

SATURDAY 14 JANUARY 2012

SAT 00:00 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.

SAT 00:30 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

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

Peeron George Parsons

Earthvoice Michael Tudor Barnes

Director: Glyn Dearman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1982.

SAT 01:00 The Chief Inspector Dover Mysteries (b0195h1z)

Dover and the Unkindred 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.

SAT 02:00 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.

SAT 02:30 We've Been Here Before (b00f141b)

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.

SAT 03:00 Charles Dickens - The Personal History of David Copperfield (b007jn0r)

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.

SAT 04:00 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.

SAT 04:15 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.

SAT 05:00 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.

SAT 05:30 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.

SAT 06:00 Jerome K. Jerome - Three Men in a Boat (b007k2b8)

J, Harris and George holiday on the Thames. Stars Kenneth

Horne, Leslie Phillips and Hubert Gregg. 1962 musical

adaptation.

SAT 07:30 Armitage and Moore's Guide to Song (b00xg9tq)

Episode 1

Narrators and characters kick off an analysis of popular songs, unpicked by poet Simon Armitage and musicologist Allan Moore.

SAT 08:00 Garrison Keillor's Radio Show (b019cbck)

Series 7

Episode 13

Sara Watkins sits in for Garrison Keillor with American musical storyteller Tom Broseau, plus Guy Noir and deep winter news from Lake Wobegon. From 2011.

SAT 09:00 Comedy Greats (b007k0ly)

The 1950s

Episode 1

Decade by decade, Barry Cryer showcases some of the funniest and finest shows ever broadcast by the BBC.

With his hair in a quiff, our King of Skiffle rock 'n'rolls his way back to the 1950s. Barry's first comedy six-pack is plucked from the schedules of the BBC Light Programme and BBC

Home Service:

* Life With The Lyons:

Series 5 (7/25) - A Crooner In the House

Daughter Barbara is in love with singer Ronnie Harris and father Ben's not happy. Stars Bebe Daniels and Ben Lyon. From January 1955.

* In All Directions:

06/01/56

American President Eisenhower fields questions and life in the BBC's Public Relations Office. Sketches galore scripted by and starring Peter Ustinov and Peter Jones. From January 1956

* The AI Read Show:

Northern Variety Parade

The wonders of modern cafeterias and the cheesy chat-up lines of men with motor cars.

Starring the Salford sausage maker turned monarch of the monologue. From November 1955.

* A Life of Bliss:

Finding a Girlfriend

Matchmakers galore target shy bachelor David Bliss. Stars George Cole, Petula Clark and Percy Edwards as Psyche the dog. From October 1954.

* Take It From Here:

Series 10 (8/20)

Jimmy Edwards and Dick Bentley worry over BBC cuts in sound radio - and how Ron and Eth first met in 'The Glums'. With June Whitfield. From February 1957.

* The Goon Show:

Series 8 (10/26) - King Solomon's Mines

Neddie Seagoon loses at roulette, so heads off in search of legendary African riches. Stars Spike Milligan, Harry Secombe and Peter Sellers. With Wallace Greenslade. From December 1957.

Produced and scripted by Peter Reed

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in May 2003.

SAT 12:00 Ruthless Omnibus - 4 Extra Debut (b019cbhq)

A light-hearted look at the world of personal assistants and office intrigue from Tim Loane, following Ruth Brown as she starts a new job in a busy management consultancy.

SAT 13:15 McLevy (b007jjg)

Series 1

The Burning Question

An unsolved murder is bringing vigilantes onto the streets. Time is running out for the Edinburgh detective. Stars Brian Cox.

SAT 14:00 The Michael Bentine Show (b008vrll)

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.

SAT 14:30 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.

SAT 15:00 Garrison Keillor's Radio Show (b019cbck)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SAT 16:00 Jerome K. Jerome - Three Men in a Boat (b007k2b8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:30 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.

SAT 18:00 Blake's 7: The Early Years (b00slxyy)

Blood and Earth

Ariane hopes to survive the wilderness and, with Auntie's help, discover the secret history of her people.

SAT 18:30 James Follett - Rules of Asylum (b007k1b3)

Episode 3

How did Jan Valery make his latest escape? Will Suskin ever uncover the truth?

Starring James Beattie.

Conclusion of James Follett's political thriller exploring 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 Comedy Greats (b007k0ly)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 4 at the Store (b00ddx9h)

Series 2

Episode 4

Stand-up at London's Comedy Store with host Simon Bligh, Andrew Maxwell, Pierre Hollins and Simon Evans. From January 2002.

SAT 22:30 Comic to Comic (b007wxhw)

Series 2

Jimmy Carr

Master of deadpan humour, Jimmy Carr on life on the road and writing his comedy routines.

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

Producer: Carol Purcell

First broadcast on BBC Radio Scotland in January 2006.

SAT 23:00 Adam Dalgliesh - Cover Her Face (b008ypyg)

2. Investigation

Inspector Adam Dalgliesh arrives on the scene to investigate the murder of Sally Jupp in a peaceful Essex village. Robin Ellis stars as Dalgliesh with Sian Phillips and Hugh Grant.

PD James's debut crime novel about her gentleman detective.

Inspector Adam Dalgliesh Robin Ellis

Mrs Maxie Sian Phillips

Felix Hugh Grant

Deborah Beatie Edney

Catherine Oona Beeson

Miss Liddell Kate Binchy

Stephen David Thorpe

Dr Epps Philip Anthony

Martha ... Jill Graham

Thornton/Hicks John Church

Sgt Martin Steve Hodson

Inspector Manning John Fleming

Police Doctor John Baddeley

Dramatised by Neville Teller.

Producer: Matthew Walters

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1993.

SAT 23:30 Johan Theorin - The Darkest Room (b019cbr4)

Episode 2

Joakim Westin tries to come to terms with his wife, Katrine's death on the Swedish island of Öland. Hendrik begins housebreaking...

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.

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SUN 00:00 Blake's 7: The Early Years (b00slxyy)

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SUN 00:30 James Follett - Rules of Asylum (b007k1b3)

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SUN 01:00 Garrison Keillor's Radio Show (b019cbck)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Saturday]

SUN 02:00 Ruthless Omnibus - 4 Extra Debut (b019cbhg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Saturday]

SUN 03:15 McLevy (b007jjg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:15 on Saturday]

SUN 04:00 Jerome K Jerome - Three Men in a Boat (b007k2b8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday]

SUN 05:30 What's So Funny? (b0195h21)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:30 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 Charles Dickens (b007w0xm)

The Old Curiosity Shop (Omnibus)

Episode 2

Avoiding evil money-lender Quilp, debt-ridden Little Nell and her Grandfather escape the shop and flee.

Starring Emily Chenery 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.

SUN 07:15 Strange Weather Days (b00fss8m)

Series 2

Peasouper

Meteorologist Helen Young recalls how thousands were killed by London's deadly smog of December 1952.

SUN 07:30 Count Arthur Strong's Radio Show! (b019212k)

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.

SUN 08:00 Take It From Here (b019cg4z)

From 15/05/1957

Dick Bentley and Jimmy Edwards ponder their future, while 'The Glums' meet Eth's family.

Starring Professor Jimmy Edwards, Dick Bentley, June Whitfield and Wallace Eton.

Classic comedy scripted by Frank Muir and Denis Norden.

Music from The Keynotes and the BBC Revue Orchestra with Peter Akister.

Announcer: Brian Matthews

Producer: Charles Maxwell

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1957.

SUN 08:30 Much Binding in the Marsh (b018sjr1)

From 10/05/1950

Still looking for work, the ex-RAF gang turns its hand to babysitting.

Starring Kenneth Horne and Richard 'Stinker' Murdoch. With Sam Costa, Maurice Denham, Diana Morrison and Barbara Leigh.

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 by the Augmented Dance Orchestra conducted by Stanley Black.

Producer: Leslie Bridgemont

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1950.

SUN 09:00 Alan Garner - Elidor (b0106x20)

Episode 1

Roland, Helen, David and Nicholas Watson have escaped to Manchester to avoid helping out at their house move. After a detour down a creepy backstreet, they come upon a derelict church and a mysterious fiddle player.

Little do the children know that chance didn't bring them there, but a prophecy hundreds of years old. One by one they realise that the church isn't all it seems, as the fabric of time and space opens and they are propelled into the dying and strange world of Elidor...

Alan Garner's classic fantasy adventure dramatised in four-parts by Don Webb.

Stars Mossie Cassidy as Roland, Raffey Cassidy as Helen, William Rush as Nicholas, Stephen Hoyle as David, Toby Hadoke as Malebron and Fiona Clarke as Mrs Watson.

Original music composed by Ian Williams

Directed at BBC Manchester by Charlotte Riches.

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

SUN 09:30 Rudyard Kipling - The Jungle Book (b00csypl)

Letting in the Jungle

Mowgli mounts a rescue and meets the Father of the Cobras.

Stars Nisha K Nayar, Eartha Kitt and Jonathan Hyde.

SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b019cgbz)

Lesley Garrett

Kirsty Young explores the choices of the opera singer in the second of a new series on divas.

SUN 10:50 Front Row Interviews (b019cgd6)

Tim Pigott-Smith

The actor speaks on finding a way to play one of the great stage roles, King Lear, in conversation with Mark Lawson.

SUN 11:00 That Reminds Me (b019ch6b)

Series 4

Andrew Sachs

Andrew Sachs recalls life as a German refugee and his varied acting career, including his role as Spanish waiter Manuel in BBC TV's Fawley Towers.

Series showcasing the reminiscences of celebrated raconteurs before a live audience.

Producer: Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2002.

SUN 11:30 The Palace of Laughter (b007k2kn)

Series 2

Eastbourne Royal Hippodrome

Geoffrey Wheeler travels to Eastbourne, where he meets staff and supporters of the Royal Hippodrome Theatre.

It was built in the 1880s by architect CJ Phipps and acclaimed at the time as one of the most luxurious Variety theatres in the country.

The colourful history of the venue reflects the changing pattern of popular entertainment; its stage has seen everything from light operettas to Music Hall and stand-up.

With Bruce Forsyth.

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 (b007w0xm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SUN 13:15 Strange Weather Days (b00fss8m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

SUN 13:30 Jo Anderson - The Understudy (b00xls12)

An actor's obsession with a bizarre murder in Victorian theatreland sparks a deadly confrontation.

A psychological ghost story by Jo Anderson.

Starring Nigel Anthony as John Stanger, Frances Jeater as Jen Stanger, Michael Harbour as Paul Anstruther, Caroline Strong as Lindy, Peter Whitman as the Other, Barry Gordon as Belling, Neville Jason as Maurice, Fraser Kerr as Harris, Cathy Sara as Holly and Terry John as Frank.

Gaye Brown as Henrietta, Jo Anderson as the Barmaid, Tom Bevan as Peter, Paul Panting as Ben, Elaine Claxton as Lizzie, Lyndam Gregory as the Lift Operator, Teresa Gallagher as Jen's PA and Shaun Prendergast as the Geordie Doorman.

Director: Adrian Bean

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1994.

SUN 15:00 Take It From Here (b019cg4z)

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SUN 15:30 Much Binding in the Marsh (b018sjr1)

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SUN 16:00 Alan Garner - Elidor (b0106x20)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SUN 16:30 Rudyard Kipling - The Jungle Book (b00csypl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

SUN 17:00 A History of the World in 100 Objects (b00t5ldj)

The Rise of World Faiths (AD 100 - 600)

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 he is looking at the way the world's great religions began to perfect a way to visually express the divine, less than 2000 years ago.

He begins with a stone sculpture from modern day Pakistan that would create the classic image of the real life Buddha who lived and roamed around North India in the 5th Century BC. His journey takes him onwards to Damascus, modern day Iran and Dorset in Great Britain.

Producers: Paul Kobrak and Anthony Denselow

SUN 18:00 Fear on 4 (b007jn0y)

Series 2

The Dispossessed Daughter

The Man in Black reveals what happens when a grieving mother makes a pact with the Devil.

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

Written by Katharine Nicholas

The Man in Black Edward de Souza

David John Duttine

Ellen Vivien Heilbron

Rev Williams Gareth Armstrong

Directed at BBC Wales by Adrian Mourby.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1989.

SUN 18:30 The Scarifiers (b019chhw)

The Secret Weapon of Doom

Episode 3

Lionheart and Bright believe they've tracked down the deadly object. But have they? Stars Nicholas Courtney and Leslie Phillips.

SUN 19:00 That Reminds Me (b019ch6b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

SUN 19:30 The Palace of Laughter (b007k2kn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:30 today]

SUN 20:00 Take It From Here (b019cg4z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SUN 20:30 Much Binding in the Marsh (b018sjr1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

SUN 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b019cgbz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SUN 21:50 Front Row Interviews (b019cgd6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:50 today]

SUN 22:00 Count Arthur Strong's Radio Show! (b019212k)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 22:30 Pleased to Meet You (b007k2t5)

Series 1

Episode 2

90-something good-time girl Dora Dale spills the beans on her many celebrity friends – from Elvis to Jimmy Carr.

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

Written by and starring Martin Kelner and Jake Yapp.

Made for BBC7 and first broadcast in August 2006.

SUN 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b0140jcs)

Andi Osho and her guest chat about life and laughs.

SUN 23:00 As Told To Craig Brown (b00b0sh6)

Episode 2

Satirist Craig Brown presents a bundle of parody, social observation and nonsense in a romp through anything that's newsworthy and a good many things that aren't.

Narrated by Juliet Stevenson and Steve Wright.

With John Humphrys, Ronni Ancona, Jon Culshaw, Lewis McLeod, Sally Grace, 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 (b019chmt)

Series 3

Parents

Despite being close to his mum and dad, why does Adam Bloom argue with them all the time?

Adam examines our attitudes to children and parents, as well as picking up a flute for the first time in years.

Heart-warming, funny and quixotic comedy, written and starring Adam Bloom.

With Rob Rouse, Hattie Hayridge, Stefano Paolini and Bernie Bloom.

Producer: Adam Bromley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2005.

MONDAY 16 JANUARY 2012**MON 00:00 Fear on 4 (b007jn0y)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 Rudyard Kipling - The Jungle Book (b00csypl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 The Inspector Alleyn Mysteries (b0084j7z)

A Man Lay Dead

When a murder takes place at a country-house party, it poses another baffling case for the glamorous Chief Detective Inspector Alleyn.

Dame Ngaio Marsh's gentleman detective novel dramatised by Michael Bakewell.

Starring Jeremy Clyde as CDI Alleyn.

Nigel Bathgate Nick Waring

Angela North Molly Gaisford

Sir Hubert Hansley Donald Sinden

Arthur Wilde John Moffatt

Marjorie Wilde Dorothy Tutin

Rosamund Grant Susannah Corbett

Doctor John Hartley

Charles Rankin Derek Waring

Sgt Bunce Stephen Thorne

Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2001.

MON 07:00 Nikolai Gogol - Three Ivans, Two Aunts and an Overcoat (b00nd0t5)

The Two Ivans

In a sleepy Russian town, a careless insult changes the lives of two neighbours. Stars Griff Rhys Jones. From March 2002.

MON 07:30 The Unbelievable Truth (b0194kl6)

Series 8

Episode 3

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. Tony Hawks, Alan Davies, Tom Wrigglesworth and John Finnemore are the panellists obliged to talk with deliberate inaccuracy on subjects as varied as: Hamburgers, Pens, Snoring and Crocodiles.

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 (b00td9bn)

Series 4

Episode 13

Five Go Mad In Ancient Rome, shock news from 'Woman of

the Year' - and Kenneth Horne discovers Julian and Sandy are multilingual.

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 BBC Radio 2 in May 1968.

MON 08:30 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel (b0080jps)

Series 2

Episode 1

Shady lawyer, Waldorf T Flywheel needs patients - in his latest scam as a doctor.

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, Graham Hoadly and Vincent Marzello.

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 May 1991.

MON 09:00 Another Case of Milton Jones (b00r2cm9)

Series 4

Test Pilot

Written by Milton with James Cary ("Think The Unthinkable", "Miranda")

In this episode, Milton's a daredevil test pilot and Top Gun who gets tangled up in a fiendish plot to replace the turkey twizzler...

So if you find yourself daydreaming about owls, dodos, Papua New Guinea, a helicopter made of spoons and a comfy pillow

made of chicken giblets then you've quite definitely caught

"Another Case Of Milton Jones"

He's joined in his endeavours by his co-stars Tom Goodman-

Hill ("Camelot"), Dave Lamb ("Come Dine With Me") and

Ingrid Oliver ("Watson & Oliver").

Britain's funniest Milton and the king of the one-liner returns with a fully-working cast and a shipload of new jokes for a series of daffy comedy adventures

Each week, Milton is a complete and utter expert at something -

Top Gun aviator, Weatherman, Billy Elliot-style dancer, World-

beating cyclist, mathematical genius and Extreme Travel

Entrepreneur ...

... and each week, with absolutely no ability or competence, he

plunges into a big adventure with utterly funny results...

"Milton Jones is one of Britain's best gagsmiths with a flair for

creating daft yet perfect one-liners" - The Guardian

"King of the surreal one-liners" - The Times

"If you haven't caught up with Jones yet - do so!" - The Daily

Mail

Produced & directed by David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 09:30 Foul Play (b00k2d8w)

Series 3

Commercial Death

Crime writers John Harvey and Val McDermid try to solve the

mystery of who killed a radio DJ?

Simon Brett hosts the murder quiz.

Maria McErlane and Lee Simpson play the suspects.

Producer Liz Anstree

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1998.

MON 10:00 Charles Dickens (b0081s0d)

Hard Times

Episode 1

Hard facts are all that provincial businessmen, Mr Gradgrind

and Mr Bounderby feel are necessary in life. But the arrival of

Slery's circus in Cocketown shows another way...

Charles Dickens's 1854 classic about struggles in the industrial

north, dramatised in four parts by Doug Lucie.

Thomas Gradgrind Kenneth Cranham

Josiah Bounderby Philip Jackson

Mrs Sparsit Eleanor Bron

Mrs Gradgrind Thelma Barlow

Slery Derek Waring

Helen Longworth Louisa

Rachael Becky Hindley

Stephen Alan Williams

Mrs Pegler Marcia Warren

Francis Jeater Mrs Blackpool

Mr M'choakumchild Stephen Critchlow

Childers Chris Moran

Josephine Jaimi Barbakoff

A Boy Gregg Prentice

Servant Ioan Meredith

Waiter Declan Wilson

Sissy Stephanie Rawson

Bitzer Alexander Slater

Tom Nick Roud

Music by Nina Perry.

Director: Janet Whitaker

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2003.

MON 11:00 Margaret Bonham - The Casino (b0076lzm)

The Horse

Angela does her homework, as her mother hosts a drinks party

for some intellectual friends. Read by Emma Fielding.

MON 11:15 Loose Ends (b019dzph)

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

Culinary wizard Heston Blumenthal brings his bubbling cauldron of cooking tips to the boil and explains how to perform magic in our own kitchens. He'll disclose his carefully researched techniques, so that we too can cook like Heston. The next episode of 'How to Cook Like Heston' is on Wednesday

18th January at 20.00 on Channel 4.

Seasoned traveller and Radio 3 presenter, Lucy Duran, will be checking in to talk about visiting over fifty countries to record the local music of the world. Whether dodging bandits in

Madagascar, or attending ear-splitting Greek weddings, Lucy's

'World Routes' programme has done it all in the name of preserving the world's musical cultures. New material recorded on location is now captured on the double album 'World Routes:

On The Road'.

Emma Freud will be under the spell of hypnotist and bestselling author Paul McKenna, whose new book 'I Can Make You Smarter' claims to increase learning capacity and intelligence.

Top marks for Emma then!

Ullo John, got a new motor? Comedian, author and rogue landlord in 'The Young Ones', Alexei Sayle will be talking to Clive about his return to stand-up, competing a special series of

shows at London's Soho Theatre. Alexei is performing some brand-new material, as well as introducing his specially selected

comedians from the circuit.

Music comes from 'Phantom Limb' who play 'Laugh Like You're Mad' from their new album 'The Pines'.

Former co-frontman and songwriter of experimental folkies

Tungst, Sam Genders is currently drawing in a new audience

with crisp, minimalist pop music with his next band 'Diagrams'

who perform 'Tall Buildings' from the album 'Black Light'.

Producer: Cathie Mahoney.

MON 12:00 Round the Horne (b00td9bn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 12:30 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel (b0080jps)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 13:00 The Inspector Alleyn Mysteries (b0084j7z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 14:00 Charles Dickens (b007w5fz)

The Old Curiosity Shop

Episode 11

Driven to find shelter in a storm, Little Nell's grandfather finds a place at the card table.

Starring Emily Chenery as Nell, Alex Jennings as the Narrator,

Trevor Peacock as Grandfather, Gerard McDermott as

Giant/Grinder, Julia McKenzie as Mrs Jarley and Anna Massey as

Miss Monflathers.

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 (b007jrwy)

The Black Prince and the Death of Edward III

In 14th-Century England, the plague shows signs of abating, and the war between the French and English resumes. Anna Massey

narrates the history of the British Isles.

MON 14:30 Alan Bennett - Telling Tales (b007jnhv)

A Strip of Blue

The much-loved writer reads his wry recollections and

observations about his early life, growing up in Leeds.

MON 14:45 Michael Crawford - Parcel Arrived Safely: Tied With String (b019dh51)

Episode 1

Frank Spencer-like moments at the births of his two daughters,

as Michael Crawford begins the first of a five-part reading of

his autobiography.

Celebrated for his roles as the hapless Frank Spencer in the

BBC TV sitcom, Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em - and as the man in

the mask in Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical, The Phantom

of the Opera - Michael Crawford is one of Britain's best loved

entertainers.

Abridged by Pat McLoughlin.

Producer: Penny Leicester

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1999.

MON 15:00 Charles Dickens (b0081s0d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

MON 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b019dh5t)

Arr me hearties! Mel Giedroyc looks out her favourite

eyepatch, and goes hunting for buried gold on Robert Louis

Stevenson's Treasure Island.

MON 17:00 Ballylenon (b00p8hjj)

Series 7

Episode 4

Monsignor McFadden has declared that Miss Maconchy's

alleged 'vision' at Lourdes needs careful investigation -

jeopardising Phonsie Doherty's plans for a festival of light.

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

Rev Samuel Hawthorne Miche Doherty

Aubrey Frawley Matthew Addis

Daniel O'Searcaigh James Greene

Pianist: Michael Harrison

Director: Eoin O'Callaghan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2009.

MON 17:30 Nikolai Gogol - Three Ivans, Two Aunts and an Overcoat (b00nd0t5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 18:00 The Price of Fear (b007jn6j)

The Man Who Hated Scenes

On a train journey across the USA, Vincent Price orders

breakfast in the deserted restaurant car.

But then he encounters a meek millionaire with an alarming tale

to share...

Vincent Price introduces another tale of horror starring Peter

Cushing as Harry, Diana Olsson as Marilyn and Steve Preston

as Chuck.

Robert Arthur's story dramatised by William Ingram.

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in 1973.

MON 18:30 Barry Letts - Who & Me (b00rpw10)

Episode 1

Doctor Who's TV producer from 1969-74, Barry Letts recounts

his early career through to his working life with Jon Pertwee.

MON 19:00 Round the Horne (b00td9bn)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 21:00 Margaret Bonham - The Casino (b0076lzm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

MON 21:15 Loose Ends (b019dzph)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

MON 22:00 The Unbelievable Truth (b0194kl6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 22:30 Another Case of Milton Jones (b00r2cm9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 23:00 The News Quiz Extra (b018ssv0)

An extended version of the News Quiz for Radio 4 Extra,

featuring jokes that you won't have heard already.

MON 23:45 Hamish and Dougal: You'll Have Had Your Tea (b007k154)

Series 2

Fame Idol

Hamish and Dougal are extremely anxious to enter Fay

MacAdemy - the famous Highland talent Contest.

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 March 2004.

TUESDAY 17 JANUARY 2012

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]

TUE 02:00 Another Case of Milton Jones (b00r2cm9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Monday]

TUE 02:30 Foul Play (b00k2d8w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Monday]

TUE 03:00 Charles Dickens (b0081s0d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]

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TUE 05:00 Ballylenon (b00p8hjj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Monday]

TUE 05:30 Nikolai Gogol - Three Ivans, Two Aunts and an Overcoat (b00nd0t5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

The Beast in the Cage

Victor suffers a bank holiday traffic nightmare stuck in a jam - and so do Margaret and Jean!

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

With Michael Fenton-Stevens, Ainslee Foster, Paul Rogan, Stephanie Pack and Keith Wickham.

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 February 1995 on BBC Radio 2.

TUE 07:30 Mark Steel's in Town (b0194mxx)

Series 3

Wigan

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 6 - In this episode Mark performs a show for the residents of Wigan, where he talks about entering pie eating competitions, living under floorboards, and the radicalism of George Formby. 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 (b00jctj9)

Series 9

Who Is Pink Oboe?

Cowardly Captain Seagoon goes to war. With Peter Sellers away, Graham Stark and Kenneth Connor are enlisted. From January 1959.

TUE 08:30 Whatever Happened to the Likely Lads? (b007jrcz)

Cold Feet

Bob gets the jitters over marrying his fiancée, Thelma. Starring James Bolam as Terry Collier, Rodney Bewes as Bob Ferris and Brigit Forsyth as Thelma Chambers. With Sheila Fearn and Michael Segal.

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 (b018ssv0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]

TUE 09:45 Hamish and Dougal: You'll Have Had Your Tea (b007k154)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:45 on Monday]

TUE 10:00 Charles Dickens (b00811f)

Hard Times

Episode 2

Six years have passed; Tom is now working for Bounderby in his Bank, and he claims Louisa in marriage. Stephen Blackpool runs into trouble with the union men.

Charles Dickens's 1854 classic about struggles in the industrial north, dramatised by Doug Lucie.

Thomas Gradgrind Kenneth Cranham

Josiah Bounderby Philip Jackson

Mrs Sparsit Eleanor Bron

Mrs Gradgrind Thelma Barlow

Helen Longworth Louisa

Rachael Becky Hindley

Stephen Alan Williams

Mrs Pegler Marcia Warren

Slackbridge Ioan Meredith

Blitzer Declan Wilson

Tom Richard Firth

Sissy Lydia Tuckey

James Harthouse Guy Henry

Chairman Ben Crowe

Waiter Damien Lynch

Music by Nina Perry.

Director: Janet Whitaker

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2003.

TUE 11:00 Margaret Bonham - The Casino (b007rsyx)

Miss King

A penny is the source of much discord between Emma Bury and Milly Young. Read by Emma Fielding.

TUE 11:15 Pilgrim by Sebastian Baczkiewicz (b019dmxg)

Series 2

The Drowned Church

The Drowned Church: Humanity's ageless champion returns, this time to stop a sinister church congregation under the sea. Starring Paul Hilton.

TUE 12:00 The Goon Show (b00jctj9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 12:30 Whatever Happened to the Likely Lads? (b007jrcz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 13:00 The Inspector Alleyn Mysteries (b0084rlw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 14:00 Charles Dickens (b007w3zv)

The Old Curiosity Shop

Episode 12

Lawyer Sampson Brass and his dragonish sister Sally are presented with a clerk. Dickens dramatisation starring Trevor Peacock. From January 2003.

TUE 14:15 This Sceptred Isle (b007jrxw)

Richard II, Wat Tyler, Peasants' Revolt

Anna Massey narrates the history of John of Gaunt and the reign of Richard II.

TUE 14:30 Alan Bennett - Telling Tales (b007jnjd)

Our War

Alan Bennett recalls his 1940s childhood. Producer of suits and rhubarb, his home city of Leeds is not a prime bombing target.

TUE 14:45 Michael Crawford - Parcel Arrived Safely: Tied With String (b019dn36)

Episode 2

Actor and singer Michael Crawford reads from his autobiography, including working with Oliver Reed and Michael Winner, and meeting Gene Kelly.

TUE 15:00 Charles Dickens (b00811f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

TUE 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b019j02r)

Mel Giedroyc with a very chatty parrot, and some historical lemonade.

TUE 17:00 Flying the Flag (b007jx9v)

Series 1

Spy Story

Why does the bear suck his paw in winter? And what does the answer have to do with the First Secretary's dinner suit?

The British Ambassador and his team plan their campaign for a diplomatic dinner.

Alex Shearer's Eastern bloc embassy sitcom.

Starring Dinsdale Landen as HM Ambassador Mackenzie, Peter Acre as William Frost, Moir Leslie as Helen Waterson, Stephen Greif as the United States Ambassador, Susie Brann as Mrs Newton and Peter Howell as George Sommers.

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1987.

TUE 17:30 One Foot in the Grave (b007jn64)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

TUE 18:00 The Price of Fear (b007jmgf)

Come as You Are

Horror film legend Vincent Price gets a chilling invitation to a very special costume party.

Co-starring Morris Perry, Betty Huntley-Wright and Peter Williams.

Scripted by Bill Ingram.

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in 1974.

TUE 18:30 Barry Letts - Who & Me (b00rv8q4)

Episode 2

The Doctor Who producer reveals how he graduated from actor to TV director, and found a new path to enlightenment.

TUE 19:00 The Goon Show (b00jctj9)

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TUE 21:15 Pilgrim by Sebastian Baczkiewicz (b019dmxg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

TUE 22:00 Mark Steel's in Town (b0194mxx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 22:30 The Boosh (b007jxrs)

Hitcher

Zoo boss Bob Fossil is concerned about the erratic behaviour of Tony the Award and gives zookeepers Howard and Vince the duty of escorting him to a zoo for animal offenders.

All goes wrong, however, when Howard and Vince come across a strange figure standing by the side of the road.

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 23:00 Trevor's World of Sport (b00mj8k)

Series 2

Episode 3

The sports agent's hellish client Ralph acquires every celeb's must have - a stalker. Stars Neil Pearson. From December 2005.

TUE 23:30 A Look Back at the Nineties (b007jqvx)

1998

The Queen makes a decision, England's shocker, and The Archers go on strike.

Recorded in 1993, Brian Perkins, Kate Robbins and Jack Dee 'look back' at 1998, a year that was yet to happen.

A satirical review set on New Year's Eve 1999 - the Sony Gold award-winning comedy recalls the events from 1995 to 1999.

Predicted by 'Spitting Image' writers Mark Burton, John O'Farrell and Pete Sinclair.

Producer: Caroline Leddy

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1993.

WEDNESDAY 18 JANUARY 2012

WED 00:00 The Price of Fear (b007jmgf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Tuesday]

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WED 05:00 Flying the Flag (b007jx9v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Tuesday]

WED 05:30 One Foot in the Grave (b007jn64)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]

WED 06:00 The Inspector Alleyn Mysteries (b0084sb1)

When in Rome

1970s Rome. Chief Detective Inspector Alleyn is incognito and on the trail of a vast drugs syndicate - and some exceptionally unsavoury blackmail.

But he hasn't reckoned on murder...

Another tale of Dame Ngaio Marsh's gentleman detective.

CDI Alleyn Jeremy Clyde

Nigel Bathgate Nick Waring

Sonia, Lady Bracely Pauline Jameson

Kenneth Dorne Tom George

Baron Van der Veghel David Swift

Baroness Van der Veghel Paula Jacobs

Sophy Jason Annabelle Dowler

Barnaby Grant Sean Arnold

Major Sweet Derek Waring

Sebastian Mailer Matthew Devereaux

Father Denys James Greene

Valdarno Stephen Critchlow

Violetta/Receptionist Carolyn Jones

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.

Director: Emyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2003.

WED 07:00 The Right Time (b00fvbzz)

Series 2

Episode 5

Seeking treasure with metal detectors - and B & B holidays - with a twist!

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, Colin Bostock-Smith, John Pidgeon, Jan Etherington, Peter Spence and Andrew Nickolds.

Music by Ronnie & The Rex.

Producer: Helen Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2002.

WED 07:30 Isy Suttie: Pearl and Dave (b0196rpc)

Isy Suttie ('Dobby' from Channel 4's 'Peep Show' & double British Comedy Award nominee.) recounts a moving love story involving a socially awkward childhood neighbour (her first pen pal) and a 'well-bred' girl from Surrey - the titular Pearl and Dave. She interweaves the narrative with her own tales of failed relationships, internet dating and eventual happiness, much of which is told through song. Adapted from her sell out Edinburgh 2011 Edinburgh show of the same name. From BBC Radio Comedy.

"I'm overjoyed to be doing my Edinburgh show on Radio 4.

Having spent a month playing to audiences who'd been rained on all day, some of them dashing in late, I advise listeners to wrap up warm, eat a hearty meal and leave enough time for the journey from the sofa to the radio." Isy Suttie Nov 2011.

The Producer is John Pocock.

WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b0015xc7)

Series 3

The Greyhound Track

Sid wants the lad evicted, so he reopens a public footpath through his country mansion.

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 February 1956.

WED 08:30 The Michael Bentine Show (b00k3myf)

From 15/04/1984

From his own father to a huge hairy mountain gorilla.

Michael Bentine stars in the ultimate one man show written and performed by the host.

Producer: Jamie Rix

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in April 1984.

WED 09:00 Cabin Pressure (b00cm9p6)

Series 1

Douz

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

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

Carolyn finds she's taken more on board than she meant to

when the Scottish Cricket Team, a Frenchman and the Sahara

Desert all run out of petrol...

Carolyn Knapp-Shapley Stephanie Cole

1st Officer Douglas Richardson Roger Allam

Captain Martin Crieff Benedict Cumberbatch

Arthur Shapley John Finnemore

Yves Jutteau John Sessions

Habib Ali Amadi.

Captain Jessop Rufus Jones

Lachlan Robert Harley

Written by John Finnemore

Produced & directed by David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for the BBC

www.pozzitive.co.uk

WED 09:30 Whispers (b00cbzsf)

Series 2

Episode 6

Gyles Brandreth hosts the quiz show with scandal on its mind

and slander at its heart.

Charles Collingwood and Simon Fanshawe 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 (b0081vdy)

Hard Times

Episode 3

Stephen has disappeared, blamed for the robbery at

Bounderby's Bank. James Harthouse sets his sights on

Bounderby's wife, Louisa.

Charles Dickens's 1854 classic about struggles in the industrial

north, dramatised by Doug Lucie.

Thomas Gradgrind Kenneth Cranham

Josiah Bounderby Philip Jackson

Mrs Sparsit Eleanor Bron

Mrs Gradgrind Thelma Barlow

Helen Longworth Louisa

Blitzer Declan Wilson

Tom Richard Firth

Sissy Lydia Tuckey

James Harthouse Guy Henry

Guard Chris Moran

Jane Soumaya Keynes

Music by Nina Perry.

Director: Janet Whitaker

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2003.

WED 11:00 Margaret Bonham - The Casino (b007s9rk)

The River

A flood causes catastrophe for river-loving William and his

young daughter Frankie. Emma Fielding reads Margaret

Bonham's story.

WED 11:15 Pilgrim by Sebastian Baczkiewicz (b019dq7y)

Series 2

The Lost Hotel

The mystical, timeless man tracks a missing person and finds

himself an unwilling guest at a sinister hotel. Stars Paul Hilton.

WED 12:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b00t5xc7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 12:30 The Michael Bentine Show (b00k3myf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

WED 13:00 The Inspector Alleyn Mysteries (b0084sb1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 14:00 Charles Dickens (b007w4dk)

The Old Curiosity Shop

Episode 13

Dick Swiveller gets to know a mysterious gentleman and

eavesdrops on a conversation. Dickens dramatisation with Sandi

Toksvig. From January 2003.

WED 14:15 This Sceptred Isle (b007jryb)

Lancaster and Bolingbroke

At the end of the 14th Century, the House of Lancaster is

gaining prominence. Anna Massey narrates the history of the

British Isles.

WED 14:30 Alan Bennett - Telling Tales (b007jnfx)

An Ideal Home

Alan Bennett recalls his 1940s childhood, when the sum total of

family secrets amounted to not having a proper breakfast.

WED 14:45 Michael Crawford - Parcel Arrived Safely: Tied

With String (b019dqsc)

Episode 3

Success in 'No Sex Please, We're British', but a marriage fails.

Michael Crawford continues reading from his autobiography.

WED 15:00 Charles Dickens (b0081vdy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

WED 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b019j036)

Mel Giedroyc lays a special set of dominoes end to end, and

takes of tour of the world's best - and worst - toilets.

WED 17:00 It Sticks Out Half A Mile (b007jps8)

The Friends of Frambourne Pier

Frank Pike and Bert Hodges try to enlist some volunteers to

help restore the pier.

A seaside saga of pier perpetuation starring John Le Mesurier,

Ian Lavender and Bill Pertwee.

Arthur Wilson ... John Le Mesurier

Bert Hodges ... Bill Pertwee

Frank Pike ... Ian Lavender

Fred Guthrie ... Glynn Edwards

Miss Perkins ... Vivienne Martin

Mrs Briggs ... Hilda Braid

Ernest Woolcott ... Michael Knowles

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 1984.

WED 17:30 The Right Time (b00fvbgz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

WED 18:00 The Price of Fear (b007jn9k)

The Ninth Removal

Horror legend Vincent Price's unnerving tale of a secretary's

murderous revenge.

Co-starring Freda Jackson, Richard Pearson, Clare Sutcliffe,

Michael Segal and Alan Rowe.

Written by R Chetwynd-Hayes and dramatised by Barry

Campbell.

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in 1974.

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Episode 3

The Doctor Who producer recalls the show's regeneration from

Patrick Troughton to Jon Pertwee, and from black and white to

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WED 22:30 Absolute Power (b019dqxr)

Series 4

Episode 4

Spin doctor Charles heads across the pond, leaving Martin to

fend alone. Stars Stephen Fry and John Bird. From February

2004.

WED 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b01b20pv)

Two hours of comedy, as Arthur Smith chats to Tiffany

Stevenson about life and laughs.

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

(b007jrj4)

Series 1

Organathon

Eddie attempts a record-breaking electronic organ session for

charity while son Jason receives a mysterious letter...

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

Jim Poyser and Damian Langan's comedy drama.

Starring Dominic Monaghan as Jason, John McArdle as Eddie,

Beverley Callard as Maureen. Jason Done as Michael, Jo-Anne

Knowles as Debbie, Chris Pavlo as Hugo, Brian Poyser as Brian

and Richard Davies as Mr Owen.

Music: Big George

Producer: Neil Mossey

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1999.

WED 23:30 Rubbish (b00770g2)

Series 1

Diversity

Meet Martin Christmas, local government officer, cynic and

manic-depressive.

Martin is in search for inner peace but is held back by his yearly

visit to the diversity workshop, by having to come up with

slogans for a rubbish bus and by pagans in the Youth and

Leisure department trying to recruit him. Then to top it all he

keeps seeing the image of a bloke with metal plate in his jaw.

Reece Dinsdale stars in the first of two series by Tony Bagley.

Martin Reece Dinsdale

Karen Oriane Messina

Roger Paul Copley

Don Mark Maier

Sarah Nicola Walker

Bryan Neil Edmond

Barney James Lance

Chris Jim North

Adam Paul Reynolds

Producer: Claire Bartlett

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2006.

THURSDAY 19 JANUARY 2012

THU 00:00 The Price of Fear (b007jn9k)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Wednesday]

THU 00:30 Barry Letts - Who & Me (b00rz8s0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Wednesday]

THU 01:00 The Inspector Alleyn Mysteries (b0084sb1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday]

THU 02:00 Cabin Pressure (b00cm9p6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Wednesday]

THU 02:30 Whispers (b00cbzsf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Wednesday]

THU 03:00 Charles Dickens (b0081vdy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Wednesday]

THU 04:00 Margaret Bonham - The Casino (b007s9rk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Wednesday]

THU 04:15 Pilgrim by Sebastian Baczkiewicz (b019dq7y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Wednesday]

THU 05:00 It Sticks Out Half A Mile (b007jps8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Wednesday]

THU 05:30 The Right Time (b00fvbgz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]

THU 06:00 The Inspector Alleyn Mysteries (b0084qvv)

A Surfeit of Lampreys

Gentleman sleuth Inspector Alleyn probes a grisly death of the

head of a spendthrift aristocratic family. Stars Jeremy Clyde.

THU 07:00 Artists (b019dr8p)

Series 2

Unholy Alliances

Tamsin is invited to a wedding. Can she persuade anti-

traditionalist Josef to accompany her? Stars Ben Miller. From

April 2004.

THU 07:30 Clare in the Community (b014qxbj)

Series 7

The Prisoner

Clare in the Community returns with Sally Phillips as Clare

Barker the social worker who has all the right jargon but never

a practical solution.

A control freak, Clare likes nothing better than interfering in

other people's lives on both a professional and personal basis.

Clare is in her thirties, white, middle class and heterosexual, all

of which are occasional causes of discomfort to her.

Each week we join Clare in her continued struggle to control

both her professional and private life. In her private life Clare

is struggling to come to terms with Brian's infidelity. Will their

relationship survive?

In today's Big Society there are plenty of challenges out there

for an involved, caring social worker. Or even Clare.

Clare: SALLY PHILLIPS

Brian: ALEX LOWE

Megan/Nali: NINA CONTI

Ray: RICHARD LUMSDEN

Helen: LIZA TARBUCK

Simon: ANDREW WINCOTT

Libby: SARAH KENDALL

WPC Petherington: SOPHIE THOMPSON

Mr. Chisholm: GERARD MCDERMOTT

Mr Barton: SIMON BUBB

day?

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 Avis Bunnage, Jon Glover and James Taylor.

Producer: Edward Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in July 1983.

THU 09:30 The 99p Challenge (b00ph8rz)

Series 3

Episode 6

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

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 (b0081w2g)

Hard Times

Episode 4

Sissy and Rachael go looking for Stephen Blackpool - tragedy follows. Tom's crime is uncovered and Gradgrind tries to save his son with Sleary's help.

Mrs Sparsit claims victory over 'The Noddle'.

Conclusion of Charles Dickens's 1854 classic about struggles in the industrial north, dramatised by Doug Lucie.

Thomas Gradgrind Kenneth Cranham

Josiah Bounderby Philip Jackson

Mrs Sparsit Eleanor Bron

Helen Longworth Louisa

Blitzer Declan Wilson

Tom Richard Firth

Sissy Lydia Tuckey

Stephen Alan Williams

Rachael Becky Hindley

Mrs Pegler Marcia Warren

Sleary Derek Waring

Music by Nina Perry.

Director: Janet Whitaker

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2003.

THU 11:00 Margaret Bonham - The Casino (b007sygh)

The Two Mrs Reeds

Two women with the same name convalesce in a maternity ward. Emma Fielding reads Margaret Bonham's story.

THU 11:15 Pilgrim by Sebastian Baczkiewicz (b019dw0f)

Series 2

The Lady in the Lake

In search of runaway ward, Freya, Pilgrim goes to Hollisale Well and discovers a small community dedicated to the memory of a woman lured into the water seven years ago by a magical being.

Series of four modern-day fantasy adventures by Sebastian Baczkiewicz.

William Palmer Paul Hilton

Freya Rachael Spence

Becker Adeel Akhtar

Gordy Henry Devas

Charity Claire Price

Gudrun Claire Harry

Legend Agnes Bateman

Director: Marc Beeby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.

THU 12:00 The Men from the Ministry (b019drtz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 12:30 Dad's Army (b00q9gk2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 13:00 The Inspector Alleyn Mysteries (b0084qvw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 14:00 Charles Dickens (b007w2k7)

The Old Curiosity Shop

Episode 14

Little Nell becomes confused as she tries to stop her grandfather's gambling. Dickens dramatisation with Trevor Peacock. From January 2003.

THU 14:15 This Sceptred Isle (b007jryq)

Henry IV, Hotspur and the Stake

The Plantagenets disband, with the House of Lancaster stepping up to rule England. Anna Massey narrates the history of Britain.

THU 14:30 Alan Bennett - Telling Tales (b007jnkj)

A Shy Butcher

Alan Bennett recalls his father's lot in life, plus his own childhood evenings spent cleaning his parents' false teeth.

THU 14:45 Michael Crawford - Parcel Arrived Safely: Tied With String (b019dw0b)

Episode 4

Creating Frank Spencer in 'Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em' and taking on risky stunts. Michael Crawford reads his autobiography.

THU 15:00 Charles Dickens (b0081w2g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

THU 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b019j0nt)

Which bird is best at telling the time? Mel Giedroyc finds out about the history of cuckoo clocks.

THU 17:00 King Street Junior (b007jmhv)

Series 5

Work

If only school problems could be as easily solved as the new school governor imagines. Stars Karl Howman and James Groot. From June 1990.

THU 17:30 Artists (b019dr8p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 18:00 The Price of Fear (b007jm89)

An Eye for an Eye

Even horror legend Vincent Price can't face the meal that is placed before him.

Co-starring Christopher Bidmead, Anne Jameson and Roger Snowdon.

Written by William Ingram.

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in April 1974.

THU 18:30 Barry Letts - Who & Me (b00s37c3)

Episode 4

The Doctor Who producer reflects on major changes in the TV filming process, and nurturing a formidable new writing team.

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THU 21:15 Pilgrim by Sebastian Baczkiewicz (b019dw0f)

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THU 22:00 Clare in the Community (b014qxbj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 22:30 Delve Special (b007jq1p)

Series 3

A Rocket for Defence

Reporter David Lander investigates whether we really need the new 'Sea Snake' torpedo.

Every year each British taxpayer gives £700 to the Ministry of Defence for new nuclear weapons.

Would we be better off putting an extra lock on the door and having a fortnight in Bermuda?

Presented by David Lander with assistance from Stephen Fry. Studio production by Jack Klaff, Brenda Blethyn and Harry Enfield.

Dramatic reconstructions by Felicity Montagu, Robert Bathurst and Mark Arden.

Researched and compiled by Tony Sarchet.

Editor: Paul Mayhew-Archer

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

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1986.

THU 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b01b20qf)

More comedy and chat with Arthur Smith and the week's guest, Tiffany Stevenson.

THU 23:00 The Cheese Shop Presents (b0089jjq)

Series 2

Episode 6

'Changing Rooms' only slightly, and an escaped seal - in disguise. Sketch comedy from Warwick with Ben War.

THU 23:30 The Castle (b0014q0l)

Series 3

The Snowballs of Hell

Hie ye 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 there's romance in the air for Charlotte as a vicious gang war breaks out in the Castle. Meanwhile, De Warrenne discovers the fondue and declares martial law.

Cast:

Sir John Woodstock James Fleet

Sir William De Warenne 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

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]

FRI 02:00 Know Your Place (b019dvsb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]

FRI 02:30 The 99p Challenge (b00ph8rz)

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FRI 05:00 King Street Junior (b007jmhv)

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FRI 05:30 Artists (b019dr8p)

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FRI 06:00 Stephen Sheridan - Murder By the Book (b00y95fv)

Two elderly librarians decide to emulate Miss Marple when a corpse is discovered in their crime section. Stars Mary Wimbush.

FRI 06:45 Ruth Rendell Stories (b00b5ppw)

A Dark Blue Perfume

A retired businessman returns from abroad to search for his ex-wife, who left him years ago for another man. Read by John Rowe.

FRI 07:00 Smelling of Roses (b007jr19)

Series 1

Sleeping Partners

Rosie is arranging the activities for partners of delegates to a major finance company's conference.

Kate meanwhile sees it as her ticket back into a high-flying job...

Prunella Scales in Simon Brett's sitcom.

The trials and tribulations of Rosie Burns and her event management company, based in Brighton.

Rosie Prunella Scales

Kate Arabella Weir

Jo Rebecca Callard

Bob Duncan Preston

Tess Annette Badland

Sheila Wilkinson Debbie Norman

Philip Wilkinson Alan Cowan

Producer: Maria Esposito

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2000.

FRI 07:30 What's So Funny? (b019f18l)

Series 2

Episode 16

Ed Byrne chats to Dara O Briain, while critics Veronica Lee and Stephen Armstrong look forward to a new year in comedy.

FRI 08:00 The TV Lark (b019f7nb)

Opening Night

Abandon ship! Take one naval crew - disembark them and drop anchor at a TV station - and you have 'The TV Lark'.

After four series of 'The Navy Lark', the BBC decided the comedy crew needed a new setting, so where better than brand new independent station, Troubridge TV?

New Deputy Controller of Programmes, Henry Povey spots some familiar faces...

The Producer Stephen Murray

The Floor Manager Jon Pertwee

The Director Leslie Phillips

Deputy Controller, Henry Povey, Richard Caldicot

'Fatsy' Johnson Ronnie Barker

'Taffy' Goldstein/The Mayor Tenniel Evans

Controller, Gervais Batsford-Shaw Michael Bates

Janet Janet Brown

TTV Continuity Announcer Robin Boyle

Written by Lawrie Wyman

This series proved to be only a temporary change of course for the crew of HMS Troubridge - as they were soon back aboard

'The Navy Lark' - after 10 outings of The TV Lark.

Producer: Alastair Scott Johnston.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in January 1963.

FRI 08:30 Steptoe and Son (b007jnjq)

Series 6

Loathe Story

Sleepwalking Harold gives dad Albert a fright.

Starring Wilfrid Brambell and Harry H Corbett as Steptoe and Son.

Written for TV and adapted for radio by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.

Albert Wilfrid Brambell

Harold Harry H Corbett

Psychiatrist Graham Stark

Bunty Jo Manning Wilson

Mrs Kennington-Stroud Margot Boyd

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 later adapted for radio.

Producer: Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in February 1976.

FRI 09:00 Fat Chance (b019fwxg)

Weigh in with Wendy

Graham joins the members of a slimming club run by Wendy Bottomley.

Jenny McDade's high-fat bittersweet five-part comedy - for those believing there's a thin person inside them begging to get out.

Graham Pitscottie Gareth Corke

Wendy Bottomley Janine Duvtiski

Clive Bottomley Michael Troughton

Soo Pitscottie Anne Reid

Tina Tattersall Julia Deakin

Kelly Chambers Tilly Gaunt

Lee Dubs Harry Myers

Mrs Enright Frances Jeater

Producer: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1999.

FRI 09:30 We've Been Here Before (b00fy1g5)

Series 2

Episode 2

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

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

Gyles Brandreth and Natalie Haynes battle it out against John O'Farrell and Richard Herring.

Producer: Ed Morrish

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2004.

FRI 10:00 Charles Dickens (b019fx2g)

Mrs Lirriper

Episode 1

Meet the formidable and huge-hearted Mrs Lirriper and the eccentric collection of lodgers who rent rooms from her - one of whom leaves behind more than anyone could have expected Charles Dickens's neglected classic dramatised and produced by Ellen Dryden.

Starring Julia McKenzie as Mrs Lirriper, John Fortune as the Major, Jordan Clarke as Jemmy, Alison Skilbeck as Miss Wozenham and Jonathan Dryden Taylor as Mr Edson. Made by First Writes Radio for BBC Radio 4. First broadcast in 2007.

FRI 11:00 Margaret Bonham - The Casino (b007tzqb)

The Professor's Daughter

Four-year-old Britta and her fearful imagination cause social embarrassment for Miss Jenner. Read by Emma Fielding.

FRI 11:15 Pilgrim by Sebastian Baczkiewicz (b019fx3p)

Series 2

Hope Springs

Pilgrim is the most reluctant father of the bride.

He struggles to balance the prospect of being the quarry in a savage hunt forever and a day, with seeing his daughter Doris condemned to an eternity married to Puck.

Series of four modern-day fantasy adventures by Sebastian Baczkiewicz.

William Palmer Paul Hilton

Dexter Lloyd Thomas

Hilda Anna Wing

Doris Judy Parfitt

Puck Jamie Foreman

Mr Hazelbury Sean Baker

Mrs Marsden Leah Brotherton

Legend Agnes Bateman

Director: Jessica Dromgoole.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.

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FRI 14:00 Charles Dickens (b007w3b7)

The Old Curiosity Shop

Episode 15

The hunt continues to track down Little Nell and her grandfather. Dickens dramatisation with Alex Jennings. From January 2003.

FRI 14:15 This Sceptred Isle (b007jrjz7)

Henry V and Agincourt

Anna Massey narrates the history of the British Isles. The reign of Henry V unites England as he takes them into battle with France.

FRI 14:30 Alan Bennett - Telling Tales (b007jnkv)

Days Out

The writer recalls his 1940s childhood and the difficulties he and his parents faced in leaving Leeds on wartime Sundays.

FRI 14:45 Michael Crawford - Parcel Arrived Safely: Tied With String (b019fx7g)

Episode 5

The tribulations and ultimate triumph of 'The Phantom of The Opera'. Michael Crawford concludes reading from his autobiography.

FRI 15:00 Charles Dickens (b019fx2g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b019j0p4)

Mel Giedroyc continues her voyage to Treasure Island, and tries on a helmet from the Vietnam War.

FRI 17:00 Desmond Olivier Dingle's Compleat Life and Works of William Shakespeare (b007k2xh)

Episode 4

The Royal Dingle Company wreak havoc in Stratford-Upon-Avon. Stars Patrick Barlow and Louise Lombard. From September 1995.

FRI 17:30 Smelling of Roses (b007jr19)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 18:00 The Price of Fear (b007jn0n)

Soul Music

Horror legend Vincent Price tells the chilling tale of a violinist with very special hands

Starring John Graham, Coral Browne, Roger Snowdon and Michael Burlington.

Written by William Ingram.

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in 1973.

FRI 18:30 Barry Letts - Who & Me (b00s5nfv)

Episode 5

The Doctor Who producer recalls the birth of the Time Lord's nemesis and the attributes of a time traveller's female companion.

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FRI 22:00 What's So Funny? (b019f181)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 22:30 Elvenquest (b00w22h6)

Series 2

Episode 2

Amis' over-eating has forced him to put on weight.

This would be fine, were it not for the fact that he is the "Chosen One" and everyone knows Chosen Ones cannot be seen to be too pudgy. He is a role model after all. So the Questers take him to see the sorcerer, Dietica, where he is put on a punishing new regime - along with the rest of our noble band of heroes.

But, as ever, danger lurks round every corner in Lower Earth and it is not long until Dietica reveals his true plans for the Questers. And it involves more than just staying away from carbs.

Fantasy-based sitcom set in Lower Earth written by Anil Gupta and Richard Pinto.

Sam Stephen Mangan

Lord Darkness Alistair McGowan

Dietica Sanjeev Bhaskar

Dean/Kreech Kevin Eldon

Vidar Darren Boyd

Amis - The Chosen One Dave Lamb

Penthiselea Sophie Winkleman

Producer: Sam Michell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2010.

FRI 23:00 The Skivers (b00805wv)

Series 2

Jon Pertwee

Doctor Who meets Worzel Gummidge, as Nick and Tim welcome special guest Jon Pertwee

Skilful sketch show 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 (b00804kc)

Series 2

Astronaut Training

The sketch show team take the audience to Nevada for astronaut selection by NASA.

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 February 1991.