

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2000.
MON 07:30 Just a Minute (b01cvkc7)
 Series 62
 Episode 5
 Nicholas Parsons challenges Paul Merton, Sue Perkins, Julian Clary and Charles Collingwood to talk without hesitation, repetition or deviation for 60 seconds. From March 2012.
MON 08:00 Beyond Our Ken (b007jpv0)
 From 28/05/1959
 Kenneth Horne calls in the plumber, plus the history of communication. With Kenneth Williams and Betty Marsden. From May 1959.
MON 08:30 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel (b00890mh)
 Series 3
 Episode 3
 Shady lawyer Waldorf T Flywheel starts a bus tour of New York.
 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.
 Starring Michael Roberts as Groucho Marx as Waldorf T Flywheel and Frank Lazarus as Chico Marx as Emmanuel Ravelli. With Lorelei King and Graham Hoadly.
 Special guest stars Spike Milligan and Dick Vosburgh.
 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 1992.
MON 09:00 Alex Horne Presents The Horne Section (b01dgh8t)
 Series 1
 Nick Helm
 What is the relationship between man and dog and dinosaurs and puns?
 Comedian Alex Horne is joined by his own 5 piece jazz band for music and comedy.
 With Edinburgh Comedy Award nominee Nick Helm.
 Host Alex Horne
 Trumpet/banjo Joe Auckland
 Saxophone/clarinet Mark Brown
 Double Bass/Bass Will Collier
 Drums and Percussion Ben Reynolds
 Piano/keyboard Joe Stilgoe
 Guest performer Nick Helm
 Producer: Julia McKenzie
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2012.
MON 09:30 The Attractive Young Rabbi (b007k1vv)
 Series 2
 The Bar Mitzvah
 Three rabbis at one party sparks a possible recipe for disaster. Barry Grossman's comedy-drama about the collision between the old and the new in the Jewish community of Hillfield.
 Rabbi Abraham Fine David De Keyser
 Rabbi Su Jacobs Tracy-Ann Oberman
 Sadie Fine Doreen Mantle
 Melv Henry Goodman
 Brian Jonathan Kydd
 Su's Mum Sheila Steafel
 Colin Eric Meyers
 Doctor Christopher Rowe
 Music: Max Harris.
 Producer: John Fawcett Wilson
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2000.
MON 10:00 James Hilton - Lost Horizon (b00trv2)
 The Kidnapping
 During May 1931, the revolutionary situation in Baskul worsened and Air Force machines arrived from Peshawar to evacuate the residents.
 A few miscellaneous aircraft were also employed - among them one lent by the Maharajah of Chandapore. In this, four passengers embarked: Miss Roberta Brinklow, of the Eastern Mission; Henry D Barnard, a US citizen; Hugh Conway, HM Consul; and Captain Charles Mallinson, HM Vice-Consul. Mysteriously none of them reached their destination.
 James Hilton's novel about Shangri-La, the mystical lamasery hidden in the mountains of Tibet.
 Three-part dramatisation by Barry Campbell.
 Starring Derek Jacobi as Hugh Conway, Andrew Branch as Mallinson, Alan Tilvern as Barnard, Carol Marsh as Miss Brinklow, John Livesey as Rutherford, Sion Probert as Wyland, Alaric Cotter as Hilton, Gary Cady as Sanders, John Bull as the Doctor and Garard Green as Chang.
 Pianist: Antony Miall
 Producer: Graham Gauld
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1981.
MON 11:00 RK Narayan Stories (b01d9164)
 Engine Trouble
 At a raffle in India, a poor local man wins an unusual prize. But how to get it home?
 Zia Mohyeddin reads RK Narayan's short story.
 Director: Duncan Minshull
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1991
MON 11:15 Loose Ends (b01d0j11)
 Clive Anderson with Sean Bean, John Sergeant and Claire Foy. Emma Freud flirts with Jason Donovan. And music from The

Civil Wars
 Voted the UK's second sexiest man in 2004 (Clive came in at No.1), Sheffield born actor Sean Bean joins Clive as he returns to our screens in the new action thriller Cleanskin in which he plays a Secret Service Agent.
 Journalist and broadcaster John Sergeant flicks through Britain's First Photo Album, a forthcoming BBC2 series in which he traces the footsteps of a Victorian pioneer photographer who documented Britain in the 1860s.
 Claire Foy reflects on playing a fledgling feminist in White Heat, BBC2's drama about a group of student housemates from 1965 London to the present day.
 Emma Freud tries to tango with actor and singer Jason Donovan. But he's dumped his dancing shoes and returned to the music studio with the release of his new album Sign Of Your Love.
 We have music from double Grammy award winners, The Civil Wars - who Adele dubbed "by far the best live band I've ever heard" and the critically acclaimed Anna Freier aka I Am Harlequin.
 Producer: Cathie Mahoney.
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MON 13:30 Father Brown Stories (b007jp44)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
MON 14:00 Charles Dickens - Nicholas Nickleby (b007lnj0)
 Episode 26
 Madeleine's wedding is off after her father's death. Uncle Ralph is furious. Dramatisation of Dickens' novel with Alex Jennings.
MON 14:15 This Sceptred Isle (b007jshb)
 The Death of Charles II
 In the last five years of his reign, Charles II was to prove his worth.
MON 14:30 Uncle Mort's Celtic Fringe (b007jnbx)
 Series 1
 Episode 3
 A Good Day for Banning: The Welsh odyssey continues for Carter Brandon as he and his uncle stay at a very eccentric hotel. With Sam Kelly. Episode 3 of 5.
MON 14:45 Diana Souhami - Coconut Chaos (b00xmh63)
 Episode 1
 Ruminating on the Bounty's fateful voyage to Polynesia, Diana Souhami journeys to the Pitcairn Island. Read by Eleanor Bron.
MON 15:00 James Hilton - Lost Horizon (b00trv2)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
MON 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b016c8yf)
 Mel Giedroyc introduces the first chapter of The Phoenix and the Carpet by E Nesbit, and we hear another episode of Soundscape, capturing the life of white-tailed sea eagles.
MON 17:00 The Random Jottings of Hinge and Bracket (b007jrxm)
 Harping On It
 Hilda fears losing her precious instrument to a musician in need. Stars Dr Evadne Hinge and Dame Hilda Bracket. From May 1983.
MON 17:30 Married (b007ys7j)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
MON 18:00 James Follett - The Destruction Factor (b007k4t9)
 World Without Fire
 After sparking a plane crash, the deadly Exon plant strain's advancement continues.
 Conclusion of James Follett's sci-fi thriller starring TP McKenna.
 Max Flinders TP McKenna
 Denise Exon Rosalind Adams
 Howard Rogers Paul Copley
 Nurse Joan Matheson
 Craig Noel Johnson
 Blowers Michael Shannon
 Miss Anderson Diana Olson
 Scott Diana Olsson
 Helicopter Pilot Peter Wickham
 Farmer Roy Spencer
 Corporal Gregory de Polnay
 Sachs Denis Goacher
 Producer: David Spencer
 First broadcast as 2 x 90 minute plays on BBC Radio 4 in March 1978.
MON 18:30 John Wyndham - The Day of the Triffids (b007jrp9)
 Episode 15
 In a world ravaged by the Triffids, survivor Bill Masen works hard to make a new home for his new family. Read by Roger May.
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MON 23:00 The Now Show (b01cwwls)
 Series 36
 With Lloyd Langford
 Topical comedy with Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis who are joined by Jon Holmes, Lloyd Langford, Lucy Montgomery and Mitch Benn for this week's look back at the news.
 Producer: Ed Morrish.
MON 23:30 The Mitch Benn Music Show (b00b311z)
 Series 2
 Episode 1
 The comedian presents a selection of classic comic songs. With special guest Steve Brown. From October 2006.

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 The Virgin in the Ice
 2. Danger From All Sides
 Amid bitter civil war in 1139, detective monk Brother Cadfael makes headway in his medieval crime hunt, but it's mixed news. Starring Philip Madoc as Brother Cadfael.
 Written by Ellis Peters and dramatised by Bert Coules.
 Brother Cadfael Philip Madoc
 Narrator Sir Michael Hordern
 Boterel Andrew Wincott
 Leonard Leonard Fenton
 Elyas Crispin Letts
 Ives Dean Magri
 Hugh Douglas Hodge
 Ermina Moira Buffini
 Olivier Raad Rawi
 Other parts played by Jonathan Tafler, John Fleming, Kate Binchy
 Music by Peter Salem.
 Producer: Phil Clarke.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1992.
TUE 06:30 Father Brown Stories (b00811vr)
 Series 2
 Actor and Alibi
 A theatrical murder amid much back-stabbing is announced in the Chop-House. Father Brown finds himself in the midst of a School for Scandal.
 Stars Andrew Sachs as Father Brown.
 GK Chesterton's stories of an amateur clerical sleuth with an uncanny understanding of the criminal mind at work.
 Father Brown Andrew Sachs
 Mundon Mandeville Peter Jeffrey
 Mrs Mandeville Sheila Grant
 Inspector Bagshaw Bill Wallis
 Ashton Jarvis David Brierly
 Norman Knight Charles Baillie
 Lady Miriam Talbot Fleur Chandler
 Miss Maroni Karen Ascoe
 Mrs Sans Pauline Letts
 House Manager Jonathan Scott
 Dramatised by John Scotney
 Directed at BBC Bristol by Alec Reid.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1986.
TUE 07:00 Mr Finchley Goes to Paris (b007jzhh)
 Episode 2
 After a contretemps with a haddock, the shy solicitor's clerk gains a guide and makes a move.
 Richard Griffiths stars as Edgar Finchley.

Written by Victor Canning.
Lawrence Hume Piers Gibbon
Marie Peters Serena Evans
Robert Gillespie James Cohen
Madame Mignard Jacqueline Tong
Waiter Keith Anderson
Narrated by James Villiers.
Adapted for radio by Andy and Eric Merriman.
Producer: Gareth Edwards
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in June 1994.
TUE 07:30 Count Arthur Strong's Radio Show! (b01cw5nl)
Series 7
Arthurish
Arthur sets off to run an ill friend's bar in Spain. To make life easier, for him and everyone else, he attempts to invent his own language. Now, if only he can navigate the airport and get to Spain.
Count Arthur Strong - one time Variety Star, now sole proprietor and owner of Doncaster's Academy of Performance - is a show business legend, raconteur, and lecturer extraordinaire. He stars in a Sitcom with regular sidekick Wilfred Taylor, Master Butcher, and a host of other characters. All false starts and nervous fumbling badly covered up by a delicate sheen of bravado and self-assurance, and an expert in everything from the world of entertainment to the origin of the species, everyday life with Arthur is an enlightening experience.
Cast:
Steve Delaney
Mel Giedroyc
Alastair Kerr
David Mounfield
Producer: John Leonard
A Komedija Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4.
TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b007jn2)
Series 7
The Macreekie Rising of '74
Neddie Seagoon has a 60-foot caber hidden under his kilt, but the Scots want it back.
Groundbreaking, surreal BBC radio comedy written by Spike Milligan and Larry Stephens.
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 October 1956.
TUE 08:30 Whatever Happened to the Likely Lads? (b007js28)
Count Down
Terry helps stressed Bob prepare for his wedding to Thelma. Starring James Bolam as Terry Collier and Rodney Bewes as Bob Ferris.
With Joan Hickson, Bill Owen, Anita Carey and Robin Parkinson.
Created and scripted for BBC TV by Dick Clement and Ian La Frenais.
Adapted for radio and produced by John Brownell.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1975.
TUE 09:00 The Now Show (b01cwwls)
[Repeat of broadcast at 23:30 on Monday]
TUE 09:30 The Mitch Benn Music Show (b00b311z)
[Repeat of broadcast at 23:30 on Monday]
TUE 10:00 James Hilton - Lost Horizon (b00tp809)
Shangri-La
Hugh Conway and the others are stranded in the Tibetan wilderness, but a man named Chang comes to their aid. Stars Derek Jacobi.
TUE 11:00 RK Narayan Stories (b01d9815)
The Axe
If the old house remains intact, Velan's beautiful gardens will endure. But property developers gather. Read by Sam Dastor. From June 1991.
TUE 11:15 Have Your Cake (b011f7m9)
Lady's Cake
Tess and Nicky face temptation and bad news, as Maggie faces a ghost from her past. Nicola Baldwin's drama stars Lesley Sharp.
TUE 12:00 The Goon Show (b007jn2)
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TUE 14:00 Charles Dickens - Nicholas Nickleby (b007lz61)
Episode 27
Nicholas has taken Smike away to convalesce. Wackford Squeers is worried. Stars Ken Campbell and Richard Johnson.
TUE 14:15 This Septred Isle (b007jsj4)
James II and the Monmouth Rebellion
England has a new monarch and the English are now drinking

tea. Anna Massey narrates the history of the British Isles.
TUE 14:30 Uncle Mort's Celtic Fringe (b007jnc8)
Series 1
Seeing Things
As Carter and his uncle journey through Wales, strange apparitions disturb their picnic. With Stephen Thorne and Sam Kelly.
TUE 14:45 Diana Souhami - Coconut Chaos (b00xmljt)
Episode 2
The writer explores how Fletcher Christian and the mutineers became Pitcairn Island's lawless colonisers. Read by Eleanor Bron.
TUE 15:00 James Hilton - Lost Horizon (b00tp809)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
TUE 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b016d77k)
We hear the Inheritance Books of children's author Damian Dibben and we'll listen to the second chapter of E Nesbit's The Phoenix and the Carpet.
TUE 17:00 Flying the Flag (b00b2nfp)
Series 2
The Opium of the People
It's Glorious Reindeer Day in the People's Republic. Seasonal goodwill abounds, even if light bulbs and religious tolerance don't...
Alex Shearer's Eastern bloc embassy sitcom.
Starring Dinsdale Landen as HM Ambassador Mackenzie, Peter Acre as William Frost, Moir Leslie as Helen Waterson, John Baddeley as Morris and Christopher Benjamin as Colonel Surikov.
Producer: Pete Atkin
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1988.
TUE 17:30 Mr Finchley Goes to Paris (b007jzhn)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
TUE 18:00 The Heart of Hark'un (b007jq83)
Episode 1
The Great Wizard sends student sorcerer Arcos on a mission, little realising how perilous and menacing it will prove to be... A fantasy-adventure by Peter Thomson and Jamie Thomson in six parts.
Arcos Francis Thomson
Kaddah Trevor Peacock
Vanna Elizabeth Whiting
Shazir Crawford Logan
Bereneth Edward Kelsey
Va Melanie Hudson
Alviza Emma Fielding
Zander Robert Portal
Kishah John Church
Rashiq Theresa Streitfeld
Producer: Peter Hutchings
First broadcast on BBC Radio 5 in September 1991.
TUE 18:30 John Wyndham - The Day of the Triffids (b007jrps)
Episode 16
Bill and Josella take a trip to the beach and ponder their future. But help is closer than they think. Read by Roger May.
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TUE 22:30 Linda Smith's A Brief History of Timewasting (b008yef1)
Series 2
New Islington
With London house prices going stratospheric in the East End, Linda gets a valuation.
Sitcom written by and starring Linda Smith.
With Femi Olufowaju Jnr, Jeremy Hardy, Martin Hyder, Margaret John and Chris Neill.
Special guest: Dillie Keane
Producer: Jon Rolph
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2002.
TUE 23:00 Flight of the Conchords (b00dn8br)
Tower of London
The Kiwi novelty music duo try to make it big in the English capital. Improvised by Bret McKenzie and Jemaine Clement, with Rob Brydon. From September 2005.
TUE 23:30 The House of the Spirit Levels (b007jr6k)
To Begin At The End
Nick Revell's six-part comedy serial travels between the Andes, St Petersburg and a town in west Yorkshire, where Tony Hardstaff returns after a 10-year absence.
He encounters his 183-year-old father Obadiah, his Bronte obsessed ex-girlfriend and the Morris Dancing Survivalist Militia.
In this opening episode, Tony is seduced by the charms of the beautiful Natassia Fillipovna Karamazov and has to escape from the ruthless Russian mafia in St Petersburg.

Tony Nick Revell
Natasha Fillipovna Morwenna Banks
The Narrator Alistair McGowan
Mrs Yepanchin Joanna Brooks
Ivan Jonathan Kydd
Sergei Peter Gunn
Kropotkin Peter Serafinowicz
Vladimir Chris Pavlo
Other parts played by the cast.
Music composed by Paul Mottram.
Producer: Paul Schlesinger
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1997.

WEDNESDAY 14 MARCH 2012

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The Virgin in the Ice
3. Found and Lost
As the 1139 English civil war rages in Shropshire, monk-cum-sleuth, Brother Cadfael's brave search for Ermina leads him to the isolated medieval manor of Ledditch.
Starring Philip Madoc as Brother Cadfael.
Written by Ellis Peters and dramatised by Bert Coules.
Brother Cadfael Philip Madoc
Narrator Sir Michael Hordern
Boterel Andrew Wincott
Leonard Leonard Fenton
Elyas Crispin Lettis
Ives Dean Magri
Porter Steve Hodson
Hugh Douglas Hodge
Ermina Moira Buffini
Dutton Eric Allan
Music by Peter Salem.
Producer: Phil Clarke.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1992.
WED 06:30 Monsieur Pamplemousse Investigates (b007jtf4)
Black Tuesday
Gordon Kaye stars as the culinary mystery-solver investigating dirty tricks at restaurant directory, "Le Guide".
Pamplemousse is a retired policeman living in Paris, now making a living as an inspector for the prestigious restaurant rating directory "Le Guide". His long-suffering wife is Doucette (Shirley Dixon) and his ever-constant bloodhound companion is Pommes Frites (Trevor Martin).
Pamplemousse travels around France sampling fine cuisine and wines at gourmet restaurants, while managing to stumble into a series of mysteries. The character was first created in a series of novels featuring comedy, crime and cuisine by Michael Bond.
Adapted for radio by Alick Rowe.
Michael Bond decided to become a writer while serving in the army during the Second World War. In 1947, he returned to the BBC, where he'd worked previously. His first creation, Paddington Bear, was born after a Christmas Eve shopping trip when he spotted a small, solitary bear in a large London store.
Monsieur Pamplemousse was his first adult novel in 1983. Its success spawned a whole series of books.
Director: John Tydemam
A Mentorn Radio production first heard on BBC Radio 4 in 1995.
WED 07:00 The Right Time (b00c693m)
Series 3
Episode 2
Facelift fracas - and a new TV quiz show for the hard of memory.
The sketch comedy for people growing older disgracefully.
Stars Eleanor Bron, Graeme Garden, Neil Innes, Clive Swift, Roger Blake and Paula Wilcox.
Written by Julie Balloo, Janet Ellis, Graeme Garden Mike Haskins, Jan Etherington, Alan Stafford, Colin Bostock Smith, Mike Pilman, Mark Brisenden and Robert Mills.
Script Editor: Jed Parsons.
Music by Ronnie & The Rex and Neil Innes.
Producer: Claire Jones

Norma Ronald and Marianne Stone.

Following the conclusion of their hugely successful association with Tony Hancock, writers Ray Galton and Alan Simpson wrote 10 pilots for the BBC TV's Comedy Playhouse in 1962. The Offer was set in a house with a yard full of junk, featuring the lives of rag and bone men Albert Steptoe and his son Harold and it was the spark for a run of 8 series for TV.

Producer: Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in February 1976.

FRI 09:00 Change at Oglethorpe (b007k0dp)

Remember, Remember the Fifth of September

The blackest day of the year has come to Oglethorpe station - it's June's birthday. Rocket and Points are keeping out of her way, but station manager David is determined to make it a day to remember!

Peter Davison and Michael Williams star in Peter Morfoot's railway sitcom.

David Peter Davison

Rocket Michael Williams

June Rosemary Martin

Points Philippa Wilson

Hattie Madge Hindle

Sodd Chris Emmett

Producer: Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in December 1995.

FRI 09:30 Spending My Inheritance (b00g2xfz)

Just One Night

Sitcom by Clive Coleman, starring Kris Marshall as cash-strapped forty-something Harry, who has to watch from the sidelines as his newly retired parents start spending their hard-earned cash on themselves.

When faced with domestic disaster, Harry and Jo turn to his parents to put them up for a night. However, despite their recent equity release, it seems that they are as tight as ever.

Harry Kris Marshall

Jo Raquel Cassidy

Brian Kenneth Cranham

Liz Judy Parfitt

Jess Antonia Thomas

Amanda Manjeet Mann

Boguslaw Stephen Critchlow

Pizza Boy Inam Mirza

Directed by Sam Hoyle.

FRI 10:00 Ray Connolly - Lost Fortnight (b00j2j79)

Based on film producer John Houseman's memoirs of The Blue Dahlia and risk-taker Raymond Chandler. Stars Peter Barkworth.

FRI 11:00 RK Narayan Stories (b01dc3p8)

A Willing Slave

A contradictory tale of a disciplined but willing servant, who resents and desires her true master. Read by Zia Mohyeddin. From January 1991.

FRI 11:15 Georgia Pritchett - Stay (b007jw2n)

Lonely Lizzie runs a dog kennels. Her teenage daughter is aiming for sainthood. Tim, the kennels' handyman, strives daily to avoid the small calamities that seem to seek him out. But romance is in the air when the new doctor arrives...

Georgia Pritchett's romantic comedy stars Sophie Thompson as Lizzie, Duncan Preston as Dr Perkins, Sheridan Smith as Emily, Timothy Spall as Tim, Elizabeth Bell as Mrs Beresford and Gavin Muir as Dr James.

Director: Marilyn Imrie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2000.

FRI 12:00 The TV Lark (b01dc2dt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

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FRI 14:00 Charles Dickens - Nicholas Nickleby (b007jsf3)

Episode 30

Distraught after the death of Smike, will Nicholas ever find happiness? Concluding Dickens's classic tale with Oliver Milburn.

FRI 14:15 This Sceptred Isle (b007jsk7)

William of Orange

James attempts to reverse certain unpopular decisions but it proves too late. Anna Massey narrates the history of Britain.

FRI 14:30 Uncle Mort's Celtic Fringe (b007jrhg)

Series 2

Tricky Icky

Carter Brandon and his Uncle track down a sporting hero. Peter Tinniswood's adventures with Stephen Thorne and Sam Kelly.

FRI 14:45 Diana Souhami - Coconut Chaos (b00xn8r0)

Episode 5

Leaving Pitcairn Island aboard a catamaran, a huge storm threatens the lives of Diana and Lady Myre. Concluded by Eleanor Bron.

FRI 15:00 Ray Connolly - Lost Fortnight (b00j2j79)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

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

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

FRI 17:00 Brothers in Law (b007k25g)

Series 2

Circling the Square

Lawyer Roger Thursby defends an author whose publisher refuses to print his new book.

Starring Richard Briers as Roger Thursby, John Glyn-Jones as Grimes, Julia Lockwood as Sally, Bridget Armstrong as Joy, Bill Wallis as Denton and Robert Dorning.

Others parts by Douglas Blackwell.

Written by Henry Cecil and Basil Dawson.

Published in 1955, Henry Cecil's comic legal novel Brothers in Law was adapted first for TV in 1962 by Frank Muir and Denis Norden. It provided the first regular starring role for Richard Briers, who later reprised his role of the idealistic young lawyer Roger Thursby for BBC Radio between 1970 and 1972.

Producer: David Hatch

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1971.

FRI 17:30 Smelling of Roses (b007k131)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 18:00 The Heart of Hark'un (b007jq8l)

Episode 4

One word is the key to the Grimoire. But is Arcos able to harness its magical power?

A fantasy-adventure by Peter Thomson and Jamie Thomson.

Arcos Francis Thomson

Kaddah Trevor Peacock

Vanna Elizabeth Whiting

Shazir Crawford Logan

Bereneth Edward Kelsey

Va Melanie Hudson

Alviza Emma Fielding

Zander Robert Portal

The General Clarence Smith

Rashiq Theresa Streatfeild

Producer: Peter Hutchings

First broadcast on BBC Radio 5 in September 1991.

FRI 18:30 JG Ballard - The Drowned World (b00j18v2)

Episode 2

Tropical conditions trigger people's primal memories. Robert Glenister reads JG Ballard's 1962 story set in submerged London.

FRI 19:00 The TV Lark (b01dc2dt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 19:30 Steptoe and Son (b007jnms)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 20:00 Cadfael (b007jldz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 20:30 Monsieur Pamplemousse Investigates (b007jtfx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 21:00 RK Narayan Stories (b01dc3p8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 21:15 Georgia Pritchett - Stay (b007jw2n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

FRI 22:00 What's So Funny? (b01dc2dr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 22:30 The Big Fun Show (b00lbwvk)

Episode 4

Sketch series with Paul Merton, Julian Clary, Tony Hawks and Josie Lawrence - before they hit the big time. From January 1988.

FRI 23:00 The Skivers (b00hr7g8)

Series 3

Michael Winner

Calm down, dear! Special guest Michael Winner joins Nick and Tim.

Skilful sketch show written and performed by Nick Golson and Tim de Jongh.

With Peter Bradshaw and Sally Phillips.

Special guests: Michael Winner and Patrick Allen.

Producer: Jon Naismith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1997.

FRI 23:30 Lionel Nimrod's Inexplicable World (b007jtrr)

Series 2

The Unexplained

Every other mystery left answered in a final blockbusting edition.

Cult New Age comedy that answers the questions which leave other shows scratching their beards.

Starring Stewart Lee and Richard Herring.

With:

Rebecca Front

Armando Iannucci

And the voice of Tom Baker.

Producer: Sarah Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1993.