

## SATURDAY 29 DECEMBER 2012

**SAT 00:00 The Devil in Amber** by Mark Gatiss (b00vfjsh)

5. Desperation

Will spy hero Lucifer Box reach cult leader Olympus Mons' Satanic lair, deep beneath the Swiss Alps, in time to prevent the sacrifice of the "perfect victim"?

Mark Gatiss concludes his own fiendishly gripping adventure.

Abridged by David Jackson Young.

Producer: Kirsteen Cameron.

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by BBC Scotland and first broadcast in 2010.

**SAT 00:30 Gaston Leroux - The Phantom of the Opera**

(b008p5cw)

Episode 4

Raoul and the Persian enter the Phantom's lair to search for Christine. Stars Peter Guinness, Helen Goldwyn and James D'Arcy.

**SAT 01:00 The Blackburn Files** (b007jprs)

Series 1

A Case of Making Good

A rich woman receives a mysterious parcel of tenners and the past unfolds like a flower. Can redundant pitman turned discrete private investigator, Stephen J Blackburn solve the case?

One of five cases for the ex-pitman turned investigator and his government scheme-funded assistant Tracey. Set in a South Yorkshire town that's seen better days.

Starring Fine Time Fontayne as Stephen J Blackburn, Judy Flynn as Tracey Duggan.

With Rita May, Vanessa Rosenthal, Lorraine Peters, Lucia Laratonda and Robin Polley.

Scripted by Ian McMillan, Martyn Wiley and Dave Sheasby

Directed for BBC North East by Dave Sheasby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1989.

**SAT 01:30 Miss Marple** (b007jpvq)

The Murder at the Vicarage

Episode 5

Amateur sleuth Jane Marple battles to unearth the proof she needs to reveal the murderer's identity - along with a few other surprises.

The conclusion of Agatha Christie's whodunit starring June Whitfield as Miss Marple.

Rev. Leonard Clement.....Francis

Matthews

Griselda Clement.....Imelda

Staunton

Lettice Protheroe.....Rachel Atkins

Colonel Melchett.....Richard Todd

Dr Haydock.....Nigel

Davenport

Inspector Slack.....John Baddeley

Gladys Cram.....Oona Beeson

Mrs Sadler.....Tina Gray

Constable.....Dominic

Letts

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell

Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1993.

**SAT 02:00 Millport** (b0076bk4)

Series 3

The Siege

Millport's under siege by the neighbouring islands, furious that this little insignificant town has its own independent public house.

Amidst the madness Irene and Moira find romance where they least expect it - and Alberto unveils an unusual secret defence system.

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/Robert the Dog/Mr Shetland /Mr Sky ..... Lewis McLeod

Ena/Bunty ..... Gabriel Quigley

Minister/Bob/Mr Dunoon/Mr Orkney ..... Robert Patterson

Dougie/Mr Arran ..... Kenneth Bryans

Producer: Lucy Bacon

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2002.

**SAT 02:30 Snap** (b012s2gf)

Series 3

Episode 3

Divorced Doug and Molly come to blows over his mum Annie, who seems to be going senile.

Continuing Paul Mendelson's sitcom about a couple trying to rebuild their relationship after divorce.

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 August 2005.

**SAT 03:00 Anthony Trollope - Miss MacKenzie** (b01pgs6s)

Episode 2

After two marriage proposals, Margaret Mackenzie has turned down the first, but what of the second? Stars Hattie Morahan.

**SAT 04:00 Fay Weldon Stories** (b007k04g)

Living By the Small Print

A penny-pinching young woman with an eye for a bargain begins to realise the consequences. Read by Rebecca Front.

**SAT 04:15 Ben Lewis - Blue Sky Thinking** (b01pgs6v)

Looking forward to her wedding, Karen's life begins to unravel following the arrival of a stranger. Stars Nicola Stapleton.

**SAT 05:00 Ballylenon** (b007nfs3)

Series 1

Episode 1

1953: Trouble brews when the McConkey sisters join forces with hotel owner, Phonsie Doherty to campaign for the demolition of the Georgian courthouse to make way for a car park.

Series set in the sleepy town of Ballylenon, Co Donegal, in 1953, before the days of mass tourism and proper plumbing in every home.

Written by Christopher Fitz-Simon.

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Phonsie Doherty ..... TP McKenna

Muriel Maconchy ..... Margaret D'Arcy

Vera Maconchy ..... Stella McCusker

Vivienne Hawthorne ..... Aine McCartney

Guard Gallagher ..... John Hewitt

Stumpy Bonner ..... Gerard McSorley

Rev Samuel Hawthorne ..... Gerard Murphy

RL Watson ..... Roma Tomelty

O'Brollochain ..... Kevin Flood

Music arranged and performed by Stephanie Hughes

Director: Eoin O'Callaghan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1994.

**SAT 05:30 Elephants to Catch Eels** (b007nchq)

Series 1

Episode 2

Sly barmaid Tamsyn Trelawny and her band of smugglers battle to try and outwit local customs officer, Captain Marriott.

18th century Cornish village sitcom by the writers of Dead Ringers - Tom Jamieson and Nev Fountain.

Starring Lucy Speed as Tamsyn Trelawny, John Bowe as Jago Trelawny, Cameron Stewart as Major Thomas Falconer,

Andrew McGibbon as Captain Marriot, Martin Hyder as Squire Bascombe, Julia Deakin as Edna, Mark Felgate as Dewey and

Phil Nice as Roy.

Producer: Jan Ravens.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2003.

**SAT 06:00 Georgette Heyer - Regency Buck** (b007k1v3)

Pretty but shrewd Judith Taverner gallops in from the provinces and daringly defies the gaming, drinking and brawling world of Regency London to claim her rights, her fortune - and who

knows, perhaps her happiness?

Starring Elizabeth Proud as Judith Taverner, Simon Shepherd as Peregrine Taverner, Steve Hodson as Lord Worth and Gary

Cady as Bernard Taverner.

Written by Georgette Heyer. Dramatised by Neville Teller.

Producer: David Johnston

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1986.

**SAT 07:30 Comedy's Coming Home** (b00800by)

Curtis Walker

The comedian travels from south London to Jamaica, birthplace of his parents, to find out how universal laughter really is. From March 2002.

**SAT 08:00 Garrison Keillor's Radio Show** (b00wwrgm)

Series 6

Episode 6

Highlights from the American funny man's 2009 season - with "West Wing" star Martin Sheen and the best from Lake Wobegon.

**SAT 09:00 Comedy Controller** (b007jw11)

Eric Sykes

Comedian and writer Eric Sykes [05/05/1923 - 04/07/2012] takes control and picks some of his favourite BBC radio comedies:

\* The Goon Show: 'Phantom Batter Pudding Hurler'

Constable Neddie Seagoon sets out to apprehend Minnie and Henry's Sussex assailant. Stars Spike Milligan, Peter Sellers and Harry Secombe. From 12/10/1954.

\* The Al Read Show

A look at the fire brigade and the morning after the night before - a collection of the Northern comic's 1950s monologues. From 06/02/1966

\* Round the Horne: Series 4 (6/16)

Kenneth Horne's in for a shock from sneaky Kenneth Williams - and bona gifts galore from Julian and Sandy. From 31/03/1968

\* The Ken Dodd Show

Nude photography and a Scottish monster are on Doddy's chuckles menu. With John Laurie and Patricia Hayes. From 19/07/1964

\* Variety Bandbox

With Frankie Howerd, William Tennent, Jerry Allen, Barbara Leigh, Peter Sellers, Bill Kerr and Philip Slessor. From 22/01/1950

\* Take It from Here

The fall and rise of a Punch & Judy show - and in 'The Glums' Ron and Eth are planning their honeymoon. Stars Jimmy Edwards, Dick Bentley and June Whitfield. From 19/02/1959.

Producer: Mik Wilkojc

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in 2005.

**SAT 12:00 A Little Twist of Dahl: Omnibus** (b01phj36)

Five darkly comic tales by the master of the bizarre - Roald Dahl. With Charles Dance as the storyteller.

**SAT 13:15 Petrella** (b007jmcy)

Series 1

Outpacing the Fiend

A ruthless murderer puts the inspector's marriage under strain and his family in mortal danger. Stars Philip Jackson.

**SAT 14:00 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel** (b008hz9)

Series 3

Episode 6

Shady lawyer Waldorf T Flywheel is collecting for 'charity' in a seasonal scam.

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

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

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

Music arranged and conducted by David Firman.

Producer: Dirk Maggs

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1992.

**SAT 14:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again** (b00t9zpz)

Series 4

Episode 7

Making movie news: 'The Lone Hydrangea' and 'The Sound of Monks' and 'The Curse of the Flying Wombat' continues... 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, Ian Lang, Graeme Chapman, John Cleese, Graeme Garden, David Hatch, Eric Idle, 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 November 1966.

**SAT 15:00 Garrison Keillor's Radio Show** (b00wwrgm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**SAT 16:00 Georgette Heyer - Regency Buck** (b007k1v3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**SAT 17:30 Just William - Live!** (b01pfrre)

Series 3

William Holds the Stage

Last May, as part of Winchester's Best of British Festival in celebration of the Jubilee, Martin Jarvis performed the first of two of Richmal Crompton's comic classics, live on-stage.

In William Holds the Stage, when an old boy of the school gives a lecture on Hamlet, William gets a somewhat confused idea that Shakespeare's plays were written by a man called Ham, and that Shakespeare poisoned Ham, and stole the plays and pretended he had written them. Then a man called Bacon got involved and possibly someone called Eggs as well.

When it's announced that the class will perform a scene from Hamlet in front of a live audience, William decides that, despite being cast as an attendant, he'd prefer to play the leading role himself. But things don't go entirely to plan.

A packed house at the Theatre Royal rocks with laughter as Jarvis performs William's hilariously inventive version of Shakespeare's masterpiece. Just William as 'stand-up'.

Performed by Martin Jarvis  
Director: Rosalind Ayres.

A Jarvis and Ayres Production for BBC Radio 4.

**SAT 18:00 Bradbury 13** (b012kx00)

Dark They Were and Golden Eyed

The Bittering family aim to make the best of life on Mars. Ray Bradbury's tale of alienation stars Bryce Chamberlain.

**SAT 18:30 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.

**SAT 19:00 Comedy Controller** (b007jw11)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**SAT 22:00 Jeremy Hardy Speaks to the Nation** (b007jpvk)

Series 2

How to Have a Baby

From storks to the delivery, the host's comic lecture plus sketches. With Debbie Issit and Gordon Kennedy. From October 1994.

**SAT 22:30 The Jason Byrne Show** (b01phj38)

Series 3

The Irish and the Scottish Are Black-Belts in Misery  
Jason compares international attitudes to other people's good fortune and explains why his Irish background means that

revelling in misery is never far away.

Why is British fruit so bitter? Can Jason relieve heart-ache in the audience and what simple pleasures make Jason and his son happy?

Themed audience comedy show with high-energy stand-up and sketches featuring Laurence Howarth and Daisy Haggard.  
Producer: Julia McKenzie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2010.

**SAT 23:00 Patricia Highsmith - The Cry of the Owl (b01381wz)**

Episode 4

Robert has been shot. Could Greg Wyncoop - who has not been seen since they both fought by the river - really have done it? Or is his body lying in the morgue?

Patricia Highsmith's intriguing tale of obsession stars John Sharian as Robert Forester, Adrian Lester as Greg Wyncoop, Briony Glasco as Nickie Jurgen and Peter Marinker as Detective Lippenholtz.

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 Adam Baron - Hold Back the Night (b00108q)**

Episode 2

A fresh discovery in the London hunt for a runaway turns private-eye Billy Rucker into a murder suspect. Stars David Morrissey.

## SUNDAY 30 DECEMBER 2012

**SUN 00:00 Bradbury 13 (b012kx00)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Saturday]

**SUN 00:30 The Female Ghost (b00n77cx)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Saturday]

**SUN 01:00 Garrison Keillor's Radio Show (b00wvrgm)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Saturday]

**SUN 02:00 A Little Twist of Dahl: Omnibus (b01phj36)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Saturday]

**SUN 03:15 Petrella (b007jmcy)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:15 on Saturday]

**SUN 04:00 Georgette Heyer - Regency Buck (b007k1v3)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday]

**SUN 05:30 Just William - Live! (b01pfrcc)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:30 on Saturday]

**SUN 06:00 HE Bates - Love for Lydia Omnibus (b007jv19)**

Episode 1

Winter has come to Evensford. As the first snowflakes of 1931 settle, Lydia Aspen has come to live with her two aunts.

Richardson, a young reporter on the local paper, watches as the shy heiress passes by in a Daimler. His editor tells him "go and get the story"...

Stars Tim Pigott-Smith as Older Richardson, Jordan Frieda as Richardson, Juliet Aubrey as Lydia, Margaret Tyzack as Miss Bertie, Angela Thorne as Miss Juliana, Philip Fox as Bretherton and Jamie Bamber as Tom.

HE Bates's semi-autobiographical novel (published in 1952) dramatised by Vivienne Allen.

Director: Tracey Neale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2004.

**SUN 07:15 Susie Boyt - My Judy Garland Life (b00pf12f)**

You Made Me Love You

How the author's passion led to a schoolgirl infatuation, and what happened when she met Liza Minnelli. Read by Tamsin Greig.

**SUN 07:30 Heresy (b00bcv9f)**

Series 5

Episode 2

Victoria Coren hosts the show that thinks the unthinkable. With Sue Perkins, Euan Ferguson and Richard Herring. From May 2008.

**SUN 08:00 Doctor in the House (b007lmys)**

Money Troubles

With their microscopes in at the pawn broker, the young medics need some cash in a hurry.

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, Joan Young as Lady Spratt and David Jason as the Waiter.

Producer: David Hatch

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1968.

**SUN 08:30 The Men from the Ministry (b00xj4lb)**

The Great Footwear Scandal

The bumbling civil servants must find 5000 boats

A weekly tribute to all those who work in government offices and to all the others who spend their days there as well.

Number One ..... Wilfrid Hyde White

Number Two ..... Richard Murdoch.

Mildred ..... Norma Ronald

Sir Gregory Pitkin ..... Roy Drotice

April Adams ..... Diana Olsson

With Edwin Apps and David Graham.

'The Men from the Ministry' ran for 14 series between 1962 and 1977. Deryck Guyler replaced Wilfrid Hyde-White from 1966

Written and produced by Edward Taylor.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in October 1962.

**SUN 09:00 Horrible Histories (b01phm4t)**

The Vicious Vikings

The village-pillaging Scandinavian swordwavers threaten not-so-jolly-giants and a blood eagle. Stars author Terry Deary.

**SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b01phm4w)**

Just a Minute

Wendy Richard

From Barwick Green to Glenn Miller - actress Wendy Richard's castaway choices, in conversation with Sue Lawley. From July 1995.

**SUN 10:45 Christmas Diaries Omnibus (b01phm4y)**

Made for 4 Extra. The Christmas story told by those it first touched, both familiar and unfamiliar. With Anton Lesser and Nicola Walker.

**SUN 11:00 Armstrong and Miller (b007k3f2)**

Episode 4

School band memories, and a town planning thriller.

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 and Alexander Armstrong.

Producer: Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1998.

**SUN 11:15 Ambridge Extra (b01phm50)**

Series 4 - Omnibus

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Donna has escaped from Clive at last, but what's the long term plan? Can Tracy help? And where is Poochie?

**SUN 11:45 David Nobbs - I Didn't Get Where I Am Today... (b00ckd1g)**

Episode 1

From Orpington to Cambridge via Marlborough (twice).

Reginald Perrin's creator David Nobbs reads from his autobiography.

**SUN 12:00 HE Bates - Love for Lydia Omnibus (b007jv19)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**SUN 13:15 Susie Boyt - My Judy Garland Life (b00pf12f)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

**SUN 13:30 Arnold Ridley - The Ghost Train (b007jyx0)**

The last steam train from London to Cornwall carries a disparate group of travellers: a pair of newlyweds, a couple whose marriage is on the rocks and a lady with a parrot called Joey.

The last thing any of them needs is to be stranded on a Fal Vale's deserted railway station - which is the object of local superstition.

Written in 1925 by Arnold Ridley - best known for playing Private Godfrey in Dad's Army.

Starring Adam Godfrey as Teddie Deakin, Christopher Wright as Richard Winthrop and Tracy-Ann Oberman as Elsie Winthrop

Adapted by Shaun McKenna. Producer Marion Nancarrow.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1998.

**SUN 15:00 Doctor in the House (b007lmys)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**SUN 15:30 The Men from the Ministry (b00xj4lb)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**SUN 16:00 Mel's Mix: The Best of The 4 O'Clock Show (b01phm52)**

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

**SUN 16:30 Horrible Histories (b01phm4t)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**SUN 17:30 Freedom Pass (b00sdqhw)**

Episode 1

Eligible for free local buses, sexagenarians Alan Coren and Christopher Matthew jump on board for an adventure. From October 2003.

**SUN 18:00 The Man in Black (b0186hf0)**

Series 4

4. Reunion by Janice Okoh

Joy loses more than her heart in her desperate quest for love. Mark Gatiss as the sinister raconteur, The Man in Black, introduces Janice Okoh's cautionary tale.

Joy ..... Nikki Amuka-Bird

Grace ..... Adjoa Andoh

Fiona ..... Karolina Grace

Dr Alex ..... Richard Pepple

Tom ..... Adam Billington

Steve ..... Alex Lanipekun

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 December 2011.

**SUN 18:30 Nathaniel Hawthorne - Rappaccini's Daughter (b00qxcff)**

Student Giovanni becomes obsessed with a mysterious girl living next door. Dark sci-fi romance starring Joseph Cohen-Cole.

**SUN 19:00 Armstrong and Miller (b007k3f2)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

**SUN 19:15 Ambridge Extra (b01phm50)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

**SUN 19:45 David Nobbs - I Didn't Get Where I Am Today... (b00ckd1g)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:45 today]

**SUN 20:00 Doctor in the House (b007lmys)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**SUN 20:30 The Men from the Ministry (b00xj4lb)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**SUN 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b01phm4w)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**SUN 21:45 Christmas Diaries Omnibus (b01phm4y)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]

**SUN 22:00 Heresy (b00bcv9f)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**SUN 22:30 Miranda Hart's Joke Shop (b00mf2n3)**

What a Flirt

The tall, life-embracing, self-effacing clown has much to learn about retail and men. With Patricia Hodge. From August 2008.

**SUN 23:00 1966 and All That (b01phm54)**

The 1980s and 90s

Neil Knock-Knock becomes leader of the Labour Party; Jeffrey Archer reveals he's won the Nobel Prize; Loads of London goes pear-shaped; and John Major stands against himself . . .

and loses.

Craig Brown's satirical history of Britain reaches the 1980s and 90s.

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 (b007lrqx)**

Series 2

Episode 4

Wow! And hip hiporama, Harpooners! Get down daddys to the formica fun and crepe-soled capers of this special 1950s edition of your favourite weekly rag!

Plenty of nylon and skiffle, plus here comes a Muffin the Mule shocker!

With Susie Brann , Alistair McGowan , Mary Elliot-Nelson, Julian Dutton and Peter Baynham.

Producer: Sarah Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1992.

## MONDAY 31 DECEMBER 2012

**MON 00:00 The Man in Black (b0186hf0)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]

**MON 00:30 Nathaniel Hawthorne - Rappaccini's Daughter (b00qxcff)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Sunday]

**MON 01:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b01phm4w)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

**MON 01:45 Christmas Diaries Omnibus (b01phm4y)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]

**MON 02:00 Armstrong and Miller (b007k3f2)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Sunday]

**MON 02:15 Ambridge Extra (b01phm50)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Sunday]

**MON 02:45 David Nobbs - I Didn't Get Where I Am Today... (b00ckd1g)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:45 on Sunday]

**MON 03:00 Doctor in the House (b007lmys)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Sunday]

**MON 03:30 Arnold Ridley - The Ghost Train (b007jyx0)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:30 on Sunday]

**MON 05:00 Horrible Histories (b01phm4t)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Sunday]

**MON 06:00 The Blackburn Files (b007jps6)**

Series 1

A Case of Parma Violets

Trailing a distinctive perfume, Betty Shuttleworth turns to private investigator Stephen J Blackburn when she suspects her husband's having an affair...

One of five cases for the ex-pitman turned investigator and his government scheme-funded assistant Tracey. Set in a South Yorkshire town that's seen better days.

Starring Fine Time Fontayne as Stephen J Blackburn, Judy Flynn as Tracey Duggan.

With Rita May, Christine Cox, Gerry Kersey and Anne Rye.

Scripted by Ian McMillan, Martyn Wiley and Dave Sheasby

Directed for BBC North East by Dave Sheasby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1989.

**MON 06:30 Agatha Christie (b00jyz3m)**

The Dressmaker's Doll

A creepy doll with a mind of its own causes alarm along London's catwalks. Mike Walker's revamped whodunnit with

Juliet Aubrey.

**MON 07:00 Country Matters (b00jzckm)**

Episode 1

Dave and Cathy leave the city for Drayton Warlock's pastoral idyll. Stars Jonathan Tafler and Lesley Sharp. From April 1994.

**MON 07:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b01pvr8y)**

Christmas Special

In celebration of its 40th Anniversary this year, Radio 4's perennial antidote to panel games presents a specially extended Christmas edition of the show. Programme regulars Barry

Cryer, Graeme Garden and Tim Brooke-Taylor are joined on the panel by Stephen Fry, with Jack Dee as the programme's reluctant chairman. Regular listeners will know to expect inspired nonsense, pointless revelry and Colin Sell at the piano. Producer - Jon Naismith.

**MON 08:00 Round the Horne (b00j05w6)**

Series 1

Episode 3

Kenneth Horne meets BBC Sound Effects men - and a pantomime horse in The Clissold Saga.

Starring Kenneth Horne. 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 Jim the Great (b01109xq)**

Pilot

Back in England's days of feudal fiefdoms, one particular chieftain was very hard up. Stars Jimmy Edwards. From February 1976. Pilot episode.

**MON 09:00 Heresy (b00bqf6t)**

Series 5

Episode 3

Victoria Coren hosts the show that thinks the unthinkable. With Jo Caulfield, Caitlin Moran and Peter Bradshaw. From May 2008.

**MON 09:30 All the Young Dudes (b019m2ys)**

Series 2

Still Crazy

Patrick wonders who Green Day are, and Joe turns into a doting daddy. Written by and starring Jim Sweeney. From September 2002.

**MON 10:00 Distant Chords (b0076chl)**

Kiribati: Musicologist Reem Kelani meets women from the Pacific Micronesia island now living in the UK.

**MON 10:30 Around The World in 25 Years (b01pj1kz)**

Tonga and Samoa: Animal Magic presenter Johnny Morris recalls the people, places and animals he's met on his travels.

**MON 11:00 Flight of the Conchords (b00dn8cf)**

Dan and the Panda

The Kiwi parody band aim for UK fame.

Improvised comedy from the satirical pop pair, as they align with established comics to poke fun at all aspects of pop music. Rob Brydon narrates the musical odyssey.

Starring New Zealand musical comedy duo, Bret McKenzie and Jemaine Clement.

With:

Rhys Darby

Dan Topolski

Daniel Kitson

Additional material by Joel Morris.

Musicians: David Catlin-Birch and Mark Allis.

Producer: Will Saunders

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in September 2005.

**MON 11:30 Cruickshank on New Zealand (b00m84nt)**

Wars, Treaties and Missionaries

New Zealand: 4 Extra Debut. Dan Cruickshank explores the devastating inter-tribal and land conflicts that wreaked havoc on the Maori population.

**MON 11:45 Cruickshank on New Zealand (b00m84nw)**

The Whale Rider, The Meeting House and the Haka  
New Zealand: Dan Cruickshank investigates Maori ritual and tradition - including a modern take on the famous ceremonial dance.

**MON 12:00 Ashes to Antarctica (b01pj11l)**

Antarctica: Setting off to scatter her husband's ashes, a widow discovers more than she bargained for. Stars Carolyn Pickles.

**MON 12:45 A Week At The Pitt Rivers (b01pj1l3)**

Fiji: 4 Extra Debut. Novelist PD James included a whale tooth necklace in 'The Children Of Men'. She aims to learn more about it at a museum.

**MON 13:00 Radio Active (b01pj115)**

Series 5

In Australia

Meet Craig Stevens the Ripper Drongo, as the team head down under with Mike Flex in Sydney and Anne Adaptor in Adelaide. Starring Helen Atkinson-Wood, Angus Deayton, Geoffrey Perkins, Philip Pope and Michael Fenton-Stevens.

Music by Philip Pope, Richard Curtis and Steve Brown.

Written by Angus Deayton and Geoffrey Perkins with John Canter.

Producer: Jamie Rix

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1985.

**MON 13:30 Excess Baggage (b01pj117)**

Aboriginal Australia

Australia: 4 Extra Debut. The travel programme investigates the culture of the indigenous Australians. With Arthur Smith and Roger Law.

**MON 14:00 Educating Archie (b009ge5s)**

Archie in Australia

A rare Australian outing for schoolboy Archie Andrews and his mentor Peter Brough.

Radio ventriloquism recorded in Sydney. With Ronald Chesney, Reg Quartley, Ray Barrett, Betty Parker, June Salter, Wendy Blacklock and Reginald Goldsworthy

Running from 1950-1958, Educating Archie introduced a number of soon-to-be household names to listeners, including Tony Hancock, Benny Hill, Harry Secombe, Dick Emery, Hattie Jacques, Bruce Forsyth and Max Bygraves - all taking a turn in tutoring Archie.

Music by from the ABC Dance Band

Producer: Harry Freeman

From a series made by ABC in Australia and also first broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in September 1957.

**MON 14:30 Journey of a Lifetime (b00mcwv1)**

The Sinking Islands

Dan Box attempts to reach the Carteret Islands where a mass evacuation is taking place as the sea level rises. From September 2009.

**MON 15:00 Mastering the Art of the Kimono (b017chpt)**

The kimono may be one of Japan's most enduring cultural symbols, but the kimono industry is now in steep decline, and soon there could be no craftsmen left with the skills to make them.

BBC Japan Correspondent Roland Buerk reports on the crisis in the industry, and the efforts being made to ensure ancient skills are not lost.

Producer: Ruth Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2011.

**MON 15:30 Centurions (b007jx85)**

Yasujiro Ozu - Tokyo Story

Kyoko Hirano, Tony Rayns and Christopher Cook discuss the director's 1953 seminal example of Japanese cinema.

**MON 15:45 A History of the World in 100 Objects (b00sl6dy)**

The Silk Road And Beyond (400 - 700 AD)

Korean roof tile

Korea: source of modern-day electronic components. Neil MacGregor delves into the history of an artefact from the region.

**MON 16:00 Lifestyles of the Trapped and Cabbaged (b01pj119)**

China: 4 Extra Debut. Roy Boulter's comedy finds two holidaying accountants locked inside a Shanghai warehouse. With Jeff Rawle.

**MON 16:45 This Sceptred Isle: Empire (b0076x1x)**

Singapore: Stamford Raffles worked as a clerk with the East India Company and went on to buy a country. Christopher Lee's history of the British Empire, with Juliet Stevenson.

**MON 17:00 Giles Wembley Hogg Goes Off (b007mh3w)**

Series 1

Thailand

The bumbling student's aim to emerge spiritually becomes a physical revelation with a loose sarong. Stars Marcus Brigstocke. From August 2002.

**MON 17:30 Dear Diary (b01pj29z)**

Vietnam: 4 Extra Debut. Chris Harris records the pleasure and the pain of putting on his one man show in aid of the country's street children.

**MON 18:00 Fires Unseen (b01pkmpy)**

Bangladesh: 4 Extra Debut. A young American aid worker finds himself torn between obligations back home and his commitments to flood relief.

**MON 18:30 Just a Minute (b01dhm6y)**

Series 62

India

Nicholas Parsons takes the show to Mumbai. With Paul Merton, Marcus Brigstocke, Anuvab Pal and Cyrus Broacha. From 2012.

**MON 19:00 Tales of Everyday Folk (b00vcr3j)**

Series 1

Episode 1

Pakistan/Afghanistan: Felicity Finch - Ruth in 'The Archers' - visits the sub-continent where they make an action-packed soap.

**MON 19:30 Kathmandu or Bust (b01pkmq0)**

The Truck Stops Here

The travellers have reached.....um, well, actually they're lost in the middle of Uzbekistan and the truck has broken down, again. The five travellers battle on with their expedition to Kathmandu

Series written by Mike Yeaman and David Napthine.

Simon .... David Haig

Mechanic .... Peter Serafinowicz

Petra .... Michelle Chadwick

Callum .... Forbes Masson

Trigger .... Richard Ridings

Joan .... Sarah Crowden

Ellie .... Lolly Susi

Producer: Lissa Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1996.

**MON 20:00 Lewis Carroll's Adventures in Russia (b01pkmq2)**

Russia: 4 Extra Debut. Charles Dodgson (Lewis Carroll) only went abroad once, but the trip inspired a sequel to 'Alice in Wonderland'.

**MON 20:45 Uncovering Iran: Telling Stories (b00770c0)**

The Gift: Iran: Dayra thinks Mr Dashti is perfect for her daughter, but she's not so sure. Teresa Gallagher reads Marjan Kamali's story.

**MON 21:00 The Essay (b01pkmq4)**

4 Extra Debut. Madagascar: Professor Maurice Bloch muses on Malagasy villagers and the nature of his own discipline - anthropology.

**MON 21:15 Annie Caulfield - On the Field (b01pkmq6)**

Craig has joined the army to get away from football, but somehow the game has followed him to Basra. Stars Daniel Abelson.

**MON 22:00 Ectoplasm (b007vgvc)**

The Curse of Tutancammon

Lord Zimbabwe travels back to Ancient Egypt to uncover the mystery of the tackiest of the Pharaohs whose untimely death has unleashed an evil curse.

Dan Freedman and Nick Romero's four-part comedy about the exploits of Lord Zimbabwe, occultist and adventurer.

Lord Zimbabwe ..... Nick Romero

Dr Lilac ..... Dan Freedman

Theremin ..... Peter Donaldson

Professor Cockcroft ..... Sophie Aldred

Other parts played by the cast.

Producer: Helen Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2000.

**MON 22:30 Acropolis Now (b007jwhf)**

Series 1

Fish

Danger is predicted for Aristophanes. Lynne Truss' Ancient Greek restaurant comedy with Stephen Moore. From December 2000.

**MON 23:00 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-Shappery ..... Stephanie Cole

1st Officer Douglas Richardson ..... Roger Allam

Capt. Martin Crieff ..... Benedict Cumberbatch

Arthur Shappery ..... 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 23:30 Ross Noble Goes Global (b01c6tnd)**

Series 2

Belgium

Comedian Ross Noble Ross sets about proving Belgium is not dull, with chocolate, odd statues and the legacy of Jean-Claude Van Damme

Producer: Danny Wallace

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2003.

**TUESDAY 01 JANUARY 2013**

**TUE 00:00 The News Quiz Extra (b01pjkkxg)**

Series 6

Episode 2

An extended compilation of the best bits of The News Quiz from 2012, presented by Sandi Toksvig.

**TUE 00:45 The Shuttleworths (b01pjkkj)**

Specials

New Year With the Shuttleworths

It's January 1st and John and Mary Shuttleworth have seen the New Year in an inn.

John ruminates on the meaning of life with his agent Ken who's off to buy a sofa.

Written and performed by Graham Fellows.

Producer: Paul Schlesinger

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1993.

**TUE 01:00 Manikudlak and the Bear (b01pknsn)**

East Greenland: An old hunter tries to teach a young boy something of his ways, but has he anything useful to pass on?

**TUE 02:00 Beautiful Dreamers (b00vkmx8)**

The Traitor of the Zazalcar

By James Lever and Nat Segnit

In this series documentary maker Nat Segnit investigates the untold stories of visionary mavericks. This week Nat explores the difficult life of a Uruguayan footballer who made an ingenious attempt to counter one of world football's worst scandals. With Contributions from Andrew Sachs, Javier Marzan, Kevin Eldon, David Sant, Sean Baker, Tony Bell and Iain Batchelor.

Produced by Steven Canny and Sasha Yevtushenko  
Nat Segnit's short stories and journalism have appeared in The Times and The Independent on Sunday. For Radio 4 he has written Dolphin Therapy and Strangers on Trains.

James Lever is author of the best-selling Me Cheeta, which Lynne Truss loved so much she said, "It will subtly change forever the way we think not only about Hollywood but also about our own species" (The Sunday Times).

**TUE 02:30 One Hundred Years of Concrete (b008fpj0)**

Brazil: How one of the 20th century's greatest architects Oscar Niemeyer brought his extraordinary building designs to life.

**TUE 03:00 Viva Musica Latina (b01pknsn)**

Argentina: Richard Allison explores the roots and future of the tango: 'a vertical expression of a horizontal desire'.

**TUE 03:30 The Fisheries Broadcast (b0076tkf)**

Canada: Sean Street investigates a radio programme about fishing that since 1951 has helped to forge a cultural identity.

**TUE 04:00 On the Trail of Butch and Sundance (b01pknsr)**

Bolivia: John Pilkington hits unforgiving terrain to reveal the men behind the legend of Butch Cassidy and The Sundance Kid.

**TUE 04:30 Writing the Century - Omnibus (b01pknst)**

Trinidad

Where Amy's sister Muriel is staying. Audrey, however, has a few words to say about Amy's attitude to her sibling.

**TUE 04:45 Peacefully in their Sleeps (b007ycdm)**

Sister Cecilia of Caracas

Spoof obituary series by Chris Chantler and Howard Read.

Roydon Postlethwaite charts the many munificent achievements of the lifelong humanitarian peace worker who campaigned tirelessly against landmines yet smoked like a chimney.

Roydon Postlethwaite ..... Geoff McGivern

Sister Cecilia ..... Liza Sadovy

Actor ..... Chris Chantler

Colin ..... Dan Antopolski

David Something ..... Howard Read

Gloria Blamly ..... Janice Connolly

Stanley Cashew ..... Geoffrey Whitehead.

**TUE 05:00 Desert Island Discs (b01pknsr)**

Cuba: Carlos Acosta danced from the backstreets of Havana to the Royal Ballet. He shares musical favourites with Sue Lawley.

**TUE 05:45 Musical Migrants (b00kcszv)**

Series 2

Jamaica

Jamaica: Maureen Sheridan tells her story - moving her young family to the home of reggae after the death of her husband.

**TUE 06:00 Man of All Work (b00n4ff9)**

USA: A black man dresses as a maid to find work in 1950s Chicago. Richard Wright's thought-provoking comedy with Paterson Joseph.

**TUE 07:00 When the Whistle Blows (b00771xq)**

Arizona: 100 freight trains a day sound their deafening horns at Flagstaff's level crossings. Can law makers silence them?

**TUE 07:15 Concrete Dreams (b00768gq)**

Phoenix: In the city of swimming pools, David Aaronovitch checks out some Arizona real estate with the agents who peddle dreams.

**TUE 07:30 Bird Cloud (b01q67b3)**

Episode 1

USA: Brokeback Mountain author Annie Proulx plans to build the home of her dreams in remote Wyoming. Read by Laura Brook.

**TUE 07:45 Bird Cloud (b01q67b5)**

Episode 2

USA: The novelist Annie Proulx hires an architect for her new Wyoming home, and tree planting begins. Read by Laura Brook.

**TUE 08:00 Here We Come (b00pb813)**

USA: John Waite's personal take on the story of The Monkees, the wildly successful 1960s pop group. From December 2009.

**TUE 08:30 Knowing Me, Knowing You (b007k0fl)**

Episode 5

Cheesy chat show host Alan Partridge is 'Live from Las Vegas' with glamorous American co-host, Kendall Ball.

With guests: Hollywood star couple Sally Hoff & Conrad Knight, New York comic Bernie Rosen and professional gambler Jack 'the Black Cat' Colson.

With thanks to Alan's chief researcher Steve Coogan.

Assistant researchers:

Patrick Marber

Rebecca Front

Doon Mackichan

David Schneider

Producer: Armando Iannucci

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1992.

**TUE 09:00 A Frontier Family (b0076c3x)**

Alaska: Three generations of the Helmericks endured Artic winters, but Jim and Teena face a greater threat to their survival.

**TUE 09:30 Twenty Minutes (b01pknsy)**

Alaska: Highland-based writer Kenny Taylor has travelled the northern world to seek his passion - the Aurora Borealis.

**TUE 10:00 Pacific Dreams (b01pknt0)**

A young man's quest for a new life takes him from the granite streets of Glasgow, through the open skies of America to the azure oceans of faraway Hawaii.

Ancient island goddesses, native Hawaiian culture and the soft rain of the tropics bring the heartbeat of the Islands to life.

Godfrey Hamilton's road movie of epic proportions.

Hugh ..... Mark Bonnar

Katie ..... Katy Murphy

Doug ..... Anthony Ofoegbu

Myra ..... Kate Harper

The Miracle Worker ..... Devon Scott

Dharma ..... Kathryn Howden

Billy ..... Chris Pavlo

Joe ..... Mark Pinkosh

Cabbie ..... Ioan Meredith

Cabin Attendant ..... Janet Maw

Adonis ..... Alex Lowe

Director: Cathryn Horn

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1997.

**TUE 11:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b01pfv8y)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]

**TUE 12:00 Round the Horne (b00j05w6)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Monday]

**TUE 12:30 Jim the Great (b01109xq)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Monday]

**TUE 13:00 The Blackburn Files (b007jps6)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]

**TUE 13:30 Agatha Christie (b00jzy3m)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]

**TUE 14:00 HE Bates - Love for Lydia (b007jvlf)**

Episode 6

After the death of his friend, Richardson cuts himself off from the group and their familiar surroundings. But while out walking one day he comes across a figure he recognises.

Stars Tim Pigott-Smith as Older Richardson, Jordan Frieda as Richardson, Juliet Aubrey as Lydia, Jamie Bamber as Tom.

Clare Corbett as Nancy and Tom Mannion as McKechnie.

HE Bates's semi-autobiographical novel (published in 1952)

dramatised by Vivienne Allen.

Director: Tracey Neale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2004.

**TUE 14:15 Ambridge Extra (b01pjks8)**

Series 4

Episode 9

As Donna and Tracy sort out their lives, Joe Grundy and Bert

Fry sort out the late Bob Pullen's sharp suits, only to find

something intriguing in his effects.

**TUE 14:30 Alan Bennett - More Untold Stories (b00kt887)**

Thora Hird

The writer recalls his special monologue for the much-loved

actress - her last professional recording, made for BBC Radio 7.

**TUE 14:45 Alan Bennett - More Untold Stories (b00ktf9)**

Arise Sir

The writer reflects on speaking engagements and explains why

he's never appeared in the annual Honours List.

**TUE 15:00 Jim Sweeney - My MS and Me (b01pjkbx)**

4 Extra Debut. Actor, writer and improviser Jim Sweeney's candid, lively account of living with multiple sclerosis. From April 2005.

**TUE 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b01pjksd)**

Mel Giedroyc says Happy New Year! Our first story of 2013 is Eoin Colfer's 'The Legend of Spud Murphy', and Dick and Dom ask 'How Dangerous Is Your Holiday?'

**TUE 17:00 Like They've Never Been Gone (b00bt51z)**

Series 3

Episode 1

Singers Tommy and Sheila have a supermarket to open - and go silver surfing.

Sweethearts Tommy Franklin and Sheila Parr won the 1962

Eurovision Song Contest, but now they're back in the big time.

The problem is, they can't stand each other...

Third series of Mike Coleman's six-part sitcom.

CAST:

Tommy Franklin .... Roy Hudd

Sheila Parr .... June Whitfield

Hetty Stark .... Pat Coombes

Murray .... Julian Eardley

Louis Elstein .... Edward Halsted

Music by Frido Ruth.

Producer: Steve Doherty

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2001.

**TUE 17:30 Country Matters (b00jzckm)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

**TUE 18:00 The Routemasters by Andrew McGibbon (b007jnqx)**

1. Taking the Michelangelo

When Bernie catches the wrong London bus, he's transported back to 16th century Rome to thwart two meddling time

travellers - and rescue Michelangelo.

Starring Andrew McGibbon as Raymond, Amanda Donohoe as

Hilderghast, Karl Minns as the Conductor, Owen Evans as

Bernie, Andy Mulligan as Michelangelo, Dan Freedman as

Kurzio and Alex Lowe as the interpolator

Written by Andrew McGibbon. Additional material by Rob

Colley and Kevin Greening.

Theme by Ozzy Temple and other music by Nick Romero.

Producer: Julian Mayers

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1999.

**TUE 18:30 Terry Pratchett (b007k0v6)**

Mort

Episode 1

Hopeless young peasant Mort is hired as an apprentice to Death, and taken to his home beyond time and space to begin his

training.

The fourth of Terry's Pratchett's comic fantasy stories set on

Discworld.

Dramatised in four parts by Robin Brooks.

Narrated by Anton Lesser.

Mort ..... Carl Prekopp

Death ..... Geoffrey Whitehead

Lezek ..... Philip Fox

Albert ..... Phillip Jackson

Hames ..... Jon Glover

Ysabell ..... Clare Corbett

Princess Keli ..... Alice Hart

Director: Claire Grove

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2004.

**TUE 19:00 Round the Horne (b00j05w6)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Monday]

**TUE 19:30 Jim the Great (b01109xq)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Monday]

**TUE 20:00 The Blackburn Files (b007jps6)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]

**TUE 20:30 Agatha Christie (b00jzy3m)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]

**TUE 21:00 The News Quiz Extra (b01pjksx)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 00:00 today]

**TUE 21:45 The Shuttleworths (b01pjksj)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 00:45 today]

**TUE 22:00 Bleak Expectations (b01pfy5w)**

Series 5

A Loved-Up Life Potentially Totally Annihilated

The inappropriately named arbiter of all evil Mister Gently Benevolent unveils an advent calendar of evil that will culminate on Christmas day with the total destruction of the universe.

Only one man can prevent the end of everything for all time.

But at a terrible terrible cost. Is this the end for our hero Pip?

Or is it curtains for the whole of creation? And does that mean

Harry needn't get Pippa a Christmas present?

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

Servevell ..... James Bachman

Clampvulture ..... Geoffrey Whitehead

Ripely ..... Sarah Hadland

Lily ..... Sarah Hadland

Pippa ..... Susy Kane

The Ghost of Christmice ..... Mark Evans

Producer: Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2012.

**TUE 22:30 Heresy (b00bqf6t)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Monday]

**TUE 23:00 Dan and Nick: The Wildebeest Years (b007jsmf)**

Cold Turkey with Dan and Nick

Fish Gordon has only 48 hours to save the aquarium.

A comedy extravaganza written by and featuring Dan Freedman

and Nick Romero

Meet characters including Incy Wincy Quincy, spider

pathologist.

Music by the Gents.

Producer: Julian Mayers

Pilot for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in August 1998

**TUE 23:30 The Masterson Inheritance (b007jr3g)**

Series 3

The Pain of the Mastersons

The Masterson family find bohemian inspiration in the Lake

District.

The award-winning improvised historical family saga based

entirely on audience suggestions.

Starring Paul Merton, Josie Lawrence, Jim Sweeney, Lee

Simpson, Phelim McDermott and Caroline Quentin.

Producer: Phil Clarke

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1995.

**WEDNESDAY 02 JANUARY 2013****WED 00:00 The Routemasters by Andrew McGibbon (b007jnqx)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 00:30 Terry Pratchett (b007k0v6)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Tuesday]

**WED 01:00 The Blackburn Files (b007jps6)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]

**WED 01:30 Agatha Christie (b00jzy3m)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]

**WED 02:00 Heresy (b00bqf6t)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Monday]

**WED 02:30 All the Young Dudes (b019m2ys)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Monday]

**WED 03:00 Jim Sweeney - My MS and Me (b01pjkbx)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 04:00 The News Quiz Extra (b01pjksx)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 00:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 04:45 The Shuttleworths (b01pjksj)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 00:45 on Tuesday]

**WED 05:00 Like They've Never Been Gone (b00bt51z)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 05:30 Country Matters (b00jzckm)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

**WED 06:00 The Blackburn Files (b007jpsn)**

Series 1

A Case of Brotherly Love

Private investigator Stephen J Blackburn hunts for a Canadian's

long-lost brother, decades after their cruel separation....

One of five cases for the ex-pitman turned investigator and his

government scheme-funded assistant Tracey. Set in a South

Yorkshire town that's seen better days.

Starring Fine Time Fontayne as Stephen J Blackburn, Judy

Flynn as Tracey Duggan.

With John Graham Davies, Norman Mills, Ray Ashcroft and

Bill Rodgers.

Scripted by Ian McMillan, Martyn Wiley

Directed for BBC North East by Dave Sheasby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1989.

**WED 06:30 Gervase Fen - Frequent Hearses (b00slqv6)**

Episode 1

At a film studio, amateur sleuth Gervase Fen stumbles on a suicide and a murder. James Wilby reads Edmund Crispin's thriller.

**WED 07:00 Double Science (b012ry02)**

Pilot

Teacher turmoil erupts at a Sixth Form College specialising in drama, when a new female head arrives determined to revitalise the science department.

Incompetent science teachers Dr Colin Jackson and Dr Kenneth Farley-Pittman react in different ways to the arrival of Dr Alison Hatton.

Pilot episode for the series written by and starring Ben Willbond and Justin Edwards.

With Rebecca Front, Raza Jaffrey and Dustin Demri-Burns.

Producer: Adam Bromley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2007.

**WED 07:30 Mark Steel's in Town (b01phj47)**

Series 4

Corby

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 Corby to uncover an unlikely town rivalry, the extraordinary story behind a baffling accent, and the truth behind the trouser press rumours... From December 2012.

Additional material by Pete Sinclair.

Produced by Sam Bryant.

**WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b00917jt)**

Series 6

The Waxwork

The lad is set to be immortalised in wax, but the trouble is, it's not quite how he'd envisaged...

Starring Tony Hancock.

With Sidney James, Bill Kerr and Warren Mitchell.

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 (b00b02bc)**

Series 4

Episode 8

Hovercrafts, ferrets - and the three-toed sloth.

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 Graeme Garden 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, Bill Oddie and Graeme Garden.

Producer: Humphrey Barclay

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in November 1966.

**WED 09:00 Winston (b007mwhn)**

Series 1

The Village Fete

Father's enjoyed a remarkable recovery and seems poised to live forever; and Rosie and William plan to stay at home. But Nancy makes a big decision...

Peter Tinniswood's bawdy comedy serial stars Bill Wallis as Winston, Maurice Denham as Father, Shirley Dixon as Nancy, Liz Goulding as Rosie and Christian Rodska as William.

Directed at BBC Bristol by Shaun MacLoughlin.

First broadcast on BBC Radio in May 1989.

**WED 09:30 Foul Play (b00jtm1q)**

Series 3

Oh Yes She Is Dead!

Crime writers Susan Moody and Simon Shaw probe a Charming murder at the pantomime. Oh yes they do!

Simon Brett hosts the murder quiz.

Suspects played by Maria McErlane and Lee Simpson.

Producer Liz Anstree

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1998.

**WED 10:00 Paul Gallico - The Snow Goose (b01pjrrw)**

4 Extra Debut.

A disgraced artist and a young girl help a wounded bird and find love during Second World War horrors.

Stars Steven Mackintosh.

**WED 11:00 Elizabeth Taylor - Swan Moving (b01pjrry)**

The arrival of a winged visitor ruffles feathers in a village where community pride has been forgotten. Read by Fiona Walker. From July 1990.

**WED 11:15 Drama (b00pn48h)**

Peter Souter - Goldfish Girl

By Peter Souter

What if you couldn't remember a single minute of the ten years you'd spent with the love of your life? Joe can remember everything about Ally; Ally remembers nothing about Joe.

Joe ..... Alex Jennings

Ally ..... Juliet Stevenson

Directed by Gordon House.

**WED 12:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b00917jt)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**WED 12:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00b02bc)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**WED 13:00 The Blackburn Files (b007jpsn)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**WED 13:30 Gervase Fen - Frequent Hearses (b00slqv6)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**WED 14:00 HE Bates - Love for Lydia (b007jvlh)**

Episode 7

Richardson decides he has to move on. Tom is happy, but storm clouds are gathering. Stars Tim Pigott-Smith and Juliet Aubrey.

**WED 14:15 Amanda Vickery - A History of Private Life (b00mzw4l)**

Kitchen Physic

Historian Amanda Vickery presents a series which reveals the hidden history of home over 400 years. She draws on first-hand accounts from letters and diaries, many of which have never been heard before. Including songs which have been specially recorded for the series.

From rabies to madness and piles, the housewives of the past were expected to concoct medicines which would cure any condition.

Readers: Deborah Findlay, John Sessions, Madeleine Brolly and Simon Tcherniak.

Singers: Gwyneth Herbert and Thomas Guthrie, with David Owen Norris at the keyboard.

A Loftus production for BBC Radio 4.

**WED 14:30 Alan Bennett - More Untold Stories (b00ktn4)**

Seeing Stars

The writer recalls one of his favourite childhood pastimes - going to the pictures and seeing his favourite film stars.

**WED 14:45 WE Johns - Biggles Flies North (b007lnqr)**

Biggles Gets a Letter

Answering an old chum's call for help, heroic fighter pilot

Major James Bigglesworth flies off to Fort Beaver.

Michael Palin reads 'Captain' WE Johns' gripping adventure.

First published in 1939, 'Biggles Flies North' was adapted in eight parts by George Hearton.

WE Johns (1893-1968) wrote nearly 100 books about Biggles and his loyal sidekicks Algy, Ginger and Smyth.

Producer: Marilyn Ireland

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1981.

**WED 15:00 Paul Gallico - The Snow Goose (b01pjrrw)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**WED 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b01pjs4q)**

Mel Giedroyc continues Eoin Colfer's story 'The Legend of Spud Murphy'. And Dick and Dom go camping in the next episode of 'How Dangerous Is Your Holiday?'.

**WED 17:00 PG Wodehouse - Stiff Upper Lip, Jeeves (b007jqjc)**

Spode Is Unsuccessful

Gussie Fink-Nottle upsets his fiancée when he looks elsewhere on the menu.

PG Wodehouse romp adapted in six parts by Richard Usborne.

Starring Michael Hordern as Jeeves, Richard Briers as Bertie Wooster, Paul Eddington as Lord Sidcup, Jonathan Cecil as

Gussie Fink-Nottle, Denise Coffey as Stiffy Bing, Aimi MacDonald as Madeline Bassett and Douglas Blackwell as the Rev. Harold Pinker

Producer: David Hatch

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1980.

**WED 17:30 Double Science (b012ry02)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**WED 18:00 The Routemasters by Andrew McGibbon (b007jnrf)**

2. Don't Be a Freud

The time travellers hit 19th-century Austria, where Freud is about to give a historic paper on telepathy, which Raymond and Hildegard are bent on stealing...

Starring Amanda Donohoe as Hildegard, Andrew McGibbon as Raymond, Karl Minns as the Conductor, Owen Evans as

Bernie, Nick Romero as Karl, Andy Mulligan as Herr Grubberman, Dan Freedman as Breyer, Alex Lowe as the

interpolator and Sophie Aldred as Martha.

Written by Andrew McGibbon. Additional material by Rob

Colley, Julian Mayers and Kevin Greening.

Theme by Ozzy Temple and other music by Nick Romero.

Producer: Julian Mayers

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1999.

**WED 18:30 Terry Pratchett (b007k134)**

Mort

Episode 2

Death sends his apprentice Mort to collect three lives, but the lad takes a fancy to one of them - a princess.

The fourth of Terry's Pratchett's comic fantasy stories set on Discworld.

Narrated by Anton Lesser.

Mort ..... Carl Prekopp

Death ..... Geoffrey Whitehead

Albert ..... Phillip Jackson

Ysabell ..... Clare Corbett

Princess Keli ..... Alice Hart

Cutwell ..... Adam Godley

Abbot ..... John Rowe

Ammeline ..... Sheila Mitchell

Stallholder ..... Jon Glover

Maid ..... Liz Sutherland

Dramatised by Robin Brooks.

Director: Gordon House

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2004.

**WED 19:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b00917jt)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**WED 19:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00b02bc)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**WED 20:00 The Blackburn Files (b007jpsn)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**WED 20:30 Gervase Fen - Frequent Hearses (b00slqv6)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**WED 21:00 Elizabeth Taylor - Swan Moving (b01pjrry)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

**WED 21:15 Drama (b00pn48h)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

**WED 22:00 Mark Steel's in Town (b01phj47)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**WED 22:30 Gus Murdoch's Sacred Cows (b00fl0jv)**

3. Football

Incisive reporter Gus Murdoch focuses on the joys of lower league soccer.

Written by and starring Stephen Carlin.

With Neil Edmond, Margaret Cabourn-Smith, Stephen Carlin, Helen Longworth and Chris Pavlo.

Producer: Tilusha Ghelani

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in November 2008.

**WED 22:45 Jelly Mountain (b00fr1z3)**

Episode 4

Musing on old cuppas and paying with Fool's Gold. Songs and stories from Ivor Cutler, with Craig Murray-Orr. From May 1996.

**WED 23:00 Mitch Benn's Crimes Against Music (b007k0lk)**

Series 1

Manufactured Bands

Mitch is still trying to prove he's the best musical satirist in the world (or at the very least on Radio 4). After all, you can't manufacture greatness. Not with the current cloning regulations anyway.

But Mitch's nemesis, satirical stalwart Richard Stilgoe, is about to strike back. Has Robin Ince gone over to the dark side?

With Robert Ince, Alfie Joey, Tash Baylis and Kirsty Newton. Special guest: Richard Stilgoe.

Producer: Adam Bromley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2004.

**WED 23:30 If You're So Clever, Why Aren't You Rich? (b00sxkvj)**

Series 3

Rain

David is terrified that the landlord will find out he doesn't live in the flat alone. Stars Tony Slattery. From June 1998.

#### THURSDAY 03 JANUARY 2013

**THU 00:00 The Routemasters by Andrew McGibbon (b007jnrf)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 00:30 Terry Pratchett (b007k134)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Wednesday]

**THU 01:00 The Blackburn Files (b007jpsn)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 01:30 Gervase Fen - Frequent Hearses (b00slqv6)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Wednesday]

**THU 02:00 Winston (b007mwhn)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 02:30 Foul Play (b00jtm1q)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Wednesday]

**THU 03:00 Paul Gallico - The Snow Goose (b01pjrrw)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 04:00 Elizabeth Taylor - Swan Moving (b01pjrry)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 04:15 Drama (b00pn48h)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Wednesday]

**THU 05:00 PG Wodehouse - Stiff Upper Lip, Jeeves (b007jqjc)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 05:30 Double Science (b012ry02)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 06:00 The Blackburn Files (b007jpt3)**

Series 1

A Case of Plagiarism

Private investigator Stephen J Blackburn is called in when writer Hartley J Newton is convinced his TV script has been

pinched...

One of five cases for the ex-pitman turned investigator and his government scheme-funded assistant Tracey. Set in a South

Yorkshire town that's seen better days.

Starring Fine Time Fontayne as Stephen J Blackburn, Judy

Flynn as Tracey Duggan.

With Gerry Kersey, Christine Cox, Peter Bell and James Tomlinson.

Scripted by Ian McMillan, Martyn Wiley and Dave Sheasby

Directed for BBC North East by Dave Sheasby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1989.

**THU 06:30 Gervase Fen - Frequent Hearses (b00slxy6)**

Episode 2

At a London film studio, the amateur sleuth probes a dead cameraman's relationship to a drowned actress. Read by James Wilby.

**THU 07:00 An Actor's Life for Me (b00rzqpw)**

Series 3

The Police Farce

Robert Wilson is acting in a disorderly manner.

Farical sitcom about the trials and tribulations of a young actor desperately seeking work.

John Gordon Sinclair stars in Paul Mayhew-Archer's sitcom.

Robert ..... John Gordon Sinclair

Desmond Shaw ..... Gary Waldhorn

Sue ..... Gina McKee

With:

Toby Longworth

Simon Slater

Jon Glover

Millie Tiffin

Harriet Thorpe

Andrew Berkeley

Producer: Diane Messias

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in January 1993.

**THU 07:30 Births, Deaths and Marriages (b01jrqr1)**

Series 1

Episode 4

In this episode, the team are horrified that the media have been invited to one of Malcolm's citizenship ceremonies, Anita's got problems with childcare and Luke's having a 'quarter life' crisis. Births, Deaths and Marriages is a new sitcom set in a Local Authority Register Office where the staff deal with the three greatest events in anybody's life.

Written by David Schneider (The Day Today, I'm Alan Partridge), he stars as chief registrar Malcolm Fox who is a stickler for rules and would be willing to interrupt any wedding service if the width of the bride infringes health and safety. He's single but why does he need to be married? He's married thousands of women.

Alongside him are rival and divorcee Lorna who has been parachuted in from Car Parks to drag the office (and Malcolm) into the 21st century. To her, marriage isn't just about love and romance, it's got to be about making a profit in our new age of austerity.

There's also the ever spiky Mary, geeky Luke who's worried he'll end up like Malcolm one day, and ditzy Anita who may get her words and names mixed up occasionally but, as the only parent in the office, is a mother to them all.

Cast:

Malcolm ..... David Schneider

Lorna ..... Sarah Hadland

Anita ..... Sandy McDade

Luke ..... Russell Tovey

Mary ..... Sally Bretton

Mr. Arnold/Peter Stephenson ..... Andrew Brooke

Bereaved woman/New Citizen/Mum ..... Jane Whittenshaw

Producer: Simon Jacobs

A Unique production for BBC Radio 4.

**THU 08:00 Parsley Sidings (b01pjzvb)**

Series 1

Who'll Be Mother

Station Master Horace Hepplewhite reveals a surprising talent for childminding.

Starring Arthur Lowe as Horace, Ian Lavender as Bert, Liz Fraser as Gloria, Kenneth Connor as Percy and Pat Coombs as Maud.

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 Signalman, 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 (b013m01w)**

From 30/12/1954

It is New Year's Eve, and Eth wants to celebrate with the Glums. Stars June Whitfield and Alma Cogan. From December 1954.

**THU 09:00 Unnatural Acts (b001lrz9)**

Series 2

Victorian Values

A political hack to basics push puts Caroline in danger, and Kit into a maid's outfit. Stars Kit Hollerbach and Jeremy Hardy.

**THU 09:30 HR (b00hls1b)**

Series 1

An Away-Day

Senior manager Peter and his HR officer Sam hate team away-days, but equally fear performing badly and putting their jobs at risk.

But is it a good idea to practise bonding skills while inebriated?

Nigel Williams' comedy drama series charting the misfortunes of a middle-aged HR officer and his trouble-making colleague.

Peter ..... Jonathan Pryce

Sam ..... Nicholas Le Prevost

Director: Peter Cavanagh

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2009.

**THU 10:00 Stella Gibbons - Nightingale Wood (b01pjzbx)**

Episode 1

On either side of Nightingale Wood through one idyllic year in the late 1930s, hearts beat and minds scheme, as the dowdy Wither family tries to compete with the glittering Springs.

Bookish Tina Wither is in love with Saxon, her father's handsome and aloof chauffeur. Her shop girl sister-in-law, Viola, has fallen for Victor Spring, the lord of the manor. And Madge is in love with a dog...

Stella Gibbons' sparkling comedy of manners dramatised in two-parts by Christopher William Hill.

Starring Victoria Hamilton as Tina, Dinah Stabb as Mother, Francine Chamberlain as Viola, Simon Bubb as Victor, Paul Moriarty as Father, Adjoa Andoh as Edna, Adam Billington as Saxon, Victoria Inez Hardy as Madge, Alex Rivers as Hetty, Joan Walker as Phyllis, Ian Masters as Spurrey and Judith Cok as Miss Cattyman.

Director: Marion Nancarrow

First broadcast in the 'Neglected Classics' season on BBC Radio 4 in 2011.

**THU 11:00 Elizabeth Taylor - Plenty Good Fiesta (b01pjzbx)**

The Spanish Civil War brings refugees to England and one little boy to the attention of a young couple. Read by Anna Massey.

From April 1991.

**THU 11:15 Nick Warburton - Setting A Glass (b01pjzc1)**

A man is called to hospital to see his ailing mother, but unknowingly does anything to avoid her bedside. Stars James Fleet.

**THU 12:00 Parsley Sidings (b01pjzvb)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**THU 12:30 Take It From Here (b013m01w)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**THU 13:00 The Blackburn Files (b007jpt3)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**THU 13:30 Gervase Fen - Frequent Hearses (b00slxy6)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**THU 14:00 HE Bates - Love for Lydia (b007jvln)**

Episode 8

When Richardson finally returns home, a startling discovery awaits him. Stars Tim Pigott-Smith and Juliet Aubrey.

**THU 14:15 Ambridge Extra (b01pjzc3)**

Series 4

Episode 10

'But before you get there, here's a little clue, it'll tell you exactly what to do.' But will Joe, Bert Fry and Bert Horrobin be able to work out the clue?

**THU 14:30 Alan Bennett - More Untold Stories (b00kv7w5)**

A Common Assault

The writer recalls an ill-fated holiday to Italy in the spring of 1992 which landed him in hospital.

**THU 14:45 WE Johns - Biggles Flies North (b007lzws)**

At the Three Star Saloon

When the pilot hero finds his chum is missing from the aerodrome, he crosses swords with the evil McBain. Read by Michael Palin. From August 1981.

**THU 15:00 Stella Gibbons - Nightingale Wood (b01pjzbx)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**THU 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b01pjzc5)**

Mel Giedroyc continues Eoin Colfer's 'The Legend of Spud Murphy'. And in their popular science series, Dick and Dom wrap up for a winter break in 'How Dangerous Is Your Holiday?'

**THU 17:00 King Street Junior (b007jncn)**

Series 7

Endings and Beginnings

Mixed emotions as the school year draws to a close with Mr Holliday's last day in teaching. Stars Karl Howman. From May 1992.

**THU 17:30 An Actor's Life for Me (b00rzqpw)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**THU 18:00 The Routemasters by Andrew McGibbon (b007jnry)**

3. On the Buses

Bernie is kidnapped by Hildegard and then escapes to the 24th century. Raymond discovers his true identity...

Starring Amanda Donohoe as Hilderghast, Andrew McGibbon as Raymond, Karl Minns as the Conductor, Owen Evans as Bernie, Nick Romero as the Driver, Andy Mulligan as Herr Grubberman, Dan Freedman as Kunitrol, Alex Lowe as the interpolator and Sophie Aldred as Spikea.

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.

**THU 18:30 Terry Pratchett (b007k1c1)**

Mort

Episode 3

Death has fun in the real world, leaving his daughter Ysabella and Mort in charge of the life-collecting business.

The fourth of Terry's Pratchett's comic fantasy stories set on Discworld.

Narrated by Anton Lesser.

Mort ..... Carl Prekopp

Death ..... Geoffrey Whitehead

Albert ..... Phillip Jackson

Ysabella ..... Clare Corbett

Princess Keli ..... Alice Hart

Cutwell ..... Adam Godley

Keeble ..... Philip Fox

Landlord ..... Jon Glover

Dramatised by Robin Brooks.

Director: Claire Grove

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2004.

**THU 19:00 Parsley Sidings (b01pjzvb)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**THU 19:30 Take It From Here (b013m01w)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**THU 20:00 The Blackburn Files (b007jpt3)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**THU 20:30 Gervase Fen - Frequent Hearses (b00slxy6)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**THU 21:00 Elizabeth Taylor - Plenty Good Fiesta (b01pjzbx)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

**THU 21:15 Nick Warburton - Setting A Glass (b01pjzc1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

**THU 22:00 Births, Deaths and Marriages (b01jrqr1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**THU 22:30 Mark Watson Makes the World Substantially Better (b00d75nw)**

Series 2

Honesty

The comedian finds out if telling the truth pays off. With poetry and songs from Tim Key and Tom Basden. From September 2008.

**THU 23:00 Radio Shuttleworth (b007qs2x)**

Series 1

Episode 1

Sheffield aspiring singer-songwriter John Shuttleworth takes over the BBC airwaves. With Leo Sayer. From November 1998.

**THU 23:30 Weak at the Top (b00rs8gz)**

Series 1

Knowing Your Unions

Mean marketing director, John Weak discovers there's nothing legally binding about a legally binding contract.

Alexander Armstrong stars as John Weak in Guy Browning's sitcom.

Randy, devious, sexist and workshy, John Weak puts the man into management.

John Weak ..... Alexander Armstrong

Hayley ..... Clare Perkins

Sir Marcus ..... Geoffrey Whitehead

Bill Peters ..... Ron Cook

Gary Peyton ..... Ewan Bailey

Giles ..... Stephen Critchlow

Producer: Jonquil Panting

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2005.

## FRIDAY 04 JANUARY 2013

**FRI 00:00 The Routemasters by Andrew McGibbon (b007jnry)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 00:30 Terry Pratchett (b007k1c1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]

**FRI 01:00 The Blackburn Files (b007jpt3)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 01:30 Gervase Fen - Frequent Hearses (b00slxy6)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]

**FRI 02:00 Unnatural Acts (b001lrz9)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 02:30 HR (b00hls1b)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]

**FRI 03:00 Stella Gibbons - Nightingale Wood (b01pjzbx)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 04:00 Elizabeth Taylor - Plenty Good Fiesta (b01pjzbx)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 04:15 Nick Warburton - Setting A Glass (b01pjzc1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Thursday]

**FRI 05:00 King Street Junior (b007jncn)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 05:30 An Actor's Life for Me (b00rzqpw)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 06:00 The Blackburn Files (b007jptk)**

Series 1

A Case of Haddock and Plaiace

An elderly couple's time-share cash con sparks private investigator Stephen J Blackburn's first case abroad.

The last of five cases for the ex-pitman turned investigator and his government scheme-funded assistant Tracey. Set in a South Yorkshire town that's seen better days.

Starring Fine Time Fontayne as Stephen J Blackburn, Judy Flynn as Tracey Duggan.

With Gerry Kersey, Lorraine Peters, Norman Mills, Lucia Laratonda and James Tomlinson.

Scripted by Ian McMillan, Martyn Wiley and Dave Sheasby

Directed for BBC North East by Dave Sheasby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1989.

**FRI 06:30 Gervase Fen - Frequent Hearses (b00sm4lm)**

Episode 3

Trailing a murderous avenger, the amateur detective is led to Lanthorn House - and into a terrifying maze. Read by James Wilby.

**FRI 07:00 Elephants to Catch Eels (b007qcsv)**

Series 1

Episode 3

Tamsyn and Jago's smuggling exploits are to be chronicled at close quarters by a group of fly-on-the-wall balladeers.

They get some exciting material as Jago's up before an unusually hard-line judge - and it seems there's no escape from the noose...

18th century Cornish village sitcom by the writers of Dead Ringers - Tom Jamieson and Nev Fountain.

Starring Lucy Speed as Tamsyn Trelawny, John Bowe as Jago Trelawny, Cameron Stewart as Major Thomas Falconer, Andrew McGibbon as Captain Marriot, Martin Hyder as Squire Bascombe, Mark Felgate as Dewey, Mark Perry as Judge Pettiforth and Michael Fenton Stevens as Anthony the Balladeer.

Producer: Ian Ravens.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2003.

**FRI 07:30 Just William - Live! (b01ph83g)**

Series 3

Aunt Arabelle in Charge

In 2012, as part of Winchester's Best of British Festival in celebration of the Jubilee, Martin Jarvis performed the second of two of Richmal Crompton's comic classics, live on-stage.

In Aunt Arabelle in Charge, William and his faithful Outlaws (Ginger, Douglas and Henry) encounter a strangely complacent six year old who is staying in the village. This odious child turns out to be the hugely famous Anthony Martin, subject of his mother's best-selling books and poems.

The Outlaws need to redeem themselves in the admittedly short-sighted eyes of Ginger's journalist aunt. She, equally, is desperate to secure an exclusive interview with the child star. It's soon clear that this wonderfully constructed story is a brilliant parody of - who else - A.A. Milne's Christopher Robin. The packed Winchester audience understood this at once. In Jarvis' inhabitation of both the smug infant and Ginger's aunt, the comedy is unremitting.

Can William sort this out and, incidentally, give the horrific child his just deserts? Blackmail is the answer, of course.

Performed by Martin Jarvis

Director: Rosalind Ayres

A Jarvis & Ayres production for BBC Radio 4.

**FRI 08:00 The Embassy Lark (b00spqzf)**

A Trip to London

British Embassy staff panic with their lease in Travtia set to expire. Stars Derek Francis and Frank Thornton. From April 1966.

**FRI 08:30 The Burkiss Way (b007js7b)**

Series 4

Repeat Yourself the Burkiss Way - Part 2

Blankety Blank gets a new host and behind-the-scenes at the Dreary Lane Theatre.

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 May 1979.

**FRI 09:00 Millport (b0076bn3)**

Series 3

Progressive Rock

There's much excitement on the Isle of Cumbrae over a make-over for Millport from a national newspaper.

Irene fears the worst and worries the town's unique charm will be ruined by nosy media-meddlers. Is now really the time for her to leave?

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/Ferryman/Robert the Dog/Morris ..... Lewis McLeod

Ema/Bunty ..... Gabriel Quigley

Minister/Bob ..... Robert Patterson

Dougie ..... Kenneth Bryans

Producer: Lucy Bacon

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2002.

**FRI 09:30 Snap (b012yvf2)**

Series 3

Episode 4

Doug wonders if he can rely on his ex-wife Molly for help during his mum's convalescence.

Continuing Paul Mendelson's sitcom about a couple trying to rebuild their relationship after divorce.

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, Jonathan Tafler as Raymond and Richard Firth as Ansel.

Producer: David Ian Neville

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2005.

**FRI 10:00 Stella Gibbons - Nightingale Wood (b01pkjwp)**

Episode 2

The young, widowed and pretty Viola Wither finally has the chance to escape her stifling in-laws in Essex. Whilst they are spending a month in the Lakes, she and her sister-in-law Tina escape to Stanton on Sea.

Viola is still pining for the dashing Victor Spring - who has kissed her - and Tina for the beautiful chauffeur, Saxon - likewise. But is it all hopeless?

Stella Gibbons' sparkling pre-war comedy of manners

dramatised in two-parts by Christopher William Hill.

Starring Victoria Hamilton as Tina, Dinah Stabb as Mother, Paul Moriarty as Father, Francine Chamberlain as Viola Simon Bubb as Victor, dam Billington as Saxon, Adjoa Andoh as Edna, Alex Rivers as Hetty, Joan Walker as Phyllis, Ian Masters as Spurrey, James Lailey as Uncle Frank, Gerald McDermott as Mr Brodhurst.

Director: Marion Nancarrow

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2011.

**FRI 11:00 Elizabeth Taylor - Sisters (b01pkjws)**

Resentment surfaces when Mrs Mason is asked questions about her famous sibling. Is she jealous? Read Sheila Mitchell.

**FRI 11:15 Hugh Hughes - Floating (b01pkjvw)**

Fantasy recollections of Hugh Hughes and Sioned Rowlands as the Isle of Anglesey floated off from mainland Wales in April 1982.

**FRI 12:00 The Embassy Lark (b00spqzf)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**FRI 12:30 The Burkiss Way (b007js7b)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**FRI 13:00 The Blackburn Files (b007jptk)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**FRI 13:30 Gervase Fen - Frequent Hearses (b00sm4lm)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**FRI 14:00 HE Bates - Love for Lydia (b007qgdn)**

Episode 9

Visiting Lydia in the sanatorium, Richardson catches up on events with Blackie. Stars Tim Pigott-Smith and Juliet Aubrey.

**FRI 14:15 HE Bates - Love for Lydia (b007q99p)**

Episode 10

As he and Blackie help her recovery, Richardson must face up to what love for Lydia really means. Stars Tim Pigott-Smith.

**FRI 14:30 Alan Bennett - More Untold Stories (b00kqv7p)**

Staring out of the Window

Staring out of the window. Alan muses about what 'being a writer' actually means.

**FRI 14:45 WE Johns - Biggles Flies North (b007m474)**

The Jupiter Heads Northward

Biggles faces more trouble from the evil McBain as he prepares to leave the local saloon. Read by Michael Palin. From August 1981.

**FRI 15:00 Stella Gibbons - Nightingale Wood (b01pkjwp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**FRI 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b01pkjwx)**

Mel Giedroyc with our first story of 2013, Eoin Colfer's 'The Legend of Spud Murphy' and two helpings of Dick and Dom's popular science series 'How Dangerous Is Your Holiday?'

**FRI 17:00 Ballylenon (b007k4hw)**

Series 1

Episode 2

A "gramophone record recital" is the Irish town's cultural highlight of 1953 - the start of something big? Series set in the sleepy town of Ballylenon, Co Donegal, in 1953, before the days of mass tourism and proper plumbing in every home.

Written by Christopher Fitz-Simon.

Phonsie Doherty ..... TP McKenna

Muriel Maconchy ..... Margaret D'Arcy

Vera Maconchy ..... Stella McCusker

Vivienne Hawthorne ..... Aine McCartney

Guard Gallagher ..... John Hewitt

Stumpy Bonnar ..... Gerard McSorley

Eithne Ni Phartalain ..... Marcella Riordan

Aubrey Frawley ..... Dominic Letts

Music arranged and performed by Stephanie Hughes

Director: Eoin O'Callaghan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1994.

**FRI 17:30 Elephants to Catch Eels (b007qcsv)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**FRI 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 Spikea.

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.

**FRI 18:30 Terry Pratchett (b007k112)**

Mort

Episode 4

Death has disappeared, leaving his apprentice Mort, his daughter Ysabella and Albert the cook to carry on the life-collecting operation.

The conclusion of Terry's Pratchett's comic fantasy set on Discworld.

Narrated by Anton Lesser.

and Jon Glover as the Duke.

Mort ..... Carl Prekopp

Death ..... Geoffrey Whitehead

Albert ..... Phillip Jackson

Ysabella ..... Clare Corbett

Princess Keli ..... Alice Hart

Cutwell ..... Adam Godley

Rincewind ..... Philip Fox

Duke ..... Jon Glover

Dramatised by Robin Brooks.

Director: Claire Grove

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2004.

**FRI 19:00 The Embassy Lark (b00spqzf)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**FRI 19:30 The Burkiss Way (b007js7b)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**FRI 20:00 The Blackburn Files (b007jptk)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**FRI 20:30 Gervase Fen - Frequent Hearses (b00sm4lm)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**FRI 21:00 Elizabeth Taylor - Sisters (b01pkjws)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

**FRI 21:15 Hugh Hughes - Floating (b01pkjvw)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

**FRI 22:00 Old Harry's Game (b007k078)**

Christmas Special 2002

Knocking on Heaven's Door

Satan's epic quest ends as he meets Death, St Peter and his rottweilers - and Davina McCall.

Conclusion of Andy Hamilton's two-part devilishly funny, festive special from Hell.

Satan ..... Andy Hamilton

The Professor ..... James Groun

Thomas ..... Jimmy Mulville

Scumspawn ..... Robert Duncan

Hope ..... Claire Skinner

With Philip Pope, Felicity Montagu and Michael Fenton Stevens.

Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2002.

**FRI 22:30 And Now in Colour (b007jnn1)**

Series 1

Intercity

The sketch show team takes the audience to Margate and asks 'Whose Pencil Line is it Anyway?'

Precision comedy written and performed by Tim Firth, Tim de Jongh, Michael Rutter and William Vandyck.

Producer: Lisa Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1990

**FRI 23:00 Rigor Mortis (b00g43w4)**

Series 3

Episode 2

Ruth's keen to get pregnant, but Anthony's distracted by a potential patient. Stars Peter Davison. From February 2006.

**FRI 23:30 Half Sketch (b007k09x)**

Series 4

Episode 2

Alan Titchmarsh offers explosive gardening tips. Northern Ireland's topical comedy troupe. Stars Tim McGarry. From January 2001.