

SATURDAY 12 MAY 2012

SAT 00:00 Bruce Bedford - The Gibson (b007js8d)

Episode 3
Haensel Sethria warns Elise Judd, and Saul Judd is summoned to meet Selwyn Fist.
Bruce Bedford's time-hopping supernatural thriller serial set in and under - Bath.
Robert Glenister Saul Judd
Sharon Duce Elise Judd
Freddie Jones The Scribe
Kate Binchy The Scribe's Wife
Constance Chapman Haensel Sethria
Gordon Reid Priscus
Michael Stroud Stranger
Jonathan Tafler Landlord
Timothy West Selwyn Fist
John Abineri Roman Officer
Jonathan Adams The Guardian
Original music composed by Thomas Johnson.
Music realised by Robin Lever.
Special effects: Dick Mills (Radiophonic Workshop)
Directed at BBC Bristol by Andy Jordan
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1992.

SAT 00:30 The House on the Borderland by William Hope Hodgson (b007wznx)

2. The Siege
After beginning to read the ragged manuscript purporting to be written by an old recluse, the narrator and his sister face the swine-like supernatural creatures' terrifying siege...

Read by Jim Norton.

First published in 1908, William Hope Hodgson's fantasy novella is now seen as a classic of early, Edwardian sci-fi. Abridged in four parts by Doreen Estall.

Producer: Lawrence Jackson

Made for BBC Radio 7 by BBC Northern Ireland.

First broadcast in September 2007.

SAT 01:00 Robert Harris - Fatherland (b007jmtf)

Closing In
Detective Xavier March uncovers the terrible secret of Adolf Hitler's totalitarian state.
Anton Lesser stars as Xavier March, homicide investigator with the Berlin Kriminalpolizei.
Conclusion of Robert Harris's thriller dramatised by John Dryde.

Xavier March Anton Lesser
Charlotte Maguire Angeline Ball

Globus Michael Byrne
Krebs William Scott Masson
Max Jaeger Peter Ellis

Nebe Stratford Johns

Border Guard Dan Fineman

Commentator Alan Dedicat

Producer: John Dryden

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1998.

SAT 01:30 Maigret (b007jztr)

The Drowned Men's Inn
Episode 2
After discovering a body in the boot of an exhumed car, Inspector Maigret is beginning to piece together the evidence...

Concluded by Nicholas Le Prevost.

Inspector Jules Maigret is one of the world's best known fictional detective. Created by Georges Simenon, the pipe-smoking, gruff French Detective has inspired countless TV series and feature films. Although most of Simenon's work is available in English, it was originally written in French.

Directed at BBC Manchester by Carrie Rooney.

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in 2005.

SAT 02:00 North East of Eden (b01hc5tl)

Spirits
The discovery of an ancient relic brings pilgrims to Paradise, but Marcia is also praying for a miracle when errant boyfriend Clem pays a visit.

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 James Garbutt

Mrs Peevis Jean Southern

Ralph Stephen Thirkeld

William Sammy Johnson

Producer: Kathy Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1997.

SAT 02:30 Puzzle Panel (b00yrrgg)

Episode 8
Scratch your head along with Chris Maslanka, Dr Victor Bryant, Dr Doreen Baxter and William Hartston. From July 1998.

SAT 03:00 Vivat Rex (b01hc5tn)

Corruption
Richard Burton narrates the playwrights' tale of the English Crown. Falstaff gathers a very small army. Stars Billie Whitelaw.

SAT 04:00 Red Herrings (b00v7760)

Series 1
The Soothmothers
Rivalry between three sexy travellers in Shetland sparks a local's

imagination. Marnie Baxter reads Ann Cleeves' curious story.

SAT 04:15 Martin Sorrell - Trapped (b01hc5tq)

The heroes of the great Exeter theatre fire of 1887. Martin Sorrell's recreation of real events. With Geoffrey Whitehead.

SAT 05:00 Millport (b0075t3w)

Series 1
Lineage
Big brother Gordon has returned to Millport on the tiny Isle of Cumbrae, off the west coast of Scotland.

But Irene wonders why anyone would return once they've had the chance to escape?

Bittersweet comedy written by and starring Lynn Ferguson as 30-something barmaid Irene Bruce, who hankers after a better life on the mainland.

Irene Lynn Ferguson

Moirira Janet Brown

Alberto/Robert/Bob Lewis McLeod

Ena/Bunty Gabriel Quigley

Doogie Matt Costello

Gordon/Minister Robert Paterson

Producer: Lucy Bacon

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2000.

SAT 05:30 Ring Around the Bath (b01hc2x1)

Series 3
Pressure Times Volume Is a Constant
Egg's boyfriend moves in. Rick moves out - and comes back. And the arrival of Alison's baby is only a couple of months away. Can Stella keep track of her wayward family?

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

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

Director: Elizabeth Freestone

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2006.

SAT 06:00 Grigori Efimovich Rasputin - Almost the Truth (b007wvcq)

Has history been unjust to Grigori Efimovich Rasputin? Was he anything more than a "mad monk", unbridled lecher, and evil influence on the Russian royal family?

Wally K Daly's epic drama stars Robert Glenister as Rasputin, Michael Cochrane as the Tsar, Jane Whittenshaw as the Tsarina, Geoffrey Whitehead as the Adjudicator, Maurice Denham as Makari, Norman Bird as Theophenes, Denys Hawthorne as Homogenes and Roger May as Ilidor.

Director: Martin Jenkins

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1996.

SAT 07:30 Great Lives (b00b7bd1)

Series 15
Edward Lear
Series of biographical discussions with Matthew Parris.

Nicholas Parsons nominates artist and writer Edward Lear, now remembered best for The Owl and the Pussycat, The Jumblies and other nonsense verse for children.

SAT 08:00 Garrison Keillor's Radio Show (b01hkn3)

Series 7
Episode 30
From Woodinville in Washington, the funny man welcomes multi-instrumentalist Sarah Jarosz and trio Bodacious Ladyhood. From 2011.

SAT 09:00 Comedy Greats (b007k1tc)

1980s
Episode 1
Decade by decade, Barry Cryer showcases some of the funniest and finest shows ever broadcast by the BBC.

The original New Romantic brings you six favourite shows plucked from the 1980s schedules of BBC Radio 1 and Radio 4:-

* Radio Active
Series 2 (3/6) Good Day Sport
Get all the sport results you need from your local national radio station. Stars Angus Deayton, Geoffrey Perkins, Helen Atkinson-Wood, Michael Fenton Stevens and Philip Pope.

From 1982.
* After Henry
Series 1 (4/8) The Dinner Party
Sarah plays hostess, Mother plays the martyr and daughter Clare holds a flat-warming party. Stars Prunella Scales, Joan Sanderson, Gerry Cowper and Benjamin Whitrow. From 1985.

* Unnatural Acts
Series 1 (2/6) A Death in the Family
As Caroline mourns Monty the gerbil, a séance brings some surprises. Stars Jeremy Hardy, Kit Hollerbach and Caroline Leddy. Later series were renamed 'At Home With The Hardys'.

From 1987.
* Legal, Decent, Honest and Truthful
Series 1 (2/6)
Activist turned advertising copywriter, Ken Handley finds himself assigned to the Conservative Party. Stars Martin Jarvis, Wendy Richard, Michael Jayston and Bill Fraser. From 1982.

* Saturday Night Fry
Series 1 (5/6)
Stephen Fry hosts humorous banter and sketches with his chums Hugh Laurie, Emma Thompson, Jim Broadbent and Phyllida Law. From 1988.

* The Mary Whitehouse Experience
Series 3 (7/12)
The original billing proclaimed it was "The show that dares to ignore the issues that other shows would tackle". Starring David

Baddiel, Rob Newman, Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis. Series debuted in 1989. Episode from 1990.
Produced and scripted by Peter Reed
First broadcast on BBC 7 in 2003.

SAT 12:00 Not a Love Story (Omnibus) (b01hkn5)
After being violently raped by someone she thought was a friend, Maddy is urged by the police to go public and prosecute her attacker, with very mixed results. From May 2012.

SAT 13:15 Daunt and Dervish (b007jwvb)
Series 1
The Singer Not the Song
When a newspaper magnate is murdered, the obvious suspect is his much younger wife, but when the police discover that Daunt and Dervish were actually in the grounds of the house that evening - they're not only under suspicion, but their licence is suspended. The only way to get it back will be for them to beat the police to the discovery of the real murderer...

With the Second World War over, former spies Josephine Daunt and Susan Dervish are running their own detective agency.
Stars Imelda Staunton as Josephine Daunt, Anna Massey as Susan Dervish, Bill Patterson as Bill Mackie and Nicky Henson as Daniel Slater.

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 Dad's Army (b007jprv)
Series 3
The Godiva Affair
The Home Guard platoon holds a Spitfire fundraiser, but Corporal Jones is pining for Mrs Fox.
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
Mrs Fox Mollie Sugden
Producer: John Dyas
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1976.

SAT 14:30 The Burkiss Way (b007jm5c)
Series 1
Escape from Prison the Burkiss Way
Improve your IQ and go on the Auntie Quiz in the cult sketch show.
The Burkiss Way to dynamic living - radio's first correspondence course. No stamp needed.
Dynamic instruction from Denise Coffey, Nigel Rees, Chris Emmett and Fred Harris.
Dynamic scripts by Andrew Marshall, John Mason and David Renwick with dynamic production by Simon Brett.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1976.

SAT 15:00 Garrison Keillor's Radio Show (b01hkn3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
SAT 16:00 Grigori Efimovich Rasputin - Almost the Truth (b007wvcq)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
SAT 18:00 The Routemasters by Andrew McGibbon (b007jnsh)
4. Wolfie and Beetie
Raymond and Hildegard kidnap Beethoven and Mozart in their plot to create the greatest ever rock band.
Herr Grubberman comes clean, while Bernie finally discovers the truth about who - or what - is driving the time bus.
Starring Amanda Donohoe as Hilderghast, Andrew McGibbon as Raymond, Karl Minns as the Conductor, Owen Evans as Bernie, Nick Romero as Mozart, Andy Mulligan as Herr Grubberman, Dan Freedman as Glenn Miller, Alex Lowe as Taffy and Sophie Aldred as Spika.
Written by Andrew McGibbon. Additional material by Rob Colley and Kevin Greening.
Theme by Ozzy Temple and other music by Nick Romero.
Producer: Julian Mayers
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1999.

SAT 18:30 A Short History of Gothic (b00pkvkc)
Those Who Seek Forgiveness
By Laurell K Hamilton. Harned vampire hunter Anita Blake helps a woman revive her recently deceased husband. But what is the motivation? Read by Melanie Bond.
SAT 19:00 Comedy Greats (b007k1tc)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
SAT 22:00 Saturday Stand-Up (b011cfc2)
Robin Ince - Bleeding Heart Liberal
4 Extra Premiere. The world's most bookish comedian and very angry man in a cardigan shares his insights into Britain at London's King's Head.
SAT 22:45 Greg at The Stand (b0150pby)
Episode 1
Greg McHugh presents some of the best stand up talent to perform at the Glasgow comedy venue. With Sean Hughes and Phil Nichol. From June 2011.
SAT 23:00 The Phone (b010gg5y)
Peter Jukes - Going Dark
A surprise birthday prank sparks a father's misguided quest to find his missing daughter. Stars Ivan Kaye and Sean Baker.

SAT 23:30 Wallander - Faceless Killers (b00hv6v5)
 Episode 5
 The Swedish sleuth searches for the murdered man's secret son in Kristianstad. Henning Mankell's thriller read by David Warner.
SAT 23:45 Devil in a Blue Dress (b00ztc9)
 Episode 5
 Sleuth Easy Rawlins meets Daphne Monet in a dress the colour of her eyes. Walter Mosley's thriller read by Paul Winfield.

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SUN 01:00 Garrison Keillor's Radio Show (b01hkyn3)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Saturday]
SUN 02:00 Not a Love Story (Omnibus) (b01hkyn5)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Saturday]
SUN 03:15 Daunt and Dervish (b007jwvb)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 13:15 on Saturday]
SUN 04:00 Grigorii Efimovich Rasputin - Almost the Truth (b007wvcq)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday]
SUN 05:30 Tonight (b01h77nt)
 Series 2
 Episode 1
 Rory Bremner and the team return for another series of Tonight, the topical satire show that digs that bit deeper into national and international politics. Rory's mantra is that it's as important to make sense out of things as it is to make fun of them. With a team that includes veteran satirists Andy Zaltzman and Nick Doody and versatile impressionist and character comedian Kate O'Sullivan, Tonight promises to do both. This is half an hour of stand-up, sketches, and investigative satire. And at the core of the show are Rory's incisively funny interviews with the most informed guest commentators on the current political scene. More global crises, more political scandal, more jokes with the word fiscal in them - and some truly brilliant impressions: a shot in the arm for satire lovers everywhere. Producers: Simon Jacobs & Frank Stirling
 A Unique Production for BBC Radio 4.
SUN 06:00 EF Benson - Miss Mapp (b010gkq4)
 Omnibus, part 2
 The busybody of the small English village of Tilling continues to observe the Major and Captain Puffin. Stars Frances Barber.
SUN 07:15 Jackie Wullschlager - Chagall (b00tf7m7)
 Episode 1
 Derek Jacobi reads from Jackie Wullschlager's biography of artist Marc Chagall, beginning with his childhood in Vitebsk.
SUN 07:30 Clare in the Community (b008wp4)
 Series 4
 Carry On Up The Amazon
 Clare finds it difficult to resist interfering when she discovers Helen's son in a squat around the corner rather than in Borneo... 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 Lumdsden
 Helen Gemma Craven
 Irene Ellen Thomas
 Megan Nina Conti
 Simon Andrew Wincott

With Paul Chequer and Alex Tregear
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2008.
SUN 08:00 ITMA - It's That Man Again (b01hl2g3)
 From 06/01/1949
 The last episode, first aired just days before Tommy Handley's death. With Hattie Jacques and Jack Train. From January 1949.
SUN 08:30 Ray's a Laugh (b01hl2g5)
 From 25/10/1949
 Ted's horoscope is astoundingly accurate and George tries to solve a mystery. Starring Ted Ray.
 With Kitty Bluett, Peter Sellers, Patricia Hayes, Fred Yule and Leslie Perrins.
 Ray's A Laugh - the successor to ITMA - follows the comedy exploits of Ted's life at home with his 'radio' wife Kitty, as well as in a variety of jobs. It ran from 1949-1961. Scripted by Eddie Maguire and Ted Ray.
 Music from Bob & Alf Pearson and The Beaux and The Belles. BBC Dance Orchestra conducted by Stanley Black. Producer: George Inns
 First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in October 1949.
SUN 09:00 JM Barrie - Peter Pan (b00sbrl0)
 In the Mermaid's Lagoon
 The mischievous boy and the children arrive in Neverland. Starring Toyah Willcox as Peter Pan, Ron Moody as Mr Darling / Hook, Georgina Cates as Wendy, Roy Hudd as Smee and Chris Emmett as Starkey.
 Dramatist: Philip Glassborow
 Producer: Dirk Maggs

First heard on BBC Radio 4 in 1995.
SUN 09:30 Pamela Brown - The Swish of the Curtain (b00r2l8w)
 Episode 1
 A group of children all share one dream, to set up their very own theatre company. Stars James Lance and Caroline Harker.
SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs: Longplay (b018j65d)
 Sir Michael Caine
 Marking Sir Michael Caine's 80th birthday, an extended edition of his castaway choices with Kirsty Young. From December 2009.
SUN 11:00 It's a Funny Business (b01hl2g7)
 Deryck Guyler
 The comedy actor and washboard maestro discusses his career with Mike Craig, from ITMA to Please Sir! From October 1986.
SUN 11:30 How Ticked Am I? (b007js75)
 Series 1
 Frank Randle
 He was 'a gargoye, a grotesque - and the funniest man alive'. Mark Radcliffe tells the story of 'the bad lad of showbiz'. Frank Randle - the rebel from Wigan who hiked his way to stardom. A six-part series exploring the tradition of the northern comedian. Producer: Bernadette McConnell
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1999.
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 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
SUN 13:15 Jackie Wullschlager - Chagall (b00tf7m7)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]
SUN 13:30 Morse (b007k4jl)
 Last Seen Wearing
 Inspector Morse is reluctant to take over an old missing person case from a dead colleague, but murder is Morse's speciality and the case soon has complications. Stars John Shrapnel as Morse and Robert Glenister as Lewis
 First published in 1976, Colin Dexter's second Morse crime novel dramatised by Guy Meredith.
 Inspector Morse John Shrapnel
 Sergeant Lewis Robert Glenister
 Donald Philipson Miles Anderson
 Sheila Philipson Melinda Walker
 Gwen Taylor Frances Jeater
 George Taylor Donald Sumpter
 Valerie Taylor Tamsin Greig
 Reginald Baines Terence Edmond
 Chief Supt. Strange John Hartley
 Mrs Ainley Auriol Smith
 John McGuire Paul Panting
 Sergeant Dickson Lyndam Gregory
 David Acum David Jarvis
 Joe James Taylor
 Versatile Vera Emily Wolf
 Police Surgeon Don McCorkindale
 Sergeant Onslow Michael Onslow
 Radio 3 announcer Catriona Young
 Theme music by Wilfredo Acosta.
 Director: Ned Chaillet
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1994.
SUN 15:00 ITMA - It's That Man Again (b01hl2g3)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
SUN 15:30 Ray's a Laugh (b01hl2g5)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
SUN 16:00 Mel's Mix: The Best of The 4 O'Clock Show (b01hl2g9)
 In the best of this week's 4 O'Clock Show, Mel Giedroyc goes foraging and follows in the footsteps of JM Barrie, the author of BBC Radio Four Extra's family drama, Peter Pan.
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SUN 17:00 Pamela Brown - The Swish of the Curtain (b00r2l8w)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
SUN 17:30 Radio Anarchists (b00828ml)
 Ned Sherrin tells the story of Coyle and Sharpe, the perpetrators of ludicrous street interviews in 1960s America. From January 2003.
SUN 18:00 The Devil in Amber by Mark Gatiss (b00tkv9s)
 1. Pursuit
 Opening in 1920s Manhattan, Edwardian dandy and secret agent, Lucifer Box is in hot pursuit of the dodgy dealer responsible for an influx of cheap cocaine to the city. Mark Gatiss reads his novel abridged in five parts by David Jackson Young.
 Dashing hero, Lucifer Box is an assassin, spy and sometime portrait painter.
 Producer: Kirsteen Cameron.
 Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by BBC Scotland and first broadcast in 2010.
SUN 18:30 HP Lovecraft - The Shadow Over Innsmouth (b015fv26)
 Episode 5
 Robert Olmstead flees Innsmouth, only to discover years later a shocking secret linking him to the town. Read by Richard Coyle.
SUN 19:00 It's a Funny Business (b01hl2g7)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
SUN 19:30 How Ticked Am I? (b007js75)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:30 today]

SUN 20:00 ITMA - It's That Man Again (b01hl2g3)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
SUN 20:30 Ray's a Laugh (b01hl2g5)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
SUN 21:00 Desert Island Discs: Longplay (b018j65d)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
SUN 22:00 Clare in the Community (b008wp4)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
SUN 22:30 The Change (b00p2jn5)
 Series 1
 When a Man Loves a Woman
 Ken drops into comfort Carol, but is soon in despair over her transvestite hubby George.
 Can she ever accept his new life choices?
 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 December 2001.
SUN 23:00 King Cutler (b0090bdh)
 King Cutler VI
 The final episode. What more can be said? Plenty.
 Songs, poems and stories from Phyllis King, Ivor Cutler and their visitors.
 With Dylan Edwards, Ted Harrison and Craig Murray-Orr.
 Producer: Neil Cargill
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in February 1990.
SUN 23:30 Giles Wemmbly Hogg Goes Off (b01hl2gc)
 Series 3
 Chalet Girl
 Despite a lack of any obvious qualifications, Giles gets a job on the ski slopes of France. Stars Marcus Brigstocke. From February 2005.

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MON 06:00 Mark Tavener - High Table, Lower Orders (b008wf8j)
 Series 1
 Episode 1
 Since graduation, Simon has hardly blazed a trail as a plodding Health and Safety executive, so why does his old Cambridge master Gilbert need him?
 Following the death of one of its most prominent Dons, celebrity TV historian Peter Devanti - everyone at a Cambridge College gathers to attend the funeral. Simon, an ex-student and now disillusioned health and safety officer, starts wondering whether his death was not as straightforward as it at first appeared.
 CAST:
 Gilbert Geoffrey Palmer
 Simon Samuel West
 Patricia Rebecca Front
 with Sharon Small, Michael Maloney, Jonathan Coy, Emily Wachter, Nicholas Boulton, Hugh Dickson, and Beth Chalmers
 Script Editor: Paul Schlesinger
 Producer: Dawn Ellis
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2005.
MON 06:30 Above Suspicion (b007xt7e)
 Episode 1
 With the Second World War looming, a naive young British couple are swept into the world of espionage. Read by Emma Currie.
MON 07:00 The Arts and How They Was Done (b007cp1n)
 The Entire History of Theatre Through the Ages and How It Is Done
 The National Theatre of Brent reveals the true history of the stage. Stars Patrick Barlow. From May 2007.

MON 07:30 The Unbelievable Truth (b01h646f)

Series 9
Episode 6
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. Miles Jupp, Susan Calman, Marcus Brigstocke and Alan Davies are the panellists obliged to talk with deliberate inaccuracy on subjects as varied as: Goats, Singing, Glue and Painting.

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 (b007jq57)
From 03/06/1960

Kenneth Horne's adventure stories of the North West Frontier, plus 'Homerama' looks at food. With Kenneth Williams. From June 1960.

MON 08:30 Steptoe and Son (b00rb08)

Series 1
65 Today
Albert Steptoe's 65th birthday outing turns into a disaster for his son Harold.

Starring Wilfrid Brambell and Harry H Corbett.
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 featured the lives of rag and bone men Albert Steptoe and son Harold - and was the spark for a run of 8 series on TV.

Albert Wilfrid Brambell
Harold Harry H Corbett
With Ian Burford and David Charlesworth
Adapted for radio from Galton and Simpson's TV script by Gale Pedrick.

Producer: Bobby Jaye
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in July 1966.

MON 09:00 The Castle (b01hlj1)

Series 4
Tender Is the Knight
Hie ye to The Castle, a rollicking sitcom set way back then, starring James Fleet ("The Vicar Of Dibley"), Neil Dudgeon ("Life Of Riley"), Martha Howe-Douglas ("Horrible Histories") & Ingrid Oliver

Sir John fills his castle with wounded soldiers and De Warenne fills his trousers with ice. Plus a new valet arrives hotfoot from somewhere called Downton Abbey...
Written by Kim Fuller & Paul Alexander
Music by Guy Jackson

Produced and directed by David Tyler
A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4.
MON 09:30 Cabin Pressure (b00lxh3r)

Series 2
Johannesburg
When Carolyn makes a foolish bet with her pilots, what better place for a race against time than a sleepy Spanish airfield? Plus we learn about the thermodynamic properties of boiled sweets and the kinetic thrust of white wine.

Starring Carolyn Knapp-Shappey Stephanie Cole
1st Officer Douglas Richardson Roger Allam
Capt. Martin Crieff Benedict Cumberbatch
Arthur Shappey John Finnemore
Senor Quintanilla Michael Fenton-Stevens
Diego Javier Marzan

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

MON 10:00 Vivat Rex (b01hlj5)

Deception
Richard Burton narrates the playwrights' tale of the English Crown. Father and son reunite. Stars Martin Jarvis and Colin Baker.

MON 11:00 Red Herrings (b01hlj7)

Series 2
Unwanted Presence
By Lynda La Plante. Parents - how can you be sure that your child isn't evil? Rory Kinnear reads the cautionary tale.

MON 11:15 Loose Ends (b01hdny1)
Lesley Sharp, Goldie, Russell Watson and Danny Wallace Clive's off to a falsetto start with The Voice himself Russell Watson. Russell tells us about his extraordinary singing career, which started in Working Men's Club's when he was a child. Since then, Russell has overcome brain cancer and become the self-styled 'Peoples Tenor'. His new album 'Anthems - Music To Inspire A Nation' is released on 21st May.

Clive will be doing The Full Monty with Lesley Sharp whose acting debut was playing Bob's wife Michelle in 'Rita, Sue and Bob Too'. Lesley's starring as another wife in Sky 1 HD's new comedy drama 'Starlings'. She plays a working class wife, living in a small nest, with a big brood. 'Starlings' starts on Sunday 13th May at 20.00.

Emma Freud just can't say no to Yes Man Danny Wallace. As well as writing and presenting, Danny started his own 'Lovely' country, formed the Karma Army and found himself in some very Awkward Situations. Danny's debut novel 'Charlotte Street' is a heartwarming, everyday tale of boy stalks girl!
Drum and Bass Maestro Goldie will try his hand at anything -

from B-boy to Ballroom dancer. 'Bad Boy' to 'Bullion' the bodyguard. He'll be talking to Clive about his latest performance as an angel at the International Dance Festival. 'Wings of Desire' is in Victoria Square, Birmingham from Wednesday 16th to Saturday 19th May.
With music from Oklahoma rock 'n' roller JD McPherson, who performs 'North Side Gal' from his album 'Signs And Signifiers'.

And Rachel Sermanni will be taking a deep breath to sing 'Breathe Easy' from her EP 'Black Currants'.
Producer: Cathie Mahoney.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 13:30 Above Suspicion (b007xt7c)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 14:00 Where Angels Fear to Tread (b007k2cz)
Episode 1
English prejudices clash with Italian passions when a young widow is sent abroad to avoid a man's clutches. With Sian Thomas. From May 2003.

MON 14:15 This Sceptred Isle (b007jt0y)

Captain Cook
Cook was given secret orders when he sailed from England. These were published in 1928. Narrated by Anna Massey.

MON 14:30 You Cannot Live As I Have Lived and Not End Up Like This (b00sr302)

Episode 1
Terence Blacker celebrates the outrageous life of Willie Donaldson, creator of the 'Henry Root letters'. Read by Stephen Boxer.

MON 14:45 The Invention of Childhood (b00slqvb)

What Is the Meaning of Empire Day?
Michael Morpurgo presents readings of the words of children exiled from or who arrived in Britain under the British Empire.

MON 15:00 Vivat Rex (b01hlj5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
MON 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b01hljhb)

Mel Giedroyc jumps over railings with free runners in the city, and meets some mermaids. Plus, another Mystery Magical Tour and the first of a week of stories by Joan Aiken.

MON 17:00 Anything Legal (b0089hl7)

Episode 6
Charles and George's new business course sets tongues wagging. Starring Donald Hewlett and Michael Knowles.

A Tale of Two City Gents by Wally K Daly
Charles Donald Hewlett
George Michael Knowles

Fiona Fenning Jennifer Croxton
Course Chairman Henry Stampfer
Advertising Lecturer John Kane
Finance Lecturer Peter Cellier
Mr Hunter Roland MacLeod.

Theme music by Jim Parker
Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1984.
MON 17:30 The Arts and How They Was Done (b007cp1n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
MON 18:00 Bruce Bedford - The Gibson (b007js8g)

Episode 4
Saul learns the truth about Stonehenge and the fear-instilling Gibson Room, and two cavers push too deep.

Bruce Bedford's time-hopping supernatural thriller serial set in - and under - Bath.
Robert Glenister Saul Judd
Sharon Duce Elise Judd

Freddie Jones The Scribe
Kate Binchy The Scribe's Wife
Timothy West Selwyn Fist
Zoe Hicks Miss Dewhurst

Jonathan Tafler Alan
Steve Woodward Martin
Katy Carmichael Tracky

Jonathan Adams Optician
Cornelius Garrett Newsreader
Original music composed by Thomas Johnson.

Music realised by Robin Lever.
Special effects: Dick Mills (Radiophon Workshop)
Directed at BBC Bristol by Andy Jordan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1992.
MON 18:30 The House on the Borderland by William Hope Hodgson (b007www2)

3. The Pit
Will the narrator and his dog survive a watery entrapment?
First published in 1908, William Hope Hodgson's fantasy novella is now seen as a classic of early, Edwardian sci-fi.

Read by Jim Norton.
Abridged in four parts by Doreen Estall.
Producer: Lawrence Jackson

Made for BBC Radio 7 by BBC Northern Ireland.
First broadcast in September 2007.
MON 19:00 Beyond Our Ken (b007jq57)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
MON 19:30 Steptoe and Son (b00rb08)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 20:00 Mark Tavener - High Table, Lower Orders (b008wf8j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 20:30 Above Suspicion (b007xt7c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
MON 21:00 Red Herrings (b01hlj7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
MON 21:15 Loose Ends (b01hdny1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]
MON 22:00 The Unbelievable Truth (b01h646f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 22:30 The Castle (b01hlj1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
MON 23:00 The News Quiz Extra (b01jg2zj)

Made for 4 Extra. Extended edition of the News Quiz, hosted by Sandi Toksvig. Panellists are Jeremy Hardy, Fred Macaulay, Mark Steel and Bridget Christie.

MON 23:45 Elastic Planet (b007k3h0)

The Hair
A documentary maker films endangered hairstyles. Oliver Postgate narrates a stream of bizarre coincidences in Ben Moor's cosmic comedy of connections.

With Dan Strauss, Doon Mackichan, Kerry Shale, Michael Troughton, Ben Moor and Alexander Armstrong.
Producer: Jon Naismith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1995.

TUESDAY 15 MAY 2012

TUE 00:00 Bruce Bedford - The Gibson (b007js8g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Monday]
TUE 00:30 The House on the Borderland by William Hope Hodgson (b007www2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Monday]
TUE 01:00 Mark Tavener - High Table, Lower Orders (b008wf8j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]
TUE 01:30 Above Suspicion (b007xt7c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]
TUE 02:00 The Castle (b01hlj1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Monday]
TUE 02:30 Cabin Pressure (b00lxh3r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Monday]
TUE 03:00 Vivat Rex (b01hlj5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]
TUE 04:00 Red Herrings (b01hlj7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Monday]
TUE 04:15 Loose Ends (b01hdny1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Monday]
TUE 05:00 Anything Legal (b0089hl7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Monday]
TUE 05:30 The Arts and How They Was Done (b007cp1n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]
TUE 06:00 Mark Tavener - High Table, Lower Orders (b008wmmj)

Series 1
Episode 2

Another mysterious death makes Health and Safety executive Simon consider the relevance of cruets.

Following the death of one of its most prominent Dons, celebrity TV historian Peter Davanti - everyone at a Cambridge College gathers to attend the funeral. Simon, an ex-student and now disillusioned health and safety officer, starts wondering whether his death was not as straightforward as it at first appeared.

CAST:
Gilbert Geoffrey Palmer
Simon Samuel West
Patricia Rebecca Front

with Sharon Small, Michael Maloney, Jonathan Coy, Emily Wachter, Nicholas Boulton, Jason Chan and Beth Chalmers
Script Editor: Paul Schlesinger
Producer: Dawn Ellis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2005.
TUE 06:30 Above Suspicion (b007xw1l)

Episode 2
On holiday in Europe, naive young couple Frances and Richard try to track down a missing British agent. Read by Emma Currie.

TUE 07:00 Two Doors Down (b0086dhm)

Series 1
Ranting and Railings
Miss Black's vision is for all houses to have matching Victorian railings - and hers must be authentic. But her lodger, Victor sparks chaos when he gets the erection dates muddled up.

The bohemian residents of Marlborough Road in Belfast are saved from chaos by their cleaning lady, Sally.
Frances Tomelty stars in Annie McCartney's sitcom.

Sally Frances Tomelty
Miss Black Roma Tomelty
Fintan Gerard Murphy

Evie Katy Gleadhill
Victor Alan Mckee
Saffron Ali White
Anna Bethan Lloyd

Simon Patrick Gleadhill
Trevor Gerard McSorley
Directed at BBC Belfast by Tanya Nash.

Agricultural 'Ancock
The lad turns farmer - unaware that sneaky Sid's sold him a top cricket ground.
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 February 1957.
WED 08:30 The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter (b007jxjk)
Series 2
The Club
Author Gerald has money worries, while his wife Diana bids to join a ladies' club.
The convoluted chronicle of an optimistic author starring Ian Carmichael as Gerald C Potter and Charlotte Mitchell as his wife.
With Michael McClain and Jo Manning Wilson.
Written by Basil Boothroyd.
Producer: Bobby Jaye
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1977.
WED 09:00 Coming Alive (b00ftc6d)
Series 1
Runaway
Getting closer to Sandra, ex-convict Terry sets out to help a young girl on the run. Stars Karl Howman. From February 1999.
WED 09:30 Counterpoint (b00dp6f4)
2005
Episode 5
Ned Sherrin hosts the music quiz with Graham Bennett of Surbiton, Jerry Knowles of Selsey and Andrew Taylor from Cambridge.
WED 10:00 Vivat Rex (b01hn1q2)
Harfleur
Richard Burton narrates the playwrights' tale of the English Crown. France is now in the King's sights. Starring Martin Jarvis.
WED 11:00 Red Herrings (b01hn1zg)
Series 2
Catch 13
By Andrew Taylor. Will two bungling would-be robbers in a petty art heist have the last laugh after all? Read by James Fleet.
WED 11:15 Julia Blackburn - The Need for Nonsense (b01hn1q4)
The sad, contradictory tale of Edward Lear, famed Victorian artist and scribe of gleefully silly verse. Stars Andrew Sachs.
WED 12:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007v1p4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
WED 12:30 The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter (b007jxjk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
WED 13:00 Mark Tavener - High Table, Lower Orders (b008wzvjk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
WED 13:30 Above Suspicion (b007xwjp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
WED 14:00 Where Angels Fear to Tread (b007jrw4)
Episode 3
English conventions are confounded by Italian romanticism, as Lilia tries to adapt to life as a wife. Stars Teresa Gallagher.
WED 14:15 This Sceptred Isle (b007jt1r)
Watt, Arkwright and the Industrial Revolution
Anna Massey narrates the history of the British Isles. 1769 was a remarkable year for England and patents.
WED 14:30 You Cannot Live As I Have Lived and Not End Up Like This (b00srkks)
Episode 3
Striking spoofers' gold with 'The Henry Root Letters'. Stephen Boxer reads Terence Blacker's celebration of William Donaldson.
WED 14:45 The Invention of Childhood (b00sm4m2)
Cutting the Slum Mind off at the Root
Michael Morpurgo traces the making of Britain's Welfare State amid concerns for children.
WED 15:00 Vivat Rex (b01hn1q2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
WED 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b01hn1q6)
Today Mel goes walking by moonlight, and finds out why aunts are so wonderful. Plus, fitness guru Rosemary Conley's Inheritance Tracks and another magical story from Joan Aiken.
WED 17:00 PG Wodehouse - The Inimitable Jeeves (b007sxvp)
The Purity of the Turf
After the syndicate disaster, Bertie Wooster ponders what he should bet on next.
PG Wodehouse's romp starring Michael Hordern and Richard Briers.
Jeeves Michael Hordern
Bertie Wooster Richard Briers
Reverend Heppenstall Maurice Denham
Bingo Little Jonathan Cecil
Steggles Edwin Apps
Harold Denise Bryer
Charles John Samson

Adapted by Chris Miller.
Producer: David Hatch
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1973.
WED 17:30 The Leopard in Autumn (b00c683t)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
WED 18:00 Bruce Bedford - The Gibson (b007js9x)
Episode 6
On the day of the festival, Saul and the Guardians prepare to fight.
Conclusion of Bruce Bedford's time-hopping supernatural thriller serial set in - and under - Bath.
Robert Glenister Saul Judd
Sharon Duce Elise Judd
Freddie Jones The Scribe
Kate Binchy The Scribe's Wife
Timothy West Selwyn Fist
Zoe Hicks Miss Dewhurst
Katy Carmichael Tracky
Sam Dastor Karim El Hatel
June Barrie Chairwoman
Zoe Hicks Miss Dewhurst
Melanie Hudson Patricia Gwent
Geoffrey Collins Control
Phillip Manikum Punch
Paul Cresswell John
John Adams Guardian
Original music composed by Thomas Johnson.
Music realised by Robin Lever.
Special effects: Dick Mills (Radiophonic Workshop)
Directed at BBC Bristol by Andy Jordan
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1992.
WED 18:30 Oscar Wilde (b008hvxx)
The Canterville Ghost
Episode 1
When American Minister, Hiram B Otis signs the deeds for Canterville Chase, he not only buys a piece of English history, but he also inherits a troublesome ghost.
No sooner have Mr Otis and his family moved into their new home than they come up against this unruly spirit and a battle of wills ensues...
First published in 1887, Oscar Wilde's novella is read by Alistair McGowan.
Producer: Gemma Jenkins.
Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in December 2007.
WED 19:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007v1p4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
WED 19:30 The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter (b007jxjk)
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WED 20:00 Mark Tavener - High Table, Lower Orders (b008wzvjk)
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WED 20:30 Above Suspicion (b007xwjp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
WED 21:00 Red Herrings (b01hn1zg)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
WED 21:15 Julia Blackburn - The Need for Nonsense (b01hn1q4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]
WED 22:00 Beauty of Britain (b00npr8g)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
WED 22:30 Self-Storage (b01hn1q8)
Series 1
Dating
Judy fixes Dave up on his first date since his marriage broke up. Unfortunately, Sarah needs a favour and Geoff needs Judy.
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
Liz Nadia Kamil
Producer: Ed Morrish
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2007.
WED 22:45 Guy Browning's Small Talk (b0076n25)
Series 2
How to Pack
Start naked and pretend to get dressed - bad luck if the taxi comes early. The writer shares travel tips. From September 2004.
WED 23:00 Masala FM (b007jyfv)
Episode 2
Maz Mazoo gets an offer from Radio Fun FM, Madoona, the Asian Madonna is intent on making her mark on Masala FM, and Shanta's sick of the pair of them.
Six-part sitcom written by Meera Syal
Starring Sanjeev Bhaskar, Nitin Sawheny, Meera Syal and Nina Wadia.
Music by Nitin Sawheny.
Producer: Liz Anstee
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1996.
WED 23:30 If You're So Clever, Why Aren't You Rich? (b00s6n88)
Series 1
Et In Arcadia Ego
Giles and David take Judith to savour rural Cornwall, but trouble soon takes root. Stars Richard E Grant. From February

1995.

THURSDAY 17 MAY 2012

THU 00:00 Bruce Bedford - The Gibson (b007js9x)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Wednesday]
THU 00:30 Oscar Wilde (b008hvxx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Wednesday]
THU 01:00 Mark Tavener - High Table, Lower Orders (b008wzvjk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday]
THU 01:30 Above Suspicion (b007xwjp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Wednesday]
THU 02:00 Coming Alive (b00ftc6d)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Wednesday]
THU 02:30 Counterpoint (b00dp6f4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Wednesday]
THU 03:00 Vivat Rex (b01hn1q2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Wednesday]
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THU 05:00 PG Wodehouse - The Inimitable Jeeves (b007sxvp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Wednesday]
THU 05:30 The Leopard in Autumn (b00c683t)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]
THU 06:00 Mark Tavener - High Table, Lower Orders (b008x3lv)
Series 1
Episode 4
Simon has to investigate the college chapel, while also trying to identify Peter Devanti's murderer. But is Zoe the next target? Following the death of one of its most prominent Dons, celebrity TV historian Peter Devanti - everyone at a Cambridge College gathers to attend the funeral. Simon, an ex-student and now disillusioned health and safety officer, starts wondering whether his death was not as straightforward as it at first appeared.
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Script Editor: Paul Schlesinger
Producer: Dawn Ellis
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2005.
THU 06:30 Above Suspicion (b007xwnq)
Episode 4
Getting closer to the British agent in Pertisau, couple Frances and Richard have sought friends' help. Read by Emma Currie.
THU 07:00 Unnatural Acts (b00jz5yt)
Series 1
Chips With Everything
Is Kit really married to a dirty ruskie commie pinko lefty agitator agent? Stars Kit Hollerbach and Jeremy Hardy. From May 1987.
THU 07:30 Tom Wrighglesworth's Open Letters (b01h77ln)
Series 2
Episode 2
Sony Award-winning comedian Tom Wrighglesworth performs another of his open letters.
Tom turns his attentions to the low-cost airline industry. Are they are all they are cracked up to be?
If he does enough online check-ins, can he legitimately claim to be part-time staff and get an invite to the Christmas do?
Written by Tom Wrighglesworth, James Kettle and Miles Jupp.
Producer: Simon Mayhew-Archer.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2012.
THU 08:00 The Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise Show (b01s254c)
Series 2
Episode 3
Cinema shenanigans for the much-loved duo and the heroic deeds of Private Morecambe.
Written by Eddie Braben
With Richard Mathews, Ann Hamilton and Michael Kilgariff.
Special singing guest: Clodagh Rodgers
Music from Peter Knight and his Orchestra
Producer: John Browell
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in September 1976.
THU 08:30 Dad's Army (b007jpvh)
Series 3
Keep Young and Beautiful
New War Office policy sparks drastic action amongst the platoon's old guard.
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
Private Walker Larry Martyn

Wig Maker Michael Burlington
Additional music by Dennis Gomm.
Producer: John Dyas
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1976.
THU 09:00 Huddwinks (b009gc4p)
Series 1
Twenty-Two Vision
Professor Quarterpound gathers Britain's top scientists to witness his new time machine. Stars Roy Hudd. From August 1986.
THU 09:30 HR (b00tg1c3)
Series 2
Gassing
Sam is battling retirement blues with a part-time job working for the Saviours, manning telephone lines to help those in distress. And today's first client is of course Peter, in distress about their faulty boiler.
Peter Jonathan Pryce
Sam Nicholas Le Prevost
George Sam Dale
Voice Alison Pettitt
Director: Peter Kavanagh.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.
THU 10:00 Vivat Rex (b01hpf1h)
St. Crispin's Day
Richard Burton narrates the playwrights' tale of the English Crown. Two nations clash in fierce battle. Starring Martin Jarvis.
THU 11:00 Crossing the Glacier by Berlie Doherty (b007jv9m)
Gerda and Pam are two women who find themselves emotionally frozen in the past. Short story read by Janet Dale.
THU 11:15 David Pownall - Barbara Allen (b00hp7mw)
The mystery of love's compelling power, explored in a drama based on one of the best-loved folk songs of all time. The story of high-born Jenny Grove's unrequited obsession with beautiful artisan girl, Barbara Allen.
Stars Keith Barron as John, Benedict Sandiford as Jenny, Honeysuckle Weeks as Barbara Allen, Adam Godley as Silas and Natasha Pyne as Mrs Allen.
Written by David Pownall.
Director: Peter Kavanagh
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2001.
THU 12:00 The Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise Show (b01s254c)
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THU 12:30 Dad's Army (b007jpvh)
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THU 13:00 Mark Tavener - High Table, Lower Orders (b008x3lv)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
THU 13:30 Above Suspicion (b007xwnq)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
THU 14:00 Where Angels Fear to Tread (b007jrwl)
Episode 4
Misery in Monteriano, as English Lilia and Italian Gino's marriage starts to deteriorate. With Sian Thomas and Tom George.
THU 14:15 This Sceptred Isle (b00dpg1g)
Lord North and The Boston Massacre
Anna Massey narrates how Lord North became the King's confidant.
THU 14:30 You Cannot Live As I Have Lived and Not End Up Like This (b00srqf)
Episode 4
Life and writing get mixed up - a dangerous combination. Stephen Boxer reads Terence Blacker's celebration of William Donaldson.
THU 14:45 The Invention of Childhood (b00sm5xl)
They'd some Queer Ideas at the Clinic
Michael Morpurgo discovers how behaviourists and Freudians battled over techniques for bringing up children.
THU 15:00 Vivat Rex (b01hpf1h)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
THU 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b01hpf1k)
There are cats galore on today's show. Mel Giedroyc finds out if they really do hate water, and hears about the man who invented cats' eyes, the lights in the middle of the road.
THU 17:00 For Better or for Worse (b00tr28d)
Series 3
Episode 1
Bernard's jealous dad is caught with both his guard and his trousers down. Stars Su Pollard and Gorden Kaye. From January 1996.
THU 17:30 Unnatural Acts (b00jz5yt)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
THU 18:00 The Female Ghost (b00nj7cx)
The Cold Embrace
When handsome young artist Josef betrays his delicate fiancée, her retribution is eerily appropriate...
The first of four ghostly stories by women dramatised by Christopher Hawes.
Mary Braddon's eerie tale stars Stephanie Turner as Mary Braddon, Jonathan Firth as Josef, Alison Pettitt as Gertrude, Ioan Meredith as the Postmaster, John Hartley as Father, Carolyn Jones as the Woman, Hugh Dickson as the Passenger, Tracy-Ann Oberman as Parisienne and Chris Pavlo as the Fisherman.
Producer: Marion Nancarrow

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1997.
THU 18:30 Oscar Wilde (b008jw9k)
The Canterville Ghost
Episode 2
Troublesome ghost of a dead nobleman, Sir Simon is determined to oust the Otis family from his ancestral home. So his hauntings are becoming more and more elaborate...
First published in 1887, Oscar Wilde's novella is read by Alistair McGowan.
Producer: Gemma Jenkins.
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[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]
THU 22:00 Tom Wrigglesworth's Open Letters (b01h77ln)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
THU 22:30 Down the Line (b0125dj2)
Series 3
Liberal Agenda of Media
Spoof phone-in show starring Rhys Thomas as Gary Bellamy. With Amelia Bullmore, Simon Day, Felix Dexter, Charlie Higson, Lucy Montgomery and Paul Whitehouse.
With special guests Julia Davis and Lee Mack.
A Down The Line production for BBC Radio 4.
THU 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b01jqc3q)
From 10pm - midnight, Sunday to Friday, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Peacock and Gamble talk to Andy Zaltzman.
THU 23:00 The In Crowd (b00snrxg)
Series 3
Episode 5
How to obtain a privatised name, how to use advertising slogans as part of everyday speech, and the darkest secrets behind those people walking the beach with a metal detector...
A final dose of advice in the 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 August 2002.
THU 23:30 Think the Unthinkable (b01hpf1m)
Series 3
The Post Office
Ryan and the management consultants try to overhaul the Post Office. Stars Marcus Brigstocke and David Mitchell. From July 2004.

FRIDAY 18 MAY 2012

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[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Thursday]
FRI 05:30 Unnatural Acts (b00jz5yt)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]
FRI 06:00 Mark Tavener - High Table, Lower Orders (b008x7tk)
Series 1
Episode 5
Losing the struggle to keep his job, Simon receives an intriguing offer.
Following the death of one of its most prominent Dons, celebrity TV historian Peter Davanti - everyone at a Cambridge College gathers to attend the funeral. Simon, an ex-student and now disillusioned health and safety officer, starts wondering whether his death was not as straightforward as it at first appeared.
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Producer: Dawn Ellis
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2005.
FRI 06:30 Above Suspicion (b00cfwdc)
Episode 5
Mission accomplished, amateur spies Frances and Richard are being watched by a man with a duelling scar. Read by Emma Currie.
FRI 07:00 Ring Around the Bath (b01hpx39)
Series 3
Seeking Lost Gardens
It's open day at the Bartholomew residence - with Alison due to give birth at any minute.
Who will arrive first - the garden visitors or the latest family addition?
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 and Daniela Denby-Ashe as Egg.
Director: Elizabeth Freestone
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2006.
FRI 07:30 Tonight (b01hl2bd)
Series 2
Episode 2
Rory Bremner and the team return for another series of Tonight, the topical satire show that digs that bit deeper into national and international politics.
Rory's mantra is that it's as important to make sense out of things as it is to make fun of them. With a team that includes veteran satirists Andy Zaltzman and Nick Doody, and versatile impressionist and character comedian Kate O'Sullivan. Tonight does both.
This is half an hour of stand-up, sketches, and investigative satire. And at the core of the show are Rory's incisively funny interviews with the most informed guest commentators on the current political scene.
More global crises, more political scandal, more jokes with the word fiscal in them and some truly brilliant impressions - a shot in the arm for satire lovers everywhere.
Producers: Simon Jacobs and Frank Stirling
A Unique Production for BBC Radio 4.
FRI 08:00 The Navy Lark (b01hpx3c)
Series 6
The Bunglese Spies
Povey's in hot water with his wife and HMS Troutbridge sets sail on a secret mission.

Stars Leslie Phillips as the Sub-Lieutenant, Jon Pertwee as the Chief Petty Officer, Stephen Murray as the Number One, Ronnie Barker as Commander Bell, Richard Caldicote as Captain Povey and Heather Chasen as Mrs Povey.

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 October 1963.
FRI 08:30 The Burkiss Way (b007jm8j)
Series 1
Solve Murders the Burkiss Way
Can TV impressionists halt a repeat killing?
The correspondence course with no easy weekly payments, no deposit and no hidden extras!
With easy-to-follow instruction from Denise Coffey, Nigel Rees, Chris Emmett and Fred Harris.
Easy-to-follow scripts by Andrew Marshall, John Mason and David Renwick, plus easy-to-follow production by Simon Brett.
Cult sketch show first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1976.
FRI 09:00 Are You from the Bugle? (b01hpx3f)
The Drama Began
Graham is starting a new job as a local cub reporter. What could possibly go wrong?
John Gradwell's six-part sitcom about life in Butterthwaite's local newspaper office.
Bert Ball Jeffrey Holland
Graham Carpenter Robert Beck
Brenda Thistlethwaite Frances Jearer
Arnold Beasley David Ryall
Vicky Cox Sue Devaney
Lawrence Stevens Dean Williamson
All other parts played by Rachel Atkins and Mark Gatiss.
Producer: Kathy Smith.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1996.
FRI 09:30 Puzzle Panel (b00yfyhm)
Episode 9
More fiendish brain teasers with Chris Maslanka, Tony Buzan, David Singmaster and Robert Eastway. From July 1998.
FRI 10:00 Vivat Rex (b01hpx3h)

Joan of Arc

Richard Burton narrates the playwrights' tale of the English Crown. The French triumph in war. Or do they? Starring Colin Baker.

FRI 11:00 F Scott Fitzgerald - Three Hours Between Planes (b01hpx3k)

With three hours to kill, Donald looks up an old flame - and gets a big surprise. Short story read by Garrick Hagon.

FRI 11:15 Altaban the Magnificent (b007qb93)

In post-war Berlin, magic is in the air but death is being conjured up. Sebastian Baczkiewicz's drama stars Clive Swift.

FRI 12:00 The Navy Lark (b01hpx3c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 12:30 The Burkiss Way (b007jm8j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 13:00 Mark Tavener - High Table, Lower Orders (b008x7tk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 13:30 Above Suspicion (b00cfwdc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 14:00 Where Angels Fear to Tread (b007jrx0)

Episode 5

The peace of Sawston is disturbed by the latest news from Italy about Lilia. With Teresa Gallagher and Tom George.

FRI 14:15 This Sceptred Isle (b007jt22)

Warren Hastings and Who Owns India?

Warren Hastings followed in the footsteps of Clive of India and helped preserve British rule there. Narrated by Anna Massey.

FRI 14:30 You Cannot Live As I Have Lived and Not End Up Like This (b00srwx8)

Episode 5

A salute to the ending of a 'great comic moralist'. Stephen Boxer concludes Terence Blacker's celebration of William Donaldson.

FRI 14:45 The Invention of Childhood (b00sm8nf)

Charlie Chaplin Went to France to Teach Ladies How to Dance

Michael Morpurgo discovers new forms of entertainment available to children in the first half of the 20th century.

FRI 15:00 Vivat Rex (b01hpx3h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b01hpx95)

Mel Giedroyc rounds off The 4 O'clock Show week with a game of patience, a Magical Mystery Tour and the real life story of a pet lion called Christian who lived in London.

FRI 17:00 Millport (b008gh00)

Series 1

Ardour

The Minister reveals to Irene his secret yearning for Moira. After the initial shock, she realises this unlikely romance could prove advantageous...

Bittersweet comedy written by and starring Lynn Ferguson as 30-something, island barmaid Irene Bruce, who hankers after a better life on the Scottish mainland.

Irene Lynn Ferguson

Moira/Agnes Janet Brown

Alberto/Robert/Derek/Bob Lewis McLeod

Ena/Bunty Gabriel Quigley

Doogie Matt Costello

Minister Robert Paterson

Producer: Lucy Bacon

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2000.

FRI 17:30 Ring Around the Bath (b01hpx39)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 18:00 The Female Ghost (b00njj2k)

Edith Nesbit - Man Sized in Marble

For newly-weds Charles and Laura, their housekeeper's dread of All Saint's Eve seems laughable - that is, until the day itself arrives...

A series of ghostly stories by women dramatised by Christopher Hawes.

Edith Nesbit's eerie tale stars Carolyn Jones as Edith Nesbit, Stephen Critchlow as Charles, Deborah Berlin as Laura, Gerard McDermott as Doctor Kelly and Tina Gray as Mrs Dorman.

Producer: Marion Nancarrow

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1997.

FRI 18:30 Oscar Wilde (b008lz2g)

The Canterville Ghost

Episode 3

Troublesome ghost of a dead nobleman, Sir Simon is determined to oust the Otis family from his ancestral home. So his hauntings are becoming more and more elaborate...

First published in 1887, Oscar Wilde's novella is concluded by Alistair McGowan.

Producer: Gemma Jenkins.

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in December 2007.

FRI 19:00 The Navy Lark (b01hpx3c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 19:30 The Burkiss Way (b007jm8j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 20:00 Mark Tavener - High Table, Lower Orders (b008x7tk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 20:30 Above Suspicion (b00cfwdc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 21:00 F Scott Fitzgerald - Three Hours Between Planes (b01hpx3k)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 21:15 Altaban the Magnificent (b007qb93)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

FRI 22:00 Tonight (b01hl2bd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 22:30 On the Hour (b007k3g0)

Series 1

Episode 1

From disasters and corruption to beachcombing and medical mayhem.

All the news as it happens, if it happens.

Plus all the sport from Alan Partridge

Savagely satirical award-winning comedy starring Chris Morris.

With Steve Coogan, David Schneider, Rebecca Front, Patrick Marber and Doon Mackichan.

Written by Chris Morris, Richard Herring, Steven Wells,

Andrew Glover, David Quantick and Stewart Lee.

Editor: Armando Iannucci

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1991.

FRI 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b01jqc48)

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

FRI 23:00 Sorry About Last Night (b00mzvfq)

A Loft

Alexei Sayle writes and stars in the comedy about life, love and not living together. With Siobhan Redmond. From October 1999.

FRI 23:30 The Cabaret of Dr Caligari (b007w45v)

Comedian's Moon

Stephen Tompkinson plays a young man who gets bitten by the comedy bug - with terrifying results. From November 1991.