#### SATURDAY 17 DECEMBER 2011

## SAT 00:00 Doctor Who (b0185cks)

Hornets' Nest

The Circus of Doom, part 1

Continuing with their cottage encounter, Mike Yates listens eagerly as the Doctor recalls his early 19th century encounter with the alien swarm in a small English rural town..

Part of a five-story adventure written by Paul Magrs

Starring Tom Baker as the Fourth Doctor, Richard Franklin as Mike Yates, Susie Ridell as Sally, Michael Maloney as Dr Adam Farrow, Stephen Thorne as Antonio and Jilly Bond as Francesca.

Producer: Kate Thomas Made by BBC Audio.

#### SAT 00:30 HP Lovecraft - At the Mountains of Madness (b00vnf09)

Battling in the Antarctic, can Dyer and Danforth escape with their lives? Richard Coyle concludes HP Lovecraft's tale of

#### SAT 01:00 Leslie Charteris - The Saint (b007 jtvv)

The Saint Plays With Fire

Simon Templar uncovers a fascist conspiracy to seize power in France.

First published in 1938 under the title 'Prelude for War' - one of a long series of novels featuring Leslie Charteris's creation Simon Templar, alias "The Saint".

Simon Templar .... Paul Rhys Patricia Holm .... Kim Thomson Valerie .... Fiona Fullerton

Inspector Claude Eustace Teal/Usher .... John Baddeley

Peter Quentin .... Jonathan Keeble Fairweather .... John Hartley

Luker .... Geoffrey Whitehead General Sangore .... John Turner

Orace .... John Hollis

Knightley/Foreman .... Andrew Branch

Marteau/Constable/Pietri/Sergeant .... Roger May

Coroner/Bravache .... David Collings Bream/Senappe .... David Timson

Dramatised for radio by Neville Teller.

Director: Matthew Walters

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1995.

# SAT 02:00 Semi Circles (b007jtyy)

Series 2

A Lack of Moral Fibre

Christmas is coming and Ben is getting fat, but will going on a fibre diet with Helen raise his spirits?

The improving story of life and improving times in an improving neighbourhood.

Starring Paula Wilcox as Helen and David Wood as Ben

Written by Simon Brett Helen ..... Paula Wilcox

Ben ..... David Wood

Mrs Kelly ..... Pay Heywood Alastair ..... Tony Millan

Neil ..... Nick Wilton

Britt ..... Rosalind Adams Blythe ..... Bryan Coleman

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1982.

SAT 02:30 The Museum of Curiosity (b00knwyq)

Episode 5

John Lloyd and Sean Lock invite guests Jon Richardson, Roger Law and Kate Adie to increase the collection. From June 2009.

# SAT 03:00 Dave Sheasby - Donkeys Led By Lions (b00vv71t)

Teacher Arthur Willis battles his conscience over fighting in the Great War, with devastating consequences. Stars Ian Duni

# SAT 04:00 Christmas with the Detectives (b01857zh)

The Flying Stars

4 Extra Debut, In GK Chesterton's seasonal whodunnit, Father Brown investigates a jewel theft during a pantomime. Read by

## SAT 04:15 Petrella (b007jppx)

Series 2

Original Sins

The sleuth must tackle a watery murder mystery when a victim is found chained to a post in the Thames. Stars Philip Jackson. SAT 05:00 Ring Around the Bath (b00tzw38)

Series 2

The Birds and the Bees

If Stella can't move to the country, then the country must move to Stella.

Series 2 of Lucy Clare and Ian Davidson's sitcom about topsyturvy family life.

Stars Duncan Preston as Patrick, Penny Downie as Stella Claudie Blakley as Alison, Bruce MacKinnon as Rick,

Catherine Shepherd as Xanthe and Daniela Denby-Ashe as Egg. Producer: Elizabeth Freestone

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2004.

#### SAT 05:30 The Little World of Don Camillo (b00ttslq) Series 3

Thunder and the Ugly Madonna

The Italian priest finds beauty in the most unattractive of circumstances. Stars Joss Ackland and Ian Hogg. From April 2003.

#### SAT 06:00 JM Barrie - The Little White Bird (b00sbcdt)

A young boy becomes the 'son' a retired bachelor never had, so sparking the creation of Peter Pan. Stars Michael Siberry SAT 07:30 Twas the Night before Christmas (b0076c07) Poet Ian McMillan travels to New York in search of information about this most famous and seasonal poem SAT 08:00 Garrison Keillor's Radio Show (b0186byz)

Series 7

From New York City, the funny man welcomes mini-orchestra Pink Martini and renowned operatic baritone Nathan Gunn

#### SAT 09:00 Barry Cryer's Christmas Selection Box (b007jqqy)

Avoiding all the hard centres - our jovial host Barry Cryer plunders his Christmas selection box to bring you six shining examples of Auntie's festive jewels:

\* Radio Active's Christmas Turkey - 1983.

innocent gift. Improvised historical saga.

The National Local Radio Station links up with Bethlehem and drops in on sick kids.

Starring Helen Atkinson-Wood, Philip Pope, Geoffrey Perkins, Angus Deayton and Michael Fenton-Stevens

The Masterson Inheritance - Christmas Special 1993 The Masterson family face repercussions from a child's

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

\* Christmas Night with Dr Evadne Hinge and Dame Hilda Bracket - 1983.

Evadne's mother is on a festive visit, and she's driving her daughter crackers!

Starring Dame Hilda Bracket, Dr Evadne Hinge, Jean

Heywood, Anthony Sharp, Chris Emmett and Frances Jeater. \* Round the Horne: Cinderella - 1967.

Baron Hardup's daughters battle it out to go to Prince Charming's ball.

Starring Kenneth Horne, Kenneth Williams, Hugh Paddick, Betty Marsden and Douglas Smith.

\* Lines from my Grandfather Christmas's Forehead - 1971. How even the best laid festive plans can go awry - and a message from your milkman.

Starring Ronnie Barker, Terence Brady and Pauline Yates. \* The Goon Show: Ye Bandit of Sherwood Forest - 1954 Neddie Seagoon wants fame and riches, but will he risk life and limb for Maid Marion?

Starring Spike Milligan, Harry Secombe and Peter Sellers. Mr Cryer's Santa hat and baubles (not shown) artiste's own. Mr Cryer's contractual egg nog provided by his producer: Peter Reed

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in December 2003. SAT 12:00 Cath Staincliffe - Legacy: Blood in the Mountains (b012f50s)

Omnibus: Probate researchers Dan and Rachel are on a challenging quest to find an heir to a fortune. Stars William Ash and Claire Keelan

## SAT 13:15 Elizabeth Gaskell - Curious, If True (b00tvmk0)

The Grey Woman

A miller's daughter marries a nobleman. But this is no fairy tale. It's the beginning of a terrifying adventure...

Elizabeth Gaskell's collection of intriguing "true" tales

dramatised by Sally Hedges. Mrs Gaskell ..... Elizabeth Spriggs

Anna ..... Stella Gonet

Amante ..... Adjoa Andoh

Tourelle ..... Struan Rodger

With Duncan Law, Richard Avery, Mary Wimbush, Andrew Harrison and Graham Colclough.

Producer: Nigel Bryant

An Armada production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 1998

# SAT 14:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b00i283n)

The Bequest

The lad is set to inherit a fortune, but only if he can find a wife! Starring Tony Hancock.

With Bill Kerr, Sidney James, Andree Melly and 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

Producer: Dennis Main Wilson

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in November

# SAT 14:30 Steptoe and Son (b007jnv2)

Series 6

Doctor ..

Upstairs Downstairs, Upstairs Downstairs

Albert's laid up with a bad back leaving poor Harold overworked.

Starring Wilfrid Brambell as Albert and Harry H Corbett as Harold Written for TV and adapted for radio by Ray Galton and Alan

Simpson. Albert ..... Wilfrid Brambell Harold ..... Harry H Corbett .. Michael McClain

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. Producer: Bobby Jave

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in February 1976.

SAT 15:00 Garrison Keillor's Radio Show (b0186byz) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SAT 16:00 JM Barrie - The Little White Bird (b00sbcdt) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:30 What's So Funny? (b01857zc)

Series 2

Episode 11 Ed Byrne, Sarah Millican, Alex Horne and Rich Fulcher discuss

the best of upcoming British comedy from radio, screen and SAT 18:00 The Sorcerer's Apprentice (b008j0gn)

A young magician is left alone in his master's workshop. Judith French updates Goethe's tale. Starring Paul Rhys and Harry Towb.

## SAT 18:45 Arthur C Clarke Stories (b010tbkp)

The Nine Billion Names of God

The Sentinel

The story from which Arthur C Clarke developed the film '2001: A Space Odyssey' with Stanley Kubrick. Read by John Shrapnel.

## SAT 19:00 Barry Cryer's Christmas Selection Box (b007jqqy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 Saturday Stand-Up (b010m3qq)

Stephen K Amos

The popular comedian entertains an audience at London's Monday Club venue in 2007.

#### SAT 22:45 Sir Henry at Rawlinson End (b00s6n86)

A Christmas Eating at Rawlinson End

Written by and starring Viv Stanshall.

The surreal saga of a dynasty delicately balanced on the edge of

Contains an edit of an original John Peel session as first heard on BBC Radio 1.

Music composed and performed by Viv Stanshall using

additional musicians. Producer: John Walters

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1996. SAT 23:00 Val McDermid - The Distant Echo (b00v9qsr)

25 years on, police review the unsolved murder of a young woman in the snow. But is the killing over? Stars Jimmy Chisholm.

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SUN 05:30 What's So Funny? (b01857zc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:30 on Saturday] SUN 06:00 Charlotte Bronte - The Professor (b00m4vxd) Omnibus 1/2

Orphaned William Crimsworth is a young man with nothing. As he sets out to make his way in the world he doesn't want to be indebted to anyone. But running parallel with this need for selfcontrol is the desperate need to love - and be loved in return.

The least-known of Charlotte Bronte's novels: a subtle, ambiguous and unsettling love story. Omnibus of the first five of ten episodes dramatised by Rachel

Joyce. Starring Paul Venables as William Crimsworth, Jonathan Keeble as Edward Crimsworth, Gerard McDermott as Lord

Tynedale and Ruth Sillers as Mrs Crimsworth. Director: Tracey Neale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2005. SUN 07:15 Strange Weather Days (b007jxg6)

Series 1

Windy City

Helen Young talks to witnesses and experts about the last century's worst tornado in London's Gunnersbury, on 8th December 1954.

SUN 07:30 Count Arthur Strong's Radio Show! (b0183rh7) Series 3

The Advert

The ex-variety star is convinced he can play Malcolm's grandpa in a toffee commercial. Stars Steve Delaney. From January

# SUN 08:00 Take It From Here (b0186dsr)

From 17/12/1953

Pa Glum mediates between Ron and Eth - who gets which presents? Stars Jimmy Edwards and June Whitfield. From December 1953.

Supported by bbc.co.uk/programmes/

#### SUN 08:30 Listen to Les (b00d8vxw)

Les Dawson's topic is marriage and mothers-in-law. plus Wotan, Man of Steel camps it up.

With Daphne Oxenford, Eli Woods and Colin Edwynn. Music by Brian Fitzgerald.

Scripted and produced by James Casey.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 1985.

SUN 09:00 Herge - The Adventures of Tintin (b007jvdc)

The Calculus Affair, part 1

With two rival factions desperate for his latest invention, Professor Calculus goes missing in Geneva. Stars Richard Pearce.

#### SUN 09:30 Beatrix Potter - The Tailor of Gloucester (b00g15xz)

A poor man has just three days to sew a cherry silk coat for the Mayor. Festive tale starring Miriam Margolye

SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b0186gyf) Robert Fisk

Kirsty Young explores the choices of the foreign correspondent in the last of a series featuring some of the UK's foremost journalists.

#### SUN 10:50 Front Row Interviews (b0186gzd)

Steve Coogan

The actor and comedian reveals the secrets behind Alan Partridge's new writing career, in conversation with Mark

#### SUN 11:00 Cribbins at Christmas (b00wr9s2)

A Walk in the Park with Hodges

A wily dog smells trouble when his owner meets an old acquaintance from school. Bernard Cribbins reads Alan Plater's story.

#### SUN 11:15 Ambridge Extra (b0186h70)

Series 2 - Omnibus

Series 2, Episodes 21-22

In the Archers spin-off, Daniel is wondering if he'll need that dinner jacket after all, and Alistair is dreading the Christmas carol concert.

#### SUN 11:45 Cribbins at Christmas (b00wsynh)

The Happy Prince

A lovesick swallow and a once-golden statue form a heartbreaking, emotional bond. Bernard Cribbins reads Oscar

SUN 12:00 Charlotte Bronte - The Professor (b00m4vxd) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SUN 13:15 Strange Weather Days (b007jxg6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

SUN 13:30 Alan Garner - The Owl Service (b007jq2t)

Mysterious events in a house turn frightening in a gripping reworking of the Welsh Blodeuwedd myth, Stars Siriol Jenkins, SUN 15:00 Take It From Here (b0186dsr)

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(b00g15xz)

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SUN 17:00 A History of the World in 100 Objects Omnibus

Old World New Powers (1100-300 BC)

Another chance to hear "A History of the World in a Hundred Objects", where the Director of the British Museum, Neil MacGregor, retells the history of humanity through the things it has made... and which have found their way into the Museum's

This week he is looking at the key power struggles taking place across the globe around 3000 years ago, as ambitious new forces were building sophisticated new societies. And he does so with the help of; a set of stone carvings depicting, perhaps for the first time, the terrible effects of war on civilian populations; a stone sphinx of a black ruler that conquered Egypt from the south; a Chinese bronze bowl buried with the dead for feasts in the afterlife; a set of brightly coloured textiles from the Peruvian peninsula of Paracas; and what may well be amongst the world's first proper coins, minted during the reign of Croesus. And amongst those on hand to plot the wider significance of these objects in our world history are Lord Ashdown, Zeinab Badawi, Dame Jessica Rawson, Dr Wang Tao, Zandra Rhodes and James Buchan.

Producers: Rebecca Stratford, Anthony Denselow and Paul

## SUN 18:00 The Man in Black (b0186hf0)

Series 4

4. Reunion by Janice Okoh

Joy loses more than her heart in her desperate quest for love. Mark Gatiss as the sinister raconteur. The Man in Black. introduces Janice Okoh's cautionary tale.

Joy ..... Nikki Amuka-Bird Grace ..... Adjoa Andoh Fiona ..... Karlina Grace

Dr Alex .... Richard Pepple

Tom ..... Adam Billington Steve ..... Alex Lanipekun

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: Gemma Jenkins

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in December

#### SUN 18:30 Daphne Du Maurier (b007jq79)

The Birds

Will the Triggs be able to help Nat's family, or have the avian attackers got to them first? Read by Charlie Barnecut.

SUN 19:00 Cribbins at Christmas (b00wr9s2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 todav]

SUN 19:15 Ambridge Extra (b0186h70) [Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

SUN 19:45 Cribbins at Christmas (b00wsynh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:45 today]

SUN 20:00 Take It From Here (b0186dsr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SUN 20:30 Listen to Les (b00d8yxw) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

SUN 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b0186gyf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SUN 21:50 Front Row Interviews (b0186gzd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:50 today]

SUN 22:00 Count Arthur Strong's Radio Show! (b0183rh7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 22:30 Eddie Izzard (b00hhjfd)

Unrepeatable

The garrulous stand-up comedian entertains an audience at London's Albery Theatre, with a host of eclectic themes. From 1994

## SUN 23:30 Dave Podmore (b007wzp2)

Dave Podmore's Cricket Night

Episode 3

There's uproar when a Russian billionaire turns Pod's cricket ground into a supermarket, leaving Pod with divided loyalties. Written by Christopher Douglas, Nick Newman and Andrew Nickolds

Pod ..... Christopher Douglas

Andy Hamer ..... Andrew Nickolds

With Nick Newman, Nichola Sanderson, Ewan Bailey and Chris Paylo.

Producer: Richard Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2004.

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## MON 00:00 The Man in Black (b0186bf0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]

MON 00:30 Daphne Du Maurier (b007jq79)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Sunday

MON 01:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b0186gyf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

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(b00g15xz) [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 Agatha Christie (b0081rx2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Sunday]

The Sittaford Mystery 1. The Message

A blizzard has hit England.

In the tiny village of Sittaford, on the fringes of Dartmoor, a party of six is gathered in Sittaford House, home of Captain Trevelyan. He's rented the house out for the winter and i staying in a nearby village. As evening draws in, a séance is proposed.

But it reveals something far more sinister than they'd all anticipated..

Starring Geoffrey Whitehead and Barbara Atkinson. First published in 1931, Agatha Christie's whodunit dramatised

in five parts. Inspector Narracott .... Geoffrey Whitehead

Mrs. Curtis .... Barbara Atkinson Major Burnaby .... Norman Bird

Mrs. Willett .... Susan Westerby Violet Willett .... Victoria Carling

Mr. Rycroft .... John Moffat

Mr. Duke .... Michael Graham Cox

Ronnie Garfield .... Nigel Greaves

Sergeant Pollock .... Vincent Brimble Doctor Warren .... Michael Kilgarriff

Evans .... Donald Gee

.. Stephen Garlick Jim Pearson Dramatised and directed by Michael Bakewell. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1990.

MON 06:30 Paul Temple (b007jp86)

Paul Temple and the Vandyke Affair

The Sitter-in

When a baby goes missing, the suave sleuth and wife Steve are on the case - but can they identify a mystery man? 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 Richard Williams as Sir Graham Forbes, Frederick Treves

as Inspector Eden, James Beattie as Charlie, Peter Wilde as Terry Palmer, June Tobin as Mary Desmond, Armine Sandford as Queenie Edwards, Catherine Salkold as Madame Flaubert and Haydn Jones as Bert Walters

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 so often needed Paul's help with his latest tricky case

Producer: Martin C Webster First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in 1959.

MON 07:00 Married (b007v2sz)

Series 1

Episode 3

Grumpy bachelor Robin Lightfoot is feeling a little warmer towards his adopted "wife" - until his doppelganger's other woman turns up to rock the boat.

With a new wife and kids, Robin learns more about his parallel universe.

Hugh Bonneville stars in Tony Bagley's comedy.

Robin ..... Hugh Bonneville

Lesley ..... Josie Lawrence Linda ..... Sue Elliott-Nicholls

Dirk ..... Steve Frost

Lord Reith ..... Lewis MacLeod Ned ..... Sam Bradley

Producer Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1999. MON 07:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b0183tly)

Series 56

Episode 5 The godfather of all panel shows pays a first visit to the brand new Colosseum in Watford. Old-timers Barry Cryer, Graeme Garden and Tim Brooke-Taylor are joined on the panel by Andy Hamilton, with Jack Dee in the chair, Colin Sell

accompanies on the piano. Producer - Jon Naismith.

MON 08:00 Round the Horne (b00t4qkg)

Series 4 Episode 10

Kenneth Horne is the wise old chief in 'The Apache Story'. But is Kenneth Williams a pseudonym? And exactly how will Julian and Sandy 'Keep Britain Bona'?

With 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 departed after series Scripted by Barry Took, Brian Cooke and Johnnie Mortimer.

Music by the Max Harris Group. Producer: John Simmonds

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in April 1968. MON 08:30 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and

Flywheel (b007xvlm)

Series 1

Episode 3 Flywheel's assistant Ravelli gets kidnapped, but will the shady

lawver pay the ransom? Recreation of the Marx Brothers' lost shows charting the adventures of shady lawyer Waldorf T Flywheel and his assistant, Emmanuel Rayelli, Originally broadcast with sponsors on America's NBC radio network in the 1930s. The scripts were

rediscovered in 1988. Groucho Marx as Waldorf T Flywheel ..... Michael Roberts Chico Marx as Emmanuel Ravellias ..... Frank Lazarus

With Lorelei King and Graham Hoadly. Written by Nat Perrin and Athur Sheekman, Adapted by Mark

Brisenden. Music arranged and conducted by David Firman.

Producer: Dirk Maggs First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1990.

MON 09:00 Count Arthur Strong's Radio Show! (b007728p)

Count Arthur Strong's Christmas Special Count Arthur Strong, one-time variety star, makes his preparations for Christmas. From his altercation with a carol singer and his improvised 'reading' of the Nativity, to his show for the elderly at Leafy Glade old people's home. What could possibly go wrong? Stars Steve Delaney. From December 2006.

MON 09:30 My Music (b0186im9)

Topics include wassailing, 'sums in songs' and Dessert (sic) Island Discs, With Frank Muir and Ian Wallace, From

December 1984.

MON 10:00 John Masefield - The Midnight Folk (b00fwq9v)

Episode 1

Little boy Kay Harker sets out on a magical quest to find treasure. Stars Sam Salter, Nickolas Grace and Charles Dance. MON 11:00 Deborah Moggach - Changing Babies (b0186kqs)

4 Extra Premiere: The meanings and symbols of Christmas cause chaos for little Thomas, who just wants his father back. Deborah Moggach's seasonal tale read by Douglas Hodge. MON 11:15 Loose Ends (b01886jq)

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

In 2006 he was 'Pedantic and Whimsical', but this year, Perrier Award-nominated Irish comedian Ed Byrne's critically acclaimed show was a 'Crowd Pleaser' and is now available on DVD. Ed tells Clive what it takes to tickle the ribs and appease a room full of hecklers.

Prize-winning author Adam Nicolson talks about his book 'The Gentry: Stories of the English'. Telling the real story of England, it focuses on fourteen families, from the medieval gung-ho of the Plumpton family to the high-seas adventures of the Lascelles in the 18th century and is a wonderful sweep of English history.

All aboard The Swallow! Jo Bunting talks to The Divine Comedy's Neil Hannon about writing songs for the musical play 'Swallows And Amazons' at London's Vaudeville Theatre Based on the much-loved book by Arthur Ransome, Neil's songs accompany Captain John and his crew, embarking on an exotic adventure capturing dastardly pirates and defeating mortal enemies.

Bonafide member of The IT Crowd, Katherine Parkinson explains her new role as Conceptiva Secret-Past, the on-screen wife of Robert Webb, purveyor of miscellaneous odd things in BBC Two's 'The Bleak Old Shop of Stuff'. It's a tale of hidden wills, brave urchins, giant clocks, misery, joy and treacle! Bringing some funk and rhythm into the Loose Ends studio is soulful Nigerian Xantoné Blacq who performs 'Mama Won't Listen' from his album 'Revelation'.

And the magnificent singer-songwriter Ed Harcourt gives us an exclusive rendition of his his brand new song 'El Magnifico'. Producer: Cathie Mahoney.

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MON 14:00 Charlotte Bronte - The Professor (b00m52xf)

William becomes intrigued by the shy and gentle Frances, but

someone is watching him from the shadows The least known of Charlotte Bronte's novels: a subtle,

ambiguous and unsettling love story dramatised in ten parts by Rachel Iovce

Starring Paul Venables as William Crimsworth, Roger May as Pelet, Niamh Cusack as Zoraide Reuter and Claire Price as

Director: Tracey Neale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2005.

MON 14:15 This Sceptred Isle (b00b6ywf)

Third Crusade and Death of the Lionheart

The final crusade and the death of Richard Coeur de Lion. Anna Massey narrates the history of Britain, with Paul Eddington.

MON 14:30 Winter Tales (b0186l1p)

Winter Tales - Series 1 Christmas at Cold Comfort Farm

Christmas Day at the Starkadders is a chaotic affair - especially over the pudding. Fenella Woolgar reads Stella Gibbons's tale. Made for 4 Extra

MON 15:00 John Masefield - The Midnight Folk (b00fwq9v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

MON 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b0186l2t)

Plenty of Christmas fun and sparkle with Mel Giedroyc in the last week before the Big Day, plus Alan Bennett reads The House at Pooh Corner

MON 17:00 The Enchanting World of Hinge and Bracket (b00scz31)

Episode 4

The dear ladies attempt to stage Evadne's murder mystery. Stars Dr Evadne Hinge and Dame Hilda Bracket. From September

MON 17:30 Married (b007v2sz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 18:00 Doctor Who (b0186ldb)

Hornets' Nest

The Circus of Doom, part 2

Still barricaded in their cottage, the Time Lord reveals more to former UNIT ally, Mike Yates about the 19th century extraterrestrial swarm's efforts to re-animate the dead.

Part of a five-story adventure written by Paul Magrs

Starring Tom Baker as the Fourth Doctor, Richard Franklin as

Mike Yates, Susie Ridell as Sally, Michael Maloney as Dr Adam Farrow, Stephen Thorne as Antonio and Jilly Bond as Francesca

Producer: Kate Thomas

Made by BBC Audio.

MON 18:30 James Follett - Earthsearch (b007jl9p) Earthsearch I

Planetfall

The starship Challenger has been on a 115-year-long mission exploring other galaxies for suitable Earth-like planets to colonise.

The present crew of four were born on the Challenger and have never left it. From birth they've been looked after by two 'Angels' - voices surrounding and guiding their every move. The crew follows their advice without question. A dangerous situation, perhaps, if the Angels aren't all their names imply... James Follett's 10-part adventure serial in time and space.

Commander Telson ..... Sean Arnold Sharna ..... Amanda Murray

Astra ..... Kathryn Hurlbutt

... Haydn Wood

Angel One ..... Sonia Fraser Angel Two ..... Gordon Reid

Christopher Scott ..... Sinclair

Director: Glyn Dearman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1981.

MON 19:00 Round the Horne (b00t4qkg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today] MON 19:30 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and

Flywheel (b007xvlm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today] MON 20:00 Agatha Christie (b0081rx2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today] MON 20:30 Paul Temple (b007jp86)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 21:00 Deborah Moggach - Changing Babies

(b0186kqs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

MON 21:15 Loose Ends (b01886jq) [Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

MON 22:00 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b0183tly)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 22:30 Count Arthur Strong's Radio Show! (b007728p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 23:00 Now Show Extra (b0186lgd)

Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis present an extended version of this week's Now Show with material not featured in the Radio 4 programme

MON 23:45 Creme de la Crime (b00890lk)

Series 3

The Lies of the Artists

Michael Feydeau -TV's much-loved Inspector Niblett - and crime expert David Pershore probe a case of counterfeit art. Tales from the vaults of villainy written by and starring Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis.

With

Olivia Colman

Ewan Bailey Steven Kvnman

Director: Adam Bromley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2003.

## TUESDAY 20 DECEMBER 2011

TUE 00:00 Doctor Who (b0186ldb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Monday]

TUE 00:30 James Follett - Earthsearch (b007il9p) [Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Monday]

TUE 01:00 Agatha Christie (b0081rx2)

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TUE 01:30 Paul Temple (b007jp86)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]

TUE 02:00 Count Arthur Strong's Radio Show! (b007728p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Monday] TUE 02:30 My Music (b0186jm9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Monday]

TUE 03:00 John Masefield - The Midnight Folk (b00fwq9v) [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]

TUE 04:00 Deborah Moggach - Changing Babies (b0186kas)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Monday]

TUE 04:15 Loose Ends (b01886jq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Monday]

TUE 05:00 The Enchanting World of Hinge and Bracket (b00scz31)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Monday]

TUE 05:30 Married (b007v2sz) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

TUE 06:00 Agatha Christie (b007 ilgg)

The Sittaford Mystery 2. An Arrest for Murder

A seance at the remote Sittaford House has revealed the murder of Captain Trevelyan.

But who could have killed a man who didn't have an enemy in the world ...?

Geoffrey Whitehead stars in Agatha Christie's whodunit. Inspector Narracott .... Geoffrey Whitehead

Evans .... Donald Gee

Mrs. Belling .... Jo Kendall Major Burnaby .... Norman Bird

Williamson .... David Goudge Kirkwood .... John Gabriel

Charles Enderby .... Stephen Tompkinson

Beatrice .... Alice Arnold Mrs. Gardner .... Anna Cropper Sylvia Dering .... Susan Sheridan Jim Pearson .... Stephen Garlick

Emily Trefusis .... Melinda Walker Dramatised and directed by Michael Bakewell.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1990.

TUE 06:30 Paul Temple (b007jp92)

Paul Temple and the Vandyke Affair

The Marlow Incident

With Queenie dead - will her clue help the debonair detective and wife Steve find the missing baby?

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 Richard Williams as Sir Graham Forbes, Frederick Treve as Inspector Eden, James Beattie as Charlie, Peter Wilde as Terry Palmer, June Tobin as Mary Desmond, David Spenser as Sergeant Digby, John Stott as Bill McCall, Richard Hurndall as Roger Shelly, Jeffrey Segal as George, James Thomason as the Waiter, Hugh Manning as the Sergeant and Hilda Schroder as the Telephone Girl.

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 1959. TUE 07:00 Elephants to Catch Eels (b00vsx4v)

Series 2

Mother Tamsyn's mother, 'Lizabeth, suddenly turns up at the tavern -and greets Tamsyn with the immortal phrase " 'Ello, princess. It's 1793 and in the small Cornish village of Drumlin Bay, heroic smuggler Tamsyn Trelawny is still running rings around

the customs men, assisted by her drunken father Jago. Written by Tom Jamieson and Nev Fountain. Starring Sheridan Smith as Tamsyn Trelawny, John Bowe as Jago Trelawny, Cameron Stewart as Major Thomas Falconer, Andrew McGibbon as Captain Marriot, Martin Hyder as Squire Bascombe, Mark Felgate as Dewey and Mark Perry as Roderick

and Alison Steadman as 'Lizabeth Producer: Jan Ravens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2004. TUE 07:30 Mark Steel's in Town (b0184rgg)

Series 3

Holyhead In this third series comedian Mark Steel visits 6 more UK towns to discover what makes them and their inhabitants distinctive.

He creates a bespoke stand-up show for that town and performs the show in front of a local audience.

As well as shedding light on the less visited areas of Britain, Mark uncovers stories and experiences that resonate with us all as we recognise the quirkiness of the British way of life and the rich tapestry of remarkable events and people who have shaped where we live.

During the series 'Mark Steel's In Town' Mark will visit Berwick-Upon Tweed, Holyhead, Basingstoke, Douglas (Isle of Man), Bungay and Wigan.

Episode 2 - In this episode Mark performs a show for the residents of Holyhead in Anglesey, where he talks about sinking ships, fishy foot nibbling, the town's newest locals, Kate and Wills, and a mayor whose eccentricity puts Boris to shame. From December 2011.

Written by Mark Steel with additional material by Pete Sinclair. Produced by Sam Bryant.

TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b00fyvxb)

Series 6

The International Christmas Pudding

An eccentric millionaire funds an expedition for fragments of a famous dessert, Stars Spike Milligan, From November 1955. TUE 08:30 The Burkiss Way (b00gs067)

Series 2

Plan Christmas Schedules the Burkiss Way

The team mock TV and radio's festive line-up. Stars Nigel Rees, Jo Kendall, Chris Emmett and Fred Harris. From

December 1976. TUE 09:00 Now Show Extra (b0186lgd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday TUE 09:45 Creme de la Crime (b00890lk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:45 on Monday]

TUE 10:00 John Masefield - The Midnight Folk (b00fwdlp) Episode 2

Kay Harker must battle evil forces to capture the treasure. John Masefield's yarn stars Sam Salter, Nickolas Grace and Charles Dance.

TUE 11:00 Lynne Truss - Life Without George (b0186rm8) A kindly angel meets George Bailey at Christmas. Make no mistake, this is not what you think it is. Read by Michael

TUE 11:15 Sheila Goff - Doppler Effect (b0186rn9)

The lives of six characters intersect in London at Christmas. Semi-improvised drama. Stars Alex Lanipekun and Laura Molyneux.

TUE 12:00 The Goon Show (b00fyvxb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 12:30 The Burkiss Way (b00gs067)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 13:00 Agatha Christie (b007 jlgg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 13:30 Paul Temple (b007jp92)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 14:00 Charlotte Bronte - The Professor (b00m570x)

Williams

William spurns Mademoiselle's advances, and Frances disappears from class

The least known of Charlotte Bronte's novels: a subtle, ambiguous and unsettling love story dramatised in ten parts by Rachel Joyce.

Starring Paul Venables as William Crimsworth, Roger May as Pelet, Niamh Cusack as Zoraide Reuter, Claire Price as Frances and Penelope Rawlins as Sylvie.

Director: Tracey Neale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2005.

TUE 14:15 Ambridge Extra (b0186rr3)

Series 2

Episode 23

In the Archers spin-off, the atmosphere is still tense at the Stables, while at the Vicarage, Amy receives shocking news.

TUE 14:30 Winter Tales (b0186rtf)

Winter Tales - Series 1 The Friend of Man

Tired of London high-life, Pandora Bland sets out to win the man of her dreams. Fenella Woolgar reads Stella Gibbons's tale. Made for 4 Extra.

TUE 15:00 John Masefield - The Midnight Folk (b00fwdlp) [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

TUE 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b0186sbf)

Mel Giedroyc with a bag of winter goodies, including an ice hotel in Canada and a nativity play set on a real farm. Plus, Alan Bennett reads part two of The House at Pooh Corner.

TUE 17:00 Flying the Flag (b007jy0c)

Series 1

Weather Problems

In which a promising retirement is threatened by a freak hailstorm - and Ambassador Mackenzie discovers something worse than a frank exchange of views in an atmosphere of

Alex Shearer's Eastern bloc embassy sitcom.

Starring Dinsdale Landen as HM Ambassador Mackenzie, Peter Acre as William Frost, Moir Leslie as Helen Waterson, Michael Bilton as Yakov Korovin, Jonathan Kidd as Mikael Korovin and Christopher Benjamin as Colonel Surikov.

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1987

TUE 17:30 Elephants to Catch Eels (b00vsx4v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

TUE 18:00 Doctor Who (b0186szp)

Hornets' Nest

A Sting in the Tale, part 1

In his next alien insect encounter, the Time Lord travels back in the TARDIS to medieval England.

Part of a five-story adventure written by Paul Magrs

Starring Tom Baker as the Fourth Doctor, Richard Franklin as Mike Yates, Susan Jameson as Mrs Wibbsey, Claire Corbett as the Nun, Suzie Riddell as the Sister and Rula Lenska as the Swarm.

Producer: Kate Thomas

Made by BBC Audio.

TUE 18:30 James Follett - Earthsearch (b007jlb2)

Earthsearch I

First Footprint City

As the starship Challenger returns to its solar system after a 115-year-long search for a planet suitable for colonisation - it's a home that the crew have never known.

Born aboard the craft, the four-strong space crew must come to terms with some shocking news...

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

Commander Telson ..... Sean Arnold

Sharna ..... Amanda Murray

Astra ..... Kathryn Hurlbutt

Darv ..... Haydn Wood Angel One ..... Sonia Fraser

Angel Two ... .. Gordon Reid

Sentinel ..... Alexander John

Simon ..... David Bradshawe

Director: Glyn Dearman First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1981.

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TUE 22:00 Mark Steel's in Town (b0184rgq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today] TUE 22:30 The Boosh (b007jmfm)

Jungle

Howard has had enough of the way Bob Fossil is running the zoo, so he sets off in search of his childhood hero and legendary

Written by and starring Noel Fielding and Julian Barratt, The Boosh is a surreal adventure based on the Perrier Awardwinning comedy show, featuring Howard and Vince's battles with zoo manager Bob Fossil.

Howard Moon ..... Julian Barrattt

Vince Noir ..... Noel Fielding Bob Fossil ..... Rich Fulcher

Wirth Richard Ayoade.

After BBC radio gave them their big break with this series, they transferred to BBC TV where The Mighty Boosh ran for three

series. Producer: Danny Wallace

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2001.

TUE 23:00 Knowing Me, Knowing You (b007 ivc2)

A-ha! Chat show host Alan Partridge welcomes more guests to his sofa:

BBC TV's Commissioning Director Tony Hayers

TV presenter Trudy Sky

Fashion Designer Yvonne Boyd

The maverick Lord Morgan

With thanks to Alan's chief researcher Steve Coogan.

Assistant researchers:

Patrick Marber

Rebecca Front

Doon Mackichan

David Schneider Producer: Armando lannucci

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1992.

TUE 23:30 The Masterson Inheritance (b007jqs7)

Christmas Special

The family face repercussions from a child's innocent gift. Improvised historical saga with Paul Merton. From December

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday] WED 06:00 Agatha Christie (b007k07v)

The Sittaford Mystery

3. Emily Goes to Work

James Pearson has been arrested for the murder of his uncle. But his fiancee Emily is determined to prove his innocence.

Geoffrey Whitehead stars in Agatha Christie's whodunnit. Inspector Narracott .... Geoffrey Whitehead

Emily Trefusis .... Melinda Walker Charles Enderby .... Stephen Tompkinson

Mrs. Belling .... Jo Kendall Mrs. Willett .... Susan Westerby

Violet Willett .... Victoria Carling Mrs. Curtis .... Barbara Atkinson

Major Burnaby .... Norman Bird Maid .... Jane Slavin

Cab Driver .... Vincent Brimble

Dramatised and directed by Michael Bakewell. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1990.

WED 06:30 Paul Temple (b007jp9h)

Paul Temple and the Vandyke Affair Introducing Mr Droste

More mystery, as the debonair detective sets out to unravel the

secret behind Mrs Desmond's gloves.

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.

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With Richard Williams as Sir Graham Forbes. Peter Wilde as Terry Palmer, John Scott as Bill McCall, Richard Hurndall as Roger Shelly, Simon Lack as Philip Droste, Grizelda Hervey as Vanessa Droste, John Cazabon as Eddie, Leigh Crutchley as the Taxi Driver, John Bryning as Charles Marett and Beryl Calder as the Telephone Girl.

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 1959.

WED 07:00 The Right Time (b009v5dn) Series 2

From the perils of seduction to topless sunbathing. 40 is the new

Sketch show about life, written and performed by people who have lived a bit.

Stars Eleanor Bron, Graeme Garden, Neil Innes, Paula Wilcox, Clive Swift and Roger Blake.

Written by Graeme Garden, Neil Innes, John Pidgeon, Jan Etherington, Julie Balloo and Ramone Towers.

Music by Ronnie & The Rex.

Producer: Helen Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2002.

WED 07:30 Heresy (b0184s33)

Series 8

Episode 3

Victoria Coren presents another edition of the show which

dares to commit heresy. Her guests this week are comedian David Mitchell, the Rev Richard Coles and Diane Abbott MP. Together they have fun exposing the wrong-headedness of received wisdom and

challenging knee-jerk public reaction to events Diane Abbott is happy to argue against the received wisdom that "the Labour Party chose the wrong Miliband" though she can't help observing that the party really should have chosen her, the Rev Richard Coles is happy to speak in defence of parents who go to church just to get their kids into the local faith schools, and David Mitchell is incredulous that anyone would believe that "if a friend is doing something for charity

you should sponsor them.

Producer: Brian King An Avalon Television production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jzys)

Bill and Father Christmas

It's a far from festive season when Bill overhears the blabbermouth lad. Stars Tony Hancock and Bill Kerr. From

December 1958 WED 08:30 Harry Worth (b00rl56h)

Thirty Minutes Worth

The Burglar

Cat burglar Fingers Fogerty pays Harry Worth an unwelcome

Starring Harry Worth With Jacqueline Clarke, Roger John-Lee and Michael Robbins.

The amiable, woolly-minded bumbler, causes more confusion! Written by Vince Powell.

Producer: Mike Craig

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in October 1988. WED 09:00 Cabin Pressure (b00wqj4v)

Cabin Pressure at Christmas Bing-bong merrily on high! It's Xmas morning on board MJN Air, but when Carolyn schedules an extra stop-off to the Hawaiian island of Molokai, Arthur has just seven minutes to celebrate Xmas. How can Douglas and Martin make this the best Xmas Arthur's ever had when all they have on board are

some custard creams and a Russian oligarch. With special guest Ben Willbond ("Horrible Histories")

Cast: Carolyn Knapp-Shappey ..... Stephanie Cole 1st Officer Douglas Richardson ..... Roger Allam Capt. Martin Crieff ..... Benedict Cumberbatch

Arthur Shappey ..... John Finnemore Mr. Alyakhin ..... Ben Willbond Written by John Finnemore

Produced & directed by David Tyler A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 09:30 Whispers (b00bzrmj) Series 2

Episode 2

Christmas

What is the real truth about Alexander Graham Bell, Walt Disney and Lord Lucan?

Gyles Brandreth hosts the quiz show with scandal on its mind and slander at its heart. Lynne Truss and Michele Brown join team captains Lucy

Moore and Anthony Holden to run the gauntlet of gossip. Producer: Elizabeth Freestone First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2004.

WED 10:00 Wynyard Browne - The Holly and the Ivy (b00wnlb0) Norfolk, 1947: A parson tries to find the true meaning of

The Magic of Christmas works in mysterious ways - in this feel good, festive treat.

Wynyard Browne's classic stage play dramatised by Jonathan

Gregory ..... Kenneth Alan Taylor

Margaret ..... Susannah Harker

Jenny ..... Eve Best
David ..... Matthew Pidgeon

Bridget ... ... Maureen Toal

Lydia ..... Ann Rye Richard ..... Philip Voss

Director: Polly Thomas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 on Christmas Day in 2005. WED 11:00 Keith Waterhouse - Albert and the Liner (b0186v9l)

A lad is convinced a model of the Queen Mary is coming his way for Christmas. Keith Waterhouse's tale is read by Malcolm Hebden.

# WED 11:15 Lavinia Murray - By the Coast of Coromandel

A surreal tale of Edward Lear in search of his creations. Songs by Nina Perry. Stars Derek Jacobi and Floella Benjamin.

WED 12:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jzys)

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WED 13:30 Paul Temple (b007jp9h)

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WED 14:00 Charlotte Bronte - The Professor (b00m5qli) Turmoil

William realises he loves Frances, so he sets out to find her. The least-known of Charlotte Bronte's novels: a subtle,

ambiguous and unsettling love story dramatised in ten-parts by Rachel Jovce.

Starring Paul Venables as William Crimsworth, Shaun Dooley as Hunsden, Roger May as Pelet, Niamh Cusack as Zoraide Reuter and Claire Price as Frances.

Director: Tracev Neale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2005.

## WED 14:15 This Sceptred Isle (b00b79ym)

Bad King John and the Loss of Normandy

Richard is dead, John becomes King and there follows a separation from France. Anna Massey narrates the history of Britain.

## WED 14:30 Winter Tales (b0186zct)

Winter Tales - Series 1

The Murder Mark

Others laugh until Mr Pavey's preoccupation with palmistry helps solve a murder. Fenella Woolgar reads Stella Gibbons's tale Made for 4 Extra

#### WED 15:00 Wynyard Browne - The Holly and the Ivy (b00wnlb0)

[Reneat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

## WED 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b018702p)

Mel Giedroyc learns about Icelandic moss bread and checks out some Christmas turkeys down on the farm. Plus the third part of The House at Pooh Corner.

# WED 17:00 It Sticks Out Half A Mile (b007k1sl)

The Bank Loan

1948: Will a visit to the pier in Frambourne-on-Sea pour cold water on the renovation plans?

A seaside saga of pier perpetuation starring John Le Mesurier, Ian Lavender and Bill Pertwee.

Arthur Wilson ..... John Le Mesurier

Frank Pike ..... Ian Lavender

Bert Hodges ..... Bill Pertwee

Miss Perkins ..... Vivienne Martin

Guthrie ..... Glynn Edwards Mr Johnson ..... Michael Bilton

After a pilot episode was made in 1981, Arthur Lowe sadly

died. So this 13-part series was revamped to feature the Dad's Army characters played by Pertwee and Lavender instead. The series was later adapted for ITV by Yorkshire TV.

Written by Harold Snoad and Michael Knowles, based on the characters originally created by Jimmy Perry and David Croft. Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in November 1983.

WED 17:30 The Right Time (b009v5dn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today] WED 18:00 Doctor Who (b01871wk)

Hornets' Nest

A Sting in the Tale, part 2

With the Doctor feeling increasingly disorientated, the alien swarm begin communications...

Part of a five-story adventure written by Paul Magrs

Starring Tom Baker as the Fourth Doctor, Richard Franklin as Mike Yates, Susan Jameson as Mrs Wibbsey, Claire Corbett as the Nun, Suzie Riddell as the Sister and Rula Lenska as the Swarm.

Producer: Kate Thomas

Made by BBC Audio.

WED 18:30 James Follett - Earthsearch (b007jlbf)

Earthsearch I

Sands of Kyros

The Challenger's crew has returned to its solar system to discover that a million years has passed on Earth while only 115

years had passed on their starship. After their devastating news, the four-strong crew face peril from a once benign force...

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

Commander Telson ..... Sean Arnold

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 22:30 Nebulous (b00jd58s)

Series 2

Last of the Present Sirius

The Professor gets trapped in a time loop, but what's causing his intergalactic deja vu? Stars Mark Gatiss, From May 2006. WED 23:00 Stockport, So Good They Named It Once (b007 ir5m)

Series 1

The Agony and the Ecstasy

Italian exchange student Gian Paolo meets the Conroy family Eddie's trying not to lose his patience - or his fare to Gay Pride. Jim Poyser and Damian Lanigan's comedy-drama series following the lives of the Conroys, a family living in Stockport.

Jason .. ... Dominic Monaghan Gian-Paulo ..... Stefan Escreet

Eddie ..... John McArdle

Gran ..... Ann Rve

Father Ryan ..... Chris Pavlo

Maureen ..... Beverley Callard Michael Iason Done

Debbie ..... Jo-Anne Knowles

Music: Big George Producer: Neil Mossey

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1999.

WED 23:30 Revolting People (b00fkx2m) Series 2

Some More Trying Times

Sergeant McGurk takes up spying, Samuel enters showbiz and Ezekiel gets stuck.

Comedy set just before the American Revolution.

Written by Andy Hamilton and Jay Tarses.

Samuel Oliphant .... Jay Tarses Sergeant McGurk .... Andy Hamilton

Captain Brimshaw .... James Fleet

Mary Oliphant .... Jan Ravens

Ezekiel Spriggs .... Hugh Dennis

Cora Oliphant .... Penelope Nice

Joshua Oliphant .... Tony Maudsley Elizabeth Oliphant .... Susie Blake

Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2001.

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THU 00:00 Doctor Who (b01871wk)

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The Sittaford Mystery

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4. A Recipe for Ginger Cake

Emily suspects that the Willetts, - who've rented Sittaford House, - are somehow involved in the murder of Captain

But how can she get into the house?

Geoffrey Whitehead stars in Agatha Christie's whodunnit.

Inspector Narracott .... Geoffrey Whitehead Emily Trefusis .... Melinda Walker

Charles Enderby .... Stephen Tompkinson

Mrs. Curtis .... Barbara Atkinson Mr. Rycroft .... John Moffat

Ronnie Garfield .... Nigel Greaves

Caroline Percehouse .... Margaret Courtenay

Dora .... Jane

Trevelyan.

Violet Willett .... Victoria Carling

Mr. Dacres .... David King Beatrice .... Alice Arnold

Jennifer Gardner .... Anna Cropper Brian Pearson .... Charles Simpson

Dramatised and directed by Michael Bakewell. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1990.

THU 06:30 Paul Temple (b007jp9x)

Paul Temple and the Vandyke Affair

Boulevard Seminaire

The mystery glove trail leads the suave detective and his wife to

a rendezvous in Paris. 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 Richard Williams as Sir Graham Forbes, John Scott as Bill McCall, Simon Lack as Philip Droste, Grizelda Hervey as Vanessa Droste, John Bryning as Charles Marett, Jon Farrell as Luke, Betty Baskcomb as the Telephone operator, Rolf Lefebvre as Louis Franz, David March as the Waiter and

Beatrice Ormonde as the Receptionist/Lady. 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 1959.

THU 07:00 The Newly Discovered Casebook of Sherlock Holmes (b00b9ftc)

Sherlock Holmes and the Glorious Doppelganger Baker Street's Great Detective Sherlock Holmes investigates when Queen Victoria suffers a severe personality change. The ghastly truth is revealed at Buckingham Palace garden

party. Roy Hudd spoofs the famous sleuth in Tony Hare's comedy

With Chris Emmett as Dr Watson, June Whitfield as Mrs

Hudson and Geoffrey Whitehead as Moriarty.

Musical accompaniment: Ian Smith. Producer: Chris Neill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in January 1999.

THU 07:30 Clare in the Community (b00snriv)

Series 6 Some Others Do 'Ave 'Em

Clare Barker's back on the social work frontline as a vomiting

bug hits her colleagues. Clare Barker is the self-absorbed social worker who has the right jargon for every problem she comes across, though never a practical solution. But there are plenty of challenges out there

for an involved, caring social worker. Or even Clare. Clare ... Sally Phillips Brian ... Alex Lowe

Helen ... Liza Tarbuck

Ray ... Richard Lumsden Libby ... Sarah Kendall

Megan/Na ... Nina Conti Peggy ... Rosemary Leach

Dolly ... Doreen Mantle

Written by Harry Venning and David Ramsden Producer: Katie Tyrrell.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2010.

THU 08:00 The Men from the Ministry (b018741f) Boots When bungling bureaucrats have to find 5000 boats, No 1's

writing proves problematic. The first of 14 shows not kept in the archive and re-recorded in 1980 - previously never broadcast in the UK, until the arrival of

BBC Radio 4 Extra. 'The Men from the Ministry' ran for 14 series between 1962 and 1977.

Stars Richard Murdoch and Deryck Guyler ( who replaced Wilfrid Hyde-White from 1966). With Norma Ronald, Ronald Baddiley and John Graham.

Written by Edward Taylor and John Graham. Producer: Edward Taylor

Re-recording of 'The Great Footwear Scandal" made in April

THU 08:30 Dad's Army (b007s8kl)

Series 2

Put That Light Out

Captain Mainwaring's platoon causes havoc in Walmington-on-Sea during an air-raid.

Starring Arthur Lowe as Captain Mainwaring, John Le Mesurier as Sergeant Wilson, Clive Dunn as Corporal Jones, John Laurie as Private Frazer, Ian Lavender as Private Pike and Arnold Ridley as Godfrey.

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

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1975.

THU 09:00 Know Your Place (b01874kv)

Not to Be Used for Babies

Caretaker Ramsay awards cleaner Elsie her own storeroom, but he's keen to ensure the perk isn't abused.

Ramsay Potts is the jobsworth caretaker at a crumbling Edwardian block of flats, pursued by the over-amorous cleaner Elsie.

Starring Roy Dotrice as Ramsay and Patricia Hayes as Elspeth Spurgeon.

8-part sitcom written by Andrew Palmer and Nell Brennan With Pat Coombs, John Graham and Sue Holderness. Producer: Edward Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in January 1982.

THU 09:30 The 99p Challenge (b00p6c86)

Series 3

Episode 2

Crazy panel show capers as host Sue Perkins grills Simon Pegg, Armando Iannucci, Peter Baynham and David Quantick.

The game where someone stands to leave the studio 99p richer than when they came in.

Written by Kevin Cecil and Andy Riley.

Producer: David Tyler

A Pozzitive production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2001

#### THU 10:00 Black Cinderella Two Goes East, or Confessions of a Glass Slipper Tryer Onner (b00g31bq)

All-star panto set in the land of Saxmania. Co-produced by Douglas Adams. With Peter Cook and John Cleese. From December 1978.

#### THU 11:00 The Story of the Goblins Who Stole a Sexton (b00wt8tv)

Goblins kidnap a surly grave-digger to teach him some valuable lessons. Clive Francis reads Charles Dickens' seasonal tale. THU 11:15 Hercule Poirot (b008i05h)

The Adventure of the Christmas Pudding

Hercule Poirot does not care for the British weather at the best of times, but at Christmas he's convinced the only way to survive is to shut himself up in his London apartment.

Imagine his horror, then that to avert a diplomatic catastrophe, he must take on a case that means spending the festive period in a large old house in the countryside. Attending an old-fashioned dinner party, he must use all his powers of deduction to retrieve a stolen ruby

Agatha Christie's whodunit stars John Moffatt as Poirot. With Donald Sinden as Colonel Lacey, Sian Phillips as Mrs Lacey, If an Meredith as The Prince/Michael and Elizabeth Proud as Mrs Ross.

From a book first published in 1960 and dramatised by Michael Bakewell

Directed by Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2004.

THU 12:00 The Men from the Ministry (b018741f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 12:30 Dad's Army (b007s8kl) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 13:00 Agatha Christie (b007k097)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 13:30 Paul Temple (b007jp9x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 14:00 Charlotte Bronte - The Professor (b00m5tkq) Joy and Sorrow

Happy news for William and Frances, but the orphan worries

The least known of Charlotte Bronte's novels: a subtle. ambiguous and unsettling love story dramatised in ten parts by Rachel Joyce.

Starring Paul Venables as William Crimsworth, Shaun Dooley as Hunsden and Claire Price as Frances.

Director: Tracey Neale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2005.

THU 14:15 Ambridge Extra (b018754w)

Episode 24

In the Archers spin-off, there may not be room at the inn for one person, and Daniel is on a spending spree.

THU 14:30 Winter Tales (b018756l) Winter Tales - Series 1

Jenny is a perfect example of modern womanhood, until she interviews a suffragette. Fenella Woolgar reads Stella Gibbons's tale. Made for 4 Extra.

THU 15:00 Black Cinderella Two Goes East, or Confessions of a Glass Slipper Tryer Onner (b00g31bq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

THU 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b0187592)

Mel Giedroyc jumps in for some wild swimming round Britain and checks out winter headgear for Russians. Plus, Alan Bennett reads part four of The House at Pooh Corner.

THU 17:00 King Street Junior (b007jmfd)

Series 5

Is This a Career I See Before Me?

Crossed swords in the school staff room and a bombshell for

headmaster, Mr Beeston. Stars James Grout. From May 1990. THU 17:30 The Newly Discovered Casebook of Sherlock Holmes (b00b9ftc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 18:00 Doctor Who (b01875j2)

Hornets' Nest

Hive of Horror, part 1

Now fully up to speed, former UNIT ally, Mike Yates joins forces with the Time Lord to tackle the alien swarm.

Part of a five-story adventure written by Paul Magrs.

Starring Tom Baker as the Fourth Doctor, Richard Franklin as

Mike Yates, Susan Jameson as Mrs Wibbsey and Daniel Hill as Percy Noggins.

Producer: Kate Thomas Made by BBC Audio

THU 18:30 James Follett - Earthsearch (b007 jlbs)

Earthsearch I

The Solaric Empire

Searching for Earth - which has mysteriously vanished from the solar system - two of the crew of the starship Challenger have landed on neighbouring planet, Kyros.

At first it appears to be uninhabited, but Astra and Darv soon discover otherwise...

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

Commander Telson .. .. Sean Arnold Sharna ..... Amanda Murray

Astra ..... Kathryn Hurlbutt

... Haydn Wood

Angel One ..... Sonia Fraser

Angel Two ..... Gordon Reid

..... Graham Faulkner Thale

Helan ..... Judy Franklin Thorden ..... John Bott

.. Stephen Garlick Spegal ....

Director: Glyn Dearman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1981.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

THU 21:15 Hercule Poirot (b008j05h) [Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

THU 22:00 Clare in the Community (b00snriv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 22:30 Ross Noble Goes Global (b007jvv4)

Series 1 Singapore

Spotting a monkey and shopping malls galore - the globetrotting comedian is having a bad hair day in the city's incredible humidity.

Producer: Danny Wallace

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2002.

THU 23:00 The Cheese Shop Presents (b00fffxy)

The Brandy Butter Factor - Christmas Special

A festive hamper of seasonal sketches with Gerard Foster, Dave Lamb, Gordon Southern and Tim Verrinder, From December

THU 23:30 Think the Unthinkable (b007 im 43)

Series 1

Unthinkable Solutions are hired to transform Utiliton's call centre, where customer complaints have reached record levels. Daisy and Sophie bring in Owen, an IT expert of low hygiene and low morals.

James Cary's award-winning sitcom about management

Ryan Packer ..... Marcus Brigstocke Sophie Stott ..... Emma Kennedy

Daisy ..... Catherine Shepherd

Pam ..... Olivia Colman

Simon ..... Kim Wall Peter ..... Chris Pavlo

Owen ..... David Mitchell

Script associates: Paul Mayhew-Archer and Ed Drew.

Music by John Whitehall. Producer: Adam Bromley.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2001.

## FRIDAY 23 DECEMBER 2011

FRI 00:00 Doctor Who (b01875j2) [Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Thursday]

FRI 00:30 James Follett - Earthsearch (b007jlbs)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday] FRI 01:30 Paul Temple (b007jp9x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday] FRI 02:00 Know Your Place (b01874kv) [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]

FRI 02:30 The 99p Challenge (b00p6c86)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]

FRI 03:00 Black Cinderella Two Goes East, or Confessions

of a Glass Slipper Tryer Onner (b00g31bq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:00 The Story of the Goblins Who Stole a Sexton (b00wt8ty)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:15 Hercule Poirot (b008j05h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Thursday]

FRI 05:00 King Street Junior (b007jmfd) [Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Thursday]

FRI 05:30 The Newly Discovered Casebook of Sherlock Holmes (b00b9ftc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]

FRI 06:00 Agatha Christie (b007k0bk) The Sittaford Mystery

5. The Second Seance

Mr Rycroft decides that only by re-enacting the séance which announced the murder of Captain Trevelyan, will the identity of

his killer finally be revealed.

The conclusion of Agatha Christie's whodunit starring Geoffrey Whitehead as Inspector Narracott.

Inspector Narracott .... Geoffrey Whitehead

Emily Trefusis .... Melinda Walker

Charles Enderby .... Stephen Tompkinson

Major Burnaby .... Norman Bird Ellwood .... Jack May

Martin Dering .... David Goudge

Mr. Rycroft .... John Moffat

Ronnie Garfield .... Nigel Greaves Mrs. Willett .... Susan Westerby

Violet Willett .... Victoria Carling

Brian Pearson .... Charles Simpson Caroline Percehouse .... Margaret Courtenay

Mrs. Curtis .... Barbara Atkinson

Sergeant Pollock .... Vincent Brimble

Mr. Dacres .... David King Beatrice .... Alice Arnold

Jennifer Gardner .... Anna Cropper

Brian Pearson .... Charles Simpson

Dramatised and directed by Michael Bakewell.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1990. FRI 06:30 Paul Temple (b007jpbb)

Paul Temple and the Vandyke Affair

Roger Shelley Makes a Suggestion The debonair detective and his wife are in Paris, when the

telephone rings with a long distance call... 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 Richard Williams as Sir Graham Forbes, Frederick Treves as Inspector Eden, Peter Wilde as Terry Palmer, June Tobin as Mary Desmond, John Scott as Bill McCall, Simon Lack as

Philip Droste, Betty Baskcomb as the Telephone Operator, Rolf Lefebvre as Louis Franz, John Graham as Dr Foy and Richard Hurndall as Roger Shelly.

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 1959. FRI 07:00 The Little World of Don Camillo (b00tw1hk)

Don Camillo Gets Into Trouble Banishment looms for the Italian priest when he upsets the bishop. Stars Joss Ackland and Ian Hogg. From April 2003.

FRI 07:30 What's So Funny? (b0187xms) Series 2

The Slogan Contest

Episode 12 Ed Byrne catches up with Graham Linehan, while Scott Capurro and Stephen Armstrong review some Christmas

comedy offerings. FRI 08:00 The Navy Lark (b0187xy4)

A recruitment drive sparks some creative writing aboard HMS Troutbridge, but the Chief does some creative scheming. Stars Leslie Phillips, Jon Pertwee and Stephen Murray, Laughs afloat aboard British Royal Navy frigate HMS

Troutbridge. 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 The Admiral ...... Tenniel Evans The Rear Admiral ...... Michael Bates Written by Lawrie Wyman and George Evans.

Producer: Alastair Scott Johnston. First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in June 1971.

FRI 08:30 Steptoe and Son (b007jmlj) Series 4

The Three Feathers

Harold Steptoe is convinced a commode will make him rich. Starring Wilfrid Brambell as Albert and Harry H Corbett as

Harold. With Douglas Blackwell and Leslie Heritage 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. Written for TV and adapted for radio by Ray Galton and Alan

Producer: Bobby Jave

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in February 1972.

FRI 09:00 Instant Sunshine (b00pf59k)

Seasonably Together Again

A Christmas entertainment in words and music to help you beat the weather, written and performed by Instant Suns The musical quartet features David Barlow, Peter Christie,

Miles Kington and Alan Maryon-Davis

With their special guests: The Fine Arts Brass Ensemble

Producer: David Rayvern Allen First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1985.

FRI 09:30 The Museum of Curiosity (b00ksvt5)

Series 2

Episode 6

John Lloyd and Sean Lock invite guests Tim Minchin, Philip Pullman and Clive James to add to the collection. From June 2009.

#### FRI 10:00 The Chronicles of Narnia - The Magician's Nephew (b018p8c4)

Episode 1

The Magician's Nephew: The first of CS Lewis' classic Namia fantasy books. A lion sings a new world into existence, but a dark treachery threatens its future. Episode 1 of 3.

FRI 10:50 Inheritance Books (b0196vlc)

Andy Stanton

The children's author inherits 'The Iron Giant' by Ted Hughes and passes on 'Holes' by Louis Sachar.

FRI 11:00 Nay, Ivy, Nay (b007jqtg)

Ivy covets a sprig of white-berried holly, cultivated by a botany professor in his garden, to decorate her Christmas pudding. Crawford Logan reads Shena Mackay's modern festive tale. Producer: Julia Butt

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1998.

FRI 11:15 PL Travers - The Fox at the Manger (b00g227d) When a fox meets the Messiah at the Nativity, he offers up his

cunning. Magical story starring Wendy Hiller and Alec

FRI 12:00 The Navy Lark (b0187xv4)

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FRI 14:00 Charlotte Bronte - The Professor (b00m5wdp) Victor

Married to the woman he adores and successful in his work, William is on the verge of bringing his journal to a close Conclusion of Charlotte Bronte's subtle, ambiguous and unsettling love story dramatised in ten parts by Rachel Joyce.

Starring Paul Venables as William Crimsworth, Shaun Dooley as Hunsden, Claire Price as Frances and Jack Joseph Miller as the Boy

Director: Tracey Neale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2005

FRI 14:15 This Sceptred Isle (b00b9gcc)

Magna Carta

Was King John really as ruthless as he was portrayed? Anna Massey narrates the history of Britain, with Paul Eddington. FRI 14:30 Winter Tales (b0187y7t)

Winter Tales - Series 1

Golden Vanity

A day-dreaming librarian is shocked back into the real world by her literary hero. Fenella Woolgar reads Stella Gibbons's tale. Made for 4 Extra.

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Christmas is nearly here! Mel Giedroyc builds a snowman, hears about walking to the Arctic and samples an Icelandic

Christmas, Plus, the last part of The House at Pooh Corner, FRI 17:00 Ring Around the Bath (b00v7sp7)

Series 2

All Over Bar the Wrapping Paper

Stella's determined to get away - but a moveable feast is on the family Christmas menu

Series 2 of Lucy Clare and Ian Davidson's sitcom about topsyturvy family life.

Stars Duncan Preston as Patrick, Penny Downie as Stella Claudie Blakley as Alison, Bruce MacKinnon as Rick,

Catherine Shepherd as Xanthe, Daniela Denby-Ashe as Egg and Terence Frisch as the Man in Garden Centre

Producer: Elizabeth Freestone

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2004. FRI 17:30 The Little World of Don Camillo (b00tw1hk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 18:00 Doctor Who (b0187yc3)

Hornets' Nest

Hive of Horror, part 2

In his battle with the sinister Queen of the swarm, the Doctor must come up with a plan...

Conclusion of a five-story adventure written by Paul Magrs. Starring Tom Baker as the Fourth Doctor, Richard Franklin as Mike Yates, Susan Jameson as Mrs Wibbsey and Rula Lenska

Producer: Kate Thomas Made by BBC Audio.

FRI 18:30 James Follett - Earthsearch (b007s19b)

Earthsearch I

The Pools of Time

Darv and Astra, two of the starship's crew, are in grave danger after being taken prisoner by the inhabitants of Zelda 5. Their crewmates Telson and Sharna are in hot pursuit aboard

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

Commander Telson ..... Sean Arnold

Sharna ..... Amanda Murray

... Kathryn Hurlbutt Astra ...

Darv ..... Haydn Wood

Angel One ..... Sonia Fraser

Angel Two ..... Gordon Reid Helan ..... Judy Franklin

Thorden ..... John Bott

Spegal ..... Stephen Garlick

Custodian of the Past ..... Eve Karpf

Old Man ..... Godfrey Kenton Director: Glvn Dearman

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FRI 22:30 Old Harry's Game (b00wqfn8)

Christmas Special

Christmas Spirit

Satan decides to ban Christmas in Hell

Two-parter written by and starring Andy Hamilton.

With Annette Crosbie as Edith, Robert Duncan as Scumspawn, Jimmy Mulville as Thomas

And Felicity Montagu, Nick Revell, Philip Pope and Michael Fentons Stevens

Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2010.

FRI 23:00 The Demon Cakestand of Beastley Chase (b008f8hb) A festive tale from the Mausoleum Club, Could Sir Henry's

cake adoration be his downfall? Stars Stephen Fry. From December 1984

FRI 23:15 Quando, Quando, Quando (b0082bz0)

The Christmas Rush

When the Christmas snipping gets out of hand and the salon clients get too crazy. Carlo decides he's had enough. It's time to do something about it...

Brothers Rene, Carlo and Charlie Quando chop, snip and crimp their lucky clients into shape at London's finest hair salon. Six-part comedy written and performed by Rainer Hersch and Mark Maie. With Stephen Greif and Catherine Tate

Producer: Claire Jones First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1999.

FRI 23:30 And Now in Colour (b007jqrx)

Christmas Special

It's party time - with dried fish, advocaat and the local constabulary. Stars Tim Firth and Tim de Jongh. From December 1990.