

SATURDAY 21 APRIL 2012

SAT 00:00 Bram Stoker - Midnight Tales (b01g9873)

The Squaw

An arrogant American earns himself a truly horrific retribution.

The final tale from the Dracula author, read by Dyfed Thomas.

SAT 00:15 Simon Bovey - Slipstream (b009mbjn)

Fight for the Future

Jurgen and Kate are desperate to get the weapon away before all is lost...

Conclusion of Simon Bovey's sci-fi adventure series set during the Second World War.

Stars Rory Kinnear as Jurgen Rall, Tim McMullan as Major Barton, Joannah Tincey as Kate Richey, Ben Crowe as Lieutenant Dundas, Rachel Atkins as Trudi Schenk, Peter Marinker as Brigadier Erskine and Laura Molyneux as Slipstream.

Other parts played by Simon Treves, Sam Pamphilon, Alex Lanipekun and Lloyd Wilson.

Producer: Marc Beeby

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in 2008.

SAT 00:45 Mark Twain Stories (b007jq6p)

Cannibalism in the Cars

A train gets marooned in snow and the stranded passengers are starving. Served up by 'Frasier' star Kelsey Grammer.

SAT 01:00 Dick Francis (b007mb1q)

Proof

2. Aftermath

In the tragedy's aftermath, Tony Beach goes wine and whisky tasting in the cause of criminal investigation.

Nigel Havers stars as Tony Beach.

Dick Francis's thriller dramatised by Ernest Dudley

Tony Beach Nigel Havers

Gerard George Parsons

Mrs Palissey Sheila Grant

Sgt. Ridger Stephen Hattersley

Flora Jennifer Piercy

Zarac Richard Durden

Paul Young Stuart Organ

Tavel Brian Hewlett

Chief Sup. Wilson Manning Wilson

Director: Matthew Walters

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1987.

SAT 01:30 Dalziel and Pascoe - Bones and Silence (b00jp9ph)

Episode 10

The detective duo fight to nail who murdered Gail Swain, and the other victims. Reginald Hill's story read by Philip Jackson.

SAT 01:45 HRF Keating - Inspector Ghote's First Case (b00mw69f)

Episode 10

What was the gunshot heard by the detective as the khansamah was being driven to jail? Sam Dastor reads HRF Keating's mystery.

SAT 02:00 North East of Eden (b01g97mq)

Voyage of the Bobby Vee

Marcia joins in with local activities on the remote island, but Mrs Peevis isn't happy with the new addition to her lifeboat team.

Rebecca Front and Joan Sims stars in Peter Kerry's sitcom about a GP living on Paradise Island off the coast of Northumbria.

Doctor Marcia Hulme Rebecca Front

Auntie Annie Joan Sims

Mrs Peevis Jean Southern

Hjorst Niall Ashdown

Joseph James Garbutt

William Sammy Johnson

Ralph Gates Stephen Thirkeld

William Sammy Johnson

Producer: Kathy Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1997.

SAT 02:30 Puzzle Panel (b00y26mr)

Episode 5

More testing brain teasers with Chris Maslanka, Paul Lamford, Professor Angela Newing and Robert Eastaway. From July 1998.

SAT 03:00 Masters' India - Bhowani Junction (b00k2qmb)

Ranjit Singh Kasel

Unrest grows in Bhowani as Victoria Jones comes under suspicion from the police. John Masters dramatisation with Gary Bond, Shireen Shah and Sean Barrett.

SAT 04:00 Five Stories by Rose Tremain (b00cr1lq)

How It Stacks Up

A poignant portrait of John McCreevy's 46th birthday celebration. Read by Dermot Crowley.

SAT 04:15 Nick Warburton - Turning the Hut (b007k1f8)

When Jimmy asks Clara to teach him to read, an unlikely friendship develops, forged through fear. Stars Jim Sturgess.

SAT 05:00 Brothers in Law (b007js5z)

Series 2

A Jewel of a Husband

There is double trouble for barrister Roger Thursby in a case of bigamy.

Starring Richard Briers as Roger Thursby, John Glyn-Jones as Grimes, Julia Lockwood as Sally, Bridget Armstrong as Joy, Jean Anderson as Mrs Thursby, Barbara Windsor as Mrs Grant, Frank Thornton as the Judge, John Bluthal as Mr Grant and Peter Tuddenham as Alec.

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 September 1971.

SAT 05:30 Ring Around the Bath (b01g8d6p)

Series 3

Willing It Away

Stella's luck goes from bad to worse. Not only has daughter Alison moved back in, but granny's come to stay indefinitely!

Where will everyone sleep?

Series 3 of Lucy Clare and Ian Davidson's sitcom about topsy-turvy family life.

Stars Duncan Preston as Patrick, Pippa Haywood as Stella, Claudie Blakley as Alison, Bruce MacKinnon as Rick, Catherine Shepherd as Xanthe, Daniela Denby-Ashe as Egg and Rita Davies as Mother.

Director: Elizabeth Freestone

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2006.

SAT 06:00 Eric Pringle - Gracie (b01ghgjj)

As You Wave Me Goodbye

Will Gracie Fields wed her 'Svengali'? And will her marriage be as successful as her career? With Tracy Wiles and Paul Nicholas. From April 1996.

SAT 07:30 The Caddies (b001b6dk)

Billy Kay hears the chequered pasts of St Andrews' golf caddies - from kipping in bunkers to sipping champagne with champions.

SAT 08:00 Garrison Keillor's Radio Show (b01ghgjl)

Series 7

Episode 27

From Minneapolis, the American funny man welcomes blues singer Elvin Bishop and shares the news from Lake Wobegon. From 2011.

SAT 09:00 Shakespeare: Thereby Hangs A Tale (b01ghgjn)

A Celebration of the Swan of Avon presented by actor and broadcaster Simon Russell Beale CBE.

A collection of programmes from the BBC archives inspired by and about the glover's son from Stratford. In true Shakespearian style, there will be comedy, tragedy and history:

* Great Lives - William Shakespeare (BBC Radio 4, 2011)

Matthew Parris, TV producer and novelist Daisy Goodwin and Shakespeare director Dominic Dromgoole discuss what we know, and don't know, about Will's life.

* Macbeth or Unlucky For Some (BBC Radio 4, 1979)

John Wells stars in a mini-Macbeth from the Edinburgh Festival of 1979.

* Lenny and Will (BBC Radio 4, 2006)

Comic-turned-Shakespearian Lenny Henry goes in search of the Bard in a programme which indirectly led to him playing Othello. With Dame Judi Dench and Sir Peter Hall.

* Mrs Shakespeare (BBC Radio 4, 1998)

Radio dramatisation of Robert Nye's raunchy novel inspired by Shakespeare's will: "Item: I gyve unto my wief my second best bed with the furniture." Stars Maggie Steed and Kenneth Cranham as William and Anne.

* Shakespeare Stories - Romeo & Juliet (BBC Radio 4, 2005)

Professor Carol Rutter explores Shakespeare's use of literary sources for his plots.

* Hark! (clip) (BBC Radio 3, 2008) attempts to uncover the sounds of Shakespeare's London.

* Desmond Olivier Dingle's Complete Life and Works of William Shakespeare (BBC Radio 4, 1995)

Comedy featuring the National Theatre of Brent, which brings its 'unique' vision to Julius Caesar, with a little help from guest stars Juliet Stevenson and Harriet Walter.

There's also readings of Shakespeare's sonnets, enhanced with music and effects, featuring Sir Ian McKellen.

Producer: Nick St. George.

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in April 2012.

SAT 12:00 Tomorrow The Catwalk Omnibus (b01ghgjq)

Made for 4 Extra. Humour and lovefollow the creation of a fashion label in an Italian women's prison. By Francesca Joseph.

Stars Brigit Forsyth.

SAT 13:15 Daunt and Dervish (b007s5tv)

Series 1

South of the Border

Daunt and Dervish have established their detective agency and there's a steady flow of business, in the days just after the end of the Second World War.

But their lives really become exciting when they rescue a woman from drowning, discover she is not at all what she seems, and find themselves involved in the more shady side of life at the race track.

Stars Imelda Staunton as Josephine Daunt, Anna Massey as Susan Dervish, Bill Patterson as Bill Mackie and Bill Nighy as Ted Sharping.

Format by Imelda Staunton and Anna Massey. Written by Guy Meredith.

Producer: Cherry Cookson. Director: Janet Whitaker.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2003.

SAT 14:00 Charles Parker Prize (b01gk3k5)

2012

Sara Parker introduces the three winning radio features of the prize dedicated to her father's memory, and meets the student winners.

SAT 15:00 Garrison Keillor's Radio Show (b01ghgjl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SAT 16:00 Eric Pringle - Gracie (b01ghgjj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 18:00 The Routemasters by Andrew McGibbon (b007jnqx)

1. Taking the Michelangelo

When Bernie catches the wrong London bus, he's transported back to 16th century Rome to thwart two meddling time travellers - and rescue Michelangelo.

Starring Andrew McGibbon as Raymond, Amanda Donohoe as Hilderghast, Karl Minns as the Conductor, Owen Evans as Bernie, Andy Mulligan as Michelangelo, Dan Freedman as Kurzio and Alex Lowe as the interpolator

Written by Andrew McGibbon. Additional material by Rob Colley and Kevin Greening.

Theme by Ozzy Tremple and other music by Nick Romero.

Producer: Julian Meyers

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1999.

SAT 18:30 A Short History of Gothic (b00pbtv8)

Markheim

By RL Stevenson. A thief's eerie encounter with a stranger in a shop forces him to reassess his life. Read by Hugh Bonneville.

SAT 19:00 Shakespeare: Thereby Hangs A Tale (b01ghgjn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 Saturday Stand-Up (b01ghgjs)

Ready for This - Tim Minchin

The musical comic enthalls a London audience with his blend of mischievous wit and finely-wrought melody. From December 2008.

SAT 23:00 The Phone (b00wdh8g)

The Patient

A series of late night thrillers, each connected by a mysterious mobile phone.

In Simon Passmore's drama, a doctor's night-time calls are sent off course when she starts receiving messages from a former patient.

Cast:

Kate Lucy Akhurst

Craig Philip Jackson

The Patient Sally Orrock

The Man Sean Baker

Radio Control Claire Harry

Sound Design by Peter Ringrose.

Directed by Sasha Yevtushenko.

SAT 23:30 Wallander - Faceless Killers (b00h6vmg)

Episode 3

The Swedish sleuth uncovers murder victim Lovgren's hefty cash withdrawals. Henning Mankell's thriller read by David Warner.

SAT 23:45 Devil in a Blue Dress (b00zt8sg)

Episode 3

A voice from the past reminds Easy Rawlings of a life of crime he must escape. Walter Mosley's thriller read by Paul Winfield.

SUNDAY 22 APRIL 2012

SUN 00:00 The Routemasters by Andrew McGibbon (b007jnqx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Saturday]

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SUN 01:00 Garrison Keillor's Radio Show (b01ghgjl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Saturday]

SUN 02:00 Tomorrow The Catwalk Omnibus (b01ghgjq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Saturday]

SUN 03:15 Daunt and Dervish (b007s5tv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:15 on Saturday]

SUN 04:00 Eric Pringle - Gracie (b01ghgjj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday]

SUN 05:30 In and Out of the Kitchen (b017551m)

Series 1

July 15th to 19th

Damien and his partner, Anthony, setting off for the warm embrace of the Italian countryside so that Damien can do some writing for a new book, and their builder Mr Mullaney can have space to properly fit the granite worktops that Damien's been dreaming of "from what seems like the beginning of the Jurassic era".

But there's trouble in paradise when Damien receives a call to tell him their Umbrian villa has collapsed and they will have to go somewhere else. Luckily, Damien's agent, Ian, is quick to the rescue...

More entries from the kitchen diary of cookery writer, Damien Trench - "no matter how grizzly" as he puts it "or, indeed, how gristly".

Written by and starring Miles Jupp.

The programme also features Damien's easy-to-follow recipes for:

- a perfect pasta puttanesca

- comforting Cornish Pasties

and

- something for the more experimental, "pilchards al limone".

Damien Trench Miles Jupp

Anthony Justin Edwards

Mr Mullaney Brendan Dempsey

Ian Frobisher Philip Fox

BA Lady/Helpful Student Alex Tregear

Producer: Sam Michell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2011.

SUN 06:00 Jacqueline Susann - Valley of the Dolls (Omnibus) (b00mj3g2)

Episode 2

1945 and war is over. Set on showbiz careers in New York, Anne, Jennifer and Neely move in together

Jacqueline Susann's 1960s best seller. Three beautiful young women become best friends as they carve out careers in the entertainment industry.

Stars Madeleine Potter, Barbara Barnes, Julia Ford, Susan Jameson, Jamie Glover and Harry Myers.

Omnibus of episodes six to ten of fifteen - dramatised by Yvonne Antrabus.

Producer: Claire Grove

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2005.

SUN 07:15 Roger Deakin - Wildwood: A Journey Through Trees (b00j1ywl)

Wood Jazz

Nature writer Roger Deakin is in North Wales to celebrate the living outdoor sculptures of David Nash. Read by Sean Baker.

SUN 07:30 Clare in the Community (b008tp1z)

Series 4

And the Winner Is...

Nominations are required for the Social Worker of the Year Award.

While Clare hates mutual back-slapping as much as the next person, she uses all her powers of manipulation to influence the matter....

Comedy by Harry Venning and David Ramsden. Clare Barker is a social worker with all the politically correct jargon but none of the practical solutions.

Clare Sally Phillips

Brian Alex Lowe

Ray Richard Lumsden

Helen Gemma Craven

Irene Ellen Thomas

Megan Nina Conti

Simon Andrew Wincott

Stanley Martin Hyder.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2008.

SUN 08:00 We're in Business (b007jydp)

Dudley's Granny

Dudley and Harry end up at the mercy of a devious criminal.

Stars Peter Jones as Dudley, Harry Worth as Harry and Irene Handl as Granny. With Paddy Edwards, Wallas Eaton and John Graham.

Peter Jones is small-time businessman, Dudley Grosvenor who's always out to make a fast buck - usually at the expense of his side-kick, Harry Worth.

Written by Peter Jones, George Wadmore and George Evans.

A selection of surviving episodes from two series broadcast between 1959-1960.

Producer: Charles Maxwell.

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in June 1959.

SUN 08:30 Meet the Huggetts (b00nvyzd)

Clean Linen

A mix-up at the launderette sparks a whole pile of embarrassment for Joe and Ethel Huggett.

Stars Jack Warner as Joe, Kathleen Harrison as Ethel, James Langley as Bobby, Alanna Boyce as Jane, Charles Leno as Fred Stebbings and Alan Keith as the Detective.

Popular working-class family, the Huggetts first hit the cinema screen with a series of Gainsborough films between 1947 and 1949. Their subsequent BBC radio series ran from 1953 to 1962.

Scripted by Eddie Maguire.

Producer: Jacques Brown

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in June 1959.

SUN 09:00 LM Montgomery - Anne of Green Gables (b00rxzdc)

Episode 4

Anne has a very bad hair day and resolves never to be romantic again. LM Montgomery's adventure stars Barbara Barnes, Ann Beach and Sean Baker.

SUN 09:30 Philippa Pearce - Tom's Midnight Garden (b007jxj0)

Episode 2

Tom and Hatty become friends in the night-time world, but there's trouble ahead. Stars Una Stubbs and Crawford Logan.

SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs: Longplay (b013m13m)

Molly Parkin

A chance to hear a longer edition of the Desert Island Discs of the Grande Dame of bohemian living, first broadcast in May 2011 on Radio 4. Presented by Kirsty Young.

SUN 11:00 Humphrey Lyttelton - Play As I Please (b01ghlgr)

Gigging Around

Humphrey Lyttelton tells June Knox-Mawer about forming his first band and all-time hero, Louis Armstrong. From December 1993.

SUN 11:30 The Diary of a Nobody (b01ghlgt)

Episode 3

Can pompous Pooter deal with the consequences of his unemployed son's plan to get married?

The imaginary journal of a middle-class suburban 'hero' with an over-developed sense of dignity - Charles Pooter.

Arthur Lowe continues George and Weedon Grossmith's comic masterpiece of middle-class self-importance in Victorian

Britain.

One of the classic humorous books of English literature, first published in 1894.

Abridged in five parts by Donald Bancroft.

Producer: Richard Wortley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1977.

SUN 12:00 Jacqueline Susann - Valley of the Dolls (Omnibus) (b00mj3g2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SUN 13:15 Roger Deakin - Wildwood: A Journey Through Trees (b00j1ywl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

SUN 13:30 Noel Coward - Blithe Spirit (b01ghlgw)

When novelist Charles Condomine invites a medium to hold a séance at his country house, he anticipates little more than some harmless fakery and a lot of good material for his new novel. Instead, he gets a ghostly visitation from his dead first wife, rather to the chagrin of his very much alive second one...

Noël Coward's classic comedy adapted for radio by Bert Coules.

Charles Roger Allam

Madame Arcati Maggie Steed

Elvira Zoe Waites

Rut Hermione Gulliford

Dr Bradman David Killick

Mrs Bradman Tilly Tremayne

Edith Natalie Cassidy

Pianist: Matthew Scott

Director: Philip Franks

Producer: Patrick Rayner

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2008.

SUN 15:00 The Radio Ballads (b01gnlmt)

Never Again - A Lament for the Titanic

BBC Radio Solent's lament for the RMS Titanic. Featuring new and specially-composed music by Peggy Seeger and Calum MacColl.

SUN 15:30 Meet the Huggetts (b00nvyzd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

SUN 16:00 Mel's Mix: The Best of The 4 O'Clock Show (b01ghlgy)

Mel Giedroyc with highlights from The 4 O'Clock Show - join her for some cake baking, jam making and propping up the Leaning Tower of Pisa.

SUN 16:30 LM Montgomery - Anne of Green Gables (b00rxzdc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SUN 17:00 Philippa Pearce - Tom's Midnight Garden (b007jxj0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

SUN 17:30 The Matinee - The Creation of a Theatrical Institution (b01ghlho)

Ned Sherrin investigates the lore and history of matinees in theatres. With June Whitfield, Donald Sinden and Sandy Wilson.

SUN 18:00 The Darker Side of the Border (b00cb1ts)

Arthur Conan Doyle - The Captain of the Polestar

As a Dundee whaling ship becomes trapped in the Arctic, strange cries sound across the ice at night and a figure is glimpsed on the floes.

Is it the Captain's lost love come to reclaim him?

Series of 3 Scottish 19th century tales of terror and mystery.

Written by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and dramatised by Marty Ross.

Craigie Alec Heggie

Milne James Bryce

Doctor Nick Underwood

Williamson John Buick

McLeod Brian Pettifer

Producer: Bruce Young

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2003.

SUN 18:30 HP Lovecraft - The Shadow Over Innsmouth (b015gsc4)

Episode 2

Robert Olmstead explores the dark, decrepit town of Innsmouth with a growing sense of unease and terror. Read by Richard Coyle.

SUN 19:00 Humphrey Lyttelton - Play As I Please (b01ghlgr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

SUN 19:30 The Diary of a Nobody (b01ghlgt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:30 today]

SUN 20:00 We're in Business (b007jydp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SUN 20:30 Meet the Huggetts (b00nvyzd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

SUN 21:00 Desert Island Discs: Longplay (b013m13m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SUN 22:00 Clare in the Community (b008tp1z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 22:30 The Change (b00nmtwl)

Series 1

Birth of the Blues

Sonia has her baby and, of course, George is over the moon at being a grandfather - until, that is, a bombshell drops...

Lynda Bellingham and Chris Ellison star as troubled hormonal wife Carol whose husband George has revealed that he's a transvestite.

Sitcom by Gavin Petrie and Jan Etherington.

Carol Lynda Bellingham

George Chris Ellison

Violet Sylvia Syms

Maureen Maureen Beattie

Dave Mark Powley

Ken James Vaughan

Jerry Richard Standing

Sonia Emma Kennedy

Producer: Maria Esposito

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2001.

SUN 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b01h0f26)

From 10pm - midnight, Sunday to Friday, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Arthur Smith talks to stand-up Nick Mohammed.

SUN 23:00 King Cutler (b008vr1b)

King Cutler III

Another zesty batch of poems, songs and stories from Phyllis King and Ivor Cutler.

Interrupting from beyond the harmonium are Dylan Edwards, David Lloyd and Craig Murray-Orr.

Producer: Neil Cargill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in January 1990.

SUN 23:30 The Jason Byrne Show (b01ghlh2)

Series 2

Animals

The award-winning funny man muses on all beasts, including humans. With Laurence Howarth and Daisy Haggard. From August 2009.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 Dick Francis (b007mcnx)

Proof

3. The Boss

The fraud plot thickens, as Tony Beach meets the boss of whisky hauliers Charter Carriers. Stars Nigel Havers.

Nigel Havers stars as Tony Beach.

Dick Francis's thriller dramatised by Ernest Dudley

Tony Beach Nigel Havers

Gerard George Parsons

Flora Jennifer Piercey

Sgt. Ridger Stephen Hattersley

P.C. Horton James Goode

Charter Chas Bryer

Director: Matthew Walters

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1987.

MON 06:30 W Somerset Maugham - Ashenden, Gentleman Spy (b008g278)

'R'

Ashenden, a writer by profession, has returned from the First World War and is approached by a colonel who offers him a position in the Secret Service.

Ashenden is perfect due to his profession and his knowledge of many European languages. He's despatched to Geneva the next day with the warning that "if he does well, he'll get no thanks, and if he gets into trouble, he'll get no help".

A series of short stories based on William Somerset Maugham's own First World War experiences

Read by Alex Jennings

Abridged by Neville Teller

Producer: Eoin O'Callaghan

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in 2007.

MON 07:00 The Arts and How They Was Done (b00776tk)

The Taj Mahal and How It Was Done

The National Theatre of Brent recreates 17th-century India's greatest love story. Stars Patrick Barlow. From April 2007.

MON 07:30 The Unbelievable Truth (b01g5zp0)

Series 9

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.

Marcus Brigstocke, Miles Jupp, Susan Calman and Alan Davies are the panellists obliged to talk with deliberate inaccuracy on subjects as varied as: Swimming, Bread, Hotels and Foxes.

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 Beyond Our Ken (b00vk2fn)

Series 3

Episode 3

Kenneth Horne has an 'Incident in Macau' - and J Peasmold Gruntfuttock rings his bells.

With Kenneth Williams, Hugh Paddick, Betty Marsden and Bill Pertwee.

Written by Eric Merriman.

Music from Pat Lancaster, the Fraser Hayes Four and the BBC Variety Orchestra conducted by Paul Fenoulhet.

Announcer: Douglas Smith

A madcap mix of sketches and songs, Beyond Our Ken hit the airwaves in 1958 and ran to 1964 – featuring regulars like Arthur Fallowfield, Cecil Snaith and Rodney and Charles.

The precursor to 'Round The Horne' – sadly only 15 shows survive from the original run of 21 episodes in Series 2. Audio restored using both home and overseas (BBC Transcription Service) recordings.

Producer: Jacques Brown

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in April 1960.

MON 08:30 The Galton and Simpson Radio Playhouse (b007512c)

The original 1962 script that sparked the triumphant 'Stephoe and Son'. Stars Freddie Jones and John Thomson. From January 1999.

MON 09:00 Clare in the Community (b008xg02)

Series 4

My Funny Valentine

Brian is amazed that Clare's remembered Valentine's Day and booked a restaurant.

The only trouble is... she hasn't.

Comedy by Harry Venning and David Ramsden. Clare Barker is a social worker with all the politically correct jargon but none of the practical solutions.

Clare Sally Phillips

Brian Alex Lowe

Ray Richard Lumsden

Helen Gemma Craven

Irene Ellen Thomas

Megan Nina Conti

Simon Andrew Wincott

With Ben Onwukwe and Sam Pamphilon.

Producer: Katie Tyrrell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2008.

MON 09:30 Cabin Pressure (b00lmcyc)

Series 2

Helsinki

Carolyn and her sister haven't spoken for fifteen years. Which is why Arthur has invited her to a party on board, together with 500 Euros-worth of smuggled orchids...

Meanwhile, Martin gets tangled up in some karate and a fishcake.

With special guest Alison Steadman.

Starring

Carolyn Knapp-Shappey Stephanie Cole

1st Officer Douglas Richardson Roger Allam

Capt. Martin Crieff Benedict Cumberbatch

Arthur Shappey John Finnemore

Ruth Gregson Alison Steadman

Kieran Gregson Matt Green

Milo Simon Greenall

Written by John Finnemore

Produced & Directed by David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for the BBC

MON 10:00 Masters' India - Bhowani Junction (b00k3my7)

Rodney Savage

Rodney and Victoria try to resolve their relationship against Indian unrest. John Masters dramatisation with Gary Bond.

MON 11:00 Joanne Harris - Jigs and Reels (b00ckcck)

Faith and Hope Go Shopping

Bored with daily life, two friends plan to escape Meadowbank Old People's Home. Short story read by June Whitfield.

MON 11:15 Loose Ends (b01gd4m0)

Rufus Wainwright, Jack Davenport, Brenda Blethyn and Amy Lamé

Clive has a smashing time with The Talented Mr Jack Davenport. Launching his acting career by playing law graduate Miles Stewart in 'This Life', Jack's starred in 'Coupling' and the first two 'Pirates Of The Caribbean' films. He now plays the womanising director of a Broadway show in the new musical drama 'SMASH', on Sky Atlantic HD from Saturday 21st April at 22.00.

Clive will be having a Dalliance and talking Secrets & Lies with award-winning actress Brenda Blethyn. She returns to Northumberland and to our screens to star as the unlikely cop DCI Vera Stanhope in ITV's detective drama 'Vera'. Series two starts on Sunday 22nd April at 20.00.

Allegra McEvedy plays pass the parcel with self-confessed chubby glamourpuss, writer and comedian Amy Lamé.

Commiserations to Amy, who's new show 'Unhappy Birthday' is actually an exuberant culture clash of party, performance and DJ set. The party starts at Camden People's Theatre from 2nd May and then on a UK tour.

Clive will Release A Star, in the form of folk-pop royalty, Rufus Wainwright, who will be talking about his glittering career, sumptuous, theatrical stage shows, Prima Donna's and

becoming a dad. He'll be treating us to a performance of 'Out Of The Game' from his album of the same name.

And bringing beats and bass lines into the Loose Ends studio, The Vocal Orchestra will be beatboxing 'Everybody Daydream', taken from their current E4 Uderbelly show created by Shlomo at London's Southbank Centre. They perform there nightly until Sunday 27 May.

Producer Cathie Mahoney.

MON 12:00 Beyond Our Ken (b00vk2fn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 12:30 The Galton and Simpson Radio Playhouse (b007512c)

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MON 13:00 Dick Francis (b007mcnx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 13:30 W Somerset Maugham - Ashenden, Gentleman Spy (b008g278)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 14:00 Jacqueline Susann - Valley of the Dolls (b00mjktk)

Episode 11

1956: Neely's Hollywood career has collapsed. Back in New York she and Anne go to see Neely's old rival Helen Lawson in a new show. Jacqueline Susann's 1960s best seller. Three beautiful young women are best friends carving out careers in the entertainment industry.

Stars Madeleine Potter, Barbara Barnes, Kerry Shale, Sally Dexter and Coleen Prendergast.

Dramatised in fifteen parts by Yvonne Antroub.

Producer: Claire Grove

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2005.

MON 14:15 This Sceptred Isle (b007jswb)

Hogarth, The Price of Gin and Pitt The Elder

The row over William Pitt, the art of William Hogarth, the misery of Gin Lane. Anna Massey narrates the history of Britain.

MON 14:30 Sebastian Faulks: Engleby (b00p87nm)

Episode 1

Returning to his University life, Mike Engleby becomes captivated by fellow student Jennifer Arkland. Read by Douglas Hodge.

MON 14:45 The Invention of Childhood (b00sbpg0)

Learn to Die

Exploring a thousand years of British childhood, Michael

Morpurgo examines Puritanism and the effects of the

Reformation.

MON 15:00 Masters' India - Bhowani Junction (b00k3my7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

MON 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b01ghrvy)

Mel Giedroyc prepares to trim the mainsheet and throw in the painter as she sets sail with a brand new adaptation of Arthur Ransome's Swallows and Amazons.

MON 17:00 Anything Legal (b0084hrs)

Episode 3

Charles and George kick off their secret new business offering anything legal – but at what cost?

Starring Donald Hewlett and Michael Knowles.

'A Tale of Two City Gents' by Wally K Daly.

Charles Donald Hewlett

George Michael Knowles

Publican Douglas Blackwell

Theme music by Jim Parker.

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1984.

MON 17:30 The Arts and How They Was Done (b00776tk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 18:00 Paradise Lost in Space (b007jnl)

1. Ruination

Space travel throws the most unlikely people together.

Norman is an idealist with a hand grenade. Max is a cheerful bore who won't stop talking.

Together, they're set to ruin the lives of some decidedly friendly aliens. Forever.

Six-part black-hole sci-fi comedy by Colin Swash

Norman Tony Robinson

Max David Haig

Stella Louise Lombard

Macari Michael Troughton

Captain Rossiter Dan Strauss

Jane Carla Mendonca

Tony Geoff McGivern

Producer: Richard Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1995.

MON 18:30 Ghost Stories of Walter De La Mare (b00wt987)

All Hallows

On a hot summer's evening, a weary traveller is oppressed by the supernatural atmosphere inside a gigantic cathedral by the sea.

Read by Richard E Grant.

Walter de la Mare (1873-1956) was a popular award-winning

poet, short story writer and novelist. He wrote for both children and adults.

Abridged by Doreen Estall.

Producer: Lawrence Jackson

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in December 2010.

MON 19:00 Beyond Our Ken (b00vk2fn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 19:30 The Galton and Simpson Radio Playhouse (b007512c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 20:00 Dick Francis (b007mcnx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 20:30 W Somerset Maugham - Ashenden, Gentleman Spy (b008g278)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 21:00 Joanne Harris - Jigs and Reels (b00ckcck)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

MON 21:15 Loose Ends (b01gd4m0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

MON 22:00 The Unbelievable Truth (b01g5zp0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 22:30 Clare in the Community (b008xg02)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 23:00 The News Quiz Extra (b01ghrvz)

An extended version of the News Quiz for Radio 4 Extra, featuring jokes that you won't have heard already, some clips from the archives and exclusive behind-the-scenes material.

MON 23:45 Elastic Planet (b0089jhr)

The Shape

Drugged electricity and artificial icebergs.

Oliver Postgate narrates a stream of bizarre coincidences in Ben Moor's cosmic comedy of connections.

With Johnny Ball, Henry Cooper, Kerry Shale, Dan Strauss,

Michael Troughton, Neil Mularkey, Sirlol Jenkins, Jamie Owen

and Alan Dedicoat.

Producer: Jon Naismith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1995

TUESDAY 24 APRIL 2012

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[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Monday]

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TUE 02:00 Clare in the Community (b008xg02)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Monday]

TUE 02:30 Cabin Pressure (b00lmcyc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Monday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Monday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

TUE 06:00 Dick Francis (b007mdwy)

Proof

4. The Discovery

Dodgy drink, a missing racehorse and a body at a restaurant.

Wine merchant Tony Beach is in the thick of it...

Nigel Havers stars as Tony Beach.

Dick Francis's thriller dramatised by Ernest Dudley.

Tony Beach Nigel Havers

Sgt. Ridger Stephen Hattersley

Mrs Palissey Sheila Grant

Gerard George Parsons

Chief Sup. Wilson Manning Wilson

Flora Jennifer Piercy

Orkney Edward de Souza

Isabella Avril Clark

Commentator Michael Kilgariff

P.C. Horton James Goode

Director: Matthew Walters

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1987.

TUE 06:30 W Somerset Maugham - Ashenden, Gentleman Spy (b008g6v9)

The Traitor

Ashenden is despatched to a small hotel in Lucerne, Switzerland to try and buy the allegiance of a German informant - English charmer Grantley Caypor. But when it transpires that he's not to be bought, Ashenden has few options left and is forced to try

and turn him in.

A series of short stories based on William Somerset Maugham's

own First World War experiences

Read by Alex Jennings

Abridged by Neville Teller

Producer: Eoin O'Callaghan

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in 2007.

TUE 07:00 The Stanley Baxter Playhouse (b00jf3hl)

Series 3

Fife Circle

Series of three comic plays starring Stanley Baxter.

Two elderly brothers meet at Waverley station and set out on a

journey of discovery involving lost mothers, fathers, brothers

and sisters, and learn just whom they really belong to.

By Michael Chaplin.

Sir Hugh Dundas/Alex Kelly Stanley Baxter

Directed by Marilyn Imrie

A Catherine Bailey production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 07:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b01g61vw)

Series 8

It's a Nude Nude Nude World

Ed Reardon leads us through the ups and down of his week, complete with his trusty companion, Elgar, and his never-ending capacity for scrimping and scraping at whatever scraps his agent, Ping, can offer him to keep body, mind and cat together.

Jaz Milvain asks Ed to curate a moving tribute to him and his work in film for the 'surprise' party that he's organising for his 60th birthday. Whilst Ed relishes the idea of a comedy 'roast' Jaz is looking for something more akin to a light sauté. So it is that Ed tracks down Jaz's first masterwork, 'It's a Nude Nude Nude World' to form the cornerstone of the tribute, not knowing that Fiona did a few day's work on it.

TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b009kms)

Series 7

The Flea

Neddie Seagoon is Samuel Pepys - and he's facing trouble from a flea called Francoise.

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: Pat Dixon

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in December 1956.

TUE 08:30 Lines From My Grandfather's Forehead (b00glrvd)

From 22/03/1971

A struggling vicar, a Welsh birthday card poet and a perplexed psychoanalyst.

A sequential entertainment for radio starring Ronnie Barker.

With Terence Brady and Pauline Yates. Pianist: Gordon Langford.

Written by Chris Allen, David Climie, Allan Scott and Chris Bryant, and Gerald Wiley.

Producer John Fawcett-Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1971.

TUE 09:00 The News Quiz Extra (b01ghrvz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]

TUE 09:45 Elastic Planet (b0089jhr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:45 on Monday]

TUE 10:00 Don Taylor - The Jacobean Box (b01gjybr)

Shakespearean academic, Brian Blake, receives a message that a large item awaits his collection at a remote northern station.

He little suspects that it could lead to his own literary immortality...

Don Taylor's drama stars Stephen Moore as Brian Blake, Peter Vaughan as the Station Master, Michelle Newell as Penelope, Steve Hodson as Ackroyd and Teresa Gallagher as Mary.

Director: Sue Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1993.

TUE 11:00 Joanne Harris - Jigs and Reels (b00ckz8b)

Last Train to Dog Town

Author Neil K is stranded with the talkative characters of his unfinished Western story. Short story read by Jack Davenport.

TUE 11:15 Alan Bennett - An Englishman Abroad (b007jxyz)

When a mysterious Englishman appears in her dressing-room, the actress Coral Browne assumes he is with the embassy.

But, if so, why are his trousers out at the knees? And what does he want with her face-powder?

Starring Michael Gambon and Penelope Wilton.

Alan Bennett based this drama on a real incident in Moscow involving the spy Guy Burgess in 1958.

Guy Burgess Michael Gambon

Coral Browne Penelope Wilton

Mrs Burgess Lala Lloyd

Claudius John Badddeley

Tolya/Hamlet Michael Higgs

Adapted from BBC TV's 1983 film and directed by Hilary Norrish.

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in 1994.

TUE 12:00 The Goon Show (b009kms)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 12:30 Lines From My Grandfather's Forehead (b00glrvd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 13:00 Dick Francis (b007mdwv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 13:30 W Somerset Maugham - Ashenden, Gentleman Spy (b008g6v9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 14:00 Jacqueline Susann - Valley of the Dolls (b00mjnwj)

Episode 12

Just as Jennifer finds love and happiness, tragedy strikes. Stars Madeleine Potter, Kerry Shale and Nathan Osgood.

TUE 14:15 This Sceptred Isle (b007jsx1)

The Treaty of Serene and Potent Kings and Roast Beef and Plum Pudding

Anna Massey narrates the history of the British Isles. It's the middle of the 18th century and the Whigs are fading fast.

TUE 14:30 Sebastian Faulks: Engleby (b00p8fk9)

Episode 2

Student Mike Engleby considers his difficulties at public school, while still fascinated with Jennifer. Read by Douglas Hodge.

TUE 14:45 The Invention of Childhood (b00sbrlb)

It Was a Precious Child

Michael Morpurgo explores how the Puritan ethos affected children and the way of family life.

TUE 15:00 Don Taylor - The Jacobean Box (b01gjybr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

TUE 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b01gjbty)

Mel's full of the joys of spring as she bids happy birthday to Strictly judge Len Goodman, learns how to pack the perfect picnic and gets a crash course in building a bird's nest.

TUE 17:00 Up the Garden Path (b007wpmk)

Series 1

Tangled Webs

The complex life and loves of Izzy Comyn, with her propensity for telling lies.

Tumbling from one love entanglement to another, 30 something teacher Izzy Comyn has a predilection for inappropriate men.

Imelda Staunton stars as Izzy.

Adapted by Sue Limb from her 1984 novel into 3 radio series which ran from 1987 to 1993. Granada also adapted the series for ITV.

Izzy Imelda Staunton

Maria Marty Cruickshank

Michael Nicholas Le Prevost

Dick Mike Grady

Class 4C:

Sarah Doyle

Kerryann White

Mark Monero

Sam Smart

Producer: Jonathan James-Moore

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1987.

TUE 17:30 The Stanley Baxter Playhouse (b00jf3hl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

TUE 18:00 Paradise Lost in Space (b007jnpy)

2. Gifting

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

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

Norman Tony Robinson

Max David Haig

Stella Louise Lombard

Macari Michael Troughton

Terayz Carla Mendonca

Tony Geoff McGivern

Ken Tom Hollander

Inspector Albermarle Andy Rashleigh

Producer: Richard Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1995.

TUE 18:30 Ghost Stories of Walter De La Mare (b00wv6ln)

Seaton's Aunt

Two boys on holiday stay in the creaking house of an eccentric and sinister aunt, an experience that will mark them forever...

Read by Toby Jones.

Walter de la Mare (1873-1956) was a popular award-winning poet, short story writer and novelist. He wrote for both children and adults.

Abridged by Doreen Estall.

Producer: Lawrence Jackson

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in December 2010.

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TUE 22:00 Ed Reardon's Week (b01g61vw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 22:30 Children's Hour with Armstrong and Miller (b00933zr)

Episode 4

Martin Bain-Jones is left in the studio, while Craig Children's got a dubious new job.

Ben Miller and Alexander Armstrong star as the pompous critics.

With:

Charlie Condo

Melissa Lloyd

Tony Gardner

Written by Ben Miller and Alexander Armstrong.

Producer: Jon Rolph

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1998.

TUE 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b01h0f40)

For two hours, six nights a week, the Comedy Club offers the best in laughs. Plus Jessica Fosteckew chats again to 'French' comedian Marcel Lucont.

TUE 23:00 Dry Slopes (b00ln0q8)

Series 1

The Lost Boys

Angus Dry has no job, no friends and lives at home with his mum. She has an international business career and a string of lovers. He feels very sorry for her.

In this opening episode of Nick Ball's sitcom, Angus tries to recapture the joys of childhood.

Angus Dry Nick Ball

Mum Louisa Rix

With Robert Harley, Toby Longworth and Julie Gibbs.

Producer: Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1995.

TUE 23:30 The Adventures of John and Tony (b007k11n)

A Tale of Two Tenting

The two friends head off on a surreal camping trip, with Herman Hessian - a dog made out of an old potato sack.

The first of four comic journeys written by John Hegley in which John and his best mate Tony search for happiness, love, the meaning of life ... and glasses.

Starring John Hegley, Simon Munnerly, Terry Malloy, Sunny Ormonde and John Korne.

Original music by Nigel Piper.

Director: Anne Edyvean

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1999.

WEDNESDAY 25 APRIL 2012

WED 00:00 Paradise Lost in Space (b007jnpy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Tuesday]

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WED 05:00 Up the Garden Path (b007wpmk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Tuesday]

WED 05:30 The Stanley Baxter Playhouse (b00jf3hl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]

WED 06:00 Dick Francis (b007mx06)

Proof

5. The Diary

Mystery for Tony and Flora - is her son back from Australia?

And can a diary unlock the mystery?

Nigel Havers stars as Tony Beach.

Dick Francis's thriller dramatised by Ernest Dudley.

Tony Beach Nigel Havers

Commentator Michael Kilgariff

Flora Jennifer Piercey

Orkney Edward de Souza

Isabella Avril Clark

Gerard George Parsons

Chief Sup. Wilson Manning Wilson

Producer: Matthew Walters

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1987.

WED 06:30 W Somerset Maugham - Ashenden, Gentleman Spy (b008gbq1)

Mr Harrington's Washing

In Petrograd, Ashenden encounters a fastidious American businessman called Mr Harrington, whose penchant for spotless laundry has ugly consequences when the Bolsheviks revolt.

Ashenden also crosses paths with his former Russian lover, Anastacia, who's only too eager to help him in his biggest and most important mission yet.

A series of short stories based on William Somerset Maugham's own First World War experiences

Read by Alex Jennings

Abridged by Neville Teller

Producer: Eoin O'Callaghan

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in 2007.

WED 07:00 The Leopard in Autumn (b00761mn)

Series 1

The Pilgrim Industry

Following a fleeting visit from a cardinal, Plethora initiates plans to put Monte Guano on the pilgrimage map.

Neal Anthony's comedy drama about the chaotic lives of the ruling family of Renaissance Italy's most inconsequential city-

state.

Stars David Swift as Ludovico, Sian Phillips as Plethora, Graham Crowden as Francesco, Paul Bigley as Alessandro, Saskia Wickham as Rosalie, Nick Romero as Salvatore, Christopher Kelham as Guido and Kim Wall as Brother Michael.

Producer: Helen Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2001.

WED 07:30 Beauty of Britain (b00n7zd1)

Series 1

Girl With a Polycotton Tabard

Beauty wonders why so many British men get stuck in the emotional wilderness and find it hard to communicate with each other, as she deals with an elderly gentleman and his son.

Beauty's dreams of becoming a model are given a boost when she applies to be the Face of the Social Services.

Comedy by Christopher Douglas and Nicola Sanderson.

Beauty Olunga works as a carer for the Featherdown Agency and sees herself as an inspiration to other African girls hoping to achieve their goals in the land of semi-skimmed milk.

Beauty Jocelyn Jee Esien

Mr Clark Geoffrey Palmer

Julian Christopher Douglas

Georgie Emma Fryer

Sally Felicity Montagu

Karen Nicola Sanderson

Mrs Gupta Indira Joshi

Anil Paul Sharma

Race Commentator Christopher Douglas

Music by The West End Gospel Choir.

Producer: Tilusha Ghelani

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2009.

WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007s5g6)

Series 4

Almost a Gentleman

Overlooked in the New Year's Honours, the lad brushes up on his social etiquette skills.

Starring Tony Hancock.

With Sidney James, Bill Kerr, Kenneth Williams and Hattie Jacques.

Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.

Theme and incidental music composed by Wally Stott.

Recorded by the BBC Revue Orchestra conducted by Harry Rabinowitz.

Producer: Dennis Main Wilson

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in January 1957.

WED 08:30 The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter (b007jtg6)

Series 1

The Promotion

Gerald and Diana compete to publicize their new books.

The convoluted chronicle of an optimistic crime writer written by Basil Boothroyd.

Starring Ian Carmichael as Gerald C Potter and Charlotte Mitchell as his wife and more successful writer, Diana.

With James Thomason, Anthony Smees and Peter Craze.

The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter ran from 1976 to 1981.

Producer: Bobby Jaje

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1976.

WED 09:00 Double Income, No Kids Yet (b0080q77)

Series 2

Episode 6

Lucy's offer to help a first-time celebrity author write a book finds her stuck in a remote Cornish cottage with an ex-Page 3 model and a neurotic mother.

This leaves Daniel to have an unusual boys' night out...

Starring David Tennant and Elizabeth Carling.

David Spicer's comedy drama about modern life and parenthood, as seen through the eyes of two 30-something non-parents.

Daniel David Tennant

Lucy Liz Carling

Katie Samantha Spiro

Andy Tony Gardner

Suzie Paula Wilcox

Producer: Liz Anstee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2002.

WED 09:30 Counterpoint (b00dbdnr)

2005

Episode 2

Ned Sherrin's music quiz with Worcester's Alan Douglas, Christine Lumsden of Edinburgh and Chris Moore-Bridger from Oswestry.

WED 10:00 Sir Walter Scott's Rob Roy (b007jq2p)

Moving Northwards

A rich London merchant's son is banished to his family seat in the north. Stars Liam Brennan, Sean Chapman and Tom George.

WED 11:00 Joanne Harris - Jigs and Reels (b00cl7lx)

Gastronomicon

Disobeying rules for a silver wedding anniversary recipe book sparks unexpected consequences. Short story read by Lynda Baron.

WED 11:15 Dan Rebellato - Erskine May (b007jw23)

With the Palace of Westminster blown up, can an assistant librarian rebuild it for Queen Victoria to open? Stars Alex Jennings.

WED 12:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007s5g6)

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WED 13:00 Dick Francis (b007mx06)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 13:30 W Somerset Maugham - Ashenden, Gentleman Spy (b008gbq1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 14:00 Jacqueline Susann - Valley of the Dolls (b00mjs2l)

Episode 13

After the tragedy, Neely gets agitated and Anne gets a visit from an old flame. Stars Madeleine Potter and Susan Jameson.

WED 14:15 This Sceptred Isle (b007jxs8)

Clive of India

Anna Massey narrates the history of the British Isles, with Peter Jeffrey. What kind of man was Clive of India?

WED 14:30 Sebastian Faulks: Engleby (b00p8l34)

Episode 3

Just as student Mike Engleby finds he's getting closer to Jennifer, something truly terrible happens. Read by Douglas Hodge.

WED 14:45 The Invention of Childhood (b00sxb09)

The Vast Usefulness of Reading

Michael Morpurgo explores education's expansion for boys in the 17th century, and when boyhood ended and manhood began.

WED 15:00 Sir Walter Scott's Rob Roy (b007jq2p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

WED 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b01gk2wk)

Mel introduces the Inheritance Tracks of Julian Lennon, hears about the musical stones of Skiddaw and takes a trip down the Amazon with Helen Skelton.

WED 17:00 PG Wodehouse - The Inimitable Jeeves (b007jvz6)

Pearls Mean Tears

When Bertie Wooster's Aunt Agatha sparks uproar - can his valet Jeeves save the day?

PG Wodehouse's romp starring Michael Hordern and Richard Briers.

Jeeves Michael Hordern

Bertie Wooster Richard Briers

Aunt Agatha Joan Sanderson

Aileen Hemingway Pat Coombs

Sidney Hemingway Brian Oulton

Chamber Maid Miriam Margolyes

Hotel Manager Brian Haines.

Adapted by Chris Miller.

Producer: David Hatch

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1973.

WED 17:30 The Leopard in Autumn (b00761mn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

WED 18:00 Paradise Lost in Space (b007jnt5)

3. Anyone for Tennis?

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

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

Norman Tony Robinson

Max David Haig

Stella Louise Lombard

Macari Michael Troughton

Terayz Carla Mendonca

Ken Tom Hollander

Producer: Richard Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1995.

WED 18:30 Ghost Stories of Walter De La Mare (b00wvd6t)

Crewe

In the chilly waiting-room of a railway station, an old man relates a disturbing history of a haunting in a job he formerly held...

Read by Kenneth Cranham.

Walter de la Mare (1873-1956) was a popular award-winning poet, short story writer and novelist. He wrote for both children and adults.

Abridged by Doreen Estall.

Producer: Lawrence Jackson

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WED 21:15 Dan Rebellato - Erskine May (b007jw23)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

WED 22:00 Beauty of Britain (b00n7zd1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 22:30 Self-Storage (b007zmbd)

Series 1

House Hunting

Still homeless and separated from his wife, Dave plans to move out of The Storage Garden, while Geoff plans to move in.

Stars Reece Shearsmith and Mark Heap.

Sitcom written by Tom Collinson and Barnaby Power.

Dave Reece Shearsmith.

Geoff Mark Heap.

Ron Tom Goodman-Hill.

Judy Rosie Cavaliero.

Sarah Susan Earl.

Estate agent Phil Nichol

Producer: Ed Morrish

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2007.

WED 22:45 Guy Browning's Small Talk (b0076d91)

Series 1

Duvet Control

The battle of the sexes rages over cold feet and tog ratings. The writer shares more deep thoughts on trivia. From March 2003.

WED 23:00 The Reduced Shakespeare Radio Show (b007jp54)

The Comedies

From 'Merry Wives' to a 'Merchant' - but are the crazy, mixed-up Bard's comedies actually funny? From May 1994.

WED 23:30 If You're So Clever, Why Aren't You Rich? (b00p33gd)

Series 1

Nothing But the Truth

Underachiever David makes the most of jury service, while Giles is fighting the law. Stars Richard E Grant. From January 1995.

THURSDAY 26 APRIL 2012

THU 00:00 Paradise Lost in Space (b007jnt5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Wednesday]

THU 00:30 Ghost Stories of Walter De La Mare (b00wvd6t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Wednesday]

THU 01:00 Dick Francis (b007mx06)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday]

THU 01:30 W Somerset Maugham - Ashenden, Gentleman Spy (b008gbq1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Wednesday]

THU 02:00 Double Income, No Kids Yet (b0080q77)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Wednesday]

THU 02:30 Counterpoint (b00dbdnr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Wednesday]

THU 03:00 Sir Walter Scott's Rob Roy (b007jq2p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Wednesday]

THU 04:00 Joanne Harris - Jigs and Reels (b00cl7lx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Wednesday]

THU 04:15 Dan Rebellato - Erskine May (b007jw23)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Wednesday]

THU 05:00 PG Wodehouse - The Inimitable Jeeves (b007jvz6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Wednesday]

THU 05:30 The Leopard in Autumn (b00761mn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]

THU 06:00 Dick Francis (b007n1gf)

Proof

6. Visitors

Wine merchant Tony Beach has to deal with some unwanted visitors to his store.

Nigel Havers stars as Tony Beach.

Dick Francis's thriller dramatised by Ernest Dudley.

Tony Beach Nigel Havers

Flora Jennifer Piercy

Gerard George Parsons

Paul Young Stuart Organ

Charter Jun/P.C. Kim Wall

Sgt. Ridger Stephen Hattersley

Mrs Palissey Sheila Grant

Producer: Matthew Walters

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1987.

THU 06:30 W Somerset Maugham - Ashenden, Gentleman Spy (b008gcmq)

Miss King

Agent Ashenden finds his Swiss hotel is a hive of activity for spies from both sides of the war and is summoned to the deathbed of an English governess who wants the ear of one of her countrymen before she dies.

A series of short stories based on William Somerset Maugham's own First World War experiences

Read by Alex Jennings

Abridged by Neville Teller

Producer: Eoin O'Callaghan

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in 2007.

THU 07:00 Unnatural Acts (b00jhmpl)

Series 1

A Death in the Family

As Caroline mourns Monty the gerbil, a seance brings some surprises. Stars Kit Hollerbach and Jeremy Hardy. From April 1987.

THU 07:30 Shedtown (b011vgbz)

Series 1

Night Screams

As the Shedis settle into life under asphalt there's a strange noise coming from William's shed. Wes holds a puppet show and all are invited.

Cast:

Barry Tony Pitts
 Jimmy & Johnny Kevin Eldon
 Colin Johnny Vegas
 Diane Suranne Jones
 Dave Shaun Dooley
 Eleanor Romni Ancona
 Deborah Dearden Emma Fryer
 William Adrian Manfredi
 Carly Jessica Knappett
 Father Michael James Quinn
 Wes Warren Brown
 Postwoman Caron May
 Narrator Maxine Peake
 Music Paul Heaton
 Written and created by Tony Pitts
 Directed by Jim Poyser
 Producer: Sally Harrison
 A Woollyback Production for BBC Radio 4.
THU 08:00 The Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise Show (b007ncw8)
 Series 3
 Episode 3
 The much-loved comedy duo celebrate Britain's "greatest living writer" - Ernie.
 With Marion Montgomery.
 Written by Eddie Braben.
 Music by Peter Knight and his Orchestra.
 Producer: Bobby Jaye
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in December 1977.
THU 08:30 Dad's Army (b007jpkw)
 Series 3
 A Man of Action
 When a landmine sparks martial law, a reporter catches Captain Mainwaring in charge.
 Adapted for radio from Jimmy Perry and David Croft's TV scripts by Harold Snoad and Michael Knowles.
 Captain Mainwaring Arthur Lowe
 Sergeant Wilson John Le Mesurier
 Corporal Jones Clive Dunn
 Private Frazer John Laurie
 Private Pike Ian Lavender
 Private Godfrey Arnold Ridley
 Warden Hodges Bill Pertwee
 Private Walker Larry Martyn
 Town Clerk Julian Orchard
 Mr Norris Jonathan Cecil
 Inspector Baker Fraser Kerr
 Producer: John Dyas
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1976.
THU 09:00 An Actor's Life for Me (b008kmmq)
 Series 2
 Read All About It
 After his disastrous children's TV appearance, Robert finds his flat surrounded by the press.
 Is it an actor's dream or an actor's nightmare?
 John Gordon Sinclair stars in Paul Mayhew-Archer's sitcom.
 Robert Wilson John Gordon Sinclair
 Desmond Shaw Gary Waldhorn
 Sue Caroline Quentin
 With:
 Jane Whittenshaw:
 David Goodge
 Donald Gee
 Nicky Henson
 Rosemary Martin
 Producer: Paul Spencer
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 1990
THU 09:30 The Museum of Curiosity (b00sj6ts)
 Series 3
 Episode 4
 John Lloyd invites guests Sarah Bakewell, Michael Welland and Simon Evans to add to the collection. From May 2010.
THU 10:00 Sir Walter Scott's Rob Roy (b007jq56)
 Over the Border
 There's trouble afoot when Francis quarrels with Rashleigh and heads to Glasgow. Stars Liam Brennan and Sean Chapman.
THU 11:00 Joanne Harris - Jigs and Reels (b00cl6vd)
 The Ugly Sister
 A Cinderella pantomime character wonders if her own Prince Charming is in the audience. Short story read by Lesley Sharp.
THU 11:15 Martyn Wade - Another Shakespeare (b0080hly)
 Drama inspired by the true life story of an 18th-century forger of the Bard. Starring Julian Rhind-Tutt and James Groux.
THU 12:00 The Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise Show (b007ncw8)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
THU 12:30 Dad's Army (b007jpkw)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
THU 13:00 Dick Francis (b007n1gf)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
THU 13:30 W Somerset Maugham - Ashenden, Gentleman Spy (b008gcmq)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
THU 14:00 Jacqueline Susann - Valley of the Dolls (b00mk688)
 Episode 14
 Lyon is back and Anne still has feelings for him, despite being

engaged to Kevin. Stars Madeleine Potter and Barbara Barnes.
THU 14:15 This Sceptred Isle (b007jxsg)
 Death of a Prime Minister, the Sacking of Pitt and a New Calendar
 Pitt's vision of becoming Prime Minister looks remote and Britain comes to dominate world trade. Narrated by Anna Massey.
THU 14:30 Sebastian Faulks: Engleby (b00p92xw)
 Episode 4
 With the police investigating the University mystery - will they turn their attentions to student Mike? Read by Douglas Hodge.
THU 14:45 The Invention of Childhood (b00scw5x)
 But Can She Spin?
 Michael Morpurgo learns how girls' education regressed in the 16th century, with the sinful Eve as the main female archetype.
THU 15:00 Sir Walter Scott's Rob Roy (b007jq56)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
THU 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b01gk9st)
 Mel Giedroyc hears about a man who made a mint from some old Roman coins, sets sail with a female steamboat captain and goes postal at a postcard fair.
THU 17:00 The World As We Know It (b00fnrkf)
 Around the World in 80 Hours
 It's Bank Holiday weekend and Donna, Johnny, Patrick and Abigail see no reason to end their usual habits just because the world has ended.
 So they do what they usually do and go away on holiday. But with the choice of anywhere in the world, where will they go?
 Sitcom by Luke Sorba.
 Donna Meera Syal
 Johnny Toby Longworth
 Patrick Luke Sorba
 Abigail Carla Mendonca
 The Stranger Simon Greenall
 Producer: Elizabeth Anstee
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1999.
THU 17:30 Unnatural Acts (b00jhmlp)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
THU 18:00 Paradise Lost in Space (b007jnx2)
 4. Martinis
 The dangers of tennis are now apparent to the Oblivions - but Martinis? What could possibly go wrong with Martinis?
 Colin Swash's sci-fi comedy about two space-age humans stranded on a friendly alien planet.
 Norman Tony Robinson
 Max David Haig
 Stella Louise Lombard
 Macari Michael Troughton
 Terayz Carla Mendonca
 Ken Tom Hollander
 Tony Geoff McGovern
 Clive Guy Witcher
 Jonathan Ross Alistair McGowan
 Producer: Richard Wilson
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1995.
THU 18:30 Ghost Stories of Walter De La Mare (b00ww8sr)
 A Recluse
 One hot evening in the English countryside, a traveller is forced to stay the night at the remote house of a sinister gentleman...
 Read by Anthony Head.
 Walter de la Mare (1873-1956) was a popular award-winning poet, short story writer and novelist. He wrote for both children and adults.
 Abridged by Doreen Estall.
 Producer: Lawrence Jackson
 Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in December 2010.
THU 19:00 The Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise Show (b007ncw8)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
THU 19:30 Dad's Army (b007jpkw)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
THU 20:00 Dick Francis (b007n1gf)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
THU 20:30 W Somerset Maugham - Ashenden, Gentleman Spy (b008gcmq)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
THU 21:00 Joanne Harris - Jigs and Reels (b00cl6vd)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
THU 21:15 Martyn Wade - Another Shakespeare (b0080hly)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]
THU 22:00 Shedtown (b011vgzb)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
THU 22:30 Bleak Expectations (b00d45vn)
 Series 2
 A Restoration Re-Ruined Only Even Worse
 As the Victorian comic epic continues, Pip finds himself heavily in debt when he has to bribe the whole of the House of Commons not to hang him. But has he found true love at last in the form of wealthy Southern belle Talullah Not-A-Man?
 Or is it some sort of fiendishly subtle plot hatched by an evil villain in a frock.
 Mark Evans's epic comedy in the style of Charles Dickens.
 Volume Two, Chapter the Fourth: a Restoration Re-Ruined Only Even Worse.
 Sir Philip.....Richard Johnson
 Mr Benevolent.....Anthony Head
 Young Pip.....Tom Allen

Sternbeater.....Geoffrey Whitehead
 Harry Biscuit.....James Bachman
 Ripely Fecund.....Sarah Hadland
 Pippa/Woman.....Susy Kane
 The Bailiff.....Mark Evans
 Producer: Gareth Edwards.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2008.
THU 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b01h0f4g)
 From 10pm - midnight, Sunday to Friday, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus tonight Ed and Ray have more chat with guest Pam Ann.
THU 23:00 The In Crowd (b00sf7tp)
 Series 3
 Episode 2
 How to open a pocket museum, how not to purchase a smoke alarm and how not to go about being a medium, an auctioneer or a tramp.
 The ever helpful sketch show from Manchester's Comedy Store.
 With Robin Ince, Helen Moon, Smug Roberts and Kate Ward.
 Producer: Graham Frost
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2002.
THU 23:30 Hut 33 (b00wfwyl)
 Series 2
 Getting Heavy
 Hut 33 has come bottom in the ranking at Bletchley Park, and the code breakers must do something to prove themselves.
 James Cary's sitcom set at Bletchley Park - the top-secret home of the Second World War codebreakers.
 Charles Robert Bathurst
 Archie Tom Goodman-Hill
 Minka Olivia Colman
 Mrs Best Lill Roughley
 Gordon Fergus Craig
 Joshua Alex McQueen
 With Lisa Sutherland, Arnab Chanda and Ben Crowe.
 Producer: Adam Bromley
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2008.

FRIDAY 27 APRIL 2012

FRI 00:00 Paradise Lost in Space (b007jnx2)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Thursday]
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 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]
FRI 01:00 Dick Francis (b007n1gf)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]
FRI 01:30 W Somerset Maugham - Ashenden, Gentleman Spy (b008gcmq)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]
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 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]
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FRI 05:00 The World As We Know It (b00fnrkf)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Thursday]
FRI 05:30 Unnatural Acts (b00jhmlp)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]
FRI 06:00 Dick Francis (b007n9gl)
 Proof
 7. Man of Mystery
 Kenneth Junior makes a request from hospital, and Tony learns more about the mysterious Paul Young.
 Nigel Havers stars as Tony Beach.
 Dick Francis's thriller dramatised by Ernest Dudley
 Tony Beach Nigel Havers
 Gerard George Parsons
 Clerk/Delivery Man David Goodland
 Vernon Tim Reynolds
 Paul Young Stuart Organ
 Quigley Brian Hewlett
 Flora Jennifer Piercey
 Producer: Matthew Walters
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1987.
FRI 06:30 W Somerset Maugham - Ashenden, Gentleman Spy (b008ggy1)
 Giulia Lazzari
 Agent Ashenden's summoned to a Paris hotel and tasked with ensnaring a known agitator - Indian lawyer, Chandra Lal who's caused much trouble for the British war effort.
 When a large reward was offered for his arrest, Chandra fled to Berlin and where he fell in love with an Italian dancer, Giulia Lazzari. But Intelligence Head R has intercepted their love letters sparking a plan to trap him.
 A series of short stories based on William Somerset Maugham's own First World War experiences
 Read by Alex Jennings
 Abridged by Neville Teller
 Producer: Eoin O'Callaghan
 Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in 2007.
FRI 07:00 Ring Around the Bath (b01gklt7)
 Series 3

Loophole

Patrick gets a TV presenting job on the Barbeque Channel - filming on location in the family home.

As the flames get higher, Stella's precious garden is under threat!

Series 3 of Lucy Clare and Ian Davidson's sitcom about topsy-turvy family life.

Stars Duncan Preston as Patrick, Pippa Haywood as Stella, Claudie Blakley as Alison, Bruce MacKinnon as Rick, Catherine Shepherd as Xanthe, Daniela Denby-Ashe as Egg and and Russell Bentley as Fergus.

Director: Elizabeth Freestone

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2006.

FRI 07:30 In and Out of the Kitchen (b017ckf5)

Series 1

September 18th to 24th

Damien's routine is thrown into disarray when Anthony's goddaughter, Libby, is sent to stay with them for "respite". Meanwhile, Anthony finally has his long-awaited job interview and Damien is offered the chance to front his own TV cookery show.

More entries from the kitchen diary of cookery writer, Damien Trench - "no matter how grizzly" as he puts it "or, indeed, how gristly".

Written by and starring Miles Jupp.

The programme also features Damien's easy-to-follow recipes for:

- cracking crepes Suzette

- Spanish-as-sangria, "chorizo und patatas"

and

- a tastebud tantalising, Beef Oxford.

Damien Trench Miles Jupp

Anthony Justin Edwards

Damien's Mother Selina Cadell

Mr Mullaney Brendan Dempsey

Ian Frobisher Philip Fox

Libby/Angie Maggie Service

Producer: Sam Michell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2011.

FRI 08:00 The Navy Lark (b01gklt9)

Series 5

The Ghost Ship

Could HMS Troutbridge really be the next Marie Celeste?

Stars Leslie Phillips as the Sub-Lieutenant, Jon Pertwee as the Chief Petty Officer, Stephen Murray as the Number One, Ronnie Barker as Able Seaman Johnson, Richard Caldicote as Captain Povey and Tenniel Evans as Taffy Goldstein.

Laughs afloat aboard British Royal Navy frigate HMS Troutbridge. The Navy Lark ran for an impressive thirteen series between 1959 and 1976.

Scripted by Lawrie Wyman

Producer: Alastair Scott Johnston.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1963.

FRI 08:30 The Burkiss Way (b007jlyw)

Series 1

Peel Bananas the Burkiss Way

Welcome to the Burkiss Way to dynamic living - radio's first correspondence course. Send no money.

Lesson one is courtesy of Denise Coffey, Nigel Rees, Chris Emmett and Fred Harris.

Then you too can write a script like Andrew Marshall, John Mason and David Renwick and produce a programme like Simon Brett.

The groundbreaking sketch show with cult status.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1976.

FRI 09:00 North East of Eden (b01grlp1)

Plague

The annual festival of St Marcus brings a host of tourists to Paradise Island, but a mysterious illness threatens the torchlight parade.

Rebecca Front and Joan Sims stars in Peter Kerry's sitcom about a GP living on a remote island off the coast of Northumbria.

Dr Marcia Hulme Rebecca Front

Auntie Annie Joan Sims

Hjorst Niall Ashdown

Joseph Gates James Garbutt

Mrs Peevis Jean Southern

William Sammy Johnson

Ralph Stephen Thirkeld

Producer: Kathy Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1997.

FRI 09:30 Puzzle Panel (b00yb2vg)

Episode 6

More testing brain teasers with Chris Maslanka, Paul Lamford, Val Gilbert and Professor David Singmaster. From July 1998.

FRI 10:00 Sir Walter Scott's Rob Roy (b007jq7m)

Helen McGregor

Francis and Jarvie reach the Highland Line, heading for

McGregor country. Stars Liam Brennan. Sean Chapman and

Tom George.

FRI 11:00 Joanne Harris - Jigs and Reels (b00cl32x)

Fule's Gold

After 40 years teaching creative writing, sneaky Mr Fisher

discovers a masterpiece. Short story read by Stephen Moore.

FRI 11:15 Heathcote Williams - Hancock's Last Half Hour (b01glrp3)

An imagining of the comedy legend alone in a Sydney hotel room on the day he died, with a book of newspaper cuttings, a telephone and a bottle of vodka for company. In a tour de force performance Richard Briers plays his great comedy hero, Tony Hancock, looking back over the highs and lows of his career. Heathcote Williams's play reveals a comedy genius, tormented by his own desire to improve himself. A desire which overwhelmed him, when he tragically took his own life in June 1968.

Produced by Ned Chaillet for BBC Radio 3 in 1988.

FRI 12:00 The Navy Lark (b01gklt9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 12:30 The Burkiss Way (b007jlyw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

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FRI 14:00 Jacqueline Susann - Valley of the Dolls (b00mlxk3)

Episode 15

Betrayed by Neely, and with Lyon becoming more distant, Anne turns to the dolls. Stars Madeleine Potter and Barbara Barnes.

FRI 14:15 This Sceptred Isle (b007jsxm)

The Black Hole of Calcutta, Minorca and Seven Years War Pitt the Elder comes to realise his ambition and proves his worth. Anna Massey narrates the history of the British Isles.

FRI 14:30 Sebastian Faulks: Engleby (b00pblz7)

Episode 5

Missing Jennifer is still very much in the thoughts of Mike Engleby, who gets a surprise visit. Read by Douglas Hodge.

FRI 14:45 The Invention of Childhood (b00scz3n)

Overburdened with Children

Michael Morpurgo tells the story of the Poor Law, a forerunner of the welfare state and a safety net for many poor children.

FRI 15:00 Sir Walter Scott's Rob Roy (b007jq7m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b01grlp5)

Mel Giedroyc says Happy Friday with a tour of the new Harry Potter exhibition, hears about Ben Fogle's dip with crocodiles and gets a lesson in claymation with Nick Park.

FRI 17:00 Brothers in Law (b007js84)

Series 2

Keeping It Warm

Will barrister Roger manage to make up with girlfriend Sally? Starring Richard Briers as Roger Thursby, John Glyn-Jones as Grimes, Julia Lockwood as Sally, Jean Anderson as Mrs Thursby, Norman Bird as Brigstocke, John Gabriel as Lowthwaite, Francis de Wolff as Mr Justice and Peter Tuddenham as the Lord Justice.

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 September 1971.

FRI 17:30 Ring Around the Bath (b01gklt7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 18:00 Paradise Lost in Space (b007jp0g)

5. Things Hot Up

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

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

Norman Tony Robinson

Max David Haig

Stella Louise Lombard

Macari Michael Troughton

Terayz Carla Mendonca

Clive Guy Witcher

Buzz Peter Serafinowicz

Producer: Richard Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1995.

FRI 18:30 Ghost Stories of Walter De La Mare (b00wwd8m)

The Almond Tree

A man looks back on the complex relationship between his parents and a female friend of his father's. It's one that will influence the rest of his life...

Read by Julian Wadham.

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Abridged by Doreen Estall.

Producer: Lawrence Jackson

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 22:30 Old Harry's Game (b007jmd4)

Series 3

The Beautiful Game

Satan decides to hold a major football tournament in Hell - The Underworld Cup.

Andy Hamilton's devilishly funny sitcom set in Hell.

Satan Andy Hamilton

The Professor James Grout

Thomas Jimmy Mulville

Scumspawn Robert Duncan

Other characters played by Felicity Montagu, Philip Pope, Nick

Revel and Michael Fenton Stevens.

Producer Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1999

FRI 23:00 Lenin of the Rovers (b007jppj)

Series 1

Episode 2

Midfield maestro Ricky Lenin's new economic policy kicks in at Felchester Rovers football club.

Starring Alexei Sayle as Ricky Lenin, Keith Allen as Terry Trotsky, Andrew McClean as Stevie Stalin, Tony Alias as Des Frankly and Ballard Berkeley as the Colonel.

Legendary BBC football commentator Kenneth Wolstenholme is Frank Lee Brian.

Written by Marcus Berkman.

Producer: Harry Thompson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1988.

FRI 23:30 Vent (b01grlp7)

Series 3

The Stand-In

Ben vows to do something alone but buying an envelope at the post office is not that easy.

Dark sitcom about a man in a coma, travelling through the distinctly odd landscape of his own unconscious mind.

Written by Nigel Smith.

Ben Neil Pearson

Mary Fiona Allen

Mum Josie Lawrence

Blitz Leslie Ash

Nurse Jo Martin

Derek Stephen Frost

Marley Spencer Brown

Bea Scarlett Milburn-Smith

Lorraine Tessa Nicholson

Mr Shah Bruce Alexander

Martin Nigel Hastings

Boy Lizzy Watts

Assistants Kate Layden, Tara Lynch Coppers, Tom Price &

Abigail Burdiss

Director: Nigel Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2009.