

SATURDAY 04 MAY 2013

SAT 00:00 Planet B (b00pgqf0)

Series 2

Dark Star

In Light City you are either with the police or against them. Whichever side you're on, there are points to be earned. But when an uncompromising vigilante arrives it looks like the rules are changing.

Lioba Tessa Nicholson

Kip Joseph Cohen-Cole

Blend Emerald O'Hanrahan

Fabian Ewan Hooper

Cerberus Chris Pavlo

Voice of Planet B Adjoa Andoh

Other Parts Melissa Advani, Kate Layden, Rhys Jennings and Piers Wehner

Written by Matthew Broughton.

Director: Jeremy Mortimer.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2009.

SAT 00:30 Daphne Du Maurier (b007jq79)

The Birds

Episode 3

Will the Triggs be able to help Nat's family, or have the avian attackers got to them first? Read by Charlie Barnecut.

SAT 01:00 Paul Temple (b00s3lc)

Paul Temple and Steve

David Nelson Explains

A new production of the 1947 detective serial 'Paul Temple and Steve'. One of the great radio detectives returns refreshed and reinvigorated to the airwaves to investigate the activities of a shadowy and ruthless criminal mastermind in post-war London.

The investigation into the activities of the mysterious Dr. Belasco lead him to a murder scene in a flat above a London dry-cleaning business; but then the clues begin to point far away from the great city, to a lonely country house on Romney Marsh.

Paul Temple Crawford Logan

Steve Gerda Stevenson

Sir Graham Forbes Gareth Thomas

Kaufman Nick Underwood

Worth/Charlie Greg Powrie

Nelson Jimmy Chisholm

Joseph Richard Greenwood

Mrs Forester Candida Benson

Ed Bellamy Robin Laing

Waitress Lucy Paterson

Produced by Patrick Rayner.

SAT 01:30 Detective (b01s697j)

Series 3

7. A Well Planned Job

Detective Constable Tully is rather taken with a new informant who might help them catch Steve Mason.

Can she be trusted though?

Starring Ray Brooks and Stephen Garlick.

More tough stories of crime and detection in London written by Robert Barr

DS Brook Ray Brooks

DC Tully Stephen Garlick

DS Harrison Peter Cleall

Chief Inspector Roach Stephen Yardley

Angela Fielding Deirdre Costello

Barman/Radio Voice Douglas Blackwell

Jan Fiona Matheson

DS O'Brien/Radio Voice Anthony Jackson

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast weekly on BBC Radio 2 in August 1984.

SAT 02:00 Bristow (b007w5jb)

Series 3

Repaying Mr Piper

Why is Bristow surrounded by incompetents? He has a theory - and determines to bumble toward the proof.

Michael Williams stars as Bristow.

Frank Dickens' sitcom is based on his famous long-running newspaper cartoon strip about the Chester-Perry buying clerk.

Bristow Michael Williams

Jones Rodney Bewes

Mrs Purdy Dora Bryan

Hewitt Owen Brenman

Perkins Leslie Phillips

Gert Liz Fraser

Daisy Joan Sims

Miss Sunman Katy Odey

Fudge Jon Glover

Postboy Simon Schatzberger

Stokes David Battley

Miss Pleasant Jackie Neglia

Music: John Whitehall

Producer: Neil Cargill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2000.

SAT 02:30 Act Your Age (b00qplyn)

Series 2

Episode 5

Simon Mayo hosts the comedy show that pits the comic generations against each other to find out which is the funniest.

Team captains Jon Richardson, Ed Byrne and Johnnie Casson are joined by Tom Wrigglesworth, John Bishop and Tom O'Connor.

Producers: Ashley Blaker and Bill Matthews.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2010.

SAT 03:00 Stella Gibbons - Cold Comfort Farm (b007jpwk)

Elfine's Rights

In which Flora's plots begin to thicken and she seems to be making headway over the tidying-up of the farm. But she's reckoned without Aunt Ada Doom...

Starring Patricia Gallimore and Elizabeth Proud.

Stella Gibbons' tale of early-20th-century rural England

dramatised by Elizabeth Proud.

Flora Poste Patricia Gallimore

Stella Gibbons Elizabeth Proud

John Westbrook John Westbrook

Reuben Starkadder Trevor Martin

Judith Starkadder Margaret Robertson

Adam Lamsbreath Cyril Shaps

Seth Starkadder Sion Probert

Amos Starkadder John Hollis

Micah Starkadder Alexander John

Richard Hawk-Monitor Stephen Garlick

The Abbé Fausse-Maigre Malcolm Hayes

Meriam Amanda Murray

Mrs Beetle Miriam Margolyes

Aunt Ada Doom Fabia Drake

Mr Mybug Michael Spice

Claud Hart-Harris Roger Hammond

Harkaway Starkadder David Timson

Urk Starkadder Christopher Scott

Monsieur Solide Alan Dudley

Rennett Starkadder Christine Absalom

Mrs Hawk-Monitor Margot Boyd

Elfine Starkadder Jane Knowles

Young Man David McAlister

Music: Terence Allright

Director: Ian Cotterell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1981.

SAT 04:00 Afternoon Reading (b00r0tbv)

Bath Festival Stories by Candlelight

The Ghost Writer by Amanda Craig

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The second of a series of supernatural tales commissioned by Radio 4 for last year's Bath Literature Festival.

2/3 The Ghost Writer by Amanda Craig, read by John Telfer

Justin Vest, critically-acclaimed but poorly-selling novelist, is staying temporarily in the home of the late, wildly successful,

very pink and fluffy writer Arabella Fyssh. At first glance they don't have much in common - for a start, he's alive and she isn't - but Arabella has some unfinished business with the world.

Producer Christine Hall.

SAT 04:15 Pilgrim by Sebastian Baczkiewicz (b00g0532)

Series 1

'Gainst All Disaster

By Sebastian Baczkiewicz

Pilgrim's toughest adventure. Joseph of Arimethea, guardian of the sleeping Knights who will wake only in Britain's hour of greatest need, is being held captive by Malachai Styler - a very malevolent angel. Styler is bent on the destruction of the Greyfolk, the Knights and the balance between the worlds. If Pilgrim is to save Joseph, it will be at the most terrible cost to himself.

Pilgrim Paul Hilton

Styler Paul Rider

Joseph David Calder

Sylvie Anna Wing

Doris Susan Engel

Freya Alex Tregear

Arianhad Helen Schlesinger

Guard Gunnar Cauthery

Girl Agnes Bateman

Directed by Jessica Dromgoole.

SAT 05:00 For Better or for Worse (b00hk2dx)

Series 1

Episode 8

Iris is proper poorly, but not quite as poorly as Wilf thinks she is. Stars Gordon Kaye and Su Pollard. From April 1993.

SAT 05:30 The Pickerskill Reports (b012r6tw)

Series 2

Paul Whitney Beauchamp

Retired English Master Dr Henry Pickerskill recalls a bullied day boy and his mother. Stars Ian McDiarmid. From July 2011.

SAT 06:00 Arthur Wing Pinero - Dandy Dick (b007jt15)

A dean, who is a paragon of dignity and decorum, is driven by an indiscreet act into a most undignified dilemma. A horse and racing folk are also involved.

Alec McCowen and Patricia Routledge star in Arthur Wing Pinero's farce.

The Dean Alec McCowen

Georgiana Tidman Patricia Routledge

Sir Tristram Mardon Nigel Stock

Salome Susan Kyd

Sheba Melinda Walker

Blore John Church

Mr Darbey Richard Clifford

Major Tarver John Rye

Hatcham Shaun Prendergast

Hannah Topping Anne Jameson

Noah Topping Garard Green

Producer John Tydeman.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1986

SAT 07:30 Fabulous Flops (b013zbpj)

More Fabulous Flops

Episode 3

Paul Roseby surveys DJ Mike Read's one-night musical about Oscar Wilde, and the Broadway frustrations of Stephen Sondheim.

SAT 08:00 Garrison Keillor's Radio Show (b010x8rk)

Series 6

Episode 24

From Santa Barbara, the American funny man welcomes bluesman Elvin Bishop and fiddler extraordinaire Sara Watkins. From 2010.

SAT 09:00 Comedy Controller (b007jpx5)

Helen Lederer

The 'Absolutely Fabulous' actress chooses Arthur Smith Sings Leonard Cohen, Life with Lederer, Hearing with Hegley, Jeremy Hardy Speaks to the Nation and Ross Noble Goes Global.

SAT 12:00 The Cazalets - Omnibus (b01s7tjc)

Confusion

Episode 2

Sid enjoys being the unexpected centre of attention, but for Louise the same thing proves distasteful. With Penelope Wilton.

SAT 13:15 Drama (b00khjg)

Rumpole and the Penge Bungalow Murders

Alone and Without a Leader

By John Mortimer

Young Horace Rumpole defends a young man, accused of murder, maintaining that he is innocent until proved guilty. He faces opposition from the establishment and support from unexpected quarters.

Adapted by Richard Stoneman

Producer/Director Marilyn Imrie

A Catherine Bailey production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 14:00 It's a Deal (b01s7vsv)

4 Extra Debut. After Hancock, Sid James turned property dealer. A tight dress sparks irritation on a bus. With June Whitfield. From June 1961.

SAT 14:30 Round the Horne (b007jrj3)

Series 2

Episode 4

The World Cup's gone missing! MI5's Disguise Department run by Julian and Sandy provide a bona disguise for Master Spy 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 1966.

SAT 15:00 Garrison Keillor's Radio Show (b010x8rk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SAT 16:00 Arthur Wing Pinero - Dandy Dick (b007jt15)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:30 Believe It! (b01j5nw6)

Series 1

Power

Celebrity autobiographies are everywhere. Richard Wilson has always said he'd never write one.

Based on glimmers of truth, BELIEVE IT is the hilarious, bizarre, revealing (and, most importantly, untrue) celebrity radiography of Richard Wilson.

He narrates the series, weaving in and out of dramatised scenes from his fictional life-story. He plays a heavily exaggerated version of himself: a Scots actor and national treasure,

unmarried, private, passionate about politics, theatre and Manchester United (all true), who's a confidant of the powerful and has survived childhood poverty, a drunken father, years of fruitless grind, too much success, monstrosity, addiction,

charity work, secret work for governments and fierce rivalry with Sean Connery (not true). All the melodramatic staples of celebrity-autobiography are wonderfully undercut by Richard's deadpan delivery.

(The title - in case you hadn't spotted - is an unashamed reference to his famous catchphrase.)

Richard is supported by a small core cast viz:

David Tennant

John Sessions

Lewis Macleod

Arabella Weir

And Jane Slavin

Who play anyone and everyone!

Ghost written by Jon Canter

Produced by Clive Brill

A Pacificus Production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 18:00 Terry Pratchett (b007jlxx)

Only You Can Save Mankind

2. I'll See You in My Hallucinations

The ScreeWee Captain asks Johnny to lead them, but the

Gunnery Officer has other ideas.

As the alien fleet crosses the computer screen, 12 year-old Johnny prepares to blow the ScreeWee into a million pieces - sparking a wild seesaw adventure involving space warfare, starships and aliens.

Terry Pratchett's sci-fi fantasy novel stars Tim Smith and Janet Dale.

Dramatised by Bob Hescott.

Johnny Maxwell Tim Smith
ScreeWee Captain Janet Dale
Gunnery Officer Michael Angelis

Newsreader Renu Setna

Wobbler Akbar Karim

Big Mac Michael Perestrelo

Yo-less Peter Dalton

ScreeWee Crew Member Tessa Harrison

Kirsty Natalie Moore

Johnny's Father Laurence Rew

Johnny's Mother Marian Kemmer

Nozzer David Hawkins

Shane Matthew Campion

The Architect Simon Carter

Producer: Brian Lighthill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1996.

SAT 18:30 Ursula K Le Guin - The Diary of the Rose (b00nhq5n)

Episode 2

Psychiatrist Rosa Sobel makes a shocking discovery about the organisation she works for. Laurel Lefkow concludes Ursula K Le Guin's tale.

SAT 19:00 Comedy Controller (b007jpx5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 Comedy Club at Machynlleth (b01s7tnr)

2013

Episode 4

Isy Suttie, on stage at the Machynlleth Bowling Club, chats to Bridget Christie.

SAT 22:05 Rhod Gilbert's Bulging Barrel of Laughs (b00tysvb)

Episode 5

Welsh comic Rhod Gilbert introduces regulars Lloyd Langford and Greg Davies, plus Sarah Millican who takes a weekly look at The Six Stages of Woman.

With live music from Divine Comedy.

Guest comedian: Shappi Khorsandi.

Find out whether animals can have human faces; what annoys Rhod about considerate builders; and the most surprising location for a postage stamp.

Producers: Julia McKenzie and Lianne Coop.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in October 2010.

SAT 23:05 Comedy Club at Machynlleth (b01s7tn)

2013

Episode 5

Isy Suttie performs with Gavin Osborne at Machynlleth Bowling Club.

SAT 23:10 Dave Podmore (b00nct5b)

Strictly Dave Podmore

This is the hitherto untold story of Strictly series Seven, when England's least co-ordinated cricketer Dave Podmore spun his way onto the dancefloor of Strictly Come Dancing, stumbling in the twinkle-toed footsteps of Messrs Ramprakash, Gough and Tuffnell.

Can England's legendary journeyman, never known for his timing and footwork on the field, pull it off on the night? Will he manage the Rhumba without spilling his Red Bull?

Its Saturday Night Fever meets Test Match Special. Not exactly Dirty Dancing, but certainly a disappointing standard of hygiene. Dave Podmore is written and performed by Christopher Douglas and Andrew Nickolds with Nick Newman.

Producer: Richard Wilson

A Hat Trick Production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 23:40 Comedy Club at Machynlleth (b01s7tnw)

2013

Episode 6

Nick Helm joins Isy Suttie on stage at Machynlleth Bowling Club to chat and sing.

SAT 23:45 Poets' Tree (b00slxyx)

Episode 2

Islington poet Paul Hamilton meets a fruit linguist, and visits a young offenders institute to demonstrate the rehabilitative powers of poetry.

Poetry magazine spoof with Kevin Eldon and Stewart Lee.

With Olivia Colman and Peter Serafinowicz.

Producer: Ed Morrish

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2008.

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SUN 01:00 Garrison Keillor's Radio Show (b010x8rk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Saturday]

SUN 02:00 The Cazalets - Omnibus (b01s7tjc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Saturday]

SUN 03:15 Drama (b00kjhjg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:15 on Saturday]

SUN 04:00 Arthur Wing Pinero - Dandy Dick (b007jt15)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday]

SUN 05:30 Believe It! (b01j5nw6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:30 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 Ladies of Letters (b00k1864)

Ladies Of Letters Spring Clean (Omnibus)

Spring cleaning unearths a confusing contraption, while the heart attack of a mutual suitor brings deep-seated rivalries to the fore for the proud grandmothers.

Prunella Scales and Patricia Routledge return as bickering Irene Spencer and Vera Small, and this time they're full of springtime recipes and tips for a long and healthy life.

Written by Lou Wakefield and Carole Hayman.

With:

Rachel Atkins

Christopher Kelham

Ann Beach

Producer: Liz Webb

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2013.

SUN 07:15 Adventures in Science (b00fpfr)

Series 2

Flu

Ben Silburn goes to war. His enemy is the influenza virus and the human body is the battlefield. With Professor John Oxford.

SUN 07:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b0088vy7)

Series 4

January 31

With his tax return looming, the curmudgeonly author surprises his agent. Stars Christopher Douglas. From November 2007.

SUN 08:00 Educating Archie (b007jx7p)

From 11/02/1954

Archie gets up to some high jinks with inks, thanks to cheeky schoolgirl chum, Monica.

Radio ventriloquism from Peter Brough and schoolboy, Archie Andrews.

With Harry Secombe, Beryl Reid, Hattie Jacques, Bernard Miles, Ronald Chesney and Peter Madden.

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.

Script by Eric Sykes with Walter Ridley.

Music by the BBC Revue Orchestra conducted by Harry Rabinowitz.

Producer: Roy Speer

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in February 1954.

SUN 08:30 The Men from the Ministry (b010k3jw)

A Bird in the Hand

Chaos ensues when Sir Gregory announces he's off. And there's a parrot to look after...

A weekly tribute to all those who work in government departments.

Stars Richard Murdoch and Deryck Guyler. With Norma Ronald, John Graham and Ronald Baddiley.

Written by Edward Taylor and John Graham.

'The Men from the Ministry' ran for 14 series between 1962 and 1977. Deryck Guyler replaced Wilfrid Hyde-White from 1966. Sadly many episodes didn't survive in the archive, however the BBC's Transcription Service re-recorded 14 shows in 1980 - never broadcast in the UK, until the arrival of BBC Radio 4 Extra.

Producer: Edward Taylor

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 4 in September 1970.

SUN 09:00 Rudyard Kipling - The Jungle Book (b00cpjic)

Tiger! Tiger!

Forced out from the jungle, Mowgli must learn to live with humans. Stars Nisha K Nayar, Eartha Kitt and Freddie Jones.

SUN 09:30 Louisa May Alcott - Little Women (b007jqqn)

Dark Days

Marmee leaves to care for Father and Beth falls ill. Stars Buffy Davis, Jemma Redgrave and Gayle Hunnicutt.

SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b01s7vmm)

TV Experts

Dr Jacob Bronowski

4 Extra Debut. From Schubert to Dietrich, scientist Dr Jacob Bronowski shares his castaway choices with Roy Plomley. From January 1974.

SUN 10:30 The Common Sense of Science (b01sbjs0)

4 Extra Debut. In 1948, mathematician Dr Jacob Bronowski - later presenter of TV's The Ascent of Man - considered science's future role.

SUN 10:45 EM Forster Short Stories (b017gqvz)

The Story of the Siren

The Story of the Siren is the first in our series of short fiction by EM Forster. It is an unsettling story about a sea nymph and an ill fated young Sicilian. The novelist best known for twentieth century classics including A Passage to India, A Room with a View and Maurice was also a prolific writer of short stories. In them he explored many of the themes central to his novels, including the morals of the middle classes in the early twentieth century, and his fascination with culture and mores of the beguiling South. The reader is Dan Stevens.

Abridged by Richard Hamilton. Produced by Elizabeth Allard.

SUN 11:00 That Reminds Me (b007jz0c)

Series 1

Bill Pertwee

Comic actor Bill Pertwee recalls the early days of his showbiz career as he entertains an audience.

Featuring memories of making the BBC's Round the Horne and Dad's Army.

Producer: Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1999.

SUN 11:30 How Tickled Am I? (b007mw9s)

Series 3

Arthur Askey

'Big-hearted', but also a comedic radical. Mark Radcliffe profiles one of Britain's most successful comic performers. Series exploring the tradition of influential northern comedians.

Producer Libby Cross

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2000.

SUN 12:00 Ladies of Letters (b00k1864)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SUN 13:15 Adventures in Science (b00fpfr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

SUN 13:30 Ronald Harwood - The Dresser (b01s82g4)

"What do we play tomorrow, Norman?"

"King Lear, sir."

"Then I shall wake with the storm clouds in my head."

Norman has his work cut out, as 'Sir' prepares to tackle yet another performance of Lear.

Starring Freddie Jones as Sir, Michael Palin as Norman and Melinda Walker as Her Ladyship.

Percussionist: Roy Sinclair

Written by Ronald Harwood. Adapted and directed for radio by David Blount.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1993.

SUN 15:00 Educating Archie (b007jx7p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SUN 15:30 The Men from the Ministry (b010k3jw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

SUN 16:00 Mel's Mix: The Best of The 4 O'Clock Show (b01s7w0m)

Mel Giedroyc with the best of this week's 4 O'Clock Show.

SUN 17:00 Rudyard Kipling - The Jungle Book (b00cpjic)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SUN 17:30 Louisa May Alcott - Little Women (b007jqqn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

SUN 18:00 The Scarifiers (b01s7w2b)

The Horror of Loch Ness

Episode 4

Can Harry Crow defeat the devilish locals? Can Professor

Dunning escape the time trap? Stars David Warner.

SUN 18:30 The Price of Fear (b01s7w2d)

The Specialty of the House

Prince of terror Vincent Price recounts a culinary tale which leaves a bitter taste.

Co-starring Hugh Burden, Francis de Wolfe, William Sleight and Vernon Joyner.

Written by Stanley Ellin and dramatised by Barry Campbell.

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in 1974.

SUN 19:00 That Reminds Me (b007jz0c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

SUN 19:30 How Tickled Am I? (b007mw9s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:30 today]

SUN 20:00 Educating Archie (b007jx7p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SUN 20:30 The Men from the Ministry (b010k3jw)

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SUN 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b01s7vmm)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 22:30 Comedy Club at Machynlleth (b01s7w4y)

2013

Episode 7

Sara Pascoe chats to Rob Newman in a Machynlleth bookshop.

SUN 22:35 The Ape That Got Lucky (b0080nk7)

Social Development

The real story of the human brain.

According to scientists, it's developed to help us cope with our unpleasantly complicated social lives.

A spoof exploration of the fascinating subject of human evolution.

Starring Chris Addison.

With Professor Austin Herring (aka Geoffrey McGivern), Jo

Enright and Dan Tetsell.

Written by Chris Addison and Carl Cooper.

Producer: Simon Nicholls

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2005.

SUN 23:05 Comedy Club at Machynlleth (b01s7w50)

2013

Episode 8

Joe Lycett heads to a train shed at the end of the Corris railway for a very special gig.

SUN 23:10 The Maltby Collection (b00czc0j)

Series 1

Episode 6

A popular TV detective series comes to film at the museum and its super-suave star takes a fancy to Prunella, leaving Rod and Julian feeling marginalised.

Geoffrey Palmer and Julian Rhind-Tutt star in David Nobbs' sitcom about a small museum of paintings and sculpture.

Rod Millet Julian Rhind-Tutt
 Walter Brindle Geoffrey Palmer
 Prunella Edgecumbe Rachel Atkins
 Julian Crumb-Loosely Ben Willbond
 Des Wainwright Michael Smiley
 Eva Tattle Julia Deakin
 Wilf Arbuthnot Geoff McGivern
 Stelios Constantinopolis Chris Pavlo
 Jeremy Noone Hugh Dennis
 Clive Neil Fitzmaurice
 Arabella Eve Dallas
 Nick Jot Davies
 Charlie Tattle Barry Cryer
 Producer: Colin Anderson
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2007.
SUN 23:40 Comedy Club at Machynlleth (b01s7w52)
 2013
 Episode 9
 Sara Pascoe chats to Ben Target and Nish Kumar about the Pleb Talks.
SUN 23:45 Poets' Tree (b00snx7d)
 Episode 3
 Paul Hamilton, the Islington poet, hears poetry written by a computer; conducts a rare interview with the legendary poet Celia Tierny; and meets the English teacher who inspired him to try poetry.
 Poetry magazine spoof with Kevin Eldon and Stewart Lee.
 With Olivia Colman and Peter Serafinowicz.
 Producer: Ed Morrish
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2008.

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MON 06:00 Paul Temple (b00t0jcn)
 Paul Temple and Steve
 Steve's Intuition
 A new production of the 1947 detective serial 'Paul Temple and Steve.' One of the great radio detectives returns refreshed and reinvigorated to the airwaves to investigate the activities of a shadowy and ruthless criminal mastermind in post-war London. The hunt for the elusive Dr. Belasco leads Paul and Sir Graham Forbes of Scotland Yard to a surprising discovery in a remote cottage. But it doesn't seem to take them any nearer finding Dr. Belasco - perhaps the two men should listen more attentively to Paul's wife Steve.
 Paul Temple Crawford Logan
 Steve Gerda Stevenson
 Sir Graham Forbes Gareth Thomas
 Kaufman Nick Underwood
 Worth/Charlie Greg Powrie
 Nelson Jimmy Chisholm
 Joseph Richard Greenwood
 Mrs Forester Candida Benson
 Ed Bellamy Robin Laing
 Insp. Perry Michael Mackenzie
 Produced by Patrick Rayner.
MON 06:30 Bill Murphy - Hallows End (b007k2zc)
 Wealthy Dubliner Dermot McPhail misguidedly buys a Gothic mansion on the wild coast of west Cork, but things start going dramatically wrong when the unscrupulous property developer and his pampered wife Clodagh move in.
 Is someone sabotaging Dermot's dream, or is the ancient curse of Hallows End at work?
 Bill Murphy's whodunit stars Gerry O'Brien as Dermot, Ann Marie Horan as Clodagh, Darragh Kelly as Patrick, Helen Norton as Aoife and Simon Delaney as Martin/Barman.
 Producer: Lawrence Jackson
 Made for BBC Radio 7 by BBC Northern Ireland.
 First broadcast in 2007.
MON 07:00 Married (b007v2sz)
 Series 1
 Episode 3
 Grumpy bachelor Robin Lightfoot is feeling a little warmer towards his adopted "wife" - until his doppelganger's other woman turns up to rock the boat.
 With a new wife and kids, Robin learns more about his parallel

universe.
 Hugh Bonneville stars in Tony Bagley's comedy.
 Robin Hugh Bonneville
 Lesley Josie Lawrence
 Linda Sue Elliott-Nicholls
 Dirk Steve Frost
 Lord Reith Lewis MacLeod
 Ned Sam Bradley
 Producer Claire Jones
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1999.
MON 07:30 The Unbelievable Truth (b01s4768)
 Series 11
 Episode 4
 David Mitchell hosts the panel game in which four comedians are encouraged to tell lies and compete against one another to see how many items of truth they're able to smuggle past their opponents.
 Henning Wehn, Katherine Ryan, Graeme Garden and Lloyd Langford are the panellists obliged to talk with deliberate inaccuracy on subjects as varied as geese, horses, advertising and Madonna.
 The show is devised by Graeme Garden and Jon Naismith, the team behind Radio 4's I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue.
 Producer: Jon Naismith
 A Random Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4.
MON 08:00 Round the Horne (b007jrlz)
 Series 2
 Episode 5
 Master Spy Kenneth Horne's on the case of a remote-control guided nuclear banana - and Kenneth Williams throws a fresh tantrum over the show's script.
 With 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 April 1966.
MON 08:30 The Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise Show (b007qg0y)
 Series 2
 Episode 5
 Eric is a far from fair cop and there's some monkey business in Ernie's latest masterpiece 'The Mighty Kong'.
 Written by Eddie Braben.
 With Nicola Pagett and Elaine Delmar.
 Music from Peter Knight and his Orchestra.
 Producer: John Browell
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in September 1976.
MON 09:00 Sketchorama (b01s8q18)
 Series 2
 Episode 2
 Thom Tuck presents the pick of the new sketch groups currently performing live on the UK comedy circuit - with character, improv, broken and musical sketch comedy.
 This is the second series, and in the second episode:
 SO ON AND SO FORTH
 Posh sketch boys Nick Gadd, John Sherman and Martin Allanson have been performing together since 2010. In that time they have chalked up an acclaimed Edinburgh Fringe debut and picked up a Cofilmic Comedy Film Award for best sketch in 2011.
 THAT PAIR
 That Pair are Kathryn Bond and Lorna Shaw, who met at Bretton Hall where they discovered their mutual love of being from Essex. After graduating with one degree each in Theatre Acting, they have worked as professional actresses ever since. They came out of the comedy closet in 2010 as a female musical comedy duo. Influenced by fellow Bretton Haller's and comedy legends The League of Gentlemen and their Nans and Grandads, they perform sketches and songs with bags of silliness.
 SHEEPS
 Sheeps are Daran Johnson, Alastair Roberts and Liam Williams - three erudite young chaps doing sketches, and then doing themselves reflecting on their own sketches. Sheeps are graduates of that most venerable of comedy finishing schools, Cambridge Footlights. Liam Williams was runner-up in the 2010 standup contest So You Think You're Funny?, while Daran Johnson is already a prizewinning playwright.
 Producer: Gus Beattie
 A Comedy Unit production for BBC Radio 4.
MON 09:30 Artists (b00x59wq)
 Series 1
 Moor Will Mean Worse
 A community of artists in Cornwall bicker over each others' work - and with each other. Stars Pauline McLynn. From March 2003.
MON 10:00 Stella Gibbons - Cold Comfort Farm (b007k2m0)
 Flora's Rights Again
 As the wedding draws near, Flora Poste wrestles with Aunt Ada

Doom. Will she get her rights at last?
 Starring Patricia Gallimore and Elizabeth Proud.
 The conclusion of Stella Gibbons' tale of early-20th-century rural England.
 Flora Poste Patricia Gallimore
 Stella Gibbons Elizabeth Proud
 John Westbrook John Westbrook
 Reuben Starkadder Trevor Martin
 Judith Starkadder Margaret Robertson
 Adam Lamsbreath Cyril Shaps
 Seth Starkadder Sion Probert
 Amos Starkadder John Hollis
 Micah Starkadder Alexander John
 Richard Hawk-Monitor Stephen Garlick
 The Abbé Fausse-Maigre Malcolm Hayes
 Aunt Ada Doom Fabia Drake
 Mrs Beetle Miriam Margolyes
 Mr Mybug Michael Spice
 Harkaway Starkadder David Timson
 Urk Starkadder Christopher Scott
 Rennett Starkadder Christine Absalom
 Mrs Hawk-Monitor Margot Boyd
 Elfine Starkadder Jane Knowles
 Charles Fairford David McAlister
 Earl P Neck Nigel Anthony
 Dr Mudel John Rye
 Letty Pauline Letts
 Susan Diana Bishop
 Dramatised by Elizabeth Proud.
 Music: Terence Allbright
 Director: Ian Cotterell
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1981
MON 11:00 Afternoon Reading (b00r0tbx)
 Bath Festival Stories by Candlelight
 The Whisper by Diana Evans
 Bath Festival Stories by Candlelight
 The last in a series of supernatural tales commissioned by Radio 4 for last year's Bath Literature Festival.
 3/3 : The Whisper by Diana Evans read by Syan Blake
 Rachel is a burden to her neighbours, but she carries her own burden too.
 Producer Christine Hall.
MON 11:15 Loose Ends (b01s7tq9)
 Jack Jones, Julie Burchill, Gloria Hunniford, Peter Culshaw, Primal Scream, Birds of Chicago
 This week Clive Anderson dreams The Impossible Dream with double Grammy Award winning, legendary crooner Jack Jones. He tells Clive about his career as a pop and swing singer in the 60's and why he's saying goodbye to the UK with his 'Jack Jones Farewell UK Tour'. It starts on 12th May at National Concert Hall Dublin and ends on Sunday 2nd June at The Kings Theatre, Southsea.
 Clive has a Sugar Rush with journalist, author and self-declared 'militant feminist' Julie Burchill. In 1989, Julie first penned the 1980s-defining blockbuster 'Ambition'; a novel where no taboo is left unbroken, no fantasy left unfulfilled in a shocking exposé of the lengths to which one woman will go to become editor of the UK's bestselling tabloid.
 It's re-released in paperback on 6th May.
 Jo Bunting has a clandestine chat with music and arts broadcaster Peter Culshaw. Peter's written the biography of Manu Chao, the Che Guevara of world music, who once toured Colombia by train with a circus troupe, negotiating with government troops, rebels and narcotics traffickers along the way.
 'Clandestino: In Search of Manu Chao' is the story of one of the world's most elusive stars.
 Clive's star-gazing with broadcaster Gloria Hunniford, who's organised an event celebrating musical theatre at London's Royal Albert Hall. This annual star-studded benefit for The Caron Keating Foundation helps people and families affected by cancer. 'The Night of 1000 Stars' is on Sunday 5th May at 2 0.00.
 With music from the Scream Team! Scottish rockers Primal Scream perform 'It's Alright, It's OK' from their album 'More Light'.
 And Birds of Chicago bounce into the studio to perform 'Trampoline' from their album 'Birds of Chicago'
 Producer: Sukey Firth.
MON 12:00 Round the Horne (b007jrlz)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
MON 12:30 The Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise Show (b007qg0y)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
MON 13:00 Paul Temple (b00t0jcn)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 13:30 Bill Murphy - Hallows End (b007k2zc)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
MON 14:00 Kathryn Stockett - The Help (b016w0m6)
 Kathryn Stockett - The Help
 Episode 1
 Jackson Mississippi, 1962. Black maids raise the white children, but no-one trusts them. Then three women get brave. Stars Alibe Parsons and Laurel Lefkow.
MON 14:15 Cosmic Quest (b00fzpz2)
 Mirror of the Earth
 Astronomer Heather Couper looks at the history of astrology which began as a way of advising rulers on their military campaigns.
MON 14:30 Michael Palin - Hemingway's Chair (b01s8v6t)

Episode 1

Assistant postmaster Martin Sproale is pinning his hopes on a promotion in the quiet coastal town of Theston. But the area manager has his own plan to push the old-fashioned post office into the hi-tech 21st century... Michael Palin begins a ten-part reading of his first novel. Producer: Rosemary Watts

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1995.

MON 14:45 Claire Rayner - How Did I Get Here From There? (b007k448)

Episode 1

Legendary agony aunt Claire Rayner reads her own biography, recalling her difficult childhood with extraordinary candour.

MON 15:00 Stella Gibbons - Cold Comfort Farm (b007k2m0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

MON 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b01s8w0t)

Richard Hammond reads our new story 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Flies Again' by Frank Cottrell Boyce. Plus we start broadcasting the top 50 of the Chris Evans 500 WORDS competition.

MON 17:00 Flying the Flag (b007jx83)

Series 1

Compromising Positions

Why does William sleep with his windscreen wipers? And will the tabloid press settle for a diplomatic answer?

The British Ambassador gets suspicious...

Alex Shearer's Eastern bloc embassy sitcom.

Starring Dinsdale Landen as HM Ambassador Mackenzie, Peter Acre as William Frost, Moir Leslie as Helen Waterson, Christopher Benjamin as Colonel Surikov, Milton Johns as Brown and Margaret Ward as Mrs Poonskey.

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1987.

MON 17:30 Married (b007v2sz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 18:00 Planet B (b00y1whc)

Series 3

Haunted

As the rogues face their biggest threat yet, a familiar face returns. Virtual reality saga by Dawn King. Stars Lloyd Thomas.

MON 18:30 Aldous Huxley - Brave New World (b007jtlg)

Episode 1

Meet the man who battery farms humans.

Published in 1932, Aldous Huxley's enduring tale about cloning, consumerism and chemical abandon in a nightmare vision of an ideal society in the future.

Read by Anton Lesser.

Abridged in 10 parts by Neville Teller.

Producer: Duncan Minshull

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2003.

MON 18:45 MR James (b00pdxrw)

MR James Stories

Oh Whistle and I'll Come to You My Lad

Derek Jacobi introduces the tale of a curious artefact found in the ruins of a Knights Templar church. Stars Jamie Glover.

MON 19:00 Round the Horne (b007jrlz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 20:30 Bill Murphy - Hallows End (b007k2zc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 21:00 Afternoon Reading (b00r0t0x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

MON 21:15 Loose Ends (b01s7tq9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

MON 22:00 The Unbelievable Truth (b01s4768)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 22:30 Comedy Club at Machynlleth (b01s8wbq)

2013

Episode 10

Ray and Ed join David O'Doherty on a piano underneath Machynlleth Clock Tower.

MON 22:35 Sketchorama (b01s8q18)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 23:05 Comedy Club at Machynlleth (b01s8wbs)

2013

Episode 11

Ray challenges Ed to find the smallest venue at Machynlleth.

MON 23:10 The Machynlleth Comedy Festival (b01s8w81)

2013

Mike Bubbins hosts highlights of 2013's Machynlleth Comedy Festival in Wales, featuring Lloyd Langford, Pappy's and Nish Kumar.

MON 23:40 Comedy Club at Machynlleth (b01s8wbv)

2013

Episode 12

Ray and Ed grab a chat with Colin Hoult, plus more from Isy Suttie's chat with Gavin Osborne.

MON 23:45 Poets' Tree (b00sr84g)

Episode 4

Paul Hamilton looks at pop music's poetic merits plus a tribute to an unheralded genius. Stars Kevin Eldon. From April 2008.

TUE 00:00 Planet B (b00y1whc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Monday]

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TUE 04:15 Loose Ends (b01s7tq9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Monday]

TUE 05:00 Flying the Flag (b007jx83)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Monday]

TUE 05:30 Married (b007v2sz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

TUE 06:00 Paul Temple (b00t2xwp)

Paul Temple and Steve

The Suspects

The net is closing on Dr Belasco, but the sleuth and his wife are now in danger from an unexpected quarter. Stars Gerda Stevenson.

TUE 06:30 Unofficial Rosie (b007jllq)

1. Down These Mean Streets

Merseyside mother of two Rosie Monaghan is 39 and

redundant.

Wondering what to do with the rest of her life - she decides to

become a private detective...

Paula Wilcox stars in Alan McDonald's six-part thriller serial.

Rosie Paula Wilcox

Margie Elizabeth Estensen

Jerry Christopher Bramwell

Mike Steve Hodson

Bob Dominic Grousell

Carol Helen Roberts

Andrew Kim Wall

Others parts played by Federay Holmes, Siriol Jenkins,

Matthew Morgan and Nicholas Murchie.

Music composed by Peter Howell.

Director: Tracey Neale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1993.

TUE 07:00 On Baby Street (b00slpx9)

Series 3

Episode 4

Geraldine hears from a publisher about her book, written behind husband Clifford's back. Stars Frances Barber. From July 1998.

TUE 07:30 Kerry's List (b01s46vd)

Series 1

Episode 1

The first in a four-part sketch show co-written by and starring comedian and actress Kerry Godliman.

Kerry is a married mother of two, a stand up comedian and has two children. Her life can only properly function with her daily list - if she didn't compile this vital list, her life would simply fall apart.

Each week, this series looks at a different list and delves into Kerry's madcap world by looking at various elements of that week's list in sketches, narrative and stand up.

In this first episode, Kerry's List includes avoiding eBay, de-scaling the kettle, looking good and being romantic for Valentine's Day, buying jeans, retrieving an asthma pump from the Hoover, toning her upper arms and reviewing the plumber! Joining Kerry is her husband Ben (played by her real husband Ben Abell) and her five year old daughter Elsie (played by Melissa Bury) together with a range of bizarre characters - including an enthusiastic council environment worker, some disgruntled satsumas, a bored therapist, a Fairy Jeanmother and a very keen gym instructor.

Any busy parent who's ever compiled a list of their own will relate to Kerry Godliman's incident filled world.

The cast includes David Pusey (who co-wrote the series),

Bridget Christie, Lucy Briers, Rosie Cavaliero and Nicholas Le Prevost.

Kerry Godliman is fast establishing herself as a highly skilful stand up comic and actress, from her recent appearances on Live at The Apollo (BBC 1), Derek (C4) and Our Girl (BBC 1).

Producer: Paul Russell

An Open Mike production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b007k0fk)

Series 10

The Last Smoking Seagoon

Ned is quitting nicotine, but Grytpype-Thynne has other ideas.

End of the regular series. With Spike Milligan. From January 1960.

TUE 08:30 The Ken Dodd Show (b00z17rx)

From 17/12/1967

The King of Knotty Ash and a legendary footballer, the Head of Pips and a pantomime. With John Laurie.

Starring Ken Dodd.

With John Laurie, Patricia Hayes, Graham Stark and Judith Chalmers.

Doddy's Diddy Orchestra conducted by Geoff Alderson

Script by Ken Dodd and Eddie Braben.

Producer: Bill Worsley

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in December 1967.

TUE 09:00 The News Quiz Extra (b01s904x)

Series 7

Episode 4

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

TUE 09:45 Armando Iannucci - Facts And Fancies (b007jrm4)

Episode 4

From writing books to environmental damage.

Producer, writer and performer Armando Iannucci presents his own collection of humorous essays.

Compiled by Jenny Baynes.

Producer: Jonathan James-Moore

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1998.

TUE 10:00 Jim Eldridge - Crosswords (b007w40v)

Arthur in Bournemouth, or Many Arrived Around (7 Letters)

Crossword compiler Stephen gets embroiled with lovely widow Penny. Romantic tale starring Wendy Craig and Geoffrey Palmer.

TUE 11:00 Elvis in Prestwick (b00qvlrf)

Elvis in Prestwick

Series of three stories celebrating 50 years since Elvis Presley's only trip to Britain, a brief stopover at a small Scottish airport on his return from military service in Germany.

By Oliver Emanuel. A shy young girl who doesn't even like rock 'n' roll is dragged to the airport by her best friend, who is determined to catch a glimpse of the American superstar.

Read by Laura Fraser.

TUE 11:15 Drama (b00rm21n)

Arabian Afternoons

The Casper Logue Affair

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by Sebastian Baczkiewicz

An absurd black comedy thriller, set in Baghdad. The first of three Arabian Afternoons - contemporary plays inspired by

tales from The Arabian Nights.

Junior diplomat Bob Goldacre is in trouble: the American businessman he was looking after has vanished from a Baghdad street. As the suspects pile up, Goldacre is going to have his

work cut out if he wants to save his career and make sure that justice is done.

Directed by Abigail le Fleming.

TUE 12:00 The Goon Show (b007k0fk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 12:30 The Ken Dodd Show (b00z17rx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 13:00 Paul Temple (b00t2xwp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 13:30 Unofficial Rosie (b007jllq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 14:00 Kathryn Stockett - The Help (b016ywr9)

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Episode 2

Skeeter tries to discover what happened to Constantine. Minny settles in as Celia Foote's help. Starring Alibe Parsons and

Laurel Lefkowitz.

TUE 14:15 Cosmic Quest (b00bfpzw)

Three Wise Men

Heather Couper reviews ancient associations of stars and planets with deities and astrology's link to maths and the

24-hour day.

TUE 14:30 Michael Palin - Hemingway's Chair (b01s90x3)

Episode 2

Martin Sproale feels increasingly slighted by his lack of promotion at the post office. Meanwhile he discovers there's a rival Hemingway collector.

Michael Palin continues this ten-part reading of his first novel.

Producer: Rosemary Watts

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1995.

TUE 14:45 Claire Rayner - How Did I Get Here From There? (b007k45g)

Episode 2

Reading her own biography, famous agony aunt Claire Rayner reveals her teenage ambitions and determination to become a nurse.

TUE 15:00 Jim Eldridge - Crosswords (b007w40v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

TUE 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b01s918k)

Richard Hammond reads the next chapter of 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Flies Again', and Mel hears the story of the car and how it changed the world forever.

TUE 17:00 The Random Jottings of Hinge and Bracket (b007jzr0)

Constant Dripping

An unwelcome visitor turns an absence of water into a trauma. Stars Dr Evadne Hinge and Dame Hilda Bracket. From July

1987.

TUE 17:30 On Baby Street (b00slpx9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

TUE 18:00 Planet B (b00y90wz)

Series 3

TUESDAY 07 MAY 2013

The Pirate Islands
Medley and Kip must battle island inhabitants to save Planet B. Virtual reality saga by Penelope Skinner. Stars Claire Harry.
TUE 18:30 Aldous Huxley - Brave New World (b007jtmn)
Episode 2
Bernard Marx is a misfit in an ideal society. So why is Lenina attracted to him? Nightmare future vision read by Anton Lesser. From April 2003.
TUE 18:45 MR James (b00pdzgz)
MR James Stories
The Tractate Middoth
Diligent curator, David Garrett, gets caught up in the machinations of the mysterious Dr Rant when he's sent down to the library stacks to retrieve an obscure manuscript.
Derek Jacobi - as the voice of MR James - introduces classic ghost stories.
Dramatised by Chris Harrald.
Stars Sam Dale as Mr Thompson, Joseph Millson as Garrett, John Rowe as Mr Eldred and Joannah Tincey as Lucy Simpson.
Producer: Gemma Jenkins
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007.
TUE 19:00 The Goon Show (b007k0fk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
TUE 19:30 The Ken Dodd Show (b00zl7rx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
TUE 20:00 Paul Temple (b00t2xwp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
TUE 20:30 Unofficial Rosie (b007jlfq)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
TUE 21:00 Elvis in Prestwick (b00qvrlf)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
TUE 21:15 Drama (b00rm21n)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]
TUE 22:00 Kerry's List (b01s46vd)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
TUE 22:30 The Museum of Everything (b00gknj8)
Series 3
The Museum Reopens
A temp with a scary clown face aids the tour guide.
Written and performed by Marcus Brigstocke, Danny Robins and Dan Teasel.
With Lucy Montgomery.
Music by Dominic Haslam and Ben Walker.
Producer: Alex Walsh-Taylor
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2006.
TUE 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b01sksmv)
For two hours, six nights a week, the Comedy Club offers the best laughs around. Tonight, Jon Holmes chats to Sean Hughes.
TUE 23:00 I Think I've Got a Problem (b00cfzrq)
Series 2
Episode 2
Tom tried to get into his mother's good books by helping out at her folk club, but soon finds himself in the doghouse when the band inside his head launch into a jazz number in the middle of her song.
In an attempt to make amends he tries to raise money for the church funds and finds himself taking part in a stand-up comedy competition...
Andrew McGibbon and Nick Romero's everyday story about a man who can't stop himself from breaking into song.
Suggs Tom Caine
Bob Monkhouse Dr Boone
Phil Cornwell Bouche
Andrew McGibbon Jake
Nick Romero Monty De Vere
Bill Nighy Malc
Julia Deakin Phelia
Toby Longworth Clammy
Tracy-Ann Oberman
Songs: Andrew McGibbon, Nick Romero and Suggs
Producers: Andrew McGibbon and Dawn Ellis.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2003.
TUE 23:30 Pleased to Meet You (b0124y89)
Pilot
90-something good-time girl Dora Dale shares wild tales of her star-strewn past.
Betraying confidences and breaking unwritten rules galore, the friend of the stars reveals some surprising and salacious secrets.
Written by and starring Martin Kelner and Jake Yapp.
Made for BBC7 and first broadcast in November 2005.

WEDNESDAY 08 MAY 2013

WED 00:00 Planet B (b00y90wz)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Tuesday]
WED 00:30 Aldous Huxley - Brave New World (b007jtmn)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Tuesday]
WED 00:45 MR James (b00pdzgz)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:45 on Tuesday]
WED 01:00 Paul Temple (b00t2xwp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Tuesday]
WED 01:30 Unofficial Rosie (b007jlfq)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Tuesday]
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[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Tuesday]
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[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Tuesday]
WED 05:00 The Random Jottings of Hinge and Bracket (b007jzr0)
[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Tuesday]
WED 05:30 On Baby Street (b00slpx9)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]
WED 06:00 Paul Temple (b00t4tps)
Paul Temple and Steve
The Final Curtain
A new production of the 1947 detective serial 'Paul Temple and Steve.' One of the great radio detectives returns refreshed and reinvigorated to the airwaves to investigate the activities of a shadowy and ruthless criminal mastermind in post-war London. The identity of the mysterious Dr. Belasco is finally revealed. But it's one thing to unmask someone, quite another to capture them; and Belasco still has a trick or two up his - or is it her? - sleeve.
Paul Temple Crawford Logan
Steve Gerda Stevenson
Sir Graham Forbes Gareth Thomas
Kaufman Nick Underwood
Worth/Charlie Greg Powrie
Nelson Jimmy Chisholm
Joseph Richard Greenwood
Ed Bellamy Robin Laing
Insp. Perry Michael Mackenzie
Produced by Patrick Rayner.
WED 06:30 Unofficial Rosie (b007jlg3)
2. Following From In Front
Who is novice private-eye Rosie Monaghan's mystery client? And how do you trail somebody?
Paula Wilcox stars in Alan McDonald's six-part thriller serial.
Rosie Paula Wilcox
Margie Elizabeth Estensen
Jerry Christopher Bramwell
Andrew Kim Wall
Graham David Throuse
Bob Dominic Grounell
Carol Helen Roberts
Bill Dominic Letts
Music composed by Peter Howell.
Director: Tracey Neale
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1993.
WED 07:00 Two Doors Down (b0076h8n)
Series 3
And It Was All Yellow
Rory and Evie throw a party while their parents are away and Sally is out to dinner
Annie McCartney's comedy drama about the bohemian residents of Marlborough Road, Belfast, who are saved from their own chaos by Sally, their cleaning lady.
Sally Frances Tomelty
Saffron Ali White
Trevor Gerard McSorley
Fintan Gerard Murphy
Clare Marcella Riordan
Anna Hannah R Gordon
Simon Lloyd Houston
Evie Katy Gleadhill
Tony Robert Patterson
Edith Roma Tomelty
Layla Eadaoin Hegarty
Victor Alan McKee
Rory Richard Clements
Director: Tanya Nash
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2003
WED 07:30 Down the Line (b01s4qqz)
Series 5
Food and Music
The ground-breaking Radio 4 phone-in show, hosted by the legendary Gary Bellamy and brought to you by the creators of The Fast Show.
Starring Rhys Thomas, with Amelia Bullmore, Simon Day, Felix Dexter, Charlie Higson, Lucy Montgomery, Adil Ray, Robert Popper and Paul Whitehouse.
Produced by Charlie Higson and Paul Whitehouse
A Down The Line production for BBC Radio 4.
WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007k1nm)
Series 2
The Rail Strike
The lad gets a green signal to outwit a rail strike, but a bumpy ride lies ahead.
Starring Tony Hancock.
With Bill Kerr, Sidney James, Andree Melly and Kenneth Williams.
Announcer: Kenneth Williams
Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.
Theme and incidental music composed by Wally Stott.
Recorded by the BBC Revue Orchestra conducted by Harry Rabinowitz.
Producer: Dennis Main Wilson
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in June 1955.
WED 08:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00wmxgc)

Series 5
Episode 12
The sound archives of the BBC - and noises animals make. More quick-fire sketches, terrible puns, humorous songs and parodies.
Stars Tim Brooke-Taylor, Graeme Garden, David Hatch, Bill Oddie and Jo Kendall.
Written by 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 Leon Cohen and Bill Oddie.
Producer: Humphrey Barclay
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in July 1967.
WED 09:00 After Henry (b007jqn4)
Series 4
Sunday Lunch
"In certain circumstances you steam fish when someone's ill or something. You don't steam potatoes."
Sarah and her mother Eleanor argue over cooking the veg. Simon Brett's comedy about three generations of women - struggling to cope after the death of Sarah's GP husband - who never quite manage to see eye to eye.
Sarah Prunella Scales
Eleanor Joan Sanderson
Russell Benjamin Whitrow
Clare Gerry Cowper
Four radio series were made, but instead of moving to BBC TV - Thames Television produced 'After Henry' for the ITV network.
Producer: Pete Atkin
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1989.
WED 09:30 It's Your Round (b00zf4nz)
Series 1
Episode 5
Angus Deayton hosts the comedy panel show with no format. Tim Key, Micky Flanagan, Bridget Christie and Nick Hancock battle it out to see who can beat each other at their own games each has brought along.
What is Micky's 'Cockney Rhyming Slang Charades' all about and is it any fun to play? Can anyone understand the rules to Tim's 'No More Women'? And what is Bridget's idea of her 'Fantasy Funeral'? Find out the answers to these questions, and more, in this show.
Angus valiantly tries to make sure everyone comes out of it with their reputations intact.
Reader: Christine Kavanagh
Writers: Angus Deayton, Ged Parsons and Paul Powell
Devised by Benjamin Partridge
Producer: Sam Michell.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2011.
WED 10:00 Jim Eldridge - Crosswords (b007w4dz)
Leonardo in Lyme Regis
A da Vinci turns up in Dorset - or does it? Crossword compiler Stephen sets out to solve the puzzle. Starring Geoffrey Palmer.
WED 11:00 Elvis in Prestwick (b00qvrlh)
Do You Know Where I Am? by Andrew O'Hagan
Stories first broadcast in 2010, celebrating 50 years since Presley's only trip to Britain - a brief stopover at a small Scottish airport on his return from military service in Germany. In Andrew O'Hagan's short story, a man remembers the moment in 1960 when his home town in Ayrshire first felt connected to the rest of the world.
Read by Finn Den Hertog
Producer Eilidh McCreadie
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2010.
WED 11:15 Drama (b00rmpw)
Arabian Afternoons
The Porter and the Three Ladies
The Porter and the Three Ladies
by Rachel Joyce
A wild, dark modern fairytale, set in Damascus. The second in a series of contemporary plays inspired by stories from the Arabian Nights.
It is time for Shahrazad to tell another tale to save her life. In this story within a story, we find out that if Joe doesn't find the exclusive to satisfy his ruthless editor, he will lose his job. He finds three beautiful women in Damascus but what is the truth behind their secret life?
Directed by Tracey Neale.
WED 12:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007k1nm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
WED 12:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00wmxgc)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
WED 13:00 Paul Temple (b00t4tps)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
WED 13:30 Unofficial Rosie (b007jlg3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
WED 14:00 Kathryn Stockett - The Help (b016261f)
Kathryn Stockett - The Help
Episode 3
Skeeter wants to write about the lives of black maids in Jackson. Who will be interviewed? Stars Alibe Parsons and Laurel Lefkow.
WED 14:15 Cosmic Quest (b00bvsd2)
Philosopher Scientists
Heather Couper considers Greek philosopher Thales's idea that natural forces, not actions by gods, cause natural disasters.

From 2008.
WED 14:30 Michael Palin - Hemingway's Chair (b01s93jx)
 Episode 3
 As pressure mounts at the post office, Martin finds himself being challenged in his private life, too.
 Michael Palin continues this ten-part reading of his first novel.
 Producer: Rosemary Watts
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1995.
WED 14:45 Claire Rayner - How Did I Get Here From There? (b007k46j)
 Episode 3
 Legendary agony aunt Claire Rayner reads her own extraordinary life story, recounting unhappy times spent in 1950s Toronto.
WED 15:00 Jim Eldridge - Crosswords (b007w4dz)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
WED 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b01s944x)
 Mel hears about the personal flying machines we'll all be buzzing around in in the future. Plus, three more great stories from this year's Chris Evans 500 WORDS competition.
WED 17:00 Stilgoe's Around (b007k433)
 From 15/07/1989
 Richard Stilgoe samples the grandeur of the National Trust's Clandon Park. With Peter Blake and Belinda Lang. From July 1989.
WED 17:30 Two Doors Down (b0076h8n)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
WED 18:00 Planet B (b00yhwsx)
 Series 3
 Doing Time
 Held in the world's toughest jail, can Kip escape prison brutality? Virtual reality saga by Nick Perry. Stars Lloyd Thomas.
WED 18:30 Aldous Huxley - Brave New World (b007nchp)
 Episode 3
 Feeling ill at ease, Bernard Marx shares his worries about Lenina with his best friend. Nightmare future vision read by Anton Lesser. From April 2003. Episode 3 of 10.
WED 18:45 MR James (b00pf12h)
 MR James Stories
 Lost Hearts
 Stephen Elliot - orphaned at the tender age of 12 - moves to his wealthy uncle's in Lincolnshire, only to find himself troubled by dreams of two ghostly figures...
 Derek Jacobi - as the voice of MR James - introduces classic ghost stories.
 Dramatised by Chris Harrald.
 Stars Sophie Roberts as Jane, James D'Arcy as Stephen Elliot, Katy Cavanagh as Mrs Bunch, Jordan Clarke as Young Stephen and Peter Marinker.
 Producer: Gemma Jenkins
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007.
WED 19:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007k1nm)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
WED 19:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00wmxgc)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
WED 20:00 Paul Temple (b004taps)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
WED 20:30 Unofficial Rosie (b007jlg3)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
WED 21:00 Elvis in Prestwick (b00qvlrh)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
WED 21:15 Drama (b00mrpw)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]
WED 22:00 Down the Line (b01s4qqz)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
WED 22:30 Les Kelly's Britain (b016x3h7)
 Episode 1
 Les Kelly hosts a magazine show from hell. Les is a cross between Jeremy Kyle and a slap in the face. He claims this is the only radio show for 'normal, decent people'. 'If you aren't decent, this is not the show for you,' says Les.
 Les meets a father whose daughter needs a new kidney. Well, perhaps 'need' isn't quite the right word. She just wants one more kidney than all her friends. Les also meets an expert on sanglancing. It's the dangerous new craze amongst young people - trouble is, no-one knows what it is.
 Starring Kevin Bishop as Les Kelly.
 With:
 Alan Francis as Jeff Stevens/Paddy O'Connor/Dr Legg/Kevin Fort
 Pippa Evans as Ms Howard/Nurse Magery/San Glandling Woman
 David Armand as Colin/Dr Stephens/Man in front row
 Margaret Cabourn-Smith as Wendy Hooper/Kirsty Travis/Alice Fort
 Produced and written by Bill Dare.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2011.
WED 23:00 Buy Me Up TV (b0094k0g)
 Episode 1
 Another chance to hear Buy Me Up TV.
 Every shopping channel you've ever seen and every product you've never wanted.
 Featuring Justin Edwards, Colin Hout, Katherine Jakeways, Ewen Macintosh, Alex MacQueen and Greg Proops. With special guest Eamonn Holmes.
WED 23:30 Knocker (b008d1f2)
 Obssejectivitysence
 Market researcher Ian surveys a high-tech future. Sitcom with

Neil Edmond and Paula Wilcox. From December 2007.
WED 23:45 Peter Bradshaw - For One Horrible Moment (b008756f)
 Episode 3
 Our hero receives a sexual initiation at the wheel of a Ford Anglia.
 Peter Bradshaw continues his hilariously disturbing personal account of one boy's transition into adulthood in 1970s Cambridgeshire at the hands of an eccentric father.
 Read by the author.
 Producer: Jon Naismith
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1999.

THURSDAY 09 MAY 2013

THU 00:00 Planet B (b00yhwsx)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Wednesday]
THU 00:30 Aldous Huxley - Brave New World (b007nchp)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Wednesday]
THU 00:45 MR James (b00pf12h)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:45 on Wednesday]
THU 01:00 Paul Temple (b004taps)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday]
THU 01:30 Unofficial Rosie (b007jlg3)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Wednesday]
THU 02:00 After Henry (b007jqn4)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Wednesday]
THU 02:30 It's Your Round (b00zf4nz)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Wednesday]
THU 03:00 Jim Eldridge - Crosswords (b007w4dz)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Wednesday]
THU 04:00 Elvis in Prestwick (b00qvlrh)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Wednesday]
THU 04:15 Drama (b00mrpw)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Wednesday]
THU 05:00 Stilgoe's Around (b007k433)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Wednesday]
THU 05:30 Two Doors Down (b0076h8n)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]
THU 06:00 Father Brown Stories (b007jp1b)
 Series 1
 The Blue Cross
 The cream of London's police force in association with France's finest detective fail to apprehend arch villain Flambeau, the master of disguise.
 Their suspicions fall on a tall Roman Catholic priest and they set off in vain pursuit. However it's the little English priest who seems to be behaving oddly.
 Series of GK Chesterton's stories about the insightful clerical sleuth dramatised by John Scotney.
 Starring Andrew Sachs as Father Brown and Olivier Pierre as Flambeau.
 With Bill Wallis as Bagshaw, Alan Thompson as the Sergeant, Ellen McIntosh as the Shopkeeper, Trader Faulkner as the Restaurateur, John Abineri as Valentine, Trevor Nichols as the Constable, Graham Blockey as the Porter and Robin Summers as the Waiter.
 Directed at BBC Bristol by Alec Reid.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1984.
THU 06:30 Unofficial Rosie (b007jlgf)
 3. Back Against the Wall
 A row over privatisation breaks out - and private eye Rosie has doubts over the apparently innocent death...
 Paula Wilcox stars in Alan McDonald's six-part thriller serial.
 Rosie Paula Wilcox
 Margie Elizabeth Estensen
 Jerry Christopher Bramwell
 Bob Dominic Grounsell
 Carol Helen Roberts
 Andrew Kim Wall
 Mike Steve Hodson
 Martin Paul Barber
 Andrew Kim Wall
 Bill Jones Dominic Letts
 Elsie Pauline Yates
 DS Murdoch Gareth Armstrong
 Hickey Michael Onslow
 Music composed by Peter Howell.
 Director: Tracey Neale
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1993.
THU 07:00 Do Nothing 'Til You Hear From Me (b0076hvw)
 Series 1
 I Could Write a Book
 Roy must face up to life after the loss of Leonard, his beloved trombone. Stars Ram Jam Holder. From October 2003.
THU 07:30 Mark Thomas: The Manifesto (b01s4szd)
 Series 5
 Manchester
 Comedian-activist Mark Thomas takes his People's Manifesto to Manchester.
 With policies on low-cost housing, happier train carriages and novel road safety techniques.
 Producer: Colin Anderson
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2013
THU 08:00 Dad's Army (b007jrv9)
 Series 1
 Museum Piece
 The determination of Captain Mainwaring and his Home Guard

platoon to fight to the last man is marked only by one small detail - a total lack of weapons.
 The comic exploits of a Second World War Home Guard platoon in Walmington-on-Sea.
 Adapted for radio from Jimmy Perry and David Croft's TV scripts by Harold Snoad and Michael Knowles
 Captain Mainwaring Arthur Lowe
 Sergeant Wilson John Le Mesurier
 Corporal Jones Clive Dunn
 Private Fraser John Laurie
 Private Godfrey Arnold Ridley
 Private Walker James Beck
 Private Pike Ian Lavender
 George Jones Eric Woodburn
 Announcer John Snagge
 Producer: John Dyas
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1974.
THU 08:30 Take It From Here (b007k438)
 From 24/04/1957
 Inventors Corner - and can Pa stop Ron and Eth marrying in a court of law in 'The Glums'?
 Starring Professor Jimmy Edwards, Dick Bentley, June Whitfield and Wallace Eton.
 Classic comedy scripted by Frank Muir and Denis Norden.
 Music from The Keynotes and the BBC Revue Orchestra with Harry Rabinowitz.
 Producer: Charles Maxwell
 First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in April 1957.
THU 09:00 Change at Oglethorpe (b007jzkw)
 The Thin Controller
 David Clare, Oglethorpe's new Station Master, has got off to a bad start - falling through the cafe window, being shot at and attacked by a prize ferret - but things look likely to get a lot worse when he tries to sack Rocket...
 Peter Morfoot's railway sitcom stars Peter Davison and Michael Williams.
 David Peter Davison
 Rocket Michael Williams
 June Rosemary Martin
 Points Philippa Wilson
 Hattie Madge Hindle
 Sodd Chris Emmett
 Other parts played by Tessa Worsley, John Hartley and Jonathan Keeble.
 Producer: Gareth Edwards
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in December 1995.
THU 09:30 Whispers (b00bzrmj)
 Series 2
 Episode 2
 What is the real truth about Alexander Graham Bell, Walt Disney and Lord Lucan?
 Gyles Brandreth hosts the quiz show with scandal on its mind and slander at its heart.
 Lynne Truss and Michele Brown join team captains Lucy Moore and Anthony Holden to run the gauntlet of gossip.
 Producer: Elizabeth Freestone
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2004.
THU 10:00 Jim Eldridge - Crosswords (b007w2ls)
 Shakespeare in Southampton
 Stephen delves into the mystery of a manuscript that may or may not be by the Bard. Starring Geoffrey Palmer and Wendy Craig.
THU 11:00 Elvis in Prestwick (b00qvlrk)
 Don't Ask Me Why by Ruth Thomas
 Stories first broadcast in 2010, celebrating 50 years since Presley's only trip to Britain - a brief stopover at a small Scottish airport on his return from military service in Germany.
 In Ruth Thomas's short story, the news that Sonia's best friend has been hit by a car is overshadowed by the arrival of an international celebrity at the local airport.
 Read by Sally Reid.
 Producer: Eilidh McCreadie
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2010.
THU 11:15 Drama (b00rmbx8)
 Arabian Afternoons
 A Dish of Pomegranates
 A Dish of Pomegranates
 by Peter Jukes
 The third in a series of plays inspired by stories from the Arabian Nights.
 Shared roots and scattered families in the melting pot of modern Jerusalem. Tired after a stressful trip, Ajib is stopped by security officers as he tries to fly out of Ben Gurion airport on his way home to the U.S. They don't think his story adds up. Can he make them believe him? And does he actually know the whole story himself?
 Directed by Mary Peate.
THU 12:00 Dad's Army (b007jrv9)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
THU 12:30 Take It From Here (b007k438)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
THU 13:00 Father Brown Stories (b007jp1b)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
THU 13:30 Unofficial Rosie (b007jlgf)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
THU 14:00 Kathryn Stockett - The Help (b017071p)
 Kathryn Stockett - The Help
 Episode 4
 Abileen wonders whether to join Skeeter's secret writing

project, regardless of risk. Stars Alibe Parsons and Laurel Lefkow.

THU 14:15 Cosmic Quest (b00byvc7)
Wheels Within Wheels
Heather Couper reflects on astronomer Ptolemy, who wrote 13 volumes listing over 1000 stars and 48 constellations around AD 150.

THU 14:30 Michael Palin - Hemingway's Chair (b01s9d01)
Episode 4
Martin finds himself drawn more and more to Ruth, but Elaine has some curt words for him.
Michael Palin continues this ten-part reading of his first novel.
Producer: Rosemary Watts
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1995.

THU 14:45 Claire Rayner - How Did I Get Here From There? (b007k47q)
Episode 4
Reading her own biography, legendary agony aunt Claire Rayner recounts her return to nursing and meeting the love of her life.

THU 15:00 Jim Eldridge - Crosswords (b007w2ls)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

THU 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b01s9d03)
Mel Giedroyc hears about the world's first ever parachutists, and Richard Hammond reads the next chapter of this week's story, 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Flies Again!'

THU 17:00 King Street Junior (b007jnjj)
Series 9
Danger Zone
Headmaster Mr Beeston yearns for the time when school was a sanctuary from the harsher perils of the outside world.
Created by Jim Eldridge, ten series of this comedy about a junior school ran between 1985 and 1998. King Street Junior Revisited ran from 2002 to 2005
Written by Jim Eldridge.
Stars Karl Howman as Mr Sims, James Grout as the Headmaster, Deirdre Costello as Mrs Patterson, Paul Copley as Mr Long, Marlene Sidaway as Miss Lewis, Margaret John as Mrs Stone, Vivienne Martin as Mrs Rudd, Alice Arnold as Mrs Goodman, Desmond Askew as the Muggler, Sam Gaunt as Alex, Craig Stein as Tim and Ritu Jutla as Aretha.
Producer: John Fawcett Wilson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1996.

THU 17:30 Do Nothing 'Til You Hear From Me (b0076hjw)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 18:00 Planet B (b00yqqqs6)
Series 3
Disaster!
In the last hours of Planet B, what is better than a farewell party? Virtual reality saga by Matthew Wilkie. Stars Lloyd Thomas.

THU 18:30 Aldous Huxley - Brave New World (b007nf2z)
Episode 4
Bernard takes Lenina to the Savage Reservation, but is she fully prepared? Nightmare future vision read by Anton Lesser. From April 2003.

THU 18:45 MR James (b00pf4xf)
MR James Stories
The Rose Garden
Mary and George Goodman are renovating an old house in rural Essex. When they remove an ancient post from the back garden, it opens a doorway to the region's turbulent past.
Derek Jacobi - as the voice of MR James - introduces classic ghost stories.
Dramatised by Chris Harrald.
Stars Anton Lesser as George, Carolyn Pickles as Mary, Susan Jameson as Miss Wilkins, Simon Treves as Judge Nashe and Ben Crowe as Jim.
Producer: Gemma Jenkins
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007.

THU 19:00 Dad's Army (b007jrv9)
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THU 19:30 Take It From Here (b007k438)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 20:00 Father Brown Stories (b007jp1b)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 20:30 Unofficial Rosie (b007jlgf)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 21:00 Elvis in Prestwick (b00qvlrk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

THU 21:15 Drama (b00rmxb8)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

THU 22:00 Mark Thomas: The Manifesto (b01s4szd)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 22:30 Old Harry's Game (b00hv1f4)
Series 7
Episode 3
The presence of a baby is turning the residents of Hell all soft - Scumspawn becomes the first demon to wear a papoose, and Satan tries to locate "Satan Junior's" real family.
Stars Andy Hamilton as Satan, Annette Crosbie as Edith, Robert Duncan as Scumspawn and Jimmy Mulville as Thomas. Additional roles played by Michael Fenton Stevens and Philip Pope.
Written by Andy Hamilton.
Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2009.

THU 23:00 Delve Special (b001tqsy)
Series 1

The Shifton Scandal
In 1982 Shifton, a town 20 miles north east of Birmingham, was demolished to make way for London's third airport.
David Lander examines the part played in the scandal by Mickey Ozada's Jolly Good Fun Holiday Company and looks at the fate of the Women's Anti-Airport Protest Camp.
Studio production by Stephen Fry, Jack Klaff and Andrew Sachs.
With Brenda Bleyth, Moray Watson, Tony Robinson and Jan Ravens.

Dramatic reconstruction by Mark Arden, Stephen Frost, Felicity Montague and Phil Nice.
Researched and compiled by Tony Sarchet.
Editor: Paul Mayhew-Archer.
Delve Special ran for four series from 1984 to 1987 and later transferred to TV as: This is David Lander.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1984.

THU 23:30 The Skivers (b00d8pgd)
Series 1
Lewis Collins
Secrets of Michael Fish are revealed, and East 17 move house.
Nick Golson and Tim de Jongh's skilful sketch show with special guest Lewis Collins - will he share any tips from TV's The Professionals?
Written and performed by Nick Golson and Tim de Jongh.
With Peter Bradshaw and Mel Giedroyc
Producer: Jon Naismith
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1994.

FRIDAY 10 MAY 2013

FRI 00:00 Planet B (b00yqqqs6)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Thursday]

FRI 00:30 Aldous Huxley - Brave New World (b007nf2z)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]

FRI 00:45 MR James (b00pf4xf)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:45 on Thursday]

FRI 01:00 Father Brown Stories (b007jp1b)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]

FRI 01:30 Unofficial Rosie (b007jlgf)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]

FRI 02:00 Change at Oglethorpe (b007jzkw)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]

FRI 02:30 Whispers (b00bzmj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]

FRI 03:00 Jim Eldridge - Crosswords (b007w2ls)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:00 Elvis in Prestwick (b00qvlrk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:15 Drama (b00rmxb8)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Thursday]

FRI 05:00 King Street Junior (b007jnjj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Thursday]

FRI 05:30 Do Nothing 'Til You Hear From Me (b0076hjw)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]

FRI 06:00 Father Brown Stories (b00y25sk)
Series 1
2. The Queer Feet
Death in a small hotel. Who stole the silver fish service? How many waiters are there? And how did all this lead to a glimmer of repentance?
Series of GK Chesterton's stories about the insightful clerical sleuth dramatised by John Scotney.
Starring Andrew Sachs as Father Brown and Olivier Pierre as Flambeau.
With Matt Brenner as the Colonel, Christopher Scott as Duke, Kerry Shale as Hector, David Graeme as Lever, Arnold Diamond as Giovanni, Robin Summers as Jean-Pierre, David Sinclair as the Doctor and Alan Thompson as Audley.
Directed at BBC Bristol by Alec Reid.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1984

FRI 06:30 Unofficial Rosie (b007jlgf)
4. If Looks Could Kill
Private-eye Rosie Monaghan continues to investigate a murder.
But no-one else thinks there's been one...
Paula Wilcox stars in Alan McDonald's thriller serial.
Rosie Paula Wilcox
Margie Elizabeth Estensen
Jerry Christopher Bramwell
Bob Dominic Grounsell
Carol Helen Roberts
Andrew Kim Wall
Mike Steve Hodson
Martin Paul Barber
Andrew Kim Wall
Bill Jones Dominic Letts
Helen Thackray Rachel Atkins
James MacLeish James Telfer
DS Murdoch Gareth Armstrong
Music composed by Peter Howell.
Director: Tracey Neale
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1993.

FRI 07:00 The Pickerskill Reports (b012wxrr)
Series 2
Patrick Trumball
Written and Directed by Andrew McGibbon.
Patrick Trumball's strange fascination for thunderstorms,

lightening and other epic forces of nature appear to mark him out as an unusual, otherworldly child confirmed by Pickerskill when he discovers that the boy also possesses a perfect photographic memory.

Cast:
Dr Henry Pickerskill Ian McDiarmid
Fintan Grice Toby Longworth
Patrick Trumball Louis Williams
A.R.F. Somerset Stephenson Mike Sarne
Stealgroynes Jack Edwards
CalmanKris Saddler
Moorcroft Joe Cooper
Matron Mia Soteriou
Producers: Nick Romero and Andrew McGibbon
A Curtains For Radio Production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 07:30 Tim Key's Suspended Sentence (b0128pyh)
Truths universally acknowledged. Clocks striking 13. Bests and worsts of times. A truly great opening line can make a novel iconic. But what makes these famous first sentences sing to us? Comedian and poet Tim Key is on the case!
After chasing down the meaning of Nikolai Gogol's enigmatic short story "The Overcoat", Tim tries to sleuth out what makes a great literary opening line with the help of author Joe Dunthorne, comedian Mark Watson, and literary critics Maureen Freely and John Sutherland.
You see, Tim's desperate to write his first novel - it's in him, just waiting, waiting to be unleashed. If only he could think of a good beginning with the ultimate opening line...
Tim also tries to galvanise his imagination - taking a spin of one of the world's strangest literary board games...
The pressure's on, as we hear a roll-call of some of the finest and most famous first lines in publishing history - from Dickens to Dostoevsky to uh, Dan Brown.
Overwhelmed with information, we also hear a crash course on what not to do - as Tim visits Knebworth House, ancestral pile of a man whose most famous first sentence is legendary for all the wrong reasons: Edward Bulwer-Lytton, author of the infamous "It was a dark and stormy night..."
Finally it's time to try out Tim's sentence of the unsuspecting public, as he visits the award-winning Brick Lane Book Club for a focus group...before in the final moments, he unleashes that killer first sentence on the world...(so then Tim: what comes next?).
Producer: Steven Rajam
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2013.

FRI 08:00 The Navy Lark (b007k2q7)
Series 8
Gumming Up the Works
There's a five star mess when the crew of HMS Troutbridge sail in for a refill.

Stars Leslie Phillips as the Sub-Lieutenant, Jon Pertwee as the Chief Petty Officer, Stephen Murray as the Number One, Richard Caldicot as Captain Povey, Heather Chasen as Mrs Povey, Ronnie Barker as Lieutenant Queeg, Tenniel Evans as the Admiral and Michael Bates as the Padre.

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

Scripted by Lawrie Wyman

Incidental Music by Tommy Riley and James Moody.

Producer: Alastair Scott Johnston.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in September 1966

FRI 08:30 J Kingston Platt (b01s9hds)
The Scriptwriter's Revenge
The showbiz survivor spins a yarn of overwhelming revenge with a tinge of praise.
The doyen of British showbiz, the insider's insider, J Kingston Platt, returns to the wireless with more startlingly persuasive recollections.
Written and read by Peter Jones.
Producer: Pete Atkin
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1993.

FRI 09:00 Clare in the Community (b00fslwd)
Series 2
Past Caring
The social worker organises a birthday dinner for Brian, but there's a mystery guest. Stars Sally Phillips. From November 2005.

FRI 09:30 Act Your Age (b00qm9f)
Series 2
Episode 6
Simon Mayo hosts the comedy show that pits the comic generations against each other to find out which is the funniest. Team captains Jon Richardson, Lucy Porter and Roy Walker are joined by Hills Barker and Cannon and Ball.
Producers: Ashley Blaker and Bill Matthews.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2010.

FRI 10:00 Ethel Lena White - The Lady Vanishes (b017557m)
A train, a missing governess and evil Nazi plans for Europe. All aboard for a gripping ride to adventure.
Dramatised by Neville Teller from Ethel Lina White's novel

'The Wheel Spins'.

CAST:

Miss Froy Renee Asherson
Iris Jenny Funnell
Wilberforce Mark Tandy
Maximilian Hare Mark Payton
Dr Traunitz/Stephen Yardley Richard Durden
Baroness/Mrs Todhunter Shirley Dixon
Prince Frederick/Mr Barnes/Porter Jonathan Keeble
Baron Hoffmeir/Mr Todhunter Michael Roberts
Ian Bretherton/Ticket Collector Geoffrey Beevers
Evelyn Flood-Porter/Frau ummer Geraldine Fitzgerald
Rose Flood-Porter/Frau Kummer Jan Shand
Mrs Barnes Karen Lewis

The book was also adapted as a 1938 British thriller film directed by Alfred Hitchcock

Director: Andy Jordan

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in 1999.

FRI 11:00 Oscar Wilde (b007k0vk)

The Remarkable Rocket

A collection of celebratory fireworks discuss the nature of love and one of them gets his comeuppance. Read by John Moffat. From December 1997.

FRI 11:15 Drama (b00dzmf)

Mandrake

Irene, an old woman threatens her new neighbour with a scythe when he suggests cutting down a tree which is on his land.

Irene claims that her husband is buried under the tree- "to cut the branches would be to cut his limbs." But the tree is around a hundred years old.

Ruth, a social worker is called in to assess Irene's mental health and ability to look after herself. But as she gets to know Irene she is drawn into a strange and magical tale that will change her life forever.

Written and directed by Anita Sullivan

Music by Sara Harrison

Producer: Karen Rose

A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 12:00 The Navy Lark (b007k2q7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 12:30 J Kingston Platt (b01s9hds)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 13:00 Father Brown Stories (b00y25sk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 13:30 Unofficial Rosie (b007jldr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 14:00 Kathryn Stockett - The Help (b016z8b2)

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Episode 5

Aibileen attempts to persuade Minny to be part of Skeeter's clandestine writing project. Stars Alibe Parsons and Laurel Lefkow.

FRI 14:15 Cosmic Quest (b00bvsc)

Mathematics of the Sky

Astronomer Heather Couper considers the contribution of the Islamic scholar, poet and mathematician Omar Khayyam.

FRI 14:30 Michael Palin - Hemingway's Chair (b01s9lcn)

Episode 5

Whizz-kid manager Nick Marshall continues to make his clandestine plans for Theston's Post Office, and Elaine isn't happy.

Michael Palin continues this ten-part reading of his first novel.

Producer: Rosemary Watts

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1995.

FRI 14:45 Claire Rayner - How Did I Get Here From There? (b007k48z)

Episode 5

Concluding her own biography, campaigner Claire Rayner recalls how she became an agony aunt, and her experience of cancer.

FRI 15:00 Ethel Lena White - The Lady Vanishes (b017557m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b01s9lgh)

Three more brilliant stories written in under 500 words. Plus, we're joined by Richard Hammond as he reads 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Flies Again' by Frank Cottrell Boyce.

FRI 17:00 Second Thoughts (b00jzckp)

Series 3

Name, Set and Match

Newly wed Faith and Bill's married monikers are a sensitive subject.

Sitcom about the battles of divorcees Bill and Faith beginning married life, whilst balancing the demands of his ex-wife, Liza and her teenage children, Hannah and Joe.

Stars Lynda Bellingham as Faith, James Bolam as Bill, Emma Gregory as Hannah, Mark Denham as Joe, Geoffrey Whitehead as Richard and Norman Bird as Mr Burrows.

Series three 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'.

Producer: Paul Schlesinger

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1991.

FRI 17:30 The Pickerskill Reports (b012wxrr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 18:00 Planet B (b00yy62r)

Series 3

The End of the Rogue

Episode 5 by Matthew Broughton

The virtual world has been switched off by Mark Schwartz. As the power slowly drains from the circuits, Kip and Medley must race through the ruins of reality in a desperate bid to reset the universe. Is this the end for Planet B? Last in the series.

Kip .. Lloyd Thomas

Medley .. Claire Harry

Cerberus .. Chris Pavlo

Slab .. Tony Bell

Deano .. Adeel Akhtar

Mary .. Sally Orrock

Mark Schwartz .. Sam Dale

With Gunner Cauthery, Iain Batchelor, Henry Devas and Adjoa Andoh.

Directed by James Robinson.

FRI 18:30 Aldous Huxley - Brave New World (b007rkxy)

Episode 5

Lenina is horrified by the Savage Reservation, until she meets

John. Nightmare vision of the future read by Anton Lesser.

From April 2003.

FRI 18:45 MR James (b00pfljb)

MR James Stories

Number 13

Dr Anderson's obsessive interest in why the hotel he's staying at doesn't include a number 13 puts him in terrible danger.

Derek Jacobi - as the voice of MR James - introduces classic ghost stories.

Dramatised by Chris Harrald.

Stars Julian Rhind-Tutt as Dr Anderson, Jan Delukowicz as

Herr Lund, Simon Treves as Herr Scavenius and Ben Onwukwe as the Voice.

Producer: Gemma Jenkins

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007.

FRI 19:00 The Navy Lark (b007k2q7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 19:30 J Kingston Platt (b01s9hds)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 20:00 Father Brown Stories (b00y25sk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 20:30 Unofficial Rosie (b007jldr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 21:00 Oscar Wilde (b007k0vk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 21:15 Drama (b00dzmf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

FRI 22:00 Mark Steel's in Town (b00j4hk2)

Series 1

Skipton

Comedian Mark Steel visits the attractive market town of

Skipton in Yorkshire and presents a show from the a livestock auction hall to discover what makes the town and its inhabitants distinctive. From March 2009.

Producer - Julia McKenzie.

FRI 22:30 The Consultants (b007vb2j)

Series 2

Episode 1

Time to hark back to a gentler age of radio when Archie Strutz and His Swinging Nuts were a favourite on the BBC Home Service and folktales sang of rustic careers "where the tales are our seed and the sod is your ears".

The Consultants are Neil Edmond, Justin Edwards and James Rawlings.

In 2002 they won the Perrier Best Newcomer Award ... and had to brace themselves for the inevitable backlash.

Producer: Will Saunders

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2003.

FRI 23:00 Alan Parker's 59 Minutes of Truth (b007jvkb)

Episode 1

The Urban Warrior clammers on to his soapbox to impart more undeniable truths to a nation crying out for direction and guidance.

The comedy and music mix includes a cure for apathy, if he can be bothered.

Written by and starring Simon Munnery.

With Peter Serafinowicz.

Producer: Aled Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 1 in February 1995.