella Duffy, are joined by the BBC's former royal correspondent Jennie Bond and entertainer Geoffrey Durham.

Producer: Elizabeth Freestone

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2003.

WED 10:00 The Complete Smiley (b07pt0x7)

The Secret Pilgrim

Episode 2

The spymaster addresses new recruits, triggering memories of an eventful life. Stars Simon Russell Beale and Patrick Malahide.

WED 11:00 Fay Weldon Stories (b007jtl6)

Eyes in the Dark

Galway was no ordinary Labrador. He wanted to be a sheep. And then there was that business when he died. Read by the author.

WED 11:15 James Follett - The Twisted Image (b007mf16)

Two police officers discover the body of a local businessman's wife in the boot of his Rolls-Royce, stolen from outside his shop in the new town centre.

It should be an open and shut case - only the new town centre won't be built for another five years...

James Follett's futuristic whodunit stars Douglas Blackwell as Detective Inspector Simmonds, Joan Matheson as Mrs Francis and Peter Wickham as Detective Sergeant Colt

Producer: Margaret Etall

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1977.

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WED 14:00 William Boyd - Restless (b016d8xn)

Episode 3

After revealing her past as a British spy, Sally tells her daughter Ruth that someone's trying to kill her. Stars Eileen Atkins.

WED 14:15 This Sceptred Isle (b009r1v1)

Ethelbald and His Woman: Offa and His Dyke

War was a cruel way of life from 731 to 829AD, under two Mercia Kings Ethelbald and Offa. Both reigned for 40 years.

WED 14:30 Ben Macintyre - Agent Zigzag (b00jn6g2)

Episode 3

Double agent Eddie Chapman - codename 'Fritz' - prepares to sabotage a British factory making war planes. Read by Damian Lewis.

WED 14:45 James Bond - Casino Royale (b016d8xq)

Episode 8

Bond is convalescent. Could Le Chiffre have been right - is it time for the games to end? Alex Jennings reads the classic spy novel.

WED 15:00 The Complete Smiley (b07pt0x7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

WED 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b016d8xs)

The magic carpet whisks us off to a new and exciting place in chapter 3 of E Nesbit's The Phoenix and the Carpet, plus the Inheritance Tracks of a special guest.

WED 17:00 Old Dog and Partridge (b007jq9s)

Episode 1

Landlord Jack gets an offer from his daughter Nicola to help run his pub when she comes home for Christmas, but his reaction is not what she's expecting...

Joe Turner's six-part sitcom stars Michael Williams as Jack, Lisa Coleman as Nicola, Cherry Morris as Mrs Drummond, Simon Greenall as Andy and Toby Longworth as Various.

Producer: Liz Antsee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1998.

WED 17:30 Clare in the Community (b008fxzz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

WED 18:00 Paradise Lost in Space (b007jnt5)

3. Anyone for Tennis?

As the Oblivions have so much time on their hands, it couldn't possibly hurt to introduce them to the gentle game of tennis, could it?

Colin Swash's sci-fi comedy about two space-age humans stranded on a friendly alien planet.

Norman Tony Robinson

Max David Haig

Stella Louise Lombard

Macari Michael Troughton

Terayz Carla Mendonca

Ken Tom Hollander

Producer: Richard Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1995.

WED 18:30 Marty Ross - Catch My Breath (b007k391)

Episode 3

Two women. Two Adams - but what's the connection? Are they "Demon" or "Liberator"?

Marty Ross's supernatural five-part thriller.

Kate Claire Knight

Colleen Suzanne Donaldson

Strachan Liam Brennan

Old Strachan John Shedden

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WED 22:00 The Return of Inspector Steine (b0167zk8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 22:30 Mark Watson Makes the World Substantially Better (b00d75nw)

Series 2

Honesty

The comedian finds out if telling the truth pays off. With poetry and songs from Tim Key and Tom Basden. From September 2008.

WED 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b016k8g2)

John Osborne on when he won a competition on John Peel's Radio Show. The prize was a box of records from the DJ's shed. Part 1.

WED 23:00 Revolting People (b007jzrz)

Series 1

Tons of Storm Clouds

A revolutionary orator is after more than just Mary's support.

Historical sitcom set in Boston in 1770, written by Andy Hamilton and Jay Tarses.

Samuel Oliphant Jay Tarses

Sergeant McGurk Andy Hamilton

Mary Oliphant Sophie Thompson

Captain Brimshaw James Fleet

Ezekiel Spriggs Hugh Dennis

Cora Oliphant Felicity Montagu

Joshua Oliphant Tony Maudsley

Mrs Arbuthnot Susie Blake

Announcer/Nathaniel Hopkins Michael Fenton Stevens

Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2000.

WED 23:30 Dial M for Pizza (b00bnnvt)

Series 2

Episode 1

The piping hot comedy show served with relish from Brenda Blethyn and Robert Bathurst, and a guest side salad of Jonathan Ross.

THURSDAY 27 OCTOBER 2011**THU 00:00 Paradise Lost in Space (b007jnt5)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Wednesday]

THU 00:30 Marty Ross - Catch My Breath (b007k391)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Wednesday]

THU 01:00 Paul Temple (b007jzds)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday]

THU 01:30 The Spying Game (b016d8xj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Wednesday]

THU 02:00 The Brothers (b00pzzgs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Wednesday]

THU 02:30 Whispers (b007k3jf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Wednesday]

THU 03:00 The Complete Smiley (b07pt0x7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Wednesday]

THU 04:00 Fay Weldon Stories (b007jtl6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Wednesday]

THU 04:15 James Follett - The Twisted Image (b007mf16)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Wednesday]

THU 05:00 Old Dog and Partridge (b007jq9s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Wednesday]

THU 05:30 Clare in the Community (b008fxzz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]

THU 06:00 Paul Temple (b007jzds)

Paul Temple and the Spencer Affair

Concerning Judy Milton

The debonair sleuth and wife Steve must uncover the link between a rare soundtrack record - and a murder.

After the untimely death of actress Mary Dreisler in her London flat, her theatre impresario father has sent for Paul Temple.

Francis Durbridge's thriller stars Peter Coke as Paul Temple and Marjorie Westbrook as Steve in another intriguing case for BBC radio's most sleuth and his glamorous wife.

With James Thomason as Sir Graham Forbes, Brewster Mason as Rupert Dreisler, Hugh Manning as Vosper, James Beattie as Charlie, John Graham as Eric Lansdale, Isobel Dean as Terry Gibson, Simon Lack as Adrian Frost, June Turbin as Judy Milton and Thomas Heathcote as Pete Roberts.

From 1938 to 1969 the fictional crime novelist and detective Paul Temple, together with his Fleet Street journalist Steve, solved case after case in one of BBC radio's most popular series. They inhabited a sophisticated world of chilled cocktails and fast cars, where the women were chic and the men wore cravats - a world where Sir Graham Forbes, of Scotland Yard, usually needed Paul's help with his latest tricky case.

Producer: Martyn C. Webster

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in 1957.

THU 06:30 The Spying Game (b016d8xj)

A Demon in My Head

A troubled spy struggles to stay on top while suffering from crippling migraines. Jean-Hugues Ooppel's existential tale read by Trevor White.

A gripping series of espionage stories about hired assassins, double agents and secret codes.

Translators: Freddy Michalski and Brad Spurgeon

Abridged and produced by Gemma Jenkins

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

THU 07:00 Artists (b00xbh8b)

Series 1

The Inner Child

Marcus goes away to save his marriage, leaving Dolores with the kids and Nisha in the pub. Stars Dave Lamb. From April 2003.

THU 07:30 So Wrong It's Right (b00sjmvg)

Series 1

Episode 4

Charlie Brooker presents the comedy panel show about the wrong side of life.

'So Wrong It's Right' is the game where guest compete to suggest the best in bad ideas.

Actress & presenter Liza Tarbuck - plus comedians Richard Herring and Jack Whitehall - are special guests for this edition. Are they up to Charlie's 'wrong' challenges? These include confessing their worst ever excuses and also their creative suggestions for the most terrible new gimmick for a TV Detective show.

The host of 'So Wrong It's Right', Charlie Brooker, also presents BBC4's acclaimed 'Newswipe' and 'Screenwipe' series - and is an award winning columnist for 'The Guardian'. He also won 'Best Newcomer' at the British Comedy Awards 2009.

Produced by Aled Evans

A Zeppotron Production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 08:00 The Men from the Ministry (b016dgvz)

She'll Have To Go

Can the bungling bureaucrats save their secretary from the scrap heap?

Stars Richard Murdoch and Deryck Guyler.

With Norma Ronald, Ronald Baddiley, John Graham and Gillie 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 September 1974.

THU 08:30 Dad's Army (b007jnm2)

Series 1

Sorry Wrong Number

A downed German plane sees the Home Guard platoon

attempting to employ Captain Mainwaring's phone box drill... Six years after legendary sitcom Dad's Army started on BBC TV, these specially adapted radio versions began recording with the original cast.

Starring Arthur Lowe as Captain Mainwaring, John Le Mesurier as Sergeant Wilson, Clive Dunn as Corporal Jones, Ian Lavender as Private Pike, John Laurie as Private Frazer, Graham Stark as Private Walker, Bill Pertwee as the ARP Warden, Pearl Hackney as Mrs Pike, Avril Angers as the Telephonist and John Forrest as the Lieutenant. With John Snagge as the announcer.

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

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 4 in May 1974.

THU 09:00 Like They've Never Been Gone (b00cz8np)

Series 4

Episode 6

It's Tommy and Sheila's anniversary – 40 years in showbiz! Lewis is hoping it'll pass quietly and cheaply. But will a short hospital stay force Tommy to start taking life easier? Mike Coleman's sitcom starring Roy Hudd and June Whitfield. Ageing showbiz couple Tommy Franklin and Sheila Parr battle on with their second stab at fame.

Tommy Franklin Roy Hudd

Sheila Parr June Whitfield

Hetty Stark Pat Coombes

Murray Julian Eardley

Louis Elstein Edward Halsted

Vicky Blunt/Nurse Emma Kennedy

Music by Frido Ruth.

Producer: Steve Doherty

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2002.

THU 09:30 The 99p Challenge (b007jrl7)

Series 2

Episode 6

Crazy panel show capers as host Sue Perkins grills Simon Pegg, Armando Iannucci, Jack Docherty and Peter Baynham. The game where someone stands to leave the studio 99p richer than when they came in.

Producer: David Tyler

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2000.

THU 10:00 The Complete Smiley (b07pt0xb)

The Secret Pilgrim

Episode 3

About to take retirement, an experienced agent carries out one final job. Stars Simon Russell Beale and Patrick Malahide.

THU 11:00 Fay Weldon Stories (b007jzwj)

I, Boadicea

The formidable queen of history speaks of the rages and battles she undertook for her people. Read by Vanessa Redgrave.

THU 11:15 Andy Barrett - The Perfect Wood (b007jtmh)

When Bill retires from his tedious career in confectionery sales, he looks forward to spending his autumn years indulging in the ancient art of lawn bowls.

He and his wife are the best pair in the club and odds-on favourites for the Riddington Married Couples Cup. That is, until Matt and Jude move in next door...

Stars Geoffrey Palmer as Bill, Stephanie Cole as Margaret, Ben Crowe as Matt and Sara Poyzer as Jude.

Written by Andy Barrett.

Directed at BBC Birmingham by Peter Leslie Wild.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2003.

THU 12:00 The Men from the Ministry (b016dgv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 12:30 Dad's Army (b007jm92)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 13:00 Paul Temple (b007jzg2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 13:30 The Spying Game (b0169ksj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 14:00 William Boyd - Restless (b016dgvf)

Episode 4

Sally reveals more of her secret past as a British spy, and her relationship with the man who recruited her. Stars Eileen Atkins.

THU 14:15 Ambridge Extra (b016dgyx)

Series 2

Episode 8

More from the Archers spin-off.

THU 14:30 Ben Macintyre - Agent Zigzag (b00juls9)

Episode 4

M15 send double agent Eddie Chapman to infiltrate Germany's Abwehr intelligence. Read by Damian Lewis.

THU 14:45 James Bond - Casino Royale (b016dgyz)

Episode 9

Bond is confused. Reunited with Vesper, their love continues. But what troubles her? Alex Jennings reads the classic spy novel.

THU 15:00 The Complete Smiley (b07pt0xb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

THU 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b016dgz1)

Just who could our Daily Dalek be today? Stewart Henderson's here to answer another intriguing question, and we'll hear chapter 4 of The Phoenix and the Carpet.

THU 17:00 J Kingston Platt's Showbiz Handbook (b007k02m)

Dick Turpin

The veteran of many parts recounts the story of a scheme to

make a fortune from flops which puts "the Producers" to shame.

The doyen of British show business, J Kingston Platt shares reminiscences drawn from the wealth and the poverty of his experience from the past 40 years.

Performed and written by Peter Jones.

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1986.

THU 17:30 Artists (b00xbh8b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 18:00 Paradise Lost in Space (b007jnx2)

4. Martinis

The dangers of tennis are now apparent to the Oblivions - but Martinis? What could possibly go wrong with Martinis?

Colin Swash's sci-fi comedy about two space-age humans stranded on a friendly alien planet.

Norman Tony Robinson

Max David Haig

Stella Louise Lombard

Macari Michael Troughton

Terayz Carla Mendonca

Ken Tom Hollander

Tony Geoff McGivern

Clive Guy Witcher

Jonathan RossAlistair McGowan

Producer: Richard Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1995.

THU 18:30 Marty Ross - Catch My Breath (b007k3b0)

Episode 4

It's party time for Adam Strachan, but his house guests prove to be far from ordinary...

Marty Ross's supernatural five-part thriller.

Kate Claire Knight

Colleen Suzanne Donaldson

Strachan Liam Brennan

Old Strachan John Shedden

Donnie Lewis Howden

Isla Eileen McCallum

Octavia Lucy Patterson

DC Carbeth James Bryce

WPC Briggs Jill Riddiford

Dennis Finlay McLean

Producer: Bruce Young

Made for BBC 7 by BBC Radio Scotland. First broadcast in 2007.

THU 19:00 The Men from the Ministry (b016dgv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 19:30 Dad's Army (b007jm92)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 20:00 Paul Temple (b007jzg2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 20:30 The Spying Game (b0169ksj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 21:00 Fay Weldon Stories (b007jzwj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

THU 21:15 Andy Barrett - The Perfect Wood (b007jtmh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

THU 22:00 So Wrong It's Right (b00sjm3q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 22:30 Delve Special (b007jm3s)

Series 2

The Archibald Gallery Robbery

Reporter David Lander reopens the investigation into 1983's Archibald Gallery robbery.

Kevin Watts is the key suspect, but was he framed?

Presented by David Lander with assistance from Stephen Fry.

Studio production by Brenda Bleythn, Tony Robinson, Jack Klaff and Felicity Montague.

Dramatic reconstruction by Mark Arden, Stephen Frost, Phil Nice, Arthur Smith and Peter Acree.

Researched and compiled by Tony Sarchet.

Editor: Paul Mayhew-Archer

Delve Special ran for four series from 1984 to 1987 and later transferred to TV as: This is David Lander.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1985.

THU 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b016k8gd)

John Osbourne on when he won a competition on John Peel's Radio Show. The prize was a box of records from the DJ's shed. Part 2.

THU 23:00 Ed Reardon's Week (b00jn2d7)

Series 3

The Name-check

A new commission gets the writer's literary juices flowing - unlike his finances. Stars Christopher Douglas. From December 2006.

THU 23:30 Mark Thomas: The Manifesto (b00qx43h)

Series 2

Episode 4

Mark Thomas: The Manifesto. Comedian-activist, Mark Thomas creates a People's Manifesto, taking suggestions from his studio audience and then getting them to vote for the best. The winner of each show will be enforceable by law, so pay attention.

This episode will include policies such as crushing the cars of anyone illegally parked in a disabled space; the legalisation of Viking-style funerals; and consolidating the United Kingdom's national debt into one easy-to-pay loan.

Produced by Ed Morrish.

FRIDAY 28 OCTOBER 2011

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[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]

FRI 01:00 Paul Temple (b007jzg2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]

FRI 01:30 The Spying Game (b0169ksj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]

FRI 02:00 Like They've Never Been Gone (b00cz8np)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]

FRI 02:30 The 99p Challenge (b007jrl7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:15 Andy Barrett - The Perfect Wood (b007jtmh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Thursday]

FRI 05:00 J Kingston Platt's Showbiz Handbook (b007k02m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Thursday]

FRI 05:30 Artists (b00xbh8b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]

FRI 06:00 Paul Temple (b007jzg2)

Paul Temple and the Spencer Affair

Introducing Pete Roberts

The smooth sleuth is threatened with a revolver - and there's a fresh lead in the hunt for the killer of actress Mary Dreisler. Francis Durbridge's thriller stars Peter Coke as Paul Temple and Marjorie Westbury as Steve in another intriguing case for BBC radio's smoothest sleuth and his glamorous wife.

With James Thomason as Sir Graham Forbes, Brewster Mason as Rupert Dreisler, Hugh Manning as Vosper, James Beattie as Charlie, John Graham as Eric Lansdale, Isobel Dean as Terry Gibson, Simon Lack as Adrian Frost, June Turbin as Judy Milton and Thomas Heathcote as Pete Roberts. From 1938 to 1969 the fictional crime novelist and detective Paul Temple, together with his Fleet Street journalist Steve, solved case after case in one of BBC radio's most popular series. They inhabited a sophisticated world of chilled cocktails and fast cars, where the women were chic and the men wore cravats - a world where Sir Graham Forbes, of Scotland Yard, usually needed Paul's help with his latest tricky case.

Producer: Martyn C. Webster

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in 1957.

FRI 06:30 Dixon of Dock Green (b0169l6n)

Series 2

Little Boy Blue

PC George Dixon and PC Andy Crawford investigate a break-in at Dock Green's local pinball palace.

Is one-time bad boy Geoff back to his old ways?

Radio revival of BBC TV's famous copper starring David Calder and Hamish Clark.

Written for TV by Ted Willis and adapted for radio by Sue Rodwell

George Dixon David Calder

Andy Crawford Hamish Clark

Geoff Tom Lawrence

Annie Hayley Doherty

Benny Dan Winter

Tony Michael Carolan

Taffy Davies Matthew Thomas

Director: Viv Beeby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2006.

FRI 07:00 The Alan Davies Show (b0085k82)

Episode 2

Struggling actor Alan minds his girlfriend's talented stunt-dog.

The trouble is, it eats everything in sight...

Alan Davies stars in his own six-part sitcom.

Written by Ben Silburn, Tony Roche and Alan Davies.

Alan Alan Davies

Murray Alan Francis

Kate Ronni Ancona

With Debra Stephenson and Dave Lamb.

Producer: Jane Berthoud

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1998.

FRI 07:30 What's So Funny? (b0169lff)

Series 2

Episode 4

Ed Byrne, Lucy Porter and Zoe Lyons review long-running sitcoms, comedians on audiences and Stephen K Amos talks about reviews.

FRI 08:00 The Navy Lark (b0169lfp)

Series 9

Cuthbert Joins the Navy

Mrs Povey insists that her snooty nephew Cuthbert samples a career on the ocean wave aboard HMS Troubridge!

Stars Leslie Phillips, Jon Pertwee and Stephen Murray.

Laughs afloat aboard British Royal Navy frigate HMS

Troubridge. The Navy Lark ran for an impressive 13 series between 1959 and 1976.

The Sub-Lieutenant Leslie Phillips

The Chief Petty Officer Jon Pertwee

The Number One Stephen Murray

Captain Povey Richard Caldicot
Mrs Povey Heather Chasen
Commander Bell Ronnie Barker
Taffy Goldstein Tenniel Evans
Cuthbert. Michael Bates

Written by Lawrie Wyman.

Producer: Alastair Scott Johnston.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in September 1967.

FRI 08:30 Steptoe and Son (b007jlqh)

Series 3

Without Prejudice

Harold persuades Albert to leave their rag and bone yard to move out to suburbia.

Starring Wilfrid Brambell as Albert and Harry H Corbett as Harold. With Edward Kelsey, Garrard Green and Trevor Martin.

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 BBC Radio 2 in April 1971.

FRI 09:00 Second Holmes (b0169ljq)

The Case of the Neglected Farm

The grandsons of Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson go to Dorset, where a wife is in danger.

Six light-hearted adventures involving the grandsons of Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson written by Grant Eustace

Starring Peter Egan as Stamford Holmes, Jeremy Nicholas as Dr Watson, Steve Hodson as Tom Wigley, Hugh Dickson as the Vicar, Fiona Walker as Sarah Callington, Ronald Baddiley as Bob Swannock and Alexandra Mathie as Kate Wigley.

Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1983.

FRI 09:30 Foul Play (b0081m0t)

Series 1

Death at the Dig

Crime writers Lindsey Davis and Val McDermid try to solve the dirty death of a doctor. Written and chaired by Simon Brett.

FRI 10:00 Ethel Lena White - The Lady Vanishes (b017557m)

A train, a missing governess and evil Nazi plans for Europe. All aboard for a gripping ride to adventure.

Dramatised by Neville Teller from Ethel Lina White's novel 'The Wheel Spins'.

CAST:

Miss Froy Renee Asherson

Iris Jenny Funnell

Wilberforce Mark Tandy

Maximilian Hare Mark Payton

Dr Traunitz/Stephen Yardley Richard Durden

Baroness/Mrs Todhunter Shirley Dixon

Prince Frederick/Mr Barnes/Porter Jonathan Keeble

Baron Hoffmeir/Mr Todhunter Michael Roberts

Ian Bretherton/Ticket Collector Geoffrey Beevers

Evelyn Flood-Porter/Frau ummer Geraldine Fitzgerald

Rose Flood-Porter/Frau Kummer Jan Shand

Mrs Barnes Karen Lewis

The book was also adapted as a 1938 British thriller film directed by Alfred Hitchcock

Director: Andy Jordan

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in 1999.

FRI 11:00 Fay Weldon Stories (b007jvqq)

Fay Weldon Stories: Oh Mary, Don't You Cry any More: A short story about Shirley, a single mother, who scrapes together a life for her two daughters.

FRI 11:15 Lloyd Peters - A Higher Education (b007jw1y)

What happens when you combine a university drama lecturer locked in a studio with a shy student, a real gun and a copy of Hamlet?

Add Black Forest gâteau, a scheming dean, a drunken parent and the police, sprinkle liberally with sharp one-liners, slapstick and comic tension, and you have a combination guaranteed to ruin any head of department's day.

Lloyd Peters' comedy stars Rik Mayall as Don, Helen Lederer as Sophie, Philip Glenister as Ronnie/Roy, Judi Earl as Deidre/Ms Jones-Juggler and Gary Brown as Inspector Snoddy/Dennis.

Directed in Manchester by Polly Thomas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2000.

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FRI 14:00 William Boyd - Restless (b016djef)

Episode 5

Revealing more about her life as a spy, Sally relates how she

was ordered to seduce an American political aide. Stars Eileen Atkins.

FRI 14:15 This Sceptred Isle (b009p5f)

The Vikings

Having landed in the north of England, the Vikings fought a harsh battle near Lindisfarne. Narrated by Anna Massey.

FRI 14:30 Ben Macintyre - Agent Zigzag (b00jp108)

Episode 5

British wartime double agent and former convict Eddie Chapman arrives back home. Concluded by Damian Lewis.

FRI 14:45 James Bond - Casino Royale (b016dklr)

Episode 10

Bond is betrayed, and it seems the true enemy is much closer to home than he realises. Alex Jennings concludes the spy classic.

FRI 15:00 Ethel Lena White - The Lady Vanishes (b017557m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b016dklt)

The final chapter of The Phoenix and the Carpet by E Nesbit, plus Andi Osho joins us for her Sneaky Peeks into the best comedy coming up over the next 7 days on Radio 4 Extra.

FRI 17:00 Ring Around the Bath (b00p2hb4)

Series 1

Car Boot

Stella tries to dejunk the house. Everything useless must go, including her grown-up kids. Stars Penny Downie. From August 2003.

FRI 17:30 The Alan Davies Show (b0085k82)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 18:00 Paradise Lost in Space (b007jp0g)

5. Things Hot Up

When Norman introduces the Oblivions to the pleasures of the flesh, one thing leads to another...

Colin Swash's sci-fi comedy about two space-age humans stranded on a friendly alien planet.

Norman Tony Robinson

Max David Haig

Stella Louise Lombard

Macari Michael Troughton

Terayz Carla Mendonca

Clive Guy Witcher

Buzz Peter Serafinowicz

Producer: Richard Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1995.

FRI 18:30 Marty Ross - Catch My Breath (b007k3bt)

Episode 5

The truth about Isla is revealed. Will Kate and Colleen finally manage to escape..?

Conclusion of Marty Ross's supernatural five-part thriller.

Kate Claire Knight

Colleen Suzanne Donaldson

Strachan Liam Brennan

Old Strachan John Shedden

Donnie Lewis Howden

Isla Eileen McCallum

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[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

FRI 22:00 What's So Funny? (b0169lfk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 22:30 The Nick Revell Show (b00cq58b)

Series 2

Health and Fitness

When his geraniums laugh at his puny physique, the writer overdoes his new fitness regime.

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

With:

Alistair McGowan

Doon MacKichan

Brian Bowles

Charles McKeown

Producer: Ioan Magnusson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1993

FRI 23:00 The Lee Mack Show (b00bwzv3)

Sophie Ellis-Bextor

Sophie Ellis-Bextor joins the quick-fire comic for stand-up, sketches and music. With Angela McHale. From March 2005.

FRI 23:30 And Now in Colour (b007jmql)

Series 1

Back to the Studio

The sketch show team take their audience on a trip to the cinema – but where are the all-star special guests?

Precision comedy written and performed by Tim Firth, Tim de Jongh, Michael Rutger and William Vanduyck.

Producer: Lissa Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1990.