

SATURDAY 08 DECEMBER 2012

SAT 00:00 Blake's 7: The Early Years (b018sh0k)

Point of No Return

On the eve of a tense election, Major Travis is given an unexpected assignment. But can he trust the evidence? With Craig Kelly.

SAT 00:30 Red Dwarf (b00qs7y)

Better Than Life

Episode 5

Lister awaits rescue. And waits. And waits. Back on the ship, however, time behaves oddly. Read by Rimmer himself, Chris Barrie.

SAT 01:00 The Christopher Marlowe Mysteries (b007k1x8)

2. The Turbulent Tale of the Troubl'd Tragedy

Why does an unknown patron fund the worst play ever written, and what has become of Mighty Meg?

Historical comedy mysteries by Ged Parsons. Amid the splendour and squalor of Elizabethan London - scholar, playwright and government spy, Christopher Marlowe is assigned to investigate a number of baffling mysteries and perplexing intrigues...

Starring Dominic Jephcott as Marlowe, Bill Wallis as Ratsbane, Paul Brooke as Sir Francis Walsingham, Roy Hudd as Peek, Simon Godley as Fortescue, Lionel Jeffries as Trump, Daniel Strauss as Squires and Victoria Carling as Gloriana Nonesuch.

Producer: Richard Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1993.

SAT 01:30 Ben Macintyre - Agent Zigzag (b00jp108)

Episode 5

British wartime double agent and former convict Eddie

Chapman arrives back home. Concluded by Damian Lewis.

SAT 01:45 Thrilling Stories of the Railway (b00fwesp)

The Affair of the Birmingham Bank

Can daring Edwardian sleuth, Thorpe Hazell manage to foil a gold bullion train robbery?

Benedict Cumberbatch reads Victor Lorenzo Whitechurch's tales about the speciality detective who uses his locomotive expertise to solve the audacious and ingenious crimes plaguing the Edwardian railways.

Eccentric Thorpe Hazell is in many ways a man before his time: a vegetarian and health fanatic using his encyclopaedic railway knowledge to tackle Britain's most ingenious smugglings, thefts, kidnaps and murders. A man of independent means, he thrives on working to his own whims - and operating outside the law when it suits him.

English reverend, railway enthusiast and popular mystery writer (1868 - 1933) - Victor Lorenzo Whitechurch's immaculate plots were much admired by Dorothy L Sayers and Ellery Queen. He was one of the first authors to submit his stories to Scotland Yard so they could vet his police procedures.

Adapted and produced by Fiona Kelcher.

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in 2008.

SAT 02:00 Millport (b0076b7f)

Series 3

Reinstatement

As the first ferry of the holiday season arrives - why is Irene back on the island?

The third series of the 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

Moir/Agnes Janet Brown

Alberto/Dr Hume/Ferryman Lewis McLeod

Ena/Bunty Gabriel Quigley

Minister Robert Patterson

Dougie Kenneth Bryans

Music arranged by Oly Fox.

Producer: Lucy Bacon

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2002.

SAT 02:30 The Brothers (b007mc8t)

Series 1

Episode 4

Arson and revolving bow ties - just another day for Nigel and Michael. Stars Adam Godley and Raymond Coulthard. From June 2004.

SAT 03:00 Nathaniel Hawthorne - Wakefield (b00rs19x)

A dull middle-aged man whose life has been monotonously ordinary for years, devises a plot to temporarily leave home and observe the effect on his wife from a flat opposite. But he stays away much longer than expected - and it becomes more and more difficult for him to return...

David Haig stars in Nathaniel Hawthorne's short story dramatised by Martyn Wade.

Wakefield David Haig

Hawthorne John Rowe

Mrs Wakefield Richenda Carey

Mr Lucas Ferris Jonathan Keeble

Mrs Brand Jennie Stoller

Doctor Gordon Reid

Producer: Cherry Cookson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2001

SAT 04:00 The Interview (b00770g9)

The Good Shepherd

Is a new member of the congregation the answer to a cash-strapped pastor's prayers? Laura Marney short story read by James Fleet. From October 2006.

SAT 04:15 Martyn Wade - The Other Constance Chatterley (b007k017)

Mrs Chatterley of Gravesend reveals similar interests to her famous namesake.

Martyn Wade's comedy set in the 1930s starring Felicity Montagu and Rachel Atkins.

A failing firm of solicitors is saved from ruin by the prospect of a literary libel case. But it may involve the rather buttoned up partner of the firm going way beyond the call of duty.

Constance Chatterley Rachel Atkins

Miss Priestley Felicity Montagu

David Horovitch Mr Greene

Mr Chatterley Jon Glover

Director: Cherry Cookson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2004.

SAT 05:00 Beachcomber... By the Way (b008tx2z)

Series 3

Episode 4

A tale from Tibet - and the wonders of a newly developed matchstick.

Richard Ingrams, John Wells, John Sessions, Joan Sims and Patricia Routledge recreate the world of JB Morton.

With Brian Bowles, Simon Greenall, Henrietta Gooden and featuring June Whitfield.

Running in the Daily Express from 1924 to 1975 - JB Morton's surreally comic 'Beachcomber' column paved the way for a great deal of modern humour - thanks to characters he created between the wars.

Adapted by Michael Barfield with Richard Ingrams.

Announcer: Brian Perkins.

Producer: Harry Thompson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1994.

SAT 05:30 Up the Garden Path (b0085k01)

Series 2

The More the Merrier

Charles learns of Izzy's torrid past, when her friends join them for a holiday.

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

Imelda Staunton stars as Izzy.

An 8-part radio sequel adapted from Sue Limb's 1984 novel.

The second of 3 series which ran from 1987 to 1993. Granada also adapted the series for ITV.

Izzy Imelda Staunton

Charles David Robb

Dick Mike Grady

Bill Neil McCaul

Maria Marty Cruickshank

Gwyn Dafydd Hywel

Michael Nicholas Le Prevost

Louise Phyllida Nash

Producer: Jonathan James-Moore

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1988.

SAT 06:00 Ellen Dryden - The Westward Journey (b007jzmq)

"We are now beyond the Missouri River. We have left the States behind. Ahead of us lie the great uncivilised plains."

On the wagon trains of the perilous migration across America to Oregon and California, the strength of women was tested against the ambition and pride of their men.

Ellen Dryden's period drama stars Carolyn Jones as Martha, Tracy-Ann Oberman as Lucy, Marcia Warren as Hannah, , Bradley Lavelle as Thomas, Nathan Osgood as George, David Bannerman as Robert McKail, Mia Soteriou as Elizabeth Swain,

Alison Pettitt as Rebecca, David Brooks as Francis, Mac McDonald as Jonah, Liz Ross as Woman and Alan Marriott as Charles Putnam.

Music by Mia Soteriou.

Director: Ned Chaillet

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1997.

SAT 07:30 Blueberries in Mannaldalen (b00y26mt)

In the Arctic Circle's midsummer silvery light - poet and writer, John Burnside visits the Sami Music Festival of Riddu Riddu in northern Norway.

Here the air is filled with the music and song of the indigenous peoples of the north.

Producer: Caroline Barbour

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2003.

SAT 08:00 Garrison Keillor's Radio Show (b00whw5f)

Series 6

Episode 3

The American funny man is back at New York's Town Hall with the Punch Brothers, Heather Masse and The Klezmatiks.

From 2009.

SAT 09:00 Comedy Controller (b007js2c)

John Hegley

The poet picks The Mark Steel Solution, John Peel sessions, Arthur Smith sings Leonard Cohen, Linda Smith's A Brief History of Timewasting and The Adventures of John and Tony.

SAT 12:00 China Girl: Omnibus (b01p6nb1)

Childless Nick and Naomi adopt a baby from a Chinese orphanage. Inspired by author Tom Fry's own story. With Sophie Thompson.

SAT 13:15 Petrella (b007jpkn)

Series 1

Good Fences Make Good Neighbours

The Oxbridge detective probes the murder of a young woman who led 'a double life'. Michael Gilbert's thriller stars Philip Jackson.

SAT 14:00 Just a Minute (b01p497k)

Email and the plug hole. Nicholas Parsons welcomes Linda

Smith, Clement Freud, Paul Merton and Stephen Fry. From August 2000.

SAT 14:30 One Foot in the Grave (b007jmxg)

Alive and Buried

Grumpy Victor Meldrew arrives at work to learn that he's no longer employed and is set to be replaced by a box.

With time passing very slowly in his enforced retirement, Victor gripes about newsreaders and worries about becoming a lavatory junkie.

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

Adapted for radio by David Renwick from his BBC TV script. Victor Meldrew Richard Wilson

Margaret Meldrew Annette Crosbie

Mrs Warboys Doreen Mantle

Nick Swainey Owen Brenman

With Sally Grace and Jeffrey Holland.

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

Producer: Diane Messias

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in January 1995.

SAT 15:00 Garrison Keillor's Radio Show (b00whw5f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SAT 16:00 Ellen Dryden - The Westward Journey (b007jzmq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:30 Nick Mohammed in Bits (b00tjdnz)

Witness Statement

There's been a robbery, and character comedian Nick Mohammed (Reggie Perrin, Sorry I've Got No Head) dons a police helmet and takes statements. Colin Hault and Anna Crilly (Lead Balloon) co-star as the unhappy couple called on to testify.

Bits is a series of character pieces showcasing the best of Nick Mohammed's idiosyncratic characters in a series of one off comic plays.

Produced by Victoria Lloyd.

SAT 18:00 Bradbury 13 (b0124qyz)

The Veldt

Wealthy parents worry when their holographic nursery will only show an African plain filled with savage lions. Ray Bradbury's thriller stars Ivan Crowell.

SAT 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

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

SAT 19:00 Comedy Controller (b007js2c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 Act Your Age (b00g3hr8)

Series 1

Episode 5

Simon Mayo discovers which generation is the funniest. With Jon Richardson, Lucy Porter and Roy Walker. From December 2008.

SAT 22:30 The Jason Byrne Show (b01p6pxc)

Series 3

I Won't Eat Bread From a Puddle

Jason Byrne looks at the subject of fears with members of the audience revealing an eccentric range of phobias include feet; boats in dry docks and being forced to eat white bread out of puddles.

Themed audience comedy show with high-energy stand-up and sketches with Laurence Howarth and Daisy Haggard.

Producer: Julia McKenzie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in November 2010.

SAT 23:00 Patricia Highsmith - The Cry of the Owl (b01zqqvq)

Episode 1

Robert Forester is now living in Langley, Pennsylvania, after a messy divorce.

He's escaped his oppressive wife and has no need to see a psychiatrist again. So why is he outside Jenny Theirolf's house, watching her every move?

Patricia Highsmith's intriguing tale of obsession stars John Sharian as Robert Forester, Adrian Lester as Greg Wyncoop, Joanne McQuinn as Jenny Theirolf and Matt Rippy as Jack Neilsen.

Adapted by Shaun McKenna.

Music composed and performed by David Chilton

Director: Marion Nancarrow

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002.

SAT 23:30 Kenneth Noye - A Killer on the Run (b01p6pxf)

Episode 5

Fleeing the ongoing police investigation, Noye hunkers down in his Spanish hideaway and makes plans. Read by Philip Jackson.

SAT 23:45 Ira Levin - The Boys From Brazil (b014tmfl)

Episode 5

As the chilling truth dawns on Yakov Liebermann, can he reach the next victim before the killer does? Read by Alex Jennings.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Saturday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Saturday]

SUN 01:00 Garrison Keillor's Radio Show (b00whw5f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Saturday]

SUN 02:00 China Girl: Omnibus (b01p6nb1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Saturday]

SUN 03:15 Petrella (b007jpkn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:15 on Saturday]

SUN 04:00 Ellen Dryden - The Westward Journey (b007jzmq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday]

SUN 05:30 Nick Mohammed in Bits (b00tjdnz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:30 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 Stan Barstow - A Kind of Loving Omnibus (b015f99x)

Episode 1

Vic Brown is infatuated with his work colleague Ingrid Rothwell, but how will he manage to break the ice?

Set in Yorkshire, Stan Barstow's iconic 1960s novel is a compelling, poignant and humorous account of 20-year-old Vic's infatuation for Ingrid - which develops into an emotional crisis, thanks in part to her spiteful friend, Dorothy.

Dramatised by Stan Barstow's partner Diana Griffiths.

Starring Lee Ingleby as Vic Brown, Rebecca Callard as Ingrid Rothwell, Kate Layden as Mrs Brown and Fine Time Fontayne as Mr Brown.

Director: Pauline Harris

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 4 in 2010.

SUN 07:15 Shoot from the Hip - The World's Coolest Camera (b0076xhf)

Lucy Ash discovers how in the digital age, the world still loves a Soviet Union relic - the low-spec Lomo Camera. From 2006.

SUN 07:30 Another Case of Milton Jones (b007gyxy)

Series 2

Jockey

The surreal comedian's latest challenge is to be a jockey, with no ability whatsoever. With Tom Goodman-Hill. From May 2007.

SUN 08:00 Doctor in the House (b007k4bc)

Our First Baby

Medic Simon Sparrow is thrown in the deep-end on St Swithins' ante-natal ward.

The misadventures of student doctor Simon Sparrow - adapted for radio by Ray Cooney from Richard Gordon's novel 'Doctor in the House' published in 1952.

Starring Richard Briers as Simon Sparrow, Geoffrey Sumner as Sir Lancelot Spratt, Ray Cooney as Tony Benskin, Edward Cast as Taffy Evans and Norma Ronald as Vera.

Producer: David Hatch

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1968.

SUN 08:30 The Clitheroe Kid (b007jqz5)

Series 14

The Best of Birthday Luck

The cheeky schoolboy is in a pickle over buying presents for his family. Stars Jimmy Clitheroe. From August 1970.

SUN 09:00 Beatrix Potter - The Tailor of Gloucester (b00g15xz)

A poor man has just three days to sew a cherry silk coat for the Mayor. Festive tale starring Miriam Margolyes.

SUN 09:30 L Frank Baum - The Wizard of Oz (b00pr5y8)

Episode 3

Dorothy and friends must kill the Wicked Witch of the West to finally get their wishes granted. Stars Maureen Lipman.

SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b01p6tkc)

Just a Minute

Sheila Hancock

From Streisand to Shostakovich - actress Sheila Hancock's castaway choices, in conversation with Sue Lawley. From February 2000.

SUN 10:45 Stella Duffy - From the River's Mouth (b012ry00)

A cautionary tale of how the malign and sultry River Thames exacts a watery revenge. Short story read by Samantha Bond.

SUN 11:00 Armstrong and Miller (b00t1bct)

Episode 1

Time management plus some special detectives.

Sketches and songs with Ben Miller and Alexander Armstrong in their first series for radio.

With Samuel West and Tony Gardiner.

Written by Ben Miller, Alexander Armstrong and Tony Gardiner.

Producer: Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1998.

SUN 11:15 Ambridge Extra (b01p6tkf)

Series 4 - Omnibus

Series 4, Episodes 1-2

Made for 4 Extra. Keith's in court to find out what his future holds. Tracy's reaction influences her work. Donna's reaction is to form a new and unexpected friendship.

SUN 11:45 Lady Curzon and a Pineapple (b00cm6ww)

Ian Peacock picks up his spoon and delves into the history of "The King of Fruits".

The "most wanted" additions to any early 20th-century dinner party were said to have been Lady Curzon and a Pineapple. The former for her wit and charms, the latter for its taste, of course,

but also for its status as a symbol of wealth and exoticism.

Pineapples are believed to have been discovered by Columbus in 1493, and by the 18th century they were so sought-after that many wealthy landowners were attempting to grow them here in Britain. Some were successfully grown as far north as Falkirk in Central Scotland.

Lucinda Lambton discusses pineapple representation in architecture here and abroad, while Ian meets a young pineapple grower and tastes a one cooked to an ancient recipe on a spit over an open fire.

Producer: Caroline Barbour

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2005.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SUN 13:15 Shoot from the Hip - The World's Coolest Camera (b0076xhf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

SUN 13:30 Van der Valk - King of the Rainy Country (b01p6tkh)

A handsome middle-aged millionaire disappears - along with a naked girl. Amsterdam's Commissaris Van der Valk tracks them across Europe.

Nicolas Freeling's award-winning novel dramatised by Philip Martin.

CAST:

Van der Valk Martin Jarvis

Anne-Marie Jackie Smith-Wood

Canisius Michael Fitzgerald

Arlette Sunny Monrond

Lira Roger Hume

Heinz Stossell Alan Devereux

Miss Kramer Gillian Goodman

Commissaris Geoff Serle

Serrailler Leon Tanner

Wollek Simon Carter

Doctor David Vann

Director: Philip Martin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1994.

SUN 15:00 Doctor in the House (b007k4bc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SUN 15:30 The Clitheroe Kid (b007jqz5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

SUN 16:00 Mel's Mix: The Best of The 4 O'Clock Show (b01p6tkk)

The pick of the week's 4 O'Clock Show, with Mel Giedroyc.

SUN 16:30 Beatrix Potter - The Tailor of Gloucester (b00g15xz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SUN 17:00 L Frank Baum - The Wizard of Oz (b00pr5y8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

SUN 17:30 Arthur Askey - Before Your Very Eyes (b01p6vyt)

Big Down Under:

The famous comic reads his life story. After a trip to New York, another of the Askey clan takes to the stage. From July 1975.

SUN 18:00 The Man in Black (b017glqm)

Series 4

1. Containment by David Lemon

A self-storage facility off the A12 offers hope to a lost soul, but there's a sinister price attached.

Mark Gatiss returns as the sinister raconteur, The Man in Black, to introduce David Lemon's unsettling tale.

Helen Clare Corbett

Andy Rikki Lawton

Tom Carl Prekopp

Peter Gabriel Brody

Lucy Katie Angelou

More horrifying tales from The Man in Black. You might meet him at a luggage carousel in an airport, or behind the desk at an employment agency or he might approach you in the corridor of a care home. Wherever you encounter him, he's eager to pass on his stories. Stories to unsettle and horrify. Stories to haunt you.

Director: Gemma Jenkins

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

SUN 18:30 James Follett - The Destruction Factor (b007jpbj)

Birdstrike

After sparking a plane crash, the deadly Exon plant strain's advancement continues.

James Follett's sci-fi thriller starring TP McKenna.

Max Flinders TP McKenna

Denise Exon Rosalind Adams

Howard Rogers Paul Copley

Blowers Michael Shannon

Prime Minister Noel Johnson

Shand Gregory de Polnay

Wayne Roy Spencer

Dymond Rod Beacham

Producer: David Spencer

First broadcast as 2 x 90 minute plays on BBC Radio 4 in March 1978.

SUN 19:00 Armstrong and Miller (b00t1bct)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

SUN 19:15 Ambridge Extra (b01p6tkf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

SUN 19:45 Lady Curzon and a Pineapple (b00cm6ww)

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SUN 20:00 Doctor in the House (b007k4bc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SUN 20:30 The Clitheroe Kid (b007jqz5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

SUN 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b01p6tkc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SUN 21:45 Stella Duffy - From the River's Mouth (b012ry00)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]

SUN 22:00 Another Case of Milton Jones (b007gyxy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 22:30 Steven Appleby's Normal Life (b007jn0b)

Series 1

Normal Science

Cartoonist Steven sets out to prove that science will eventually make the natural world, humans included, entirely redundant.

Starring Mark Perry as cartoonist Steven Appleby who takes an abnormal look at everyday life.

Steven Paul McCrink

Mum Rosalind Paul

Lauren Maroon Rachel Atkins

Mr Two Ewan Bailey

Dad Nigel Betts

Written by Steven Appleby

Producer: Toby Swift

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2001.

SUN 22:45 2000 Years of Radio (b007tcb1)

Series 1

Headless - Civil War Radio

Battle reports as they happen - with all the decapitations and more. Stars Marcus Brigstocke. From November 2000.

SUN 23:00 1966 and All That (b0100q4y)

The 1920s and 30s

King George utters some unmemorable last words.

DH Lawrence of Arabia writes Lady Chatterbox's Llama.

And John Yogi Bear discovers the BBC, but finds there's not much on...

Craig Brown's satirical history of Britain begins in the 1920s and 1930s.

With:

Joss Ackland

Eleanor Bron

Rory Bremner

Ewan Bailey

Margaret Cabourn-Smith

John Humphrys

Producer: Victoria Lloyd

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2006.

SUN 23:30 The Harpoon (b007m747)

Series 2

Episode 1

Yes, Madam! The Empire's favourite weekly is back on the shelves!

Nostalgia galore in the first of four lovingly hand-tooled issues of this acclaimed comedy series awaits your collection - this one a bumper summer edition.

With Susie Brann, Alistair McGowan, Mary Elliot-Nelson,

Julian Dutton and Peter Baynham.

Producer: Sarah Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1992.

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MON 06:00 The Christopher Marlowe Mysteries (b007k1yk)

3. The Perplex'd Plot of the Perilous Plague

Can the hub of government survive the plague?

As London is ravaged by an epidemic - the playwright spy is on the case of a double-crossing.

Historical comedy mysteries by Ged Parsons. Amid the splendour and squalor of Elizabethan London - scholar,

playwright and government spy, Christopher Marlowe is assigned to investigate a number of baffling mysteries and perplexing intrigues...

Starring Dominic Jephcott as Marlowe, Bill Wallis as Ratsbane, Paul Brooke as Sir Francis Walsingham, Garard Green as Beaumont, Ronald Herdman as Faversham, Richard Bonneville as Ripley and Hugh Dennis as Dr Valentine.

Producer: Richard Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1993.

MON 06:30 James Runcie - Sidney Chambers and the Shadow of Death (b01p7dkg)

Call Me Pamela

When the dangerously beautiful Pamela Morton asks clergyman-detective, Canon Sidney Chambers to probe the suspicious suicide of the man with whom she's been having an adulterous affair - sceptical Sidney is unable to resist the challenge.

Though his friend Inspector Keating insists the suicide is a cut and dried case, Sidney makes a discovery leading him to believe all is not what it seems, and that Pamela's assertion may in fact be true after all...

Taken from James Runcie's clerical detective series, The Grantchester Mysteries - set in the 1950s Cambridgeshire village of Grantchester.

Read by Alex Jennings.

Producer: Eoin O'Callaghan

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Big Fish Productions.

MON 07:00 Second Holmes (b0161p3d)

The Case of the Shadowed Minister

The grandsons of Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson help a member of Parliament who claims he's being followed...

Six light-hearted adventures involving the grandsons of Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson written by Grant Eustace. Starring Peter Egan as Stamford Holmes, Jeremy Nicholas as Dr Watson, Angela Down as Alex Messinger, Stuart Organ as Mr Belling, Jim Reid as Michael, Wendy Murray as Mrs Waterfield and Miranda Forbes as Mrs Belling.

Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1983.

MON 07:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b01p40hc)

Series 58

Episode 4

The antidote to panel games pays a return visit to the Symphony Hall in Birmingham. Regulars Barry Cryer, Graeme Garden and Tim Brooke-Taylor are joined on the panel by Jeremy Hardy with Jack Dee in the chair. Colin Sell attempts piano accompaniment. Producer - Jon Naismith.

MON 08:00 Round the Horne (b00j05vh)

Series 1

Episode 1

The bona beginnings of one of the BBC's most popular comedies. The story so far, the BBC's Backroom Boys and part one of The Clissold Saga.

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

Recorded at the BBC's Paris Studio in Lower Regent Street, London. Announcer: Douglas Smith

Round The Horne was born out of the demise of BBC radio comedy Beyond Our Ken, after the end of writer Eric Merriman's involvement. Using the same cast and producer, Barry Took and Marty Feldman were persuaded to write the scripts - which led to four series that ran between 1965 and 1968 - packed full of parodies, recurring characters, catchphrases and double-entendres.

Music by Edwin Braden and the Hornblowers and The Fraser Hayes Four.

Producer: John Simmonds

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in March 1965.

MON 08:30 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel (b008g2b9)

Series 3

Episode 4

Shady lawyer Waldorf T Flywheel edits a newspaper in Chicago.

Recreation of the Marx Brothers' lost shows charting the adventures of shady lawyer Waldorf T Flywheel and his assistant, Emmanuel Ravelli. Originally broadcast with sponsors on America's NBC radio network in the 1930s. The scripts were rediscovered in 1988.

Starring Michael Roberts as Groucho Marx as Waldorf T Flywheel and Frank Lazarus as Chico Marx as Emmanuel Ravelli. With Lorelei King, Graham Hoadly and Vincent Marzello.

Written by Nat Perrin and Athur Sheekman. Adapted by Mark Brisenden.

Music arranged and conducted by David Firman.

Producer: Dirk Maggs

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1992.

MON 09:00 Another Case of Milton Jones (b007j7tc)

Series 2

Mayor of London

The surreal comedian's latest challenge is to be London's Mayor, with no ability whatsoever. With Dave Lamb. From May 2007.

MON 09:30 Legal, Decent, Honest and Truthful (b007jv4w)

Series 2

Episode 5

Will Ken and Sandy's plan to use a lion to advertise Leo cosmetics be a roaring success?

CAST:

Ken Handley Martin Jarvis

John 'Sandy' Beach Christopher Godwin

Freddie Lockwood West

Deborah Rosalind Ayres

Ambrose Paul Jesson

Andy Chris Emmett

Christina Jo Manning Wilson

Film Director Scott Cherry

With Joss Ackland, James Griffiths, Miriam Margolyes, John

Shrapnel, Imelda Staunton and David Tate

Written by John Canter and Guy Jenkin.

Producer: Pete Atkin.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1984.

MON 10:00 Oscar Wilde (b007jnn1)

The Picture of Dorian Gray

Episode 1

"I would give my soul to stay young".

A vain aristocrat - a gilded and spoilt hedonist - makes a dangerous pact to preserve his youth.

Jamie Glover stars in Oscar Wilde's classic 1890 novel

dramatised in two parts by Nick McCarty.

Dorian Gray Jamie Glover

Lord Henry Wotton Ian McDiarmid

Basil Hallward Steven Pacey

Sybil Vane Tilly Gaunt

Jim Vane Harry Myers

Mrs Vane Elizabeth Mansfield

Lord Fermor Brett Usher

Aunt Agatha Mary Wimbush

Butler Gavin Muir

Mrs Vandelaar Elizabeth Bell

Lady Harley Tessa Worsley

Servant Tom George

Other parts played by the cast.

Director: Gordon House.

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in January 2000.

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 (b01p6p7l)

Harry Hill, Boris Johnson, David Suchet, Rebecca Front, Alice Russell and Kathleen Edwards

Mayor of London Boris Johnson takes a break from running the Capital to talk to Clive about 'The Spirit of London'. First published as 'Johnson's Life of London', it's released with new material following 2012's Jubilee and Olympics and is told through a relay-race of great Londoners illustrating the ingenuity, diversity and enterprise of the city are second to none.

Clive solves a mystery with actor David Suchet, who's played the lead role in 'Agatha Christie's Poirot' since the detective series launched. David's about to investigate the life of St Paul, exploring the latest archaeological and historical research associated with the story of this charismatic man and his mission. 'David Suchet: In The Footsteps Of St Paul' is on BBC One on Sunday 23rd and Monday 24th December at **09.00**. Clive's aboard the Big Train with actress Rebecca Front, who plays hapless MP Nicola Murray and is frequently 'tuckered' by co-star Peter Capaldi in 'The Thick of It'. Rebecca's now co-writing and starring in one of Sky 1's 'Little Crackers'; a series of shorts which recreates Christmas stories from childhood. 'Little Crackers' is on Tuesday 11th December at **21.00**.

Comedian Harry Hill rides in on his tiny horse to talk to Clive about belching his way through 'TV Burp' for the last eleven years. His DVD 'Harry Hill's Cream of TV Burp' features classic clips, skits, an alcoholic dog and an aggressive tortoise! And if you want to know about Harry's book 'A Complete History of Tim (the Tiny Horse)' - there's only one way to find out.

With music from blue-eyed soul singer Alice Russell, who performs 'Heartbreaker' from her album 'To Dust'. And classy Americana from Canadian chanteuse Kathleen Edwards, who performs 'Football In The Grass.'

Producer: Cathie Mahoney.

MON 12:00 Round the Horne (b00j05vh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 12:30 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel (b008g2b9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 13:00 The Christopher Marlowe Mysteries

(b007k1yk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 13:30 James Runcie - Sidney Chambers and the Shadow of Death (b01p7dkg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 14:00 Stan Barstow - A Kind of Loving (b015fk16)

Episode 6

Vic Brown wangles a new job - but the same old confused emotions persist when it comes to Ingrid...

Set in Yorkshire, Stan Barstow's iconic 1960s novel is a compelling, poignant and humorous account of 20 year-old Vic's infatuation for Ingrid - which develops into an emotional crisis, thanks in part to her spiteful friend, Dorothy. Dramatised by Stan Barstow's partner Diana Griffiths.

Starring Lee Ingleby as Vic Brown, Rebecca Callard as Ingrid Rothwell, Kate Layden as Mrs Brown and Seamus O'Neill as Mr Van Huyton.

Director: Pauline Harris

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 4 in 2010.

MON 14:15 Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen's Escape to the Country (b00shg5b)

The Brotherhood of Ruralists, part 2

How John Seymour's 1976 Complete Book of Self-Sufficiency proved a huge hit with disaffected city dwellers keen on a rural life.

MON 14:30 Roy Hudd's Tales from the Lodge Room (b00ww7f3)

The Pure Gold of Music Hall

The comedian shares fellow Water Rats' tales of legendary comedian 'cheeky chappie' Max Miller. From Brighton's Komedia Theatre.

MON 14:45 Michelle Magorian - Goodnight Mister Tom (b007jxnk)

Episode 1

A young evacuee arrives to stay with gruff but kindly Tom Oakley. Michelle Magorian's wartime tale read by David Brierley.

MON 15:00 Oscar Wilde (b007jnn1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

MON 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b01p7dkj)

Mel Giedroye is inspired by a new story, The Earth Giant by Melvin Burgess. Can Amy keep her secret friend safe? And the return of our quiz 'Keep It In The Family'.

MON 17:00 Like They've Never Been Gone (b00bfq16)

Series 2

All Aboard!

There's mutiny in the air as Tommy and Sheila set off on their cruise.

30 years after sweethearts Tommy Franklin and Sheila Parr won the 1962 Eurovision Song Contest, the musical double-act are back in the big time.

June Whitfield and Roy Hudd star in Mike Coleman's sitcom.

Tommy Franklin Roy Hudd

Sheila Parr June Whitfield

With Pat Coombs, Julian Eardley, Edward Halstead, Tracy Ann Oberman and Les Dennis.

Music by Frido Ruth.

Producer: Steve Doherty

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1999.

MON 17:30 Second Holmes (b0161p3d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 18:00 Blake's 7: The Early Years (b00slxyv)

Blood and Earth

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

MON 18:30 Red Dwarf (b00qxfq)

Better Than Life

Episode 6

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

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

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[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

MON 21:15 Loose Ends (b01p6p7l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

MON 22:00 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b01p40hc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 22:30 Another Case of Milton Jones (b007j7tc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 23:00 The Now Show (b01p457k)

Series 38

Episode 5

In the week that George Osborne announced the Autumn Statement, and the Windsors made a statement about a royal arrival, Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis present the week in topical stand-up and sketches. With Jon Holmes, Laura Shavin, Mitch Benn and special guest Holly Walsh. Produced by Victoria Lloyd.

MON 23:30 On Baby Street (b00ft5qw)

Series 2

Episode 5

A year has passed since the births, so exactly how has life changed? Stars Jenny Eclair and Linda Robson. From October 1997.

TUESDAY 11 DECEMBER 2012

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[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Monday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Monday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]

TUE 01:30 James Runcie - Sidney Chambers and the

Shadow of Death (b01p7dkg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]

TUE 02:00 Another Case of Milton Jones (b007j7tc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Monday]

TUE 02:30 Legal, Decent, Honest and Truthful (b007jv4w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Monday]

TUE 03:00 Oscar Wilde (b007jnn1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]

TUE 04:00 Joanne Harris - Jigs and Reels (b00ckcck)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Monday]

TUE 04:15 Loose Ends (b01p6p7l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Monday]

TUE 05:00 Like They've Never Been Gone (b00bfq16)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Monday]

TUE 05:30 Second Holmes (b0161p3d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

TUE 06:00 The Christopher Marlowe Mysteries (b007k1zv)

4. The Murky Mystery of Murder at St Mark's

Can a college murderer at large be outwitted?

The eloquent Elizabethan spy heads to Cambridge, where college professors are dropping like flies.

Historical comedy mysteries by Ged Parsons. Amid the splendour and squalor of Elizabethan London - scholar, playwright and government spy, Christopher Marlowe is assigned to investigate a number of baffling mysteries and perplexing intrigues...

Starring Dominic Jephcott as Marlowe, Bill Wallis as Ratsbane, Paul Brooke as Sir Francis Walsingham, Peter Serafinowicz as Darius, Gordon Reid as Sir Hubert and Sarah Thomas as Mistress Parker.

Producer: Richard Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1993.

TUE 06:30 James Runcie - Sidney Chambers and the Shadow of Death (b01p7hqj)

A Solicitor's Diary

On closer examination of the deceased, Stephen Staunton's personal diary provides a vital clue.

Clergyman-detective, Canon Sidney Chambers continues his investigation into the suspicious suicide of the man with whom the dangerously beautiful Pamela Morton was having an adulterous affair.

Taken from James Runcie's clerical detective series, The Grantchester Mysteries - set in the 1950s Cambridgeshire village of Grantchester.

Read by Alex Jennings.

Producer: Eoin O'Callaghan

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Big Fish Productions.

TUE 07:00 Semi Circles (b007jtyj)

Series 2

A Lack of Moral Fibre

Christmas is coming and Ben is getting fat, but will going on a fibre diet with Helen raise his spirits?

The improving story of life and improving times in an improving neighbourhood.

Starring Paula Wilcox as Helen and David Wood as Ben

Written by Simon Brett

Helen Paula Wilcox

Ben David Wood

Mrs Kelly Pay Heywood

Alastair Tony Millan

Neil Nick Wilton

Britt Rosalind Adams

Blythe Bryan Coleman

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1982

TUE 07:30 Bleak Expectations (b01p41hd)

Series 5

An Alrightish Life Savagely Frozen to Bits

Pip races to Antarctica to thwart another fiendish plot by his evil ex-guardian, Mr Gently Benevolent.

Mark Evans's epic Victorian comedy in the style of Charles Dickens.

Sir Philip Richard Johnson

Young Pip Bin Tom Allen

Gently Benevolent Anthony Head

Harry Biscuit James Bachman

Clampvulture Geoffrey Whitehead

Ripely Sarah Hadland

Pippa Susy Kane

Explorer Mark Evans

Producer: Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2012.

TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b007jqbn)

The Mountain Eaters

Eccles and Needie Seagoon set out to scoff Everest, with Grytpype-Thynne and Moriarty in pursuit...

Groundbreaking, surreal BBC radio comedy written by Spike Milligan.

Starring:

Peter Sellers

Harry Secombe

Spike Milligan

First billed as Crazy People, ten series of The Goon Show were recorded between 1951 and 1960, but sadly many of the earliest shows weren't kept in the archive.

With the Ray Ellington Quartet and Max Geldray.

Orchestra conducted by Wally Stott.

Announcer: Wallace Greenslade

Producer: John Brownell

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in December 1958.

TUE 08:30 J Kingston Platt's Showbiz Handbook (b007k0kz)

The Rich Brothers

The veteran of many parts recalls a slapstick act, and reveals all on showbiz clichés.

British show business doyen, J Kingston Platt shares reminiscences drawn from the wealth and the poverty of his experience from the past 40 years.

Performed and written by Peter Jones.

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1986.

TUE 09:00 The Now Show (b01p457k)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]

TUE 09:30 Whose Line Is It Anyway? (b008m74n)

Episode 3

Clive Anderson and the famed improvisation game with Stephen Fry, John Sessions, Jimmy Mulville and Nonny Williams.

It ran for 10 series on Channel 4 and found success in America, but the hit TV improvisation game actually started life on BBC radio.

With Colin Sell at the piano.

Devised and compiled by Mark Leveson. Additional material by Martin Booth.

Producer: Dan Patterson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1988.

TUE 10:00 Oscar Wilde (b007jnnk)

The Picture of Dorian Gray

Episode 2

Aristocrat Dorian Gray is living a life of selfish pleasure. But is retribution on the horizon?

James Glover stars in the conclusion of Oscar Wilde's classic novel dramatised by Nick McCarty.

Dorian Gray Jamie Glover

Lord Henry Wotton Ian McDiarmid

Basil Hallward Steven Pacey

Woman Tilly Gaunt

Jim Harry Myers

Duke Geoffrey Edward de Souza

Thornton Stephen Crichtlow

Campbell Geoffrey Beevers

Lord Gavin Muir

Woman in Opium Den Elizabeth Bell

Lady Narborough Tessa Worsley

Francis Tom George

Duke John Brett Usher

Duchess Alice Arnold

Director: Gordon House.

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in January 2000.

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 John Graham - Resting (b01p7j2n)

Murder, theft and romance in a home for elderly actors. Stars Gooogie Withers, Wendy Hiller, Michael Denison and Jimmy Jewel. From April 1991.

TUE 12:00 The Goon Show (b007jqbn)

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TUE 13:00 The Christopher Marlowe Mysteries (b007k1zv)

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TUE 13:30 James Runcie - Sidney Chambers and the Shadow of Death (b01p7hqj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 14:00 Stan Barstow - A Kind of Loving (b015grhx)

Episode 7

Big decisions and mixed emotions for Vic and Ingrid, and their respective parents. Stars Lee Ingleby and Rebecca Callard.

From July 2010.

TUE 14:15 Ambridge Extra (b01p7kqy)

Series 4

Episode 3

Keith is having a very tough time inside. On the outside, both Tracy and Donna have money problems, but Donna goes to an unwise source of help and support.

TUE 14:30 Roy Hudd's Tales from the Lodge Room (b00wvbmj)

London By the Sea

The comedian - and veteran of the Grand Order of Water Rats - shares showbiz stories with a connection to Brighton.

TUE 14:45 Michelle Magorian - Goodnight Mister Tom (b009nlv)

Episode 2

A disturbing letter from the young evacuee's mother causes concern. Michelle Magorian's wartime tale read by David Brierley.

TUE 15:00 Oscar Wilde (b007jnnk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

TUE 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b01p7kqy)

Mel Giedroyc says "Happy Birthday!" to Miranda Hart, she has the next episode of 'The Earth Giant' by Melvin Burgess and our quiz 'Keep it in the Family' busts some brains.

TUE 17:00 Second Thoughts (b007jx2l)

Series 1

Negative Vetting

Faith's not impressed to discover what Bill's mum thinks about her...

Sitcom about the battles of divorcees Bill MacGregor and Faith Greyscott trying to forge a relationship whilst balancing the demands of his ex-wife, Liza and her teenage children, Hannah and Joe.

Starring Lynda Bellingham and James Bolam.

Series one of four inspired by the real lives of its writers, husband and wife Jan Etherington and Gavin Petrie.

A TV version made by LWT for ITV appeared in 1991 and ran for four series, with a spin-off 'Faith in the Future'.

Faith Lynda Bellingham

Bill James Bolam

Hannah Kelda Holmes

Joe Mark Denham

Hilary Celia Imrie

Liza Belinda Lang

Steve Guy Brougham

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1988.

TUE 17:30 Semi Circles (b007jtyj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

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

Flag and Flame

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

TUE 18:30 Douglas Hill - The Blade of the Poisoner (b007jrkq)

Strange Talents

Why does Prince Mephtik order his troops to destroy Jarral's village?

What strange talents does the boy possess to make the Poisoner want to hunt him down?

Douglas Hill's sci-fi fantasy dramatised in four parts by Wally K Daly.

Starring Eric Allen as Jarral the man, James Holland as Jarral the boy, Elizabeth Bell as Archer, Ben Onwukwe as Carver, Adjoa Ando as Dorrina, Susan Sheridan as Mandra, Hugh Dixon as Prince Mephtik with Nigel Carrington, Charles Millom and Neil Roberts as the Soldiers.

Special effects by Dick Mills.

Music by Peter Howells of the BBC Radiophonic Workshop.

Producer: Peter Fozzard

First broadcast on BBC Radio 5 in 1991.

TUE 19:00 The Goon Show (b007jqbn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 19:30 J Kingston Platt's Showbiz Handbook (b007k0kz)

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TUE 20:00 The Christopher Marlowe Mysteries (b007k1zv)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

TUE 22:00 Bleak Expectations (b01p41hd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 22:30 Getting Nowhere Fast (b007k1fl)

Series 2

Episode 1

Back at the Cyber Pass cafe, Chantal's biological clock is ticking, so the hunt is on. Stars Mervyn Stutter. From March 2003.

TUE 23:00 Old Harry's Game (b00cbpy7)

Series 5

The Crusade

Satan starts a quest to improve mankind by infiltrating the world's great religions.

Andy Hamilton's devilishly funny sitcom set in Hell.

Satan Andy Hamilton

Thomas Jimmy Mulville

Scumspawn Robert Duncan

Other characters played by Philip Pope, Nick Revell and Michael Fenton Stevens

Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2005.

TUE 23:30 The Masterson Inheritance (b007jqwj)

Series 3

The Masterson's Magical Marquee, pt 2

The improvised historical family saga's two-part romp about a Victorian travelling circus. With Josie Lawrence. From July 1995.

WEDNESDAY 12 DECEMBER 2012**WED 00:00 Blake's 7: The Early Years (b018zlls)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Tuesday]

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Shadow of Death (b01p7hq)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Tuesday]

WED 05:00 Second Thoughts (b007jx2l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Tuesday]

WED 05:30 Semi Circles (b007jtty)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]

WED 06:00 Wimsey (b007jvn6)

Strong Poison

Old Bailey

Lord Peter Wimsey attends the trial of Harriet Vane, a young mystery writer accused of poisoning her former lover with arsenic. The evidence against her seems overwhelming, but the shrewd, debonair sleuth harbours doubts over her guilt. Starring Ian Carmichael as Lord Peter Wimsey, Carleton Hobbs as the Judge, Charlotte Mitchell as the Dowager Duchess, Ann Bell as Harriet Vane and Stephen Thorne as the Attorney-General.

British gentleman detective Lord Peter Wimsey features in a number of detective novels and short stories by English crime writer, Dorothy L. Sayers. Strong Poison was first published in 1930.

Classy and sharp-witted, aristocratic amateur sleuth Lord Peter Bredon Wimsey was born in 1890 and educated at Eton and Oxford, before serving in the military during the First World War.

Ian Carmichael appeared as Lord Peter Wimsey for BBC Radio from 1973 to 1983, in addition to the BBC TV adaptations that were broadcast between 1972 and 1975.

Adapted for radio in six episodes by Chris Miller.

Producer: Simon Brett.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1976.

WED 06:30 James Runcie - Sidney Chambers and the Shadow of Death (b01p8gp5)

A Woman Scorned

Canon Sidney Chambers decides he must come clean to Inspector Keating over his discovery in the late Stephen Staunton's diary.

The conclusion of the clergyman-detective's investigation into the suspicious suicide of the man with whom the dangerously beautiful Pamela Morton was having an adulterous affair. Taken from James Runcie's clerical detective series, The Grantchester Mysteries – set in the 1950s Cambridgeshire village of Grantchester.

Read by Alex Jennings.

Producer: Eoin O'Callaghan

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Big Fish Productions.

WED 07:00 One Foot in the Grave (b007jn08)

Timeless Time

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

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

Adapted for radio by David Renwick from his BBC TV script. Victor Meldrew Richard Wilson

Margaret Meldrew Annette Crosbie

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

Producer: Diane Messias

First broadcast in January 1995 on BBC Radio 2.

WED 07:30 Mark Steel's in Town (b01p424k)

Series 4

Tobermory

Comedian Mark Steel returns with a new series, looking under the surface of some of the UK's more distinctive towns to shed some light on the people, history, rivalries, slang, traditions, and eccentricities that makes them unique.

Creating a bespoke stand-up set for each town, Mark performs the show in front of a local audience.

As well as examining the less visited areas of Britain, Mark uncovers stories and experiences that resonate with us all as we recognise the quirkiness of the British way of life and the rich tapestry of remarkable events and people who have shaped where we live.

During this 4th series of 'Mark Steel's In Town', Mark will visit Tobermory, Whitehaven, Handsworth, Ottery St Mary, Corby, and Chipping Norton.

This week, Mark visits Tobermory on the Isle of Mull, to discuss kid's TV-rage, underwear odysseys, and supercilious sea eagles. From December 2012.

Additional material by Pete Sinclair.

Produced by Sam Bryant.

WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b009h714)

Series 6

Fred's Pie Stall

The Lad Himself is out to save one of Cheam's institutions that's threatened by a council closure.

Starring Tony Hancock.

With Sidney James, Bill Kerr, Wilfred Babbage, Hugh Morton and Harry Towb.

Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.

Theme and incidental music written by Wally Stott.

Producer: Tom Ronald

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in November 1959.

WED 08:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b001tkk)

Series 4

Episode 5

The Spy With My Cold, and Cabaret at the Café Au Lait.

More quick-fire sketches, terrible puns, humorous songs and parodies.

Stars Tim Brooke-Taylor, John Cleese, David Hatch, Jo Kendall and Bill Oddie.

Written by Tim Brooke-Taylor, Graeme Chapman, Graeme Garden, Eric Idle, Peter & David Lund and Bill Oddie.

Originating from the Cambridge University Footlights revue 'Cambridge Circus', ISIRTA ran for 8 years on BBC Radio and quickly developed a cult following.

Music and songs by Dave Lee and Bill Oddie.

Producer: Humphrey Barclay

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in October 1966.

WED 09:00 Winston (b007k4s2)

Series 1

Without a Doubt

The whole fabric of Nancy's family is cracking up. Her brother William and younger sister Rosie are threatening to leave for London, and her Father has become a secret drinker again - and it's the fault of Winston the village poacher...

Peter Tinniswood's bawdy comedy serial.

CAST:

Winston Bill Wallis

Father Maurice Denham

Nancy Shirley Dixon

Rosie Liz Goulding

William Christian Rodska

Directed at BBC Bristol by Shaun MacLoughlin.

First broadcast on BBC Radio in May 1989.

WED 09:30 The Party Line (b013229y)

Series 2

Episode 6

MP Duncan Stonebridge does Sue a favour and suddenly finds that he's Graham the surveyor...

Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis's topical sitcom from 2006 about a hapless backbencher MP.

Stars James Fleet as Duncan Stonebridge.

With Simon Greenall, Geoffrey McGivern, Geraldine McNulty, Neil Edmond and Sarah Coleman.

Producer: Adam Bromley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2006.

WED 10:00 Charlotte Bronte - Villette (b007jvj5)

Lucy Snowe

Lucy leaves 'the wilderness' of England to become 'something'.

With Joseph Fiennes, Harriet Walter and Keira Knightley.

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 Linda Cracknell - The Three Knots (b018jppt)

Two stranded friends meet an old woman who claims to control the elements in 19th century Scotland. Stars Finn Den Hertog.

WED 12:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b009h714)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 12:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b001tkk)

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WED 13:00 Wimsey (b007jvn6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 13:30 James Runcie - Sidney Chambers and the Shadow of Death (b01p8gp5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 14:00 Stan Barstow - A Kind of Loving (b015gzc)

Episode 8

Married life for Vic and Ingrid does not go smoothly, and then disaster strikes. Stars Lee Ingleby and Rebecca Callard. From July 2010.

WED 14:15 Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen's Escape to the Country (b00skxgk)

Villadom in the Cotswolds

How the idea of escaping to the countryside, seen as a modern symbol of city dweller angst, is as old as the Romans.

WED 14:30 Roy Hudd's Tales from the Lodge Room (b00wvhyz)

The Friends of The Water Rat

Comic actor Roy Hudd looks at the joys of theatrical digs and the challenge of smuggling in the girlfriend.

WED 14:45 Michelle Magorian - Goodnight Mister Tom (b007jxr8)

Episode 3

Young wartime evacuee Willie Beech is taken shopping and there's news at the village church. Read by David Brierley.

WED 15:00 Charlotte Bronte - Villette (b007jvj5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

WED 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b01p8jvl)

Mel Giedroyc continues our moving fable 'The Earth Giant' by

Melvin Burgess. The 'Keep it in the Family' quiz continues, and there's the Inheritance Tracks of Benjamin Grosvenor.

WED 17:00 PG Wodehouse - Stiff Upper Lip, Jeeves (b007jqb0)

The Menace of Totleigh Towers

Bertie Wooster is obliged to sort out an amorous mix-up between his friends.

PG Wodehouse romp adapted in six parts by Richard Usborne.

Starring Michael Hordern as Jeeves, Richard Briers as Bertie Wooster, Vivian Pickles as Aunt Dahlia, Ann Davies as Emerald Stoker, Douglas Blackwell as the Reverend Harold Pinker and Jonathan Cecil as Boko Fittleworth.

Producer: David Hatch

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1980.

WED 17:30 One Foot in the Grave (b007jn08)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

WED 18:00 Blake's 7: The Early Years (b00sm2bx)

The Dust Run

Jenna has a thing for Max, but goes up against him in a dangerous race for the highest of stakes. Stars Benedict Cumberbatch.

WED 18:30 Douglas Hill - The Blade of the Poisoner (b007jrng)

Tainted Blade

Jarral carries the marks which Prince Mephtik scratched on his chest with a tainted blade.

He will die without help...

Douglas Hill's sci-fi fantasy dramatised in four parts by Wally K Daly.

Starring Eric Allen as Jarral the man, James Holland as Jarral the boy, Elizabeth Bell as Archer, Ben Onwukwe as Carver, Susan Sheridan as Mandra and Hugh Dixon as Prince Mephtik.

Other parts by James Thomason, Auriol Smith, Nigel Carrington, Charles Millon and Neil Roberts as the Soldiers. Special effects by Dick Mills.

Music by Peter Howells of the BBC Radiophonic Workshop.

Producer: Peter Fozzard

First broadcast on BBC Radio 5 in 1991.

WED 19:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b009h714)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 19:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b001tkk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

WED 20:00 Wimsey (b007jvn6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 20:30 James Runcie - Sidney Chambers and the Shadow of Death (b01p8gp5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 21:00 Joanne Harris - Jigs and Reels (b00cl7lx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

WED 21:15 Linda Cracknell - The Three Knots (b018jppt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

WED 22:00 Mark Steel's in Town (b01p424k)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 22:30 Just Plain Gardening (b007jn91)

Sorrel's Secret Garden

St Plover's school faces closure and unexpected propagation occurs. Stars Patrick Barlow and Celia Imlrie. From June 2003.

WED 22:45 Jelly Mountain (b00f063q)

Episode 1

Ivor Cutler's unique views on language, justice and scratching people's backs. With Craig Murray-Orr. From May 1996.

WED 23:00 Mitch Benn's Crimes Against Music (b007jzvg)

Series 1

Fans

Fans... who needs them? Well, pop stars, if they want to be, well, pop stars...

Mitch Benn sets out on a musical journey through the showbiz glitz and backstage litter of pop music.

With Robert Ince, Alfie Joey, Tash Baylis and Kirsty Newton

Producer: Adam Bromley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2004.

WED 23:30 Laura Solon - Talking and Not Talking (b009x9gd)

Series 1

Episode 6

Revelations about hats, tents and some disturbing tales from Beatrix Potter.

Award-winning comedian Laura Solon's sketch and character comedy series

With Ben Moor, Katherine Parkinson and Ben Willbond.

Written by Laura Solon. With additional material by the cast, Carl Cooper, Tony Roche and Andy Marlatt.

Producer: Colin Anderson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2007.

THURSDAY 13 DECEMBER 2012**THU 00:00 Blake's 7: The Early Years (b00sm2bx)**

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THU 01:00 Wimsey (b007jvn6)

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THU 01:30 James Runcie - Sidney Chambers and the Shadow of Death (b01p8gp5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Wednesday]

THU 02:00 Winston (b007k4s2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Wednesday]

THU 02:30 The Party Line (b013229y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Wednesday]

THU 03:00 Charlotte Bronte - Villette (b007jv5j)

[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 Linda Cracknell - The Three Knots (b018jppt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Wednesday]

THU 05:00 PG Wodehouse - Stiff Upper Lip, Jeeves (b007jqb0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Wednesday]

THU 05:30 One Foot in the Grave (b007jn08)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]

THU 06:00 Wimsey (b007jvn8)

Strong Poison

Ten Minutes in Bloomsbury

Upper crust sleuth Lord Peter Wimsey enlists inside help to try and clear authoress Harriet Vane.

Starring Ian Carmichael as Lord Peter Wimsey, Ambrosine Phillpotts as Miss Climpson, Ann Bell as Harriet Vane and Gabriel Woolf as Chief Inspector Parker.

British gentleman detective Lord Peter Wimsey features in a number of detective novels and short stories by English crime writer, Dorothy L Sayers. Strong Poison was first published in 1930.

Classy and sharp-witted, aristocratic amateur sleuth Lord Peter Bredon Wimsey was born in 1890 and educated at Eton and Oxford, before serving in the military during the First World War.

Ian Carmichael appeared as Lord Peter Wimsey for BBC Radio from 1973 to 1983, in addition to the BBC TV adaptations that were broadcast between 1972 and 1975.

Adapted for radio in six episodes by Chris Miller.

Producer: Simon Brett.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1976.

THU 06:30 Agatha Christie (b00jzckt)

Magnolia Blossom

Theo is ready to leave her husband when a financial scandal intervenes. Mike Walker's revamped whodunit starring Emilia Fox.

THU 07:00 Robin and Wendy's Wet Weekends (b0141v9z)

Series 3

Anniversary Waltz

Queasy Wendy tackles party food for Maureen, as Robin tries to bond with their foster child. Stars Kay Stonham. From July 2004.

THU 07:30 Births, Deaths and Marriages (b01hxt9l)

Series 1

Episode 1

Chief registrar Malcolm Fox is a stickler for regulations at Woodborough Register Office. Sitcom set in a local registry office, starring David Schneider. From May 2012.

THU 08:00 Parsley Sidings (b01p8pl1)

Series 1

The Excursion

Railway Station Master Horace Hepplewhite decides Parsley Sidings needs to boost passenger numbers with train excursions. Starring Arthur Lowe as Horace, Ian Lavender as Bert, Kenneth Connor as Percy, Liz Fraser as Gloria and John Graham as the American Tourist.

Jim Eldridge's eponymous series is set in a sleepy railway station. The Hepplewhites have run 'Parsley Sidings' station for generations and the current Station Master, Horace, hopes that his son Bert will continue the line. Mild-mannered Ticket Clerk Bert wants to work anywhere but on the railways. His colleague, Station Announcer Gloria Simpkins, secretly loves him. Porter Percy Valentine is an archetypal wheeler-dealer and the ancient Signalmen, Bradshaw, causes havoc and dispenses home-made remedies in equal measure. The 'Parsley Sidings' nemesis is Phineas Perkins, the station master of Potwhistle Halt, one stop down the line.

Re-created Announcements by Keith Skues.

Producer: Edward Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in January 1972.

THU 08:30 Take It From Here (b011pw50)

From 31/12/1953

A butler's upstairs wrangles, and Eth finally gets a ring on her finger in The Glums. Stars Jimmy Edwards and June Whitfield. From December 1953.

THU 09:00 Unnatural Acts (b00kjh66)

Series 2

April Fool

A slew of April Fool pranks in the Hardy household escalates into a terrorist threat. Starring Jeremy Hardy. From April 1988.

THU 09:30 Just a Minute (b01p8pl3)

Sony Radio Academy Gold 2003

Petit pois and old dogs. Nicholas Parsons welcomes Paul Merton, Julian Clary, Tony Hawks and Clement Freud. From July 2002.

THU 10:00 Charlotte Bronte - Villette (b007jv5j)

Doctor John

Lucy Snowe grapples with matters of the heart, the mind and the spirit. Stars Catherine McCormack and Joseph Fiennes.

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 RD Wingfield (b0089kpv)

Daylight Robbery

'Elderly lady living alone in remote house, willing to take in paying guests.'

When Miss Pickering puts this ad in the newspaper, she has an ulterior motive.

So have the four gentlemen who reply...

Monica Grey stars in RD Wingfield's crime drama.

Miss Pickering Monica Grey

Colonel Fryatt Norman Shelley

Dr Brown Jonathan Scott

Harris Peter Woodthorpe

Wakeson Howard Goorney

Bank Manager Lewis Stringer

Woman in Telephone Kiosk Daisy Bell

Jones Brian Gear

Woman in Crowd Elizabeth Havelock

Constable Douglas Leach

Car Driver David Ponting

Other parts played by the cast.

Directed at BBC Bristol by John Cardy.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1977.

THU 12:00 Parsley Sidings (b01p8pl1)

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THU 12:30 Take It From Here (b011pw50)

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THU 13:00 Wimsey (b007jvn8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 13:30 Agatha Christie (b00jzckt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 14:00 Stan Barstow - A Kind of Loving (b015h37k)

Episode 9

After losing the baby, tensions rise between Vic and Ingrid. Can they work things out? Stars Lee Ingleby and Rebecca Callard. From July 2010.

THU 14:15 Ambridge Extra (b01p8pl5)

Series 4

Episode 4

Stressed at work, Tracy creates an unfortunate incident. Meanwhile Keith tries to phone his wife from prison, but Donna is out, drawing moral support from that unwise source.

THU 14:30 Roy Hudd's Tales from the Lodge Room (b00wwnsz)

A Jolly Lot of Fellows

The comedian and actor shares tales of Dan Leno, Flanagan & Allen, Tommy Cooper and Arthur Askey with his audience in Brighton.

THU 14:45 Michelle Magorian - Goodnight Mister Tom (b007jxsl)

Episode 4

Wartime evacuee Willie Beech starts school, while local villagers see changes in his guardian Tom. Read by David Brierley.

THU 15:00 Charlotte Bronte - Villette (b007jv5j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

THU 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b01p8pl7)

Mel is in the Land of the Giants. Could giant prehistoric insects return? 'Keep it in the Family' quizzes giant brains and Melvin Burgess' 'The Earth Giant' continues.

THU 17:00 King Street Junior (b007jnbj)

Series 7

Horses for Courses

A school break-in sparks trouble and it's interview day for the Deputy Head's job. With Brenda Blethyn. From April 1992.

THU 17:30 Robin and Wendy's Wet Weekends (b0141v9z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 18:00 Blake's 7: The Early Years (b00sm5lg)

The Trial

Scheming Max manipulates Jenna and Nick's evidence at their trial. Stars Carrie Dobro, Benedict Cumberbatch and Stephen Lord.

THU 18:30 Douglas Hill - The Blade of the Poisoner (b007jrr6)

Trapped

Jarral and his friends head to Prince Mephtik's garden, where an alarming battle awaits them

Douglas Hill's sci-fi fantasy dramatised in four parts by Wally K Daly.

Starring Eric Allen as Jarral the man, James Holland as Jarral the boy, Elizabeth Bell as Archer, Ben Onwukwe as Carver, Susan Sheridan as Mandra, David Bannerman as Yorrold, Hugh Dixon as Prince Mephtik.

Special effects by Dick Mills.

Music by Peter Howells of the BBC Radiophonic Workshop.

Producer: Peter Fozzard

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[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

THU 22:00 Births, Deaths and Marriages (b01hxt9l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 22:30 Mark Watson Makes the World Substantially Better (b00crr1s)

Series 2

Courage

The comedian promotes the virtue of courage, with Tim Key and Tom Basden providing feats of cowardice. From August 2008.

THU 23:00 The Atkinson People (b007k1qq)

Sir Benjamin Fletcher

Rowan Atkinson's satirical investigation into the life of the fictional master orator. With Hugh Thomas. From April 1979.

THU 23:30 Sounding Off with McGough (b007jvnp)

The Way Things Are

Roger McGough's reflections on life, death and BBC Radio 4's 'Today' programme.

With the accompaniment of long-time musical collaborator Andy Roberts.

Recorded at the Bath Festival.

Producer: Sara Davies

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2000.

THU 23:45 The Tape Recorded Highlights of a Humble Bee (b00pcd1q)

'The Pandeban' and 'Feeling Iffy'

A hapless, jazz-loving insect's audio diary of his mainly uneventful life. With Mark Williams and Tim Whitnall. From July 2003.

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FRI 06:00 Wimsey (b007jvn8)

Strong Poison

Norman Urquhart

Lord Peter Wimsey ponders a changed will, and whether Harriet's lover took his own life. Stars Ian Carmichael and Peter Jones.

FRI 06:30 Agatha Christie (b00jzwdq)

In a Glass Darkly

A jealous lover is haunted by a fellow pilot's death and a vision of murder. Mike Walker's revamped whodunnit with Neil Dudgeon.

FRI 07:00 Up the Garden Path (b00898sz)

Series 2

Love's Labours

As her holiday in Wales comes to an end, Izzy argues with her fiancé Charles.

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

An 8-part radio sequel adapted from Sue Limb's 1984 novel. The second of 3 series which ran from 1987 to 1993. Granada also adapted the series for ITV.

Izzy Imelda Staunton

Charles David Robb

Dick Mike Grady

Michael Nicholas Le Prevost

Maria Marty Cruickshank

Bill Neil McCaul

Louise Phyllida Nash

Producer: Jonathan James-Moore

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1988.

FRI 07:30 Nick Mohammed in Bits (b00tmt9h)

Lila

It's the start of term time, and second year student Lila is going to teach the Freshers everything she knows. Featuring Nick Mohammed as Lila with Colin Hout as the reporter and Anna Crilly (Lead Balloon) as Lila's best friend.

Bits is a series of character pieces showcasing the best of Nick Mohammed's idiosyncratic characters in a series of one off comic plays.

Produced by Victoria Lloyd.

FRI 08:00 The Embassy Lark (b00sjqcc)

Security

British Embassy staff suspect that Russians next door are bugging them. Stars Derek Francis and Frank Thornton. From March 1966.

FRI 08:30 The Burkiss Way (b00cm26d)

Series 4

Is Britain Going the Burkiss Way? Part 1

All about 'things' and spoofing 'Just A Minute'. Starring Fred Harris, Jo Kendall, Nigel Rees and Chris Emmett.
Cult sketch comedy series which originally ran from 1976 to 1980.

Written by Andrew Marshall and David Renwick.

Producer: David Hatch

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1979.

FRI 09:00 Millport (b0076bbj)

Series 3

Restitution

The re-opening of the Cumbria Club goes horribly wrong when Irene notices a fatal flaw in the plan.

Meanwhile, Alberto is paranoid that a new money-making scheme could bring the island some unwanted attention.

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

Moira/Agnes Janet Brown

Alberto/Dr Hume/Ferryman/RRobert Lewis McLeod

Ena/Bunty Gabriel Quigley

Minister/Bob Robert Patterson

Dougie/Huberto Kenneth Bryans

Music arranged by Olly Fox.

Producer: Lucy Bacon

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2002.

FRI 09:30 Snap (b012h9lq)

Series 3

Episode 1

After 16 years of marriage and one year of divorce, Doug and Molly Brownridge are attempting to rekindle their relationship. But it's not easy with two teenage kids embarking on their first romances and Doug's mum dating men like there's no tomorrow...

Third and final series of Paul Mendelson's sitcom

Starring Rebecca Lacey as Molly, Paul Venables as Doug, Soumaya Keynes as Kaz, Jessie Sullivan as Ryan, Marlene Sidaway as Annie, Robin Weaver as Dawn and Jonathan Tafler as Raymond.

Producer: David Ian Neville

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2005.

FRI 10:00 Charlotte Bronte - Villette (b007jvjc)

Monsieur Paul

Lucy's standing in society rapidly improves, but will love be the answer? Stars Catherine McCormack and Keira Knightley.

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 Alan Plater - The Gallery (b01p98gb)

The opening night of a new Tyneside art gallery is thrown into jeopardy by the well-meaning but ill-trained staff. Dodgy wiring, an over-zealous cleaner and a retired greyhound add to the comic mix.

Alan Plater's final play for radio stars Joe Caffrey as Trevor, Janice Acquah as Liz, Deka Walmesley as Michael, Caroline Guthrie as Heather, Philippa Wilson as Julie and Chris Connel as Neville.

Playwright and screenwriter, Alan Plater CBE (1935-2010) was the much-loved author of hundreds of stage, radio and TV dramas including The Beiderbecke Affair, The Last of the Blonde Bombshells, Close the Coalhouse Door, The Pallisers, Z Cars and Lewis. His work for radio includes adapting his own autobiography, Stories For Another Day, and the original drama series The Devil's Music.

Director: Alison Hindell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2009.

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FRI 14:00 Stan Barstow - A Kind of Loving (b015fv20)

Episode 10

Things come to a head in Vic and Ingrid's marriage. Who can Vic turn to for advice? Stars Lee Ingleby and Rebecca Callard. From July 2010.

FRI 14:15 Amanda Vickery - A History of Private Life (b00mvf9x)

The Bed

Historian Amanda Vickery reveals the hidden history of home over 400 years, beginning with the very heart of private life - the marital bed.

FRI 14:30 Roy Hudd's Tales from the Lodge Room (b00wx2pk)

Going into Skirts

The comedian shares tales of the perils of playing panto dame -

collected in the Lodge Room of the Grand Order of Water Rats.

FRI 14:45 Michelle Magorian - Goodnight Mister Tom (b007jxpw)

Episode 5

Young wartime evacuee Willie Beech is in for a big surprise on his birthday and Tom notices changes. Read by David Brierley.

FRI 15:00 Charlotte Bronte - Villette (b007jvjc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b01p98gm)

Mel Giedroyc has the final episode in 'The Earth Giant' by Melvin Burgess, and our brain busting quiz comes to an end too, but Quentin Blake is 80 this weekend - Happy Birthday!

FRI 17:00 Beachcomber... By the Way (b008wff3)

Series 3

Episode 5

A new matron at a boys' school and the case of the false beard. Richard Ingrams, John Wells, John Sessions, Joan Sims and Patricia Routledge recreate the world of JB Morton.

With Brian Bowles, Simon Greenall, Henrietta Gooden and featuring June Whitfield.

Running in the Daily Express from 1924 to 1975 - JB Morton's surreally comic 'Beachcomber' column paved the way for a great deal of modern humour - thanks to characters he created between the wars.

Adapted by Michael Barfield with Richard Ingrams.

Announcer: Brian Perkins.

Producer: Harry Thompson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1994.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 18:00 Blake's 7: The Early Years (b00sm8xy)

When Vila Met Gan

Liberator stalwarts Vila and Gan recall how their odyssey began - in the exotic location of Croydon. Stars Michael Keating.

FRI 18:30 Douglas Hill - The Blade of the Poisoner (b007jrft)

Last Chance

Unless the tainted blade and Prince Mephtik are destroyed within two days, Jarral will die...

Conclusion of Douglas Hill's sci-fi fantasy dramatised in four parts by Wally K Daly.

Starring Eric Allen as Jarral the man, James Holland as Jarral the boy, Elizabeth Bell as Archer, Ben Onwukwe as Carver, Hugh Dixon as Prince Mephtik, Susan Sheridan as Mandra, David Bannerman as Yorrold, James Thomason as Cryltor Tabatang, Bret Usher as Flammarock, Richard Pierce as Whiney, Anne Windsor as Innkeeper, with Nigel Carrington and Charles Millom as Soldiers.

Special effects by Dick Mills.

Music by Peter Howells of the BBC Radiophonic Workshop.

Producer: Peter Fozzard

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FRI 22:30 Goodness Gracious Me (b01p98gy)

Series 3

Episode 4

Alternative therapies in ER, and it's Bhangraman to the rescue.

Starring:

Sanjeev Bhaskar

Kulvinder Ghir

Meera Syal

Nina Wadia

Gold Winner of the Sony Radio Academy Awards. The sketch comedy show originally ran on BBC Radio 4 from 1996 to 1998, later transferring to TV on BBC Two from 1998 to 2001.

Written by Richard Pinto, Sharat Sardana, Meera Syal, Sanjeev Bhaskar and Sanjeev Kohli.

Script Editors: Sharat Sardana and Richard Pinto

Producer: Anil Gupta.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1998.

FRI 23:00 Tales from the Tower (b00jjq7l)

Complete With Wipeable Cover

From Blackpool Tower, caretaker Bob spies on a businesswoman being hounded by the press. Stars David Holt. From August 2001.

FRI 23:30 Dial M for Pizza (b00b41j9)

Series 1

Episode 5

The sketch show team take a pop at cops, cabs and cowboys.

Stars Brenda Blethyn and Robert Bathurst. From December

1987.