

SATURDAY 07 JANUARY 2012

SAT 00:00 Red Dwarf (b00qm9k4)

Better Than Life

Episode 4

Lister's recovery is interrupted by a game of planetary snooker and a shocking revelation. Read by Rimmer himself, Chris Barrie.

SAT 00:30 James Follett - Earthsearch (b007jnz)

Earthsearch II

Sundearth

On an abandoned artificial sun, the crew of Challenger probes the computer in charge.

James Follett's cult sci-fi drama is a gripping sequel to his original Earthsearch.

Commander Telson Sean Arnold

Sharna Amanda Murray

Darv Haydn Wood

Astra Kathryn Hurlbutt

Bran Michael Maloney

Angel One Sonia Fraser

Angel Two Gordon Reid

Solaria Pauline Letts

Elkeran Nicholas Courtney

Elka Jill Lidstone

Tidy David Gooderson

Halsten David McAlister

Director: Glyn Dearman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1982.

SAT 01:00 Wimsey (b007jzpw)

The Nine Tailors

7 All Is Not Explained

Lord Peter Wimsey goes snooping to try and establish who killed Geoffrey Deacon - and how.

Ian Carmichael stars as the aristocratic sleuth.

Dorothy L Sayers' detective mystery dramatised by Alistair Beaton.

Lord Peter Wimsey Ian Carmichael

Supt Blundell Timothy Bateson

Rev Theodore Venables Phillip Latham

Will Thoday Keith Drinkell

Jim Thoday Malcolm Terris

Engineer Leonard Fenton

Hezekiah Lavender Michael Spice

Sluice Keeper Peter Tudenham

Narrator John Westbrook

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1980.

SAT 01:30 Paul Temple (b007vg7q)

Paul Temple and the Conrad Case

Coffee For Miss Conrad

The debonair detective and his wife encounter Betty Conrad and a midnight meeting is arranged.

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.

Paul Temple Peter Coke

Steve Marjorie Westbury

Sir Graham Forbes Richard Williams

Inspector Vosper Hugh Manning

Elliot France James Thomason

Paddy John Hollis

Denis Harper John Bryning

Charlie James Beattie

Mrs Weldon Virginia Winter

Dr Conrad Rolf Lefebvre

Herr Breckshaft Jeffrey Segal

Betty Conrad Jane Jordan Rogers

Between 1938 and 1968, Francis Durbridge's incomparably suave amateur detective Paul Temple and glamorous wife Steve solved case after baffling case in one of BBC radio's most popular series. They inhabited a sophisticated, well-heeled world of cocktails and fast cars.

Producer: Martyn C Webster

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in April 1959.

SAT 02:00 Instant Sunshine (b007jxgk)

From 17/12/1986

Humorous songs performed by the comedy musical cabaret quartet, Instant Sunshine:

Featuring David Barlow, Peter Christie, Miles Kington and Alan Maryon-Davis attempting to be reasonably together again. With special guests: The Cambridge Buskers.

Producer: David Rayvern Allen

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1986.

SAT 02:30 We've Been Here Before (b007s945)

Series 1

Episode 3

Clive Anderson's panel show of the past with Steve Punt, David Quantick, Robin Ince and Gyles Brandreth. From August 2003.

SAT 03:00 Charles Dickens - The Personal History of David Copperfield (b007jmtp)

Good and Bad Angels

David falls in love, and questions his friendship with Steerforth. Stars Miriam Margolyes, Sheila Hancock and Phil Daniels.

SAT 04:00 Rose Tremain (b00rpgv)

The Crossing of Herald Mountjoy

A tale of public and private anguish, based around the Battle of Agincourt. Trevor Nicholls reads Rose Tremain's short story.

SAT 04:15 Martyn Wade - Miss Kilmansegg and Her**Precious Leg (b0099xf)**

Comic tale of greed and corruption in Victorian London, based on Thomas Hood's epic poem. With James Grout and Rachel Atkins.

SAT 05:00 Desmond Olivier Dingle's Compleat Life and Works of William Shakespeare (b007k2gs)

Episode 2

The Royal Dingle Company tackles the verse of the Bard. Stars Patrick Barlow, with guest Juliet Stevenson. From September 1995.

SAT 05:30 Smelling of Roses (b007jzm2)

Series 1

Out To Launch

Rosie's company is set to launch the autobiography of the country's most famous footballer, Lloyd Gratton.

The lives of Rosie and her granddaughter Jo are shaken by the return to Rosie's daughter Kate after a long spell working abroad.

Prunella Scales in the first of four series of Simon Brett's sitcom following the trials and tribulations of Rosie Burns and her event-management company based in Brighton. With Arabella Weir as Kate, Rebecca Callard as Jo, Duncan Preston as Bob, Annette Badland as Tess, Jon Glover as Greg Turnbull, Tracy-Ann Oberman as Lalage Croxton-Sackville and Will Ing as Lloyd Gratton.

Producer: Maria Esposito

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2000.

SAT 06:00 Miriam Margolyes - Dickens' Women (b007jqv0)

From Kate Nickleby to Little Nell. Miriam Margolyes entertains an audience with her celebration of the classic English author's characters.

SAT 07:30 Beardyman and the Mimics (b00d61q9)

Champion beatboxer Beardyman, aka Darren Foreman, is a master of vocal artistry. He can make all manner of noises, including entire percussive music tracks, using only his mouth, throat and tongue.

Inspired by the lyrebird, he ventures on a personal journey to unveil the secrets of animal vocal mimicry. He encounters ornithologist and musician Bill Oddie, birdsong scientific experts and a whole new world of sounds.

SAT 08:00 Garrison Keillor's Radio Show (b018zln)

Series 7

Episode 12

From Minnesota, the American funny man welcomes entertainer Nellie McKay, and there's ice fishing in Lake Wobegon. From 2011.

SAT 09:00 Open Book (b018fzwb)

Funny Books Special

Mariella Frostrup and her line up of comedians and authors debate their funniest book. Taking the stage in the Radio Theatre to convince an audience that their choice is the most chortle-worthy will be Jo Brand, Tony Parsons, A L Kennedy, Christopher Brookmyre and John Sessions. They're joined by Professor John Mullin who guides us through the books and authors in question, and by readers Sam Barnett and Alastair Cording. The books being debated are

1066 And All That - W C Sellar and R J Yeatman (John Sessions)

The Virgin Soldiers - Leslie Thomas (Tony Parsons)

The Loved One - Evelyn Waugh (A L Kennedy)

The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole, aged thirteen and three quarters - Sue Townsend (Jo Brand)

Swing Hammer Swing - Jeff Torrington (Christopher Brookmyre)

From Waugh to Mole, and from subjects as unlikely as guerrilla war and ancient history - which one will get the most laughs?

Producer Andrea Kidd.

SAT 10:00 Adrian Mole: The Mole Truth with Sue Townsend (b007jqr8)

Sue Townsend chats to the man who brought Adrian Mole to the BBC airwaves, former drama producer John Tydemann. The author - who died in April 2014 - looks back to the beginnings of her creation, who was originally named Nigel Mole for his initial BBC outing. John Tydemann reveals how an impoverished Sue Townsend lacked both the train fare and suitable clothes for their initial meeting in London.

The duo discuss Adrian's change of name and his development through adolescence to adulthood - via specially selected radio readings spanning The Secret Diary to The Cappuccino Years. Featuring Nicholas Barnes and Nigel Planer.

Produced by Peter Reed.

First broadcast on BBC 7 in 2003.

SAT 12:00 Possession - Omnibus (b018zllq)

Episode 3

Roland and Maud risk future, friendship and reputation as they find themselves on a ferry bound for Brittany. Stars Jemma Redgrave.

SAT 13:15 McLevy (b007jlj2)

Series 1

The Second Shadow

The Edinburgh detective must secure some rapid counterfeiter convictions, but he's distracted by a woman. Starring Brian Cox.

SAT 14:00 One Foot in the Grave (b007jn08)

Timeless Time

Following his enforced retirement, grumpy Victor Meldrew's insomnia keeps Margaret awake.

Richard Wilson stars as Victor and Annette Crosbie as his long-suffering wife Margaret.

Adapted for radio by David Renwick from his BBC TV script.

Victor Meldrew Richard Wilson

Margaret Meldrew Annette Crosbie

Winning numerous awards, six series were made for TV plus numerous specials on BBC ONE from 1990 to 2000.

Producer: Diane Messias

First broadcast in January 1995 on BBC Radio 2.

SAT 15:00 Garrison Keillor's Radio Show (b018zln)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SAT 16:00 Miriam Margolyes - Dickens' Women (b007jqv0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:30 What's So Funny? (b018tx0v)

Series 2

Episode 14

Special edition. Ed Byrne interviews Fred MacAulay, Sarah Millican, Omid Djalili, Milton Jones and John Lloyd.

SAT 18:00 Blake's 7: The Early Years (b018zlls)

Flag and Flame

Auroran flight team clone Merrin faces a bleak future, when her twin Cally is sent on a one-way mission. Stars Susannah Doyle.

SAT 18:30 James Follett - Rules of Asylum (b007k18v)

Episode 2

Considered a threat to the state because of an unpublished manuscript, political prisoner Jan Valeri has escaped from the Sanatorium. The police have just picked him up...

Starring James Beattie.

James Follett's exploration of dissent and danger in a repressive state in the Eastern Bloc.

Jan Valery James Beattie

Suskin Vernon Joyner

Secretary/ Librarian Betty Huntley-Wright

Guard/Alex/Student Neville Jason

Governor Manning Wilson

Suskin's Chief Brian Haines

Anna Caroline John

Zoe/1st Girl Rosalyn Slater

Woman in Sanatorium/2nd Girl Diana Bishop

Danski Cyril Shaps

Nero Francis de Wolff

Interrogator John Challis

Restaurant Manager Godfrey Kenton

The original audio was lost from the BBC archive, so our thanks to James Follett for the donation from his personal collection.

Producer: Margaret Hall

First broadcast as a 90 minute drama on BBC Radio 4 in November 1973.

SAT 19:00 Open Book (b018fzwb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 20:00 Adrian Mole: The Mole Truth with Sue Townsend (b007jqr8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SAT 22:00 4 at the Store (b00db35n)

Series 2

Episode 3

Stand-up at London's Comedy Store with host Simon Blich, Ian Stone, Ronnie Golden and Jo Caulfield. From January 2002.

SAT 22:30 Adam and Joe's Famous Guy (b010m7g6)

"I'm the best at pretending..."

Adam Buxton and Joe Cornish star in the tale of Manthea Shringleton, a journalist sent to interview a reclusive Hollywood star.

Written by Adam Buxton.

Producer: Claudine Toutoungi.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2006.

SAT 22:45 Sir Henry at Rawlinson End (b00scw61)

Diplodocus v Concreton

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

Written by and starring Viv Stanshall.

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 Adam Dalgliesh - Cover Her Face (b008ycyr)

1. Murder

A murder in an East Anglian village reveals hidden passions beneath the calm surface.

Robin Ellis stars as detective Adam Dalgliesh in the debut crime novel of PD James.

Co-starring Sian Phillips and Hugh Grant.

Cover Her Face was first published in 1962, where the author created her famous poetry-writing detective who went on to feature in many more of her stories.

Dramatised in four-parts by Neville Teller.

Inspector Adam Dalgliesh Robin Ellis

Mrs Maxie Sian Phillips

Felix Hearne Hugh Grant

Deborah Beatie Edney

Stephen Maxie David Thorpe

Catherine Bowers Oona Beeson

Miss Liddell Kate Binchy

Dr Epps Philip Anthony

Martha Jill Graham

Sally Jupp Melanie Hudson

Mrs Webster Linda Polan

Producer: Matthew Walters

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1993.

SAT 23:30 Johan Theorin - The Darkest Room (b018zlv)
Episode 1

It's bitter mid-winter on the Swedish island of Öland, and Katrine and Joakim Westin have moved with their children to the boarded-up manor house at Eel Point. But their remote idyll is soon shattered...

Johan Theorin's supernatural thriller is read in 5-parts by Nigel Cooke.

Winner of the Crime Writer's Association International Dagger 2010.

Producer: Clive Brill

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Brill Productions and first broadcast in 2012.

SUNDAY 08 JANUARY 2012

SUN 00:00 Blake's 7: The Early Years (b018zls)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Saturday]

SUN 00:30 James Follett - Rules of Asylum (b007k18v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Saturday]

SUN 01:00 Garrison Keillor's Radio Show (b018zln)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Saturday]

SUN 02:00 Possession - Omnibus (b018zllq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Saturday]

SUN 03:15 McLevy (b007j1j2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:15 on Saturday]

SUN 04:00 Miriam Margolyes - Dickens' Women (b007jqv0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday]

SUN 05:30 What's So Funny? (b018tx0v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:30 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 Charles Dickens (b007vcn6)

The Old Curiosity Shop (Omnibus)

Episode 1

Deep in debt, Little Nell and her grandfather must flee the evil moneylender Quilp.

Starring Emily Chenney as Nell, Alex Jennings as the Narrator, Trevor Peacock as Grandfather, Phil Daniels as Daniel Quilp and Ben Crowe as Dick Swiveller.

Charles Dickens's fourth novel was published in 1841.

Dramatised in 25 episodes by Mike Walker - Omnibus of episodes 1-5.

Music by Melanie Pappenheim and Anne Wood.

Director: Jeremy Mortimer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002.

SUN 07:15 Strange Weather Days (b007k216)

Series 1

Forever Freezing

Meteorologist Helen Young visits the bizarre frost hollow of Rickmansworth, near the Chilterns.

SUN 07:30 Count Arthur Strong's Radio Show! (b018sqp3)

Series 3

2001: A Space Idiocy

Arthur's mobile phone lines get crossed, and his hospital radio show sparks disaster. Stars Steve Delaney. From January 2008.

SUN 08:00 Take It From Here (b018zvm5)

Cuts are afoot at the BBC, while The Glums get all nostalgic.

Stars Jimmy Edwards and June Whitfield. From February 1957.

SUN 08:30 Much Binding in the Marsh (b008gzwf)

From 28/08/1953

Stop Press! The Weekly Bind newspaper brings you gardening from Mr Mulch and poetry from Patience Gush.

Starring Kenneth Horne and Richard 'Stinker' Murdoch.

With Sam Costa, Maurice Denham and Dora Bryan.

Much Binding in the Marsh ran from 1944 to 1954 initially set at a remote RAF station before being converted to a country club and later the action moved to a newspaper. (The show also ran for a season with commercial breaks on Radio Luxembourg).

Written by Richard Murdoch and Kenneth Horne.

Music from the BBC Men's Chorus and the BBC Revue

Orchestra conducted by Harry Rabinovitz.

Producer: Leslie Bridgemont

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in August 1953.

SUN 09:00 Herge - The Adventures of Tintin (b00ssrj1)

Series 2

The Red Sea Sharks, part 2

The intrepid boy reporter realises that an old adversary is behind the dastardly slave trade. Stars Richard Pearce.

SUN 09:30 Rudyard Kipling - The Jungle Book (b00cpqj)

Tiger! Tiger!

Forced out from the jungle, Mowgli must learn to live with humans. Stars Nisha K Nayar, Eartha Kitt and Freddie Jones.

SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b018zvm7)

Debbie Harry

Desert Island Discs Revisited with Kirsty Young explores the choices of the lead singer of Blondie in the first of a series featuring divas.

SUN 10:50 Front Row Interviews (b018zvm9)

Rowan Atkinson

Actor Rowan Atkinson talks about playing a spy for laughs and using your face for comedy - in conversation with Mark Lawson.

SUN 11:00 That Reminds Me (b018zvmc)

Series 4

Ludovic Kennedy

The broadcaster recalls school days, wartime and his TV career,

including interviewing Harold Macmillan. From October 2002.

SUN 11:30 The Palace of Laughter (b007k29d)

Series 2

Sunderland Empire

Geoffrey Wheeler profiles the premier variety venue in the North-East of England where artists as varied as Vesta Tilley, Harry Lauder, Ken Dodd and Helen Shapiro have entertained generations of theatre-goers.

The Sunderland Empire is also the theatre where the Carry On comedy actor Sid James collapsed and died. Theatre staff who were there on the night share their memories of the sad event. Featuring archive performances from many of the stars who have appeared on the Empire's stage.

Series visiting variety theatres around the United Kingdom.

Producer: Libby Cross

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2003.

SUN 12:00 Charles Dickens (b007vcn6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SUN 13:15 Strange Weather Days (b007k216)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

SUN 13:30 E Nesbit - The Story of the Amulet (b00tn4p7)

Reunited with the Psammead, the children head back in time to solve the mystery of an ancient lucky charm. Stars Clive Francis.

SUN 15:00 Take It From Here (b018zvm5)

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SUN 16:00 Herge - The Adventures of Tintin (b00ssrj1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SUN 16:30 Rudyard Kipling - The Jungle Book (b00cpqj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

SUN 17:00 A History of the World in 100 Objects (b00t2y8y)

Ancient pleasures, modern spice (AD 1 - 500)

Neil MacGregor, the director of the British Museum in London, continues his global history as told through objects from the Museum's collection. In this episode, Neil is exploring the ways in which people were seeking pleasure around the world 2000 years ago, from pipe smoking in North America to court etiquette in China and the conspicuous consumption of pepper in Roman England. But he begins his investigation with a silver cup that offers a rare glimpse into the world of sex in ancient Rome.

Producers: Paul Kobrak and Anthony Denselow

SUN 18:00 Fear on 4 (b007jmy3)

Series 2

The Dead Drummer

It's a stormy night on Salisbury Plain, but it's not the wind and rain that terrifies, but the sound of a distant drum.

The Man in Black reveals the terror of two Napoleonic sailors who lose their way...

Fear on 4 brings you more in a series of nerve-tinglers.

Written by David Buck

The Man in Black Edward de Souza

The Landlord Glyn Houston

Undertaker David Buck

Matthew Ray Smith

Billy Boy Christian Rodska

Director: Martin Jenkins

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1989.

SUN 18:30 The Scarifiers (b018zvmf)

The Secret Weapon of Doom

Episode 2

The plot thickens as the Fantasists' creations seem to be coming to life. Stars Nicholas Courtney and Nigel Havers.

SUN 19:00 That Reminds Me (b018zvmc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

SUN 19:30 The Palace of Laughter (b007k29d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:30 today]

SUN 20:00 Take It From Here (b018zvm5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SUN 20:30 Much Binding in the Marsh (b008gzwf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

SUN 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b018zvm7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SUN 21:50 Front Row Interviews (b018zvm9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:50 today]

SUN 22:00 Count Arthur Strong's Radio Show! (b018sqp3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 22:30 Pleased to Meet You (b007k2kz)

Series 1

Episode 1

90-something good-time girl Dora Dale spills the beans on her many celebrity friends. And how did the Rat Pack get its name?

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

Written by and starring Martin Kelner and Jake Yapp.

Made for BBC7 and first broadcast in July 2006.

SUN 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b018zvmh)

Andi Osho and her guest chat about life and laughs.

SUN 23:00 As Told To Craig Brown (b00b7qs7)

Episode 1

Craig Brown introduces a mixture of satire, social observation and nonsense.

Narrated by Juliet Stevenson and Steve Wright.

With John Humphrys, Ronni Ancona, Jon Culshaw, Lewis

MacLeod, Ewan Bailey and Margaret Cabourn-Smith.

Producer: Victoria Lloyd

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2008.

SUN 23:30 The Problem With Adam Bloom (b018zvmk)

Series 3

Reading

Adam Bloom investigates his fear of reading aloud. Just what is the point of books?

After very negative but funny experiences at school, the comedian managed to avoid reading a book for much of his adult life. But he does find one novel that inspires him to start reading again.

Written by and starring Adam Bloom.

With Rob Rouse, Hattie Hayridge and Stefano Polini.

Producer: Adam Bromley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2005.

MONDAY 09 JANUARY 2012

MON 00:00 Fear on 4 (b007jmy3)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

MON 02:00 That Reminds Me (b018zvmc)

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MON 02:30 The Palace of Laughter (b007k29d)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 Rudyard Kipling - The Jungle Book (b00cpqj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 Wimsey (b007jzr6)

The Nine Tailors

8 Nine Tailors Make a Man

Can upper class sleuth, Lord Peter Wimsey finally solve the baffling mystery of the murder of Geoffrey Deacon?

Ian Carmichael stars as the aristocratic sleuth.

The conclusion of Dorothy L Sayers' detective mystery.

Lord Peter Wimsey Ian Carmichael

Bunter Peter Jones

Supt Blundell Timothy Bateson

Rev Theodore Venables Phillip Latham

Mrs Venables...Noel Dyson

Will Thoday Keith Drinkell

Harry Gotobed Alexander John

First Sluice Keeper Michael Spice

Second Sluice Keeper Peter Tudenham

Narrator John Westbrook

Dramatised by Alistair Beaton.

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1980.

MON 06:30 Paul Temple (b007vh36)

Paul Temple and the Conrad Case

Person Unknown

The debonair detective and his wife arrive at the factory, in the gripping climax to the mystery.

The conclusion of Francis Durbridge's stylish thriller starring Peter Coke as Paul Temple and Marjorie Westbury as wife Steve.

Paul Temple Peter Coke

Steve Marjorie Westbury

Charlie James Beattie

Sir Graham Forbes Richard Williams

Herr Breckshaft Jeffrey Segal

Elliot France James Thomason

Denis Harper John Bryning

Elsa, Countess Dekker Joan Matheson

Dr Conrad Rolf Lefebvre

Inspector Vosper Hugh Manning

Paddy John Hollis

Mrs Weldon Virginia Winter

With Frank Partington, Peggy Gow, John Bennett and Sheila Grant

Between 1938 and 1968, Francis Durbridge's incomparably suave amateur detective Paul Temple and glamorous wife Steve solved case after baffling case in one of BBC radio's most popular series. They inhabited a sophisticated, well-heeled world of cocktails and fast cars.

Producer: Martyn C. Webster

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in April 1959.

MON 07:00 Married (b007wqdc)

Series 1

Episode 6

Robin is accused of murdering his "new" family.

Two small questions: how is he going to win his "new" wife back and how is he going to avoid the death penalty?

Hugh Bonneville stars in the conclusion of series one of Tony Bagley's comedy.

Robin Hugh Bonneville

Lesley Josie Lawrence

Dirk Steve Frost

Julia Barbara Murray

Elaine Janet Ellis

DS Cotton Simon Roberts
 Murdo Lewis MacLeod
 Maxine Ann Gosling
 Ned Sam Bradley
 Producer Claire Jones
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1999.
MON 07:30 The Unbelievable Truth (b018wvwx)
 Series 8
 Episode 2
 David Mitchell hosts the panel game in which four comedians are encouraged to tell lies and compete against one another to see how many items of truth they're able to smuggle past their opponents. Mark Watson, Phill Jupitus, Ed Byrne and Henning Wehn are the panellists obliged to talk with deliberate inaccuracy on subjects as varied as: The Olympics, Butter, Bees and Blood.
 The show is devised by Graeme Garden and Jon Naismith, the team behind Radio 4's I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue.
 Producer: Jon Naismith
 A Random Entertainment Production for BBC Radio 4.
MON 08:00 Round the Horne (b00tb9j7)
 Series 4
 Episode 12
 Kenneth Horne is making Fleet Street headlines - and pays a visit to Julian and Sandy's Bona Private Detective Agency. 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 departed after series 3.
 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 May 1968.
MON 08:30 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel (b00801nf)
 Series 1
 Episode 6
 Judgement day dawns for the shady lawyer, Waldorf T Flywheel.
 Recreation of the Marx Brothers' lost shows charting the adventures of shady lawyer Waldorf T Flywheel and his assistant, Emmanuel Ravelli. 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 July 1990.
MON 09:00 Count Arthur Strong's Radio Show! (b0192t2k)
 Series 3
 Piddler on the Roof
 The showbiz veteran has a mishap, but must the show always go on? Stars Steve Delaney and Sue Perkins. From February 2008.
MON 09:30 Foul Play (b00jz7jg)
 Series 3
 Murder Before Matins
 Crime writers Liza Cody and Reginald Hill try to solve a deathly mystery in a monastery.
 Simon Brett hosts the murder quiz.
 With witness statements from Maria McErlane and Lee Simpson.
 Producer Liz Anstree
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1998.
MON 10:00 Charles Dickens - The Personal History of David Copperfield (b007jmv1)
 The Beginning of a Long Journey
 David has met and fallen in love with Dora Spenlow. Uriah Heep confides in him that he loves Agnes Wickfield and hopes to marry her.
 Charles Dickens described this novel as his "favourite child". Dramatised in ten-parts by Betty Davies.
 Stars Gary Cady as David Copperfield, Miriam Margolyes as Betsey Trotwood, John Moffatt as Mr Murdstone, Timothy Spall as Ham Peggotty, Maggie McCarthy as Peggotty, David Burke as Mr Peggotty, Mary Wimbush as Mrs Gummidge and Phil Daniels as Uriah Heep.
 Producer: Marilyn Imrie
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1991.
MON 11:00 Anton Chekhov (b00qb9x3)
 Stories by Anton Chekhov
 An Incident
 Two children, two pets, one stranger. Then a small domestic disaster. Alistair McGowan reads a tale from the Russian master.
MON 11:15 Loose Ends (b018v2kz)
 Clive Anderson and guests bid farewell to 2011 from the Radio Theatre.
 Clive will be going head to head with Griff Rhys Jones, who in

the eighties, teamed up with Mel Smith in 'Not the Nine O' clock News' and 'Alas Smith and Jones'. Griff's new show 'The One Griff Rhys Jones' is part of a series of programmes pioneered by Ronnie Corbett in 'The One Ronnie'. Griff will be joined by Mel to reprise their famous head to head sketch on January 16th on BBC One.
 After celebrating Christmas with 'Rev', Olivia Colman will be talking to Clive about her comedy roles in 'Peep Show' and 'Green Wing'. Recently praised for her serious acting, starring as an abused wife in Paddy Considine's award-winning 'Tyrannosaur', Olivia now finds herself acting with Meryl Streep as she plays Carol Thatcher in 'The Iron Lady'.
 Meanwhile, over in the comedy corner, Arthur Smith will be talking to the maestro of suburban absurdism, Sam Simmons. Pitched somewhere in the no-man's land between psychotic breakdown, ground-breaking genius and outer space, Sam's Soho Theatre show 'Meanwhile' is a comedic trip to the furthest reaches of humanity!
 Clive will be spinning 'The Wheel Of Fortune' and talking to award-winning actor and TV presenter Bradley Walsh, who will be bringing some much-needed 'Law & Order' to the Radio Theatre and telling Clive about playing DS Ronnie Brooks in the sixth series of the ITV 1 drama. Following that arresting performance, Bradley will also be giving Clive tips on how not to keep a straight face on a TV gameshow!
 Ay Caramba! Cuban cats 'Ska Cubano' will be offering some musical mambo madness and raucous rumba by performing the title track of their album 'Mambo Ska' and a second helping of samba with 'Soy Campesino'.
 Producer: Cathie Mahoney.
MON 12:00 Round the Horne (b00tb9j7)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
MON 12:30 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel (b00801nf)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
MON 13:00 Wimsey (b007jzr6)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 13:30 Paul Temple (b007vh36)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
MON 14:00 Charles Dickens (b007vg7r)
 The Old Curiosity Shop
 Episode 6
 Avoiding evil moneylender Quilp, debt-ridden Little Nell and her Grandfather escape the shop and flee.
 Starring Emily Chenmery as Nell, Alex Jennings as the Narrator, Trevor Peacock as Grandfather, Daniel Bliss as Kit, Phil Daniels as Daniel Quilp, Ben Crowe as Dick Swiveller and Gerard McDermott as Giant/Grinder.
 Charles Dickens's fourth novel was published in 1841. Dramatised in 25 episodes by Mike Walker.
 Music by Melanie Pappenheim and Anne Wood.
 Director: Jeremy Mortimer
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002.
MON 14:15 This Sceptred Isle (b007jrt1)
 The Ghastly Execution
 King Edward II leads the retreat from Robert the Bruce and his army. Anna Massey narrates the history of the British Isles.
MON 14:30 Ferdinand Mount - Cold Cream (b00yqtr)
 Episode 1
 Memoirs of Tory grandee and Thatcher adviser, Ferdinand Mount. Italy and mysteries of cold cream. Read by Oliver Ford Davies.
MON 14:45 Anne Tyler - A Patchwork Planet (b007jmcv)
 Episode 6
 Sofia grows increasingly fond of Barnaby, but her flatmate and mother are not impressed with him. Read by William Hope.
MON 15:00 Charles Dickens - The Personal History of David Copperfield (b007jmv1)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
MON 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b0192t2m)
 Mel Giedroyc hears the stories of animals that went to war, and War Horse author Michael Morpurgo shares his inspirations.
MON 17:00 Ballylenon (b00p67dy)
 Series 7
 Episode 3
 Phonsie Doherty treats Muriel Maconchy to a meal, and Bernie Gallagher is back in town...
 Series set in the sleepy town of Ballylenon, Co Donegal in 1959. Written by Christopher Fitz-Simon.
 Muriel Maconchy Margaret D'Arcy
 Vera Maconchy Stella McCusker
 Phonsie Doherty Gerard Murphy
 Vivienne Hawthorne Annie McCartney
 Stumpy Bonner Gerard McSorley
 Guard Gallagher Frankie McCafferty
 Pianist: Michael Harrison
 Director: Eoin O'Callaghan
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2009.
MON 17:30 Married (b007wqdc)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
MON 18:00 Red Dwarf (b00qs7qy)
 Better Than Life
 Episode 5
 Lister awaits rescue. And waits. And waits. Back on the ship, however, time behaves oddly. Read by Rimmer himself, Chris Barrie.
MON 18:30 James Follett - Earthsearch (b007jp0y)
 Earthsearch II
 Supermass

With the Angel computers weakened, the starship Challenger is plunging into a black hole.
 The continuation of James Follett's ten-part cult sci-fi drama. Commander Telson Sean Arnold
 Sharma Amanda Murray
 Darv Haydn Wood
 Astra Kathryn Hurlbutt
 Angel One Sonia Fraser
 Angel Two Gordon Reid
 Bran Michael Maloney
 Elka Jill Lidstone
 Tidy David Gooderson
 Theros John Warner
 S.A.7 Spencer Banks
 George Stephen Garlick
 Director: Glyn Dearman
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1982.
MON 19:00 Round the Horne (b00tb9j7)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
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 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
MON 21:00 Anton Chekhov (b00qb9x3)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
MON 21:15 Loose Ends (b018v2kz)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]
MON 22:00 The Unbelievable Truth (b018wvwx)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 22:30 Count Arthur Strong's Radio Show! (b0192t2k)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
MON 23:00 The News Quiz Extra (b0192t2r)
 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 Hamish and Dougal: You'll Have Had Your Tea (b007k0x6)
 Series 2
 The Vampire of the Glen
 Suspicions are alerted when the laird asks the duo to dig a hole big enough to fit a coffin-shaped wardrobe.
 Barry Cryer and Graeme Garden star as the two Scotsmen famed for their appearances on BBC Radio's I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue.
 With Alison Steadman as their cleaning-lady-cum-housekeeper, Mrs Naughtie, and Jeremy Hardy as the local Laird.
 Hamish Barry Cryer
 Dougal Graeme Garden
 Mrs Naughtie Alison Steadman
 The Laird Jeremy Hardy
 Producer: Jon Naismith
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2004.

TUESDAY 10 JANUARY 2012

TUE 00:00 Red Dwarf (b00qs7qy)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Monday]
TUE 00:30 James Follett - Earthsearch (b007jp0y)
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TUE 01:00 Wimsey (b007jzr6)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]
TUE 01:30 Paul Temple (b007vh36)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]
TUE 02:00 Count Arthur Strong's Radio Show! (b0192t2k)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Monday]
TUE 02:30 Foul Play (b00jz7jg)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Monday]
TUE 03:00 Charles Dickens - The Personal History of David Copperfield (b007jmv1)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]
TUE 04:00 Anton Chekhov (b00qb9x3)
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TUE 04:15 Loose Ends (b018v2kz)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Monday]
TUE 05:00 Ballylenon (b00p67dy)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Monday]
TUE 05:30 Married (b007wqdc)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]
TUE 06:00 The Chief Inspector Dover Mysteries (b0192tvr)
 Dover Goes to Pott
 The leading Yorkshire businessman wants justice to be done and has asked for the best detective London can offer...instead he gets Chief Inspector Dover from Scotland Yard.
 Set in the 1960s, Joyce Porter's comedy thriller is dramatised by Paul Mendelson.
 Stars Kenneth Cranham as Chief Inspector Dover, Carla Simpson as Mildred Denny, Nicola Wainwright as Avril, Andy Harrison as John Perking, Liza Sadovy as Mrs Withycombe, Stuart McQuarrie as Sergeant McGregor, Paul Copley as Daniel Wibbly and Carolyn Pickles as Mrs Carruthers.
 Dramatised by Paul Mendelson.
 Director: David Ian Neville
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2003.
TUE 07:00 One Foot in the Grave (b007jn39)
 In Luton Airport No-One Can Hear You Scream

Victor and Margaret Meldrew return from their holiday in Greece. What could possibly go wrong..?
Richard Wilson stars as Victor and Annette Crosbie as his long-suffering wife Margaret.
Adapted for radio by David Renwick from his BBC TV script.
Victor Meldrew Richard Wilson
Margaret Meldrew Annette Crosbie
Mrs Warboys Doreen Mantle
Nick Swainey Owen Brenman
With Jon Glover, Ainslee Foster and Paul Rogan.
Winning numerous awards, six series were made for TV plus numerous specials on BBC ONE from 1990 to 2000.
Producer: Diane Messias
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 1995.
TUE 07:30 Mark Steel's in Town (b018xs8f)
Series 3
Bungay
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 5 - In this episode Mark performs a show for the residents of Bungay in Suffolk, where he talks about non-existent castles, haunted pubs and chicken roundabouts. From January 2012.

Written and performed by Mark Steel with additional material by Pete Sinclair.

Produced by Sam Bryant.

TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b0089j6x)

Series 6

The Choking Horror

Hair-raising events for Neddie Seagoon when London's monuments are sabotaged.

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 February 1956.

TUE 08:30 Whatever Happened to the Likely Lads? (b007jr9f)

Home Is the Hero

Bob's fiancée Thelma is appalled by the return of Terry to his home town after seven years.

Starring James Bolam as Terry Collier, Rodney Bewes as Bob Ferris and Brigit Forsyth as Thelma Chambers. With Sheila Fearn and Peter Whitman.

Created and scripted for BBC TV by Dick Clement and Ian La Frenais. Adapted for radio by Patrick Tilley.

Producer: John Browell

Originally lost from the archive, the audio was recovered in the BBC's Archive Treasure Hunt in 2003.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1975.

TUE 09:00 The News Quiz Extra (b0192t2r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]

TUE 09:45 Hamish and Dougal: You'll Have Had Your Tea (b007k0x6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:45 on Monday]

TUE 10:00 Charles Dickens - The Personal History of David Copperfield (b007jmxm)

Wickfield and Heep

David takes a job with his old headmaster, and Dora is feeling worried. Stars Phil Daniels, Gary Cady and Joanna Myers.

TUE 11:00 Anton Chekhov (b00qb9x9)

Stories by Anton Chekhov

A Play

She insists on showing him her terrible work. He takes drastic action. Alistair McGowan reads a tale from the Russian master.

TUE 11:15 Pilgrim by Sebastian Baczkiewicz (b00f15n4)

Series 1

He Who Would Valiant Be

By Sebastian Baczkiewicz.

Paul Hilton stars as the reluctant and unthanked hero protecting mankind from an enemy they resist believing in.

Pilgrim is summoned to help retrieve an egg stolen from the Lady Ursula - a huge, powerful dragon. The egg has been stolen by the outlaw Faerie, Puck, who has holed up in a house in a small town on the outskirts of Birmingham. Puck has recruited

a bunch of feral 'estate lads' to his army. Indeed, he has bewitched the whole town. Pilgrim must retrieve the egg before Ursula can exact a terrible retribution.

Directed by Marc Beeby.

TUE 12:00 The Goon Show (b0089j6x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 12:30 Whatever Happened to the Likely Lads? (b007jr9f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 13:00 The Chief Inspector Dover Mysteries (b0192tvr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 14:00 Charles Dickens (b007vh37)

The Old Curiosity Shop

Episode 7

Kit arrives back in London wondering where Little Nell and Grandfather have gone. Dickens dramatisation starring Trevor Peacock. From December 2012.

TUE 14:15 This Sciptrd Isle (b007jrv1)

Isabella and Mortimer

It's 1327 and Edward II has been killed, so Roger Mortimer takes control. Anna Massey narrates the history of the British Isles.

TUE 14:30 Ferdinand Mount - Cold Cream (b00yrshz)

Episode 2

Shooting with father leads to farce and tragedy. Tory grandee Ferdinand Mount's memoir, read by Oliver Ford Davies.

TUE 14:45 Anne Tyler - A Patchwork Planet (b007jmde)

Episode 7

Sofia finally meets Barnaby's parents, but then bitter accusations start to fly. Read by William Hope.

TUE 15:00 Charles Dickens - The Personal History of David Copperfield (b007jmxm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

TUE 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b0192w2s)

Mel Giedroyc sets sail in a hand-built boat for War Horse author Michael Morpurgo's favourite beach - with a WW2 captain's cat on board.

TUE 17:00 Flying the Flag (b007jx8y)

Series 1

Here in the Western World

Why is the Ambassador's whiskey like an American submarine? And is the noble art of moaning really under threat?

Arms limitation negotiations at the Embassy call for some verbal gymnastics...

Alex Shearer's Eastern bloc embassy sitcom.

Starring Dinsdale Lenden as HM Ambassador Mackenzie, Peter Acre as William Frost, Moir Leslie as Helen Waterson,

Christopher Benjamin as Colonel Surikov, Jonathan Kydd as Mikhail Korovin, Michael Bilton as Yakov Korovin and

Stephen Greif as the United States Ambassador.

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1987.

TUE 17:30 One Foot in the Grave (b007jn39)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

TUE 18:00 Red Dwarf (b00qxfq)

Better Than Life

Episode 6

Rimmer and Cat mount a rescue mission and find an old man.

Could a black hole answer all their problems? Read by Chris Barrie.

TUE 18:30 James Follett - Earthsearch (b007jp1d)

Earthsearch II

Deathship

Dragged into an artificial black hole, the crew of Challenger must face Spaceguard Six.

James Follett's cult sci-fi drama.

Commander Telson Sean Arnold

Sharna Amanda Murray

Dary Haydn Wood

Astra Kathryn Hurlbutt

Angel One Sonia Fraser

Angel Two Gordon Reid

Bran Michael Maloney

Elka Jill Lidstone

Tidy David Gooderson

Theros John Warner

Kraken Crawford Logan

Director: Glyn Dearman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1982.

TUE 19:00 The Goon Show (b0089j6x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 19:30 Whatever Happened to the Likely Lads? (b007jr9f)

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TUE 20:00 The Chief Inspector Dover Mysteries (b0192tvr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 21:00 Anton Chekhov (b00qb9x9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

TUE 21:15 Pilgrim by Sebastian Baczkiewicz (b00f15n4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

TUE 22:00 Mark Steel's in Town (b018xs8f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 22:30 The Boosh (b007jmhj)

Tundra

Bad-tempered zoo boss Bob Fossil has a couple of assignments for his star zookeepers.

He's sending Vince to Spain to find a friend for the zoo's lonely prawn, and he's sending Howard to the Arctic, just for the sake of it

Written by and starring Noel Fielding and Julian Barratt.
The Boosh is a surreal adventure based on the Perrier Award-winning comedy show, featuring Howard and Vince's battles with zoo manager Bob Fossil.
Howard Moon Julian Barratt
Vince Noir Noel Fielding
Bob Fossil Rich Fulcher
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 November 2001.
TUE 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b01b62hd)
Two hours of comedy. Arthur Smith chats to Andrew Lawrence.
TUE 23:00 Trevor's World of Sport (b00mdz9v)
Series 2
Episode 2
The sports agent with a conscience tries to cope with some nightmare clients. Stars Neil Pearson. From December 2005.
TUE 23:30 A Look Back at the Nineties (b007k25f)
Recorded in July 1993 - Brian Perkins, Kate Robbins and Chris Barrie 'look back' at the decade that was yet to happen.

WEDNESDAY 11 JANUARY 2012

WED 00:00 Red Dwarf (b00qxfq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Tuesday]

WED 00:30 James Follett - Earthsearch (b007jp1d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Tuesday]

WED 01:00 The Chief Inspector Dover Mysteries (b0192tvr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Tuesday]

WED 02:00 The News Quiz Extra (b0192t2r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]

WED 02:45 Hamish and Dougal: You'll Have Had Your Tea (b007k0x6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:45 on Monday]

WED 03:00 Charles Dickens - The Personal History of David Copperfield (b007jmxm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Tuesday]

WED 04:00 Anton Chekhov (b00qb9x9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Tuesday]

WED 04:15 Pilgrim by Sebastian Baczkiewicz (b00f15n4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Tuesday]

WED 05:00 Flying the Flag (b007jx8y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Tuesday]

WED 05:30 One Foot in the Grave (b007jn39)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]

WED 06:00 The Chief Inspector Dover Mysteries (b0192y98)

Dover and the Claret Tappers

When one of their own gets kidnapped, there's a sense of

jubilation at Scotland Yard.

Not what you might expect, but then the victim is Inspector Dover, and he's not quite the detective England expects. Is this the start of something more sinister?

Set in 1976, Joyce Porter's comedy thriller is dramatised by Paul Mendelson.

Stars Kenneth Cranham as Chief Inspector Dover, Stuart McQuarrie as Sergeant McGregor, Crawford Logan as

Commander Brockhurst, Nick Underwood as Inspector Horton, Liza Sadovy as Mrs Withycombe, Carla Simpson as Mildred

Denny, Carolyn Pickles as Mrs Carruthers, Andy Harrison as John Perking, Paul Copley as Daniel Wibbly, Nicola

Wainwright as Avril, Terry Wale as Gallagher, Laura Smales as Mary Jones, Lucy Paterson as Lesley Whittaker and Joanna

Tope as Noreen.

Dramatised by Paul Mendelson.

Director: David Ian Neville

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2005.

WED 07:00 The Right Time (b00fv9t1)

Series 2

Episode 4

How to get home from the pub - and a ruined holiday in Barbados.

Sketch show for people growing older disgracefully. Written and performed by people who've lived a bit.

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

Written by Graeme Garden, Neil Innes, Julie Balloo, Ramone Towers, Trevor Walker, John Dowie, Colin Bostock-Smith and John Pidgeon.

Music by Ronnie & The Rex.

Producer: Helen Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2002.

WED 07:30 Heresy (b018xtrr)

Series 8

Episode 6

Victoria Coren presents the last in the current series of the show which dares to commit heresy.

Her guests this week are comedian Sue Perkins, singer Cerys Matthews and actress Maureen Lipman. Together they have fun

exposing the wrong-headedness of received wisdom and challenging knee-jerk public reaction to events.

Both Sue Perkins and Maureen Lipman disagree with the view that the world would be a better place if it was run by women,

arguing that women would make an equally fine mess of things.

Former lead singer with the rock group Catatonia, Cerys Matthews, doesn't believe it's more fun to be a pop star than a classical violinist. Confessing to a previous life as an oboe player, she claims that orchestral musicians definitely have more fun - particularly the horn players.

All three guests rather struggle to argue against the received opinion that there is still stigma attached to Internet dating but, when challenged by Victoria Coren, they all admit that they have never tried it themselves - and never would.

Producer: Brian King

An Avalon Television production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b00t3twj)

Series 3

The Student Prince

The lad is lured to Moravia as an unknowing decoy for the endangered Crown Prince.

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 Rabinowitz.

Producer: Dennis Main Wilson

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in January 1956.

WED 08:30 The Michael Bentine Show (b008vnr1)

From 12/02/1984

From an old colonial to a herd of operatic cows - it can only be Michael Bentine.

The ultimate one man show written and performed by the host.

Producer: Jamie Rix

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 1984.

WED 09:00 Cabin Pressure (b00chy5c)

Series 1

Cremona

Sitcom about the pilots of a tiny charter airline for whom no

job is too small, but many, many jobs are too difficult.

Arthur is struck dumb when a film star joins the flight, and

Douglas has to disguise 30 knights of Camelot in a hurry.

Carolyn Knapp-Shappey Stephanie Cole

1st Officer Douglas Richardson Roger Allam

Captain Martin Crieff Benedict Cumberbatch

Arthur Shappey John Finnemore

Hester Macaulay Helen Baxendale

Percival Rufus Jones

Gawain Robert Harley

Lancelot Ali Amadi

Written by John Finnemore

Produced & directed by David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for the BBC

www.pozzitive.co.uk

WED 09:30 Whispers (b00c6rnk)

Series 2

Episode 5

Gyles Brandreth hosts the quiz show with scandal on its mind and slander at its heart.

Lynne Truss and Michelle 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 October 2004.

WED 10:00 Charles Dickens - The Personal History of David Copperfield (b007jmxxy)

Mischief

As Dora continues to struggle, David receives news about Emily. Stars Miriam Margolyes, Sheila Hancock and Phil Daniels.

WED 11:00 Anton Chekhov (b00qb9zv)

Stories by Anton Chekhov

The Old House

The landlord shows one of his properties, but the memories are

traumatic. Alistair McGowan reads the Russian master's tale.

WED 11:15 Pilgrim by Sebastian Baczkiewicz (b00fq2xk)

Series 1

Then Fancies Flee Away

By Sebastian Baczkiewicz.

Paul Hilton stars as the reluctant and unthanked hero protecting mankind from an enemy they resist believing in.

Travelling through Yorkshire, Pilgrim meets Noreen, whose son has been in a strange coma for the past seven years. He lies in his bed, surrounded by a huge growth of thorns. How can this

enchantment be broken? As Pilgrim investigates, he is drawn inexorably towards the darkness beneath the mysterious Round

Barrow of Willy Howe.

Directed by Jessica Dromgoole.

WED 12:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b00t3twj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 12:30 The Michael Bentine Show (b008vnr1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

WED 13:00 The Chief Inspector Dover Mysteries (b0192y98)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 14:00 Charles Dickens (b007vj1q)

The Old Curiosity Shop

Episode 8

Desperate to find Little Nell, Quilp turns to a friend of her brother. Dickens dramatisation with Phil Daniels. From January

2003.

WED 14:15 This Sceptred Isle (b007jrvi)

Edward III and the Start of The 100 Years War

Edward III has his eye on the thrones of both Scotland and

France. Anna Massey narrates the history of the British Isles.

WED 14:30 Ferdinand Mount - Cold Cream (b00yrw87)

Episode 3

After a letter from the bank manager, Ferdinand needs employment. The writer and politician's memoir read by Oliver

Ford Davies.

WED 14:45 Anne Tyler - A Patchwork Planet (b007jmdw)

Episode 8

The police pay a visit to Barnaby, who finally takes action over the repayment of his debts. Read by William Hope.

WED 15:00 Charles Dickens - The Personal History of David Copperfield (b007jmxxy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

WED 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b0192y9b)

What do you get if you cross a birdman with a weathergirl, a charming postpar and a lifesaving dog? Why, today's 4 O'Clock

Show!

WED 17:00 It Sticks Out Half A Mile (b007k2kl)

Pike in Love

Mrs Pike asks Arthur to talk to her son, Frank about the birds

and bees...

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

Avril Carol Hawkins

Mavis Pike Janet Davies

Telephone Engineer Gordon Salkild

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 December 1983.

WED 17:30 The Right Time (b00fv9t1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

WED 18:00 Daphne du Maurier - The Blue Lenses (b007k4jq)

Episode 1

Recovering from a serious eye operation, Marda West discovers her vision has been heightened to a frighteningly new degree of

clarity.

It makes her fear that people she trusts the most have sinister

designs against her...

Daphne du Maurier's two-part fantasy thriller explores the

darker aspects of human nature.

Read by Emma Fielding.

Produced and abridged by Gemma Jenkins.

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in 2007.

WED 18:30 James Follett - Earthsearch (b007jp1w)

Earthsearch II

Megalomania

An android built by the computers on the spaceship Challenger

suffers from severe logic failure

James Follett's cult sci-fi drama.

Commander Telson Sean Arnold

Sharna Amanda Murray

Darv Haydn Wood

Astra Kathryn Hurlbutt

Angel One Sonia Fraser

Angel Two Gordon Reid

Bran Michael Maloney

Elka Jill Lidstone

Tidy David Gooderson

Kraken Crawford Logan

Director: Glyn Dearman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1982.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 21:00 Anton Chekhov (b00qb9zv)

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WED 21:15 Pilgrim by Sebastian Baczkiewicz (b00fq2xk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

WED 22:00 Heresy (b018xtrr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 22:30 Absolute Power (b0192y9d)

Series 4

Episode 3

Revenge is a gourmet dish best served cold when Martin

deceives Charles. Stars Stephen Fry and John Bird. From

February 2004.

WED 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b01b62hn)

More comedy and chat with host Arthur Smith and the week's

guest Andrew Lawrence.

WED 23:00 Stockport, So Good They Named It Once (b007jrfl)

Series 1

Focus

Jason reckons his cheating ex-girlfriend wants him back, Dave

gets his new company car - and Karen brings home a potential

new member of the family.

The lives of the Stockport-based, Conroy family - in series 1 of

Jim Poyser and Damian Lanigan's comedy drama.

Starring Dominic Monaghan as Jason, John McArdle as Eddie, Beverley Callard as Maureen. Jason Done as Michael, Stefan

Escreet as Dave, Emma Clarke as Collette and Jo-Anne Knowles

as Debbie and Chris Pavlo as Hugo.

Music: Big George

Producer: Neil Mossey

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1999.

WED 23:30 Revolting People (b00fy2qr)

Series 2

Still in Trying Times

Ezekiel discovers the real truth about his ginger baby, and sets

out to find the ginger father. The others set out to stop him...

Comedy set in Baltimore 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 Jan Ravens

Ezekiel Spriggs Hugh Dennis

Cora Oliphant Penelope Nice

Joshua Oliphant Tony Maudsley

Dashmount Michael Fenton

Elizabeth Susie Blake

Abraham Smith Philip Pope

Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2001.

THURSDAY 12 JANUARY 2012

THU 00:00 Daphne du Maurier - The Blue Lenses (b007k4jq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Wednesday]

THU 00:30 James Follett - Earthsearch (b007jp1w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Wednesday]

THU 01:00 The Chief Inspector Dover Mysteries (b0192y98)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday]

THU 02:00 Cabin Pressure (b00chy5c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Wednesday]

THU 02:30 Whispers (b00c6rnk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Wednesday]

THU 03:00 Charles Dickens - The Personal History of David Copperfield (b007jmxxy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Wednesday]

THU 04:00 Anton Chekhov (b00qb9zv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Wednesday]

THU 04:15 Pilgrim by Sebastian Baczkiewicz (b00fq2xk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Wednesday]

THU 05:00 It Sticks Out Half A Mile (b007k2kl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Wednesday]

THU 05:30 The Right Time (b00fv9t1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]

THU 06:00 The Chief Inspector Dover Mysteries (b0194n5v)

Dover Beats the Band

The lazy detective probes a murder at a holiday camp. But is the

victim really an innocent philatelist? Joyce Porter's thriller stars

Kenneth Cranham.

THU 07:00 Artists (b0194n5x)

Series 2

Self-Destruct

Traditional Tamsin competes with her installationist boyfriend

to create a self-portrait. Stars Ben Miller. From April 2004.

THU 07:30 Clare in the Community (b00sx2ql)

Series 6

The Crush

Clare decides to focus on her son, sparking a chance meeting at

Toddler Tunes that could change the course of her life.

Meanwhile, Brian's admiration for Nali grows when she visits

his school and tames Year 9. All this plus Clare and Libby both

interview for the Team Leader post.

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

Ray Richard Lumsden

Helen Liza Tarbuck

Megan Nina Conti

Libby Jess Robinson

Clerk Alex Treagar

Howard Paterson Joseph

Other parts played by the cast.

Written by Harry Venning and David Ramsden

Producer: Katie Tyrrell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2010.

THU 08:00 The Men from the Ministry (

Written and produced by Edward Taylor.

Re-recording of 'Strictly for the Birds' made in April 1980.

THU 08:30 Dad's Army (b007jn4c)

Series 2

Branded

Godfrey is ridiculed when Captain Mainwaring hears he was a conscientious objector.

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.

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1975.

THU 09:00 Know Your Place (b0195ds4)

Jumpers

Will caretaker Ramsay have the head for heights for a dangerous job?

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.

Sitcom written by Andrew Palmer and Nell Brennan.

With Pat Coombs, John Graham, Joe Dunlop, James Taylor and Frances Jeater.

Producer: Edward Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in June 1983.

THU 09:30 The 99p Challenge (b007jw52)

Series 3

Episode 5

Crazy panel show capers as host Sue Perkins grills Tom Binns, Peter Serafinowicz, Nick Frost and Marcus Brigstocke.

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 August 2001.

THU 10:00 Charles Dickens - The Personal History of David Copperfield (b007jng0)

My Beloved Dora

Mr Micawber confides in David about Uriah Heep, and Dora's health causes concern. Stars Phil Daniels and Sheila Hancock.

THU 11:00 Anton Chekhov (b00qbb8m)

Stories by Anton Chekhov

Ivan Matveyitch

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

THU 11:15 Pilgrim by Sebastian Baczkiewicz (b00ft5kh)

Series 1

No Foes Shall Stay His Might

By Sebastian Baczkiewicz.

Haddonfield is a powerful City banker. More powerful than he has any right to be. But perhaps that's because he's also a collector of the occult and has some very potent items in his collection. He's recently captured that rarest of things - a young girl who is also a werewolf. Now, he's after Pilgrim himself.

Pilgrim Paul Hilton

Haddonfield Adrian Lukis

Freya Alex Tregear

Doris Susan Engel

Mirabella Janice Acquah

Macadam Dudley Sutton

Trent Gunnar Caughery

Wilson Donnlá Hughes

Guide / Guard Imam Mirza

Girl Agnes Bateman

Directed by Marc Beeby.

THU 12:00 The Men from the Ministry (b0195b7s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 12:30 Dad's Army (b007jn4c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 13:00 The Chief Inspector Dover Mysteries (b0194n5v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 14:00 Charles Dickens (b007jwgf)

The Old Curiosity Shop

Episode 9

A weary Little Nell and her Grandfather find some welcome help on their travels. Dickens dramatisation with Julia McKenzie. From January 2003.

THU 14:15 This Septred Isle (b007jrw1)

Crecy, Calais and the Garter

Edward III instigates the Order of the Garter, a 'Camelot' for Knights. Anna Massey narrates the history of the British Isles.

THU 14:30 Ferdinand Mount - Cold Cream (b00ysn2n)

Episode 4

A surprise new job at the heart of the Thatcher government.

Tory grandee Ferdinand Mount's memoir, read by Oliver Ford Davies.

THU 14:45 Anne Tyler - A Patchwork Planet (b007jmf0)

Episode 9

Mrs Glynn calls, and Barnaby discovers that settling his family debts is no straightforward matter. Read by William Hope.

THU 15:00 Charles Dickens - The Personal History of David Copperfield (b007jng0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

THU 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b0195ds6)

Anybody who is anybody will be with Mel Giedroyc today, as she hears about the making of Buggy Malone, and learns how history can be told through a 1960s model plane.

THU 17:00 King Street Junior (b007jmhb)

Series 5

Bon Voyage

On a school trip to Calais, it's a member of staff who causes concern rather than the children. With Karl Howman. From June 1990.

THU 17:30 Artists (b0194n5x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 18:00 Daphne du Maurier - The Blue Lenses (b007k4rp)

Episode 2

Afer discovering she's able to see things that others can't, Marda West fears for her survival in this dangerous new world.

The conclusion of Daphne du Maurier's two-part fantasy thriller exploring the darker aspects of human nature.

Read by Emma Fielding.

Produced and abridged by Gemma Jenkins.

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in 2007.

THU 18:30 James Follett - Earthsearch (b007jp29)

Earthsearch II

Earth

The crew of starship Challenger finally locate their planet, but what will they find?

James Follett's cult sci-fi drama.

Commander Telson Sean Arnold

Sharma Amanda Murray

Darv Haydn Wood

Astra Kathryn Hurlbutt

Angel One Sonia Fraser

Angel Two Gordon Reid

Bran Michael Maloney

Elka Jill Lidstone

Tidy David Gooderson

Peeron George Parsons

Director: Glyn Dearman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1982.

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THU 19:30 Dad's Army (b007jn4c)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 21:00 Anton Chekhov (b00qbb8m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

THU 21:15 Pilgrim by Sebastian Baczkiewicz (b00ft5kh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

THU 22:00 Clare in the Community (b00sx2ql)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 22:30 The Atkinson People (b007k1z5)

George Dupont

The French philosopher remains an enigma, despite an exhaustive biography. Rowan Atkinson's satirical probe. From April 1979.

THU 23:00 The Cheese Shop Presents (b00891b1)

Series 2

Episode 5

70s sitcom 'Who's in the Navy?' and soap opera 'Snipers Alley'. Sketch comedy from Canterbury with Dave Lamb. From June 1998.

THU 23:30 The Castle (b00228d6)

Series 3

The Pilchards of Doom

Hie ye to "The Castle", a rollicking sitcom set way back then, starring James Fleet ("The Vicar Of Dibley", "Four Weddings & A Funeral") and Neil Dudgeon ("Life Of Riley")

In this episode, Sir John grapples with both an adulterous affair and a tin of pilchards. Meanwhile, Thomas explores the secrets of the Universe and Anne falls in love with King Russell de Brand

Cast:

Sir John Woodstock James Fleet

Sir William De Warene Neil Dudgeon

Lady Anne Woodstock Martha Howe-Douglas

Cardinal Duncan Jonathan Kydd

Lady Charlotte Ingrid Oliver

Master Henry Woodstock Steven Kynman

Merlin Lewis Macleod

Written by Kim Fuller & Paul Alexander

Music by Guy Jackson

Producer/Director: David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Thursday]

FRI 05:00 King Street Junior (b007jmhb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]

FRI 05:30 Artists (b0194n5x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]

FRI 06:00 The Chief Inspector Dover Mysteries (b0195h1z)

Dover and the Unkindest Cut of All

Might Sergeant McGregor be deprived of his manhood? Joyce Porter's comedy thriller set in 1976 stars Kenneth Cranham and Philip Madoc.

FRI 07:00 Smelling of Roses (b007jrhd)

Series 1

Positive Thinking

Rosie's company goes New Age, promoting the Brighton leg of a lecture tour by a Californian positive-thinking guru.

Prunella Scales stars in Simon Brett's sitcom.

The trials and tribulations of Rosie Burns and her event management company.

Rosie Prunella Scales

Kate Arabella Weir

Jo Rebecca Callard

Bob Duncan Preston

Tess Annette Badland

Darcy Philpotts Alison Skilbeck

Lyndon Merchant Kerry Shale

Producer: Maria Esposito

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2000.

FRI 07:30 What's So Funny? (b0195h21)

Series 2

Episode 15

Ed Byrne, Danny Robins and Nick Doody debate the new comedy of 2012, while Lucy Porter chats to improv master, Greg Proops.

FRI 08:00 The Navy Lark (b0195h23)

The Loch Ness Monster

Monstrous goings on when the crew of HMS Troutbridge arrive in Scotland.

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 Cildicot

Heather Heather Chasen

The Landlord Tenniel Evans

Captain Aitchison Michael Bates

Written by Lawrie Wyman and George Evan

Producer: Alastair Scott Johnston.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in June 1971.

FRI 08:30 Steptoe and Son (b007k1zr)

Series 4

Any Old Iron?

Albert gets concerned about an offer made to Harold.

Starring Wilfrid Brambell as Albert and Harry H Corbett as Harold. With Richard Hurndall, John Samson and Stephanie Turner.

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 Simpson.

Produced by Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in March 1972.

FRI 09:00 Instant Sunshine (b00lh3hd)

From 29/08/1988

Humorous songs performed by the comedy musical cabaret group, Instant Sunshine:

Featuring David Barlow, Peter Christie, Miles Kington and Alan Maryon-Davis

Producer: David Rayvern Allen

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1988.

FRI 09:30 We've Been Here Before (b00ft41b)

Series 2

Episode 1

Clive Anderson hosts the panel show that pokes fun at events of the past.

Second series of the topical historical satirical panel show setting out to prove that there's nothing new under, or in, The Sun.

Gyles Brandreth and Arthur Smith battle it out against John O'Farrell and Arabella Weir.

Producer: Ed Morrish

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2004.

FRI 10:00 Charles Dickens - The Personal History of David Copperfield (b007jng0)

I Have Loved You All My Life
As tragedy strikes, David is forced to contemplate his future.
Stars Miriam Margolyes, Sheila Hancock and Gary Cady.
FRI 11:00 Anton Chekhov (b00qbb8r)
Stories by Anton Chekhov
Bad Weather
Or to put it another way, what has the husband been up to in Moscow? Alistair McGowan reads Constance Garnett's translation. From January 1998.
FRI 11:15 Pilgrim by Sebastian Baczkiewicz (b00g0532)
Series 1
'Gainst All Disaster
By Sebastian Baczkiewicz
Pilgrim's toughest adventure. Joseph of Arimethea, guardian of the sleeping Knights who will wake only in Britain's hour of greatest need, is being held captive by Malachai Styler - a very malevolent angel. Styler is bent on the destruction of the Greyfolk, the Knights and the balance between the worlds. If Pilgrim is to save Joseph, it will be at the most terrible cost to himself.
Pilgrim Paul Hilton
Styler Paul Rider
Joseph David Calder
Sylvie Anna Wing
Doris Susan Engel
Freya Alex Tregear
Arianhad Helen Schlesinger
Guard Gunnar Cauthery
Girl Agnes Bateman
Directed by Jessica Dromgoole.
FRI 12:00 The Navy Lark (b0195h23)
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FRI 12:30 Steptoe and Son (b007k1zr)
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FRI 13:00 The Chief Inspector Dover Mysteries (b0195h1z)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
FRI 14:00 Charles Dickens (b007vmb)
The Old Curiosity Shop
Episode 10
Mrs Jarley keeps Little Nell and her Grandfather fully occupied. Dickens dramatisation with Julia McKenzie. From January 2003.
FRI 14:15 This Scattered Isle (b007jrwh)
The Black Death
The Black Death: The Black Death blazes through Europe. Anna Massey narrates the history of the British Isles, with Paul Eddington. Episode 49 of 216.
FRI 14:30 Ferdinand Mount - Cold Cream (b00ysqf2)
Episode 5
A dramatic moment in political history and a return to damsons. Ferdinand Mount's memoir concluded by Oliver Ford Davies.
FRI 14:45 Anne Tyler - A Patchwork Planet (b007jmfv)
Episode 10
Money matters come to a head between Sofia and Barnaby, whose thoughts return to the 'Gaitlin Angel'. Read by William Hope.
FRI 15:00 Charles Dickens - The Personal History of David Copperfield (b007jn0r)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
FRI 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b0195hnr)
As the Winter Youth Olympics gets underway, Mel eavesdrops on a snowboarding lesson. Plus the mysterious secrets of the Scilly Isles, and comedy Sneaky Peeks.
FRI 17:00 Desmond Olivier Dingle's Compleat Life and Works of William Shakespeare (b007k2q6)
Episode 3
The Royal Dingle Company invites Brian Cox to run a Bard's tragedy masterclass. Stars Patrick Barlow. From September 1995.
FRI 17:30 Smelling of Roses (b007jrhd)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
FRI 18:00 Colin Sharpe - Dalek, I Love You Too (b009kfxs)
Doctor Who obsessive Nigel is missing with the mysterious Romana. Colin Sharpe's sequel with David Raynor and Fiona Clarke.
FRI 18:30 James Follett - Earthsearch (b007jp2r)
Earthsearch II
Earthvoice
The crew of spaceship Challenger's search is over, but Earth is not how they left it...
The conclusion of James Follett's cult sci-fi drama.
Commander Telson Sean Arnold
Sharma Amanda Murray
Darv Haydn Wood
Astra Kathryn Hurlbutt
Angel One Sonia Fraser
Angel Two Gordon Reid
Bran Michael Maloney
Elka Jill Lidstone
Tidy David Gooderson
Peeron George Parsons
Earthvoice Michael Tudor Barnes
Director: Glyn Dearman
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FRI 22:30 Elvenquest (b00vy3n6)
Series 2
Episode 1
The return of the fantasy-based sitcom set in Lower Earth. The intrepid band of Questers, led by Elven Lord, Vidar, set off once again on their search for the Sword of Asnagar which is the only thing that can free them from the tyranny of the evil Lord Darkness.
Joining Vidar on the Quest is Dean, the dwarf, Penthiselea, an Amazon warrior princess, Sam, the human, and Amis, the Chosen One (formerly Sam's dog who took human form when he arrived in Lower Earth - he alone can wield the Sword of Asnagar that will defeat Lord Darkness).
In this opening episode, the Questers are saved from near certain death by a strong and charming loner, who goes by the name of Byorthnoth the Brave. But is Byorthnoth quite what he seems? And does it really matter when he has such lovely hair? Meanwhile, Lord Darkness is back from the Void and has discovered that he's lost his immortality...
Written by Anil Gupta and Richard Pinto.
Sam Stephen Mangan
Lord Darkness Alistair McGowan
Dean/Kreech Kevin Eldon
Elf Lord, Vidar Darren Boyd
Byorthnoth Ben Miles
Amazon Princess, Penthiselea Sophie Winkleman
Amis, The Chosen One Dave Lamb
Producer: Sam Michell
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2010.
FRI 23:00 The Skivers (b007zn0j)
Series 2
Henry Cooper
Peter Sissons and Alan Hansen's secrets are revealed.
Nick Golson and Tim de Jongh's skilful sketch show with special guest Henry Cooper who's on fighting form as he reveals the ways of the fist.
Written and performed by Nick Golson and Tim de Jongh.
With Peter Bradshaw and Mel Giedroyc
Producer: Jon Naismith
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1995.
FRI 23:30 And Now in Colour (b007jqfb)
Series 2
The Great Outdoors
The sketch show team take their audience on an activity holiday.
Precision comedy written and performed by Tim Firth, Tim de Jongh, Michael Rutger and William Vandyck.
Producer: Lissa Evans
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1991.