

SATURDAY 07 DECEMBER 2013

SAT 00:00 Arthur C Clarke Stories (b008h44x)

The Parasite

A man starts having terrifying dreams in which he's plagued by a monstrous creature.

Yet - although hideously repellent - the parasite seems strangely familiar to him...

First published in 1953, Arthur C Clarke's tale is read by Nicholas Boulton.

Arthur C Clarke, along with Robert Heinlein and Isaac Asimov, are known as Science-Fiction's "Big Three". Their work was key to the 1950s and 60s being recognised as the genre's Golden Age.

Abridged and produced by Gemma Jenkins

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in 2007.

SAT 00:30 JG Ballard - The Recognition (b007jqxc)

What is the story behind the bizarre circus that rolls into town one Midsummer's eve? Fantastical tale read by Michael Maloney.

SAT 01:00 John Creasey - The Toff on the Farm (b007jrjr)

2. Dead On Arrival

Someone is very keen to acquire Selby Farm, where the owner's brother has disappeared.

Can amateur sleuth, the Toff - the Honourable Richard Rollison - find out what's really going on?

John Creasey's thriller starring Terence Alexander.

Dramatised by Roy Lomax

The Toff Terence Alexander

Jolly Robert Dorning

Gillian Selby Heather Stoney

Monty Morne Terence Hardiman

Bert Frank Jarvis

Mr Brandt Ed Bishop

Other parts played by the cast

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in March 1977.

SAT 01:30 Bulldog Drummond by Sapper (b00nmpb3)

5. Godalming

The ex-officer heads to Godalming to protect Phyllis. And are the Duchess' pearls safe? Read by Julian Rhind-Tutt.

SAT 02:00 Girls Will Be Girls (b0081vs4)

From 02/12/1989

The Bobo girls take to the stage with music and comedy.

Starring Rebecca Front and Sioned Wiliam. From December 1989.

SAT 02:30 The Change (b00p2jn5)

Series 1

When a Man Loves a Woman

Ken drops into comfort Carol, but is soon in despair over her transvestite hubby George.

Can she ever accept his new life choices?

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

Sitcom by Gavin Petrie and Jan Etherington.

Carol Lynda Bellingham

George Chris Ellison

Violet Sylvia Syms

Maureen Maureen Beattie

Dave Mark Powley

Ken James Vaughan

Jerry Richard Standing

Sonia Emma Kennedy

Producer: Maria Esposito

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2001.

SAT 03:00 The Complete Smiley (b07ps264)

The Honourable Schoolboy

Episode 2

The Americans make their presence felt, and tragedy strikes in Hong Kong. Stars Simon Russell Beale and Hugh Bonneville.

SAT 04:00 Penelope Fitzgerald - Human Voices (b007ynnM)

Episode 5

Wartime in Broadcasting House. Annie's hard musical expertise wins her few friends among top brass. Read by Penelope Wilton.

SAT 04:15 Paupers and Pig Killers (b007jx4j)

Series 2

Don't Look Down Your Nose at Me, Sir

Unruly parishioners, lazy farmers and a bucolic manservant - the life of Somerset parson William Holland. Stars Ronald Pickup.

SAT 05:00 Capital Gains (b007qgmq)

Series 1

Risk Capital

Amateur philosopher, Julius Hutch is looking forward to spending his retirement just "pottering".

But one morning, he wakes early to find that his life is changed forever...

Peter Jones stars as Julius Hutch.

First of two series written by Collin Johnson.

Julius Hutch Peter Jones

Mrs Pauline Tone Celestine Randall

Kate Justine Midda

Sexton Lewis Jeffrey Wickham

News Reader Collin Johnson

Producer: Andy Jordan.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1995.

SAT 05:30 Smelling of Roses (b007jrhd)

Series 1

Positive Thinking

Rosie's company goes New Age, promoting the Brighton leg of a lecture tour by a Californian positive-thinking guru.

Prunella Scales stars in Simon Brett's sitcom.

The trials and tribulations of Rosie Burns and her event management company.

Rosie Prunella Scales

Kate Arabella Weir

Jo Rebecca Callard

Bob Duncan Preston

Tess Annette Badland

Darcy Philpotts Alison Skilbeck

Lyndon Merchant Kerry Shale

Producer: Maria Esposito

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2000.

SAT 06:00 The Other Side of the Hill (b010x8rh)

The Long Road to Waterloo

The 1808-1813 peninsular campaign of the Duke of Wellington continues. Peter Luke's two linked plays, with Michael Pennington.

SAT 07:30 Bluebirds Over the White Cliffs of Dover (b00zm2nw)

Dame Vera Lynn's wartime classic is British, original, but not entirely without controversy. Ian Hislop discovers the chequered history of this musical mainstay of the British nation in its finest hour. Could it really be a song weighed down by politics, propaganda and even a touch of plagiarism? And what about those bluebirds - have you ever seen any in the Dover area?

Ian meets Dame Vera Lynn, veterans, musicologists and even an ornithologist in his quest to find the hidden meaning of this classic wartime song.

SAT 08:00 Garrison Keillor's Radio Show (b01b1rvx)

Series 7

Episode 15

From Minnesota, the American funny man welcomes mandolinist and violinist Richard Kriehn, and singer Heather Masse. From 2011.

SAT 09:00 Comedy Connections (b007jwkl)

Simon Brett joins the dots between Bandwagon (1939), Much Binding in the Marsh (1950), Beyond Our Ken (1958), Hancock's Half Hour (1956) and Paradise Street (1954).

SAT 12:00 HighLites Omnibus (b03k6mk9)

Split Ends

Made for 4 Extra. A wedding provides vindictive hairdresser Bev with an opportunity. Comedy starring Lorraine Ashbourne and Rosie Cavaliero.

SAT 13:10 Chain Gang (b03k3c5m)

Series 4

Episode 10

Made for 4 Extra. The story told by its listeners, which began with a mistimed proposal and a wrong turning, reaches its conclusion.

SAT 13:15 Daunt and Dervish (b00k081j)

Series 2

Base Metal

In foggy London, the detectives meet a charming American, with dangerous consequences. Stars Anna Massey and Frances Barber.

SAT 14:00 Dad's Army (b007jnqc)

Series 2

Mum's Army

When Captain Mainwaring decides to open up his Home Guard unit to women, Mrs Gray catches his eye.

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 Pike Ian Lavender

Private Godfrey Arnold Ridley

Private Walker Larry Martyn

Mrs Fox Mollie Sugden

Mrs Gray Carmen Silvera

Edith Parish Wendy Richard

Announcer John Snagge

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1975.

SAT 14:30 The Navy Lark (b007xwmd)

Series 9

Deliberately Abandoned

Can the inept crew of HMS Troutbridge discover where the rest of the fleet has gone?

Stars Leslie Phillips as the Sub-Lieutenant, Jon Pertwee as the Chief Petty Officer, Stephen Murray as the Number One, Richard Cildicot as Captain Povey, Heather Chasen as Heather, Ronnie Barker as Commander Bell, Tenniel Evans as Uncle and Michael Bates as the Sea Lord.

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

Scripted by Lawrie Wyman

Producer: Alastair Scott Johnston.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in July 1967.

SAT 15:00 Garrison Keillor's Radio Show (b01b1rvx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SAT 16:00 The Other Side of the Hill (b010x8rh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:30 Meet David Sedaris (b03jysr6)

Series 4

Episode 1

One of the world's funniest storytellers is back on BBC Radio 4 doing what he does best.

There are two stories, this week: "The Happy Place", dealing with the ups and downs of a colonoscopy; and "The Shadow of Your Smile", about how the right lighting can make us all look good.

Producer: Steve Doherty

A Giddy Goat production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 18:00 Fear on 4 (b007jmgm)

Series 1

Mind Well the Tree

When a couple inherit a mansion, the wife is strangely captivated. Stars Nicola Pagett, with with the Man in Black, Edward De Souza.

SAT 18:30 HG Wells (b007k4kd)

A Dream of Armageddon

Escape

As war breaks out, our hero flees with his wife to try and shield her from the horrors of battle and bloodshed. Can he re-establish the romantic idyll he once enjoyed?

Concluded by Robert Bathurst.

Written in 1901, this is a disturbing vision of the future - as Wells comes uncannily close to predicting the horrors of the Second World War.

English author and political philosopher, HG Wells is recognised as one of sci-fi's founding-fathers. Within his own lifetime, he became a literary celebrity, earning praise from contemporaries such as Henry James and Joseph Conrad. His influence was wide reaching; George Orwell in particular - "The minds of all of us, and therefore the physical world, would be perceptibly different if Wells never existed." In recent years his work has enjoyed a renaissance, including Steven Spielberg's 2005 film of War Of The Worlds.

Wells died on August 13th, 1946, aged 79.

Producer: Gemma Jenkins

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in 2006.

SAT 19:00 Comedy Connections (b007jwkl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 The Lawrence Sweeney Mix (b00k9pcb)

Series 1

Episode 2

Lover's Leap, a Moon expedition - and so much more!

Josie Lawrence and Jim Sweeney make it up as they go along! Faced with a live studio audience and a couple of microphones - the masters of improv create sketches from shouted out suggestions.

Producer: Dawn Ellis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2007.

SAT 22:30 The Jason Byrne Show (b01f9sm2)

Series 2

Parents

Award-winning comedian Jason Byrne's lowdown on what being a mum and dad means.

Stand up and sketches with Laurence Howarth and Anna Bengo.

Producer: Julia McKenzie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2009.

SAT 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b03myb3s)

For two hours, six nights a week, the Comedy Club offers the best laughs around. Tonight, Arthur Smith chats to Ed Byrne.

SAT 23:00 Julie Enfield Investigates (b007wltD)

Leaves of the Dead

1. Proverbs and Punctures from Hell

Feisty detective superintendent Julie Enfield investigates an inexplicable killing at the British Library in London.

Imelda Staunton stars as Julie Enfield in Nick Fisher's atmospheric four-part thriller.

Julie Enfield Imelda Staunton

Dad Geoffrey Matthews

Lawrence Evans Ross Livingstone

Stephen Arnold Alex Lowe

Amanda Thorne Janet Maw

Richard Baker Ioan Meredith

Arthur Morton Stephen Thorne

Tony Sean Baker

Terry Faulkner Hugh Dickson

Sal Tracy-Ann Oberman

Melanie Sharp Colleen Prendergast

Dorothy Shirley Dixon

Phil Carter Christopher Scott

Producer: Richard Wortley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1997.

SAT 23:30 Scandinavian Chiller (b011cfnr)

Hakan Nesser - Woman With Birthmark

Episode 3

Inspector Van Veeteren investigates if the murder victims are connected. Scandinavian chiller read by Michael Maloney.

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SUN 01:00 Garrison Keillor's Radio Show (b01b1rvx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Saturday]

SUN 02:00 HighLites Omnibus (b03k6mk9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Saturday]

SUN 03:10 Chain Gang (b03k3c5m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:10 on Saturday]

SUN 03:15 Daunt and Dervish (b00k08lj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:15 on Saturday]

SUN 04:00 The Other Side of the Hill (b010x8rh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday]

SUN 05:30 Meet David Sedaris (b03jysr6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:30 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 Mary Brunton - Self Control (b011pjsw)

Omnibus, Part One

Laura Montreville is loved by two men - a reckless libertine and a dignified but reserved landowner. In a world where polite society and sexual hypocrisy rub shoulders easily, can she choose wisely between passion and virtue? Mary Brunton's romantic tale set in Perthshire and London narrated by Maureen Beattie.

Colonel Hargrave's sexual advances are too much for Laura - and she places her suitor on a two-year probation.

Omnibus of the first five of ten parts dramatised by Gerda Stevenson.

Laura Gerda Stevenson

Hargrave Andrew Wincott

Lady Harriet Montreville Phyllida Law

Jeanie Colette O'Neil

Montreville Bernard Horsfall

Mary Brunton was a Scottish novelist much admired by Jane Austen; and Self Control, first published in 1811, deals with similar themes to Sense and Sensibility.

Producer: Bruce Young

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2003.

SUN 07:15 Food for Thought (b00n47q3)

Series 1

Jung Chang

Journalist Nina Myskow discovers how attitudes to food, shape and affect individual lives.

Settled over a lunch of ma po tofu and bitter melon greens, celebrated author Jung Chang recalls a life of adjustments and accommodations to place, identity and food. She describes the powerful memories evoked by a plate of double-cooked pork, spiked with her native Sichuan spice and discusses her changing tastes since arriving in Britain and the success of her memoir Wild Swans.

The producer is Tamsin Hughes, and this is a Wise Buddha production for BBC Radio 4.

SUN 07:30 Cabin Pressure (b00lyvz7)

Series 2

Kuala Lumpur

A week on stand-by at the airfield gives Arthur an opportunity to brush up on his stewarding skills, while Douglas seems to have disappeared. And why is everyone terrified of Dirk the groundsman?

Starring

Carolyn Knapp-Shappey Stephanie Cole

1st Officer Douglas Richardson Roger Allam

Capt. Martin Crieff Benedict Cumberbatch

Arthur Shappey John Finnemore

Dave Paul Putner

George Roger Morlidge

Written by John Finnemore.

Produced & directed by David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4

SUN 08:00 The Burkiss Way (b007jm8j)

Series 1

Solve Murders the Burkiss Way

Can TV impressionists halt a repeat killing?

The correspondence course with no easy weekly payments, no deposit and no hidden extras!

With easy-to-follow instruction from Denise Coffey, Nigel Rees, Chris Emmett and Fred Harris.

Easy-to-follow scripts by Andrew Marshall, John Mason and David Renwick, plus easy-to-follow production by Simon Brett. Cult sketch show first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1976.

SUN 08:30 The Clitheroe Kid (b007k0ds)

Series 8

James, the Little Gentleman

When Granddad comes into money, the naughty schoolboy is faced with boarding school. Stars Jimmy Clitheroe. From November 1964.

SUN 09:00 Bill Taylor - Likely Stories (b00ttsll)

Everybody in the House

A donkey runs away in search of fame, recruiting others en route. Modern retelling of a Brothers Grimm tale with Robert Whelan.

SUN 09:30 Herge - The Adventures of Tintin (b007jvd5)

Series 2

Prisoners of the Sun

With Professor Calculus in grave danger, the boy reporter and dog Snowy lead a rescue. Stars Richard Pearce and Andrew Sachs.

SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b03k6tz2)

The Good Life

Paul Eddington

4 Extra Debut. From Bach to Mozart, the Good Life and Yes

Minister star shares his castaway choices with Roy Plomley.

From August 1981.

SUN 10:45 Evelyn Waugh Short Stories (b008d1xh)

On Guard 1/2

To remind her of him while he is abroad, a young man buys his fiancée a snappy puppy called Hector. Read by Crawford Logan. From March 2003.

SUN 11:00 It's a Funny Business (b01hl2g7)

Deryck Guyler

The comedy actor and washboard maestro discusses his career with Mike Craig, from ITMA to Please Sir! From October 1986.

SUN 11:30 Dad Made Me Laugh (b007k14d)

Nick Wisdom

Norman Wisdom's son chats to Sally Magnusson about his life growing up with a famous funny father.

Producer: Mike Walker

First broadcast on BBC Radio Scotland in October 2005.

SUN 12:00 Mary Brunton - Self Control (b011pjsw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SUN 13:15 Food for Thought (b00n47q3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

SUN 13:30 Hercule Poirot (b00rl44w)

Five Little Pigs

Sixteen years after her mother was convicted of murdering her father, Carla Lemarchant desperately seeks the help of Hercule Poirot.

Convinced her mother was innocent, Carla is prepared for whatever discovery the Belgian sleuth might make.

But this is a formidable challenge even for the remarkable detective - especially as he's nothing to go on - except five suspects who fit strangely into the pattern of a children's nursery rhyme...

John Moffatt stars as Hercule Poirot.

First published in 1943, Agatha Christie's whodunnit

dramatised by Michael Bakewell. .

Hercule Poirot John Moffatt

Carla Lemarchant Clare Heyhoe

Sir Montague Depleach John Woodnutt

Elsa Greer Suzy Aitchison

Caroline Crake Jemma Churchill

Amyas Crake John Hartley

Cale Jonathan David Kossoff

Philip Blake Derek Waring

Meredith Blake Graham Crowden

Miss Williams Carmel McSharry

Angela Warren Charlotte Attenborough

Actor John Moffatt (1922-2012) played Hercule Poirot in 25 productions for BBC Radio.

Director: Emyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1994.

SUN 15:00 The Burkiss Way (b007jm8j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SUN 15:30 The Clitheroe Kid (b007k0ds)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

SUN 16:00 Mel's Mix: The Best of The 4 O'Clock Show (b03b95r5)

Mel Giedroyc presents the best bits of this week's 4 O'Clock Shows, including astronauts, dolphins and the author of 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea', Judith Kerr.

SUN 17:00 Bill Taylor - Likely Stories (b00ttsll)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SUN 17:30 Herge - The Adventures of Tintin (b007jvd5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

SUN 18:00 Stanislaw Lem - Solaris (b00pf4xk)

Episode 2

Psychologist Kris is falling in love with his replica wife and wants to take her back to Earth with him. His colleagues are simultaneously plotting to destroy the planet.

Stanislaw Lem's famous modern sci-fi classic, dramatised by Hattie Naylor.

Starring Ron Cook as Kris, Stuart Richman as Sartoris, Tim McMullan as Snow and Joanne Froggatt as Rheya.

Music by Alice Trueman

Sound Design: Steve Brooke

Directed at BBC Manchester by Polly Thomas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007.

SUN 19:00 It's a Funny Business (b01hl2g7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

SUN 19:30 Dad Made Me Laugh (b007k14d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:30 today]

SUN 20:00 The Burkiss Way (b007jm8j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SUN 20:30 The Clitheroe Kid (b007k0ds)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

SUN 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b03k6tz2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SUN 21:45 Evelyn Waugh Short Stories (b008d1xh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]

SUN 22:00 Cabin Pressure (b00lyvz7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 22:30 The Richest Man in Britain (b00nlx7p)

The Interview

Sitcom by Nick Hornby and Giles Smith about an ageing rock star and his search for fulfilment.

Trillionaire rocker Dave Mabbutt is persuaded to preview his 'drums-only' version of 1970s classic album, Temple of the

Human Mind.

Dave Mabbutt Mark Williams

Dom Russell Tovey

Dave's Mum Lynda Bellingham

Jane the Guardian journalist Kerry Fox.

SUN 23:00 Vent (b00v8qdv)

Series 2

Arrival

Comatose Ben takes a final trip around the safe fantasy world of his subconscious.

Dark sitcom following the thoughts of comatose patient Ben written by Nigel Smith.

Starring Neil Pearson as Ben Smith, Fiona Allen as Mary, Josie Lawrence as Mum and Leslie Ash as Blitzkrieg.

With Nicholas Hutchison, Jo Martin, Mark Perry, Laura Aikman and Tim Whitnall.

Producer: Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2007.

SUN 23:30 The Maltby Collection (b00mg0wp)

Series 3

Episode 3

Warring curators, wedding cleaners and a dodgy alarm system all add to the unwanted pressure on Walter.

Geoffrey Palmer and Julian Rhind-Tutt star in series 3 of David Nobbs' sitcom about a small museum of paintings and sculpture.

Rod Millet Julian Rhind-Tutt

Walter Brindle Geoffrey Palmer

Prunella Edgecumbe Rachel Atkins

Susie Maltby Margaret Cabour-Smith

Julian Crumb-Loosey Ben Whitnall

Wilf Arbuthnot Geoff McGivern

Eva Tattle Julkia Deakin

Des Wainwright Michael Smiley

Stelios Constantinopolis Chris Pavlo

Producer: Colin Anderson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2009.

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MON 00:00 Stanislaw Lem - Solaris (b00pf4xk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 Herge - The Adventures of Tintin (b007jvd5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 John Creasey - The Toff on the Farm (b007jrwj)

3. Destination Danger

After the discovery of a body, the Toff is determined to uncover the secrets growing at Selby Farm.

Rural intrigue stalks amateur sleuth - the Honourable Richard Rollison

John Creasey's thriller starring Terence Alexander.

The Toff Terence Alexander

Jolly Robert Dornig

Gillian Selby Heather Stoney

Monty Morne Terrence Hardiman

Red Brandt Ed Bishop

Inspector Bishop Derek Newark

Smith Reg Lye

Police Sergeant Paul Meier

Other parts played by the cast.

Dramatised by Roy Lomax

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in April 1977.

MON 06:30 Bulldog Drummond by Sapper (b00nksj)

6. Foiling

Can our hero foil evil Peterson's plan to overthrow the government? Sapper's yarn is concluded by Julian Rhind-Tutt.

MON 07:00 Double Income, No Kids Yet (b0091nkl)

Series 3

Episode 4

As an expectant mother Lucy is trying to avoid stress - until she tries to break the news of her pregnancy to her mum and dad. Meanwhile Daniel gets an unwelcome taste of the joys of fatherhood.

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

Starring David Tennant as Daniel, Liz Carling as Lucy, Joanna Brookes as Alison, Robert Harley as Peter, Sally Grace as Mary and Bill Fellows as Frank.

Producer: Liz Anstee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2003.

MON 07:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b03jz22p)

Series 60

Episode 4

The antidote to panel games pays a return visit to the Theatre Royal Drury Lane. Regulars Barry Cryer, Graeme Garden and Tim Brooke-Taylor are joined on the panel by special guest Victoria Wood with Jack Dee in the chair. Colin Sell attempts piano accompaniment.

Producer - Jon Naismith.

MON 08:00 Round the Horne (b00p33gb)

Series 4

Episode 3

Monstrous goings on for Kenneth Horne with Frankenstein, more from wonderful Radio Balls Pond Road, while Julian and Sandy hit the bona ski slopes.

With Kenneth Williams, Hugh Paddick and Betty Marsden. 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.

Marty Feldman had moved on so series 4 is written by Barry Took with Brian Cooke & Johnnie Mortimer and Brian Webster.

Music by the Max Harris Group.

Producer: John Simmonds

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in March 1968.

MON 08:30 The Navy Lark (b007k2yc)

Series 9

Have Been Redecorating

HMS Troutbridge needs a facelift preparation for the arrival of a new senior WREN.

Stars Leslie Phillips, Jon Pertwee and Stephen Murray.

Laughs afloat aboard British Royal Navy frigate HMS Troutbridge. The Navy Lark ran for an impressive 13 series between 1959 and 1976.

The Sub-Lieutenant Leslie Phillips

The Chief Petty Officer Jon Pertwee

The Number One Stephen Murray

Captain Povey Richard Caldicot

Second Officer McClutty Heather Chasen

Commander Bell Ronnie Barker

Uncle Tenniel Evans

The Padre Michael Bates

Written by Lawrie Wyman.

Producer: Alastair Scott Johnston.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in September 1967.

MON 09:00 Heresy (b00k8t4w)

Series 6

Episode 5

Victoria Coren hosts the show that thinks the unthinkable. With comedians Dave Gorman, Jeremy Hardy and Sue Perkins. From May 2009.

MON 09:30 House on Fire (b00qjxdz)

Series 1

Hot Water

Episode title: Hot Water

A final dose of house-sharing hell with the last in the current series of 'House on Fire'. Vicky and Matt's boiler's on the blink but fixing it seems likely to get them into even more hot water.

Vicky - Emma Pierson

Matt - JODY LATHAM

Col. Bill - RUPERT VANSITTART

Julie - JANINE DUVITSKI

Peter - PHILIP JACKSON

With Fergus Craig & Colin Houlst

Directed by Clive Brill & Dan Hine

Produced by Clive Brill

A Pacificus Production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 10:00 The Complete Smiley (b07ps26l)

The Honourable Schoolboy

Episode 3

Can George Smiley keep the situation under control? Can Jerry Westerby be trusted? Stars Simon Russell Beale and Daisy Haggard.

MON 11:00 Penelope Fitzgerald - Human Voices (b007zhdk)

Episode 6

Wartime in Broadcasting House. A staff meal leads to some sleight of hand for Annie's entertainment. Read by Penelope Wilton.

MON 11:15 Loose Ends (b03kp232)

Julie Hesmondhalgh, Alan McGee, Dan Patterson, Henning

Wehn, Danny Wallace, Samantha Crain

Clive's on the cobbles with actress Julie Hesmondhalgh, who's

best known for her role on Coronation Street as Hayley

Cropper, the first transsexual character in a British serial. As

Hayley's story ends, Julie talks to Clive about Hayley's life and

its resonance, and about what the future holds for her post

Hayley. 'Coronation Street' is on Mondays, Wednesday and

Friday at 19.30 on ITV.

Clive talks to the German Comedy Ambassador to The United Kingdom, Henning Wehn. This is not the easiest of jobs because Germans allegedly do not have a sense of humour. Henning does not find that funny. He talks to Clive about his new Christmas show 'Henning Knows Bestest', which is at Leicester Square Theatre, London on 8th and 15th December. Danny Wallace talks to Alan McGee, whose role in shaping British musical culture over the past thirty years is hard to overstate. As the co-founder of Creation Records he brought us the bands that defined an era, including My Bloody Valentine and Primal Scream. His autobiography 'Creation Stories' documents the events from leaving school at sixteen to co-founding Creation when he was just twenty-three.

Clive Mocks the Week with television producer and writer Dan Patterson, who was responsible for Clive's improvisation show 'Whose Line Is It Anyway?'. His new outrageous comedy 'The Duck House' is set in a world of dodgy receipts, dodgier deceit, and pure Parliamentary panic. It's at Vaudeville Theatre, London until 29th March 2014.

With music from Oklahoma's Samantha Crain, who performs 'Paint' and 'Somewhere All The Time' from her album 'Kid Face'.

Producer: Sukey Firth.

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MON 14:00 Mary Brunton - Self Control (b011pq1x)

Penniless

After her father's death Laura, now penniless, is taken in by her Aunt Lady Pelham.

Published in 1811, Mary Brunton's romantic tale set in Perthshire and London - dramatised in ten parts by Gerda Stevenson.

Laura Montreville is loved by two men - a reckless libertine and a dignified but reserved landowner. In a world where polite society and sexual hypocrisy rub shoulders easily, can she choose wisely between passion and virtue?

Narrated by Maureen Beattie.

Laura Gerda Stevenson

Hargrave Andrew Wincott

Mrs Stubbs Phyllida Law

Lady Pelham Barbara Leigh-Hunt

De Courcy Tom Goodman Hill

Hargrave Andrew Wincott

Mrs Harrington Tracy-Ann Oberman

Maid Emma Wooliams

Mary Brunton was a Scottish novelist much admired by Jane Austen; and Self Control, first published in 1811, deals with similar themes to Sense and Sensibility.

Producer: Bruce Young

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2003.

MON 14:15 The Invention of Childhood (b00slqyb)

What Is the Meaning of Empire Day?

Michael Porpurgio presents readings of the words of children exiled from or who arrived in Britain under the British Empire.

MON 14:30 Alice Munro - Dear Life (b01nck55)

Haven

Alice Munro was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 2013. She is widely regarded as a doyenne of the short story form, a writer whose acuity and compassion shines through all her work. These stories are from her 2012 collection, Dear Life.

Set mostly in the small towns and quiet domestic surroundings of her native Canada, Munro, as always, captures the ordinary and reveals the extraordinary that lies beneath. Life is laid bare, and the complicated emotions of normal lives resonate long after the final page is turned.

Today in Haven, a prolonged stay with her uncle and aunt change a young girl's understanding of the world.

The reader is Barbara Barnes

The abridger is Sally Marmion

The producer is Di Speirs.

MON 14:45 Jasper Rees - I Found My Horn (b00zm2ny)

Episode 1

The author and journalist embarks on 'One Man's Struggle with the Orchestra's Most Difficult Instrument.' Read by Nicholas Boulton.

MON 15:00 The Complete Smiley (b07ps26l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

MON 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b03kk8wd)

Philip Pullman reads from his book of stories, Grimm Tales, based on the original folk tales collected by the Brothers Grimm. Plus oral storytelling and husky dogs in Alaska.

MON 17:00 The World As We Know It (b00fd7zl)

The End

Donna, Johnny, Patrick and Abigail woke up on Saturday morning to find they were the last four people left on earth.

Two days later and the implications of what has happened are beginning to sink in, as they start the first week of the rest of their lives...

Sitcom by Luke Sorba.

Johnny Toby Longworth

Donna Meera Syal

Patrick Luke Sorba

Abigail Carla Mendonca

The Stranger Simon Greenall

Producer: Elizabeth Anstee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1999.

MON 17:30 Double Income, No Kids Yet (b0091nkl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 18:00 Robert Easby - Oneira (b007ww76)

The Big Chill

The surreal quest of a young museum attendant named Oneira to learn the secrets of the Universe with the help of Nicholai, a 400-year-old Dutch alchemist.

Robert Easby's sci-fi comedy serial stars Lyndsey Marshal as Oneira, Peter Marinker as Nicholai, Joseph Kloska as Pete, Mark Straker as the Salesman and Bethan Walker as the Visitor. Producer: Liz Webb.

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in 2007.

MON 18:30 Jonathan Aycliffe - The Matrix (b01nlwzy)

Evil Awaits

"I understood nothing then. I was still a child ..."

A postgraduate student's research into the occult brings him under the malign influence of an ancient book of spells - the Matrix Aeternitatis.

Set in contemporary Edinburgh. Jonathan Aycliffe's chilling novel abridged in ten parts by Rosemary Goring.

Read by Robert Paterson

Producer: David Jackson Young

First broadcast on BBC Radio Scotland in 1997.

MON 18:45 HG Wells (b01mlrdw)

The First Men in the Moon

Episode 1

1901: Penniless businessman Mr Bedford meets the brilliant Cavor, a scientist on the brink of developing a material that can block gravity.

Together, they prepare to embark on an expedition to the moon...

First published in 1901, HG Wells' novel abridged in five parts by Neville Teller.

Read by Tim Pigott-Smith.

Producer: David Roper

Made by Heavy Entertainment for BBC Radio 4 and first broadcast in July 2009.

MON 19:00 Round the Horne (b00p33gb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 19:30 The Navy Lark (b007k2yc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 20:00 John Creasey - The Toff on the Farm (b007jrwm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

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MON 21:00 Penelope Fitzgerald - Human Voices (b007zhdk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

MON 21:15 Loose Ends (b03kp232)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

MON 22:00 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b03jz22p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 22:30 Heresy (b00k8t4w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b03myb3v)

For two hours, six nights a week, the Comedy Club offers the best in contemporary comedy. Humphrey Ker is your host, and tonight Isy Suttie chats to comedian Nish Kumar.

MON 23:00 The News Quiz Extra (b03k3drs)

Series 9

Episode 5

A satirical review of the week's news chaired by Sandi Toksvig. With guests Susan Calman, Justin Moorhouse and Greg Proops joining regular panellist Jeremy Hardy.

MON 23:45 Hearing With Hegley (b0075sf5)

Series 3

Episode 5

The Luton poet is by the sea in Aldeburgh, and gets some help with limericks from comedian Arnold Brown. From March 2000.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Monday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Monday]

TUE 05:30 Double Income, No Kids Yet (b0091nkl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

TUE 06:00 John Creasey - The Toff on the Farm (b007jrzd)

4. Cause For Alarm

Farm owner Gillian Selby reveals that she no longer requires any assistance from the Toff. Stars Terence Alexander.

Rural intrigue stalks amateur sleuth - the Honorable Richard Rollison

John Creasey's thriller starring Terence Alexander.

The Toff Terence Alexander

Jolly Robert Dorning

Gillian Selby Heather Stoney

Monty Morne Terence Hardiman

Superintendent Grice Duncan Lamont

Red Brandt Ed Bishop

Lola Bridge Liz Gebardt

Alan Selby Alaric Cotter

Other parts played by the cast.

Dramatised by Roy Lomax

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in April 1977.

TUE 06:30 Trueman and Riley (b01dtjt)

Series 3

1. Every Dog Has His Day

Ignoring all evidence to the contrary, underachieving detectives Trueman and Riley still hope for a return to the front line of policing.

But will the strange case of a murdered greyhound bring them to the notice of the top brass?

Starring Robert Daws as Trueman and Duncan Preston as Riley.

Brian B Thompson's detective series about the ill-matched duo is set in Leeds.

DI Trueman Robert Daws

DS Riley Duncan Preston

Sally Katherine Dow Blyton

Brandon Harry Livingstone

Patrick Makin Gerard McDermott

Track Announcer James Lailey

Director: Toby Swift

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in March 2012

TUE 07:00 Mr Finchley Takes the Road (b007k17f)

Episode 3

Edgar Finchley gets captured, wins an unlikely prize and hits the wrong note with an army band.

Victor Canning's novel about the adventures of a man and his horse-drawn caravan touring the 1930s countryside of Kent.

Richard Griffiths stars as Mr Finchley.

With Ronald Fraser as Colonel Greatorex, Joe Melia as

Marshall, Chris Emmett as Garge, Jon Glover as Ernie and

Susie Brann as the Young Woman.

Narrated by James Villiers.

Adapted in six parts by Andy and Eric Merriman.

Producer: Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in April 1993.

TUE 07:30 That Mitchell and Webb Sound (b03k0s5j)

Series 5

Episode 2

The real point of owning a cat and a culture clash at the Proms.

Comedy from the lopsided world of David Mitchell and Robert

Webb.

With Olivia Colman and James Bachman.

Producer: Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2013.

TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b00fyvxb)

Series 6

The International Christmas Pudding

An eccentric millionaire funds an expedition for fragments of a famous dessert. Stars Spike Milligan. From November 1955.

TUE 08:30 Harry Worth (b00rd6p0)

Thirty Minutes Worth

The Old Flame

Just as Harry Worth is feeling lonely, a long lost love turns up.

Starring Harry Worth.

With Jacqueline Clarke and Joan Sanderson.

The amiable, woolly-minded bumbler, causes more confusion!

Written by Vince Powell.

Producer: Mike Craig

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in October 1988.

TUE 09:00 The News Quiz Extra (b03k3drs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]

TUE 09:45 Hearing With Hegley (b0075sf5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:45 on Monday]

TUE 10:00 The Complete Smiley (b07psz6r)

Smiley's People

Episode 1

George finds himself back in harness to the circus when an old friend and colleague is found dead. John le Carré thriller stars Simon Russell Beale.

TUE 11:00 Penelope Fitzgerald - Human Voices (b007ypr2)

Episode 7

Wartime in Broadcasting House. The corporation's first fatality occurs, killed by a piece of drainpipe. Read by Penelope

Wilton.

TUE 11:15 Paupers and Pig Killers (b007lzd)

Series 2

Travel Broadens the Seat

A hectic social visit to Bath with his family, and more from the diary of Somerset parson William Holland. Stars Ronald Pickup.

TUE 12:00 The Goon Show (b00fyvxb)

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TUE 13:30 Trueman and Riley (b01dtjt)

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TUE 14:00 Mary Brunton - Self Control (b011pww)

Choices

De Courcy has fallen completely for Laura, but fears that she is still in love with Hargrave.

Mary Brunton's romantic tale set in Perthshire and London - dramatised in ten parts by Gerda Stevenson.

Laura Montreville is loved by two men - a reckless Libertine and a dignified but reserved landowner. In a world where politeness and sexual hypocrisy rub shoulders easily, can she choose wisely between passion and virtue?

Narrated by Maureen Beattie

Laura Gerda Stevenson

Lady Pelham Barbara Leigh-Hunt

De Courcy Tom Goodman Hill

Hargrave Andrew Wincott

Harriet Tracy-An Oberman

Producer: Bruce Young

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2003.

TUE 14:15 The Invention of Childhood (b00slxyd)

The Nation's Most Important Asset

Michael Morpurgo presents readings of the words of children about the effect of the wars of the 20th century.

TUE 14:30 Alice Munro - Dear Life (b01nhcq8)

In Sight of the Lake

Alice Munro was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 2013. She is widely regarded as a doyenne of the short story form, a writer whose acuity and compassion shines through all her work. These stories are from her 2012 collection, Dear Life.

Set mostly in the small towns and quiet domestic surroundings of her native Canada, Munro, as always, captures the ordinary and reveals the extraordinary that lies beneath. Life is laid bare, and the complicated emotions of normal lives resonate long after the final page is turned.

Today in 'In Sight of the Lake' a woman goes in search of a doctor, again.

The reader is Liza Ross,

The abridger is Sally Marmion

The producer is Di Speirs.

TUE 14:45 Jasper Rees - I Found My Horn (b00zm6g4)

Episode 2

The scale of the author's ambition dawns on him, so he starts making allies among the cognoscenti. Read by Nicholas

Boulton.

TUE 15:00 The Complete Smiley (b07psz6r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

TUE 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b03kkfbm)

Philip Pullman reads The Musicians of Bremen from his Grimm Tales, and Mel meets the man who memorized 3,500 facts about every FA Cup Final since 1872.

TUE 17:00 A Whole New Ball Game (b00cmypt)

Series 1

The Final Supper

It's Frewitt Cup Final day. A day of destiny for the Patterson family and Father Benedict.

Will there be tears of joy at the end of it? Or a weeping and a gnashing of teeth?

A six-part black comedy by Martin Davies

Stars Desmond Barrit as Father Benedict, Brenda Blethyn as Mrs Patterson, Paul Parris as Robert Patterson, Charlotte

Coleman as Barbara Patterson, Martino Lazzeri as Guy Entwistle, Mark Straker as Andy, Claire Skinner as Janet and

Gordon Reid as Mr Plant.

Producer: Lissa Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1993.

TUE 17:30 Mr Finchley Takes the Road (b007k17f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

TUE 18:00 Robert Easby - Oneira (b007x08b)

Sleight of Mind

An electricity company official interrogates the museum attendant. But is he actually helping Oneira - or is he an alien? Robert Easby's sci-fi comedy serial stars Lyndsey Marshal as Oneira, Peter Marinker as Nicholai, Sam Dale as Resistor, Gerard McDermott as Fulcanelli and Mark Straker as the Floor Manager.

Producer: Liz Webb.

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in 2007.

TUE 18:30 Jonathan Aycliffe - The Matrix (b01nm0f0)

Repercussions

"I threw the book onto the coals. It burst into flame as though soaked in petrol."

Trying to rid himself of an ancient book of spells, postgraduate student Andrew MacLeod is drawn to a sinister group...

Set in contemporary Edinburgh. Jonathan Aycliffe's chilling novel abridged in ten parts by Rosemary Goring.

Read by Robert Paterson

Producer: David Jackson Young

First broadcast on BBC Radio Scotland in 1997.

TUE 18:45 HG Wells (b01mltrs)

The First Men in the Moon

Episode 2

Cavor has invented a new material blocking the effect of gravity. After covering a sphere with the substance, he and Mr Bedford travel far from Earth to the Moon's surface. Here they encounter a strange new world...and new life forms. First published in 1901, HG Wells' novel abridged by Neville Teller.

Read by Tim Pigott-Smith.

Producer: David Roper

Made by Heavy Entertainment for BBC Radio 4 and first broadcast in July 2007

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TUE 22:00 That Mitchell and Webb Sound (b03k0s5j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 22:30 The Mark Steel Lecture (b007j1w6)

Series 2

Lord Byron

The comic examines the life and times of the 'mad, bad and dangerous to know' Romantic poet. From March 2001.

TUE 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b03myb3x)

For two hours, six nights a week, the Comedy Club offers the best in contemporary comedy. Humphrey Ker is your host, and tonight Isy Suttie chats to comedian Nish Kumar.

TUE 23:00 Delve Special (b007jmj8)

Series 3

Cowboys

When a builder burnt down their house, Ronald and Yvonne Worthington went to their solicitor. That's when their troubles really started.

Reporter David Lander investigates Britain's cowboy builders. Presented by David Lander with assistance from Stephen Fry. Studio production by Stephen Frost, Dawn French and Phil Nice.

Dramatic reconstructions by Jack Klaff, Julia Hills, Mark Arden and Robert Bathurst.

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 September 1986.

TUE 23:30 Mordrin McDonald: 21st Century Wizard (b00y8yk1)

Series 2

The Dating Wizard

Written by David Kay and Gavin Smith, Mordrin McDonald is a 2000 year old Wizard living in the modern world where settling garden disputes and watching Countdown are just as important as slaying the odd Jakonty Dragon.

This week Mordrin decides to join a Wizard dating website after the being convinced by Bernard the Blue, but fails to read the full terms and conditions.

Cast:

Mordrin David Kay

Bernard The Blue Jack Docherty

Geoff Gordon Kennedy

Heather Hannah Donaldson

Molly Fiona Morrison

Duchess of Bedlam Susan Calman

Producer/ Director Gus Beattie

A Comedy Unit production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 23:45 Date With Fate (b0092wr7)

Love Bites

We've all been visited by the doubt that perhaps we've chosen a less than perfect soul-mate

Martin's proposal to his girlfriend does not go according to plan. Harold Wing Pinero is your host.

The last of four comic close encounters with fate written by Gary Parker and Phil Whelans.

Harold Wing Pinero Charles Gray

Martin Paul Raffield

Wendy Gillian Bevan

Journalist/Sheila Tracy Wiles

Liam James Nesbitt

Others Stephen Critchlow

Guitar played by Tim Hope.

Producer: Paul Schlesinger

First broadcast in BBC Radio 4 in March 1996.

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WED 06:00 John Creasey - The Toff on the Farm (b007jslv)

5. A Step In The Dark

The Toff refuses to be fobbed off and receives some useful advice...

Rural intrigue stalks amateur sleuth - the Honorable Richard Rollison

John Creasey's thriller starring Terence Alexander.

The Toff Terence Alexander

Jolly Robert Dorrington

Gillian Selby Heather Stoney

Monty Morne Terrence Hardiman

Superintendent Grice Duncan Lamont

Mr Smith Reg Lye

Bert Ebbutt Douglas Blackwell

Other parts played by the cast.

Dramatised by Roy Lomax

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in April 1977.

WED 06:30 Trueman and Riley (b01dtrfl)

Series 3

2. Angel Delight

Burlesque performer, Ophelia Nuts, reports a robbery at her club and our usually grumpy detectives enter a world where desserts - and in particular cherries - take on a whole new meaning.

Starring Robert Daws as Trueman and Duncan Preston as Riley.

Brian B Thompson's detective series about the ill-matched duo set in Leeds.

DI Trueman Robert Daws

DS Riley Duncan Preston

Angel Tracy Wiles

David Farr Peter Hamilton Dyer

Martin Beer Don Gilet

Ophelia Nuts Susie Riddell

Cafe Owner Harry Livingstone

Director: Marion Nancarrow

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in March 2012

WED 07:00 Tales From the Mausoleum Club (b007k1w6)

The Inaudible Man

1903: a murky autumn day. The Honourable Clarence Green enters the lobby of what turns out to be one of the queerest clubs in London.

In the Smoking Room he eagerly listens to the first creepy tale of an otolaryngologist.

Starring Terence Stamp, Joss Ackland and Spike Milligan.

Star-packed curious and macabre comedy series written by Ian Brown and James Hendrie

Dr Bates Terence Stamp

Wyvern Joss Ackland

Psychiatrist Spike Milligan

Arturo Andrew Sachs

Green Royce Mills

Mrs Boyle Sheila Steafel

Felch Michael Ripper

Policeman Arthur Smith

Hornby Adam Wide

Music by Max Harris.

Producer: Paul Spencer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1987.

WED 07:30 What Does the K Stand For? (b03k21ns)

Series 1

My Mum Is Shirley Bassey

Stephen traces his ability to spin a yarn back to an incident with his mum and the school fete.

Stephen K Amos's sitcom about his teenage years, growing up black, gay and funny in 1980s South London.

Written by Jonathan Harvey with Stephen K Amos.

Himself ... Stephen K Amos

Young Stephen ... Shaquille Ali-Yebuah

Stephanie Amos ... Fatou Sohna

Virginia Amos ... Ellen Thomas

Vincent Amos ... Don Gilet

Miss Collins ... Gemma Whelan

Jayson ... Frankie Wilson

PE Teacher/Red Coat ... Harry Jardine

Producer: Colin Anderson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2013.

WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007yntz)

Series 5

The Male Suffragettes

The lad says women are holding men back, so he forms a group to re-establish male superiority.

Stars Tony Hancock.

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

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 February 1958.

WED 08:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b012r6wt)

Series 8

Episode 4

Tales of the Circus - and the Director of Radio Prune speaks out.

Starring Tim Brooke-Taylor, Graeme Garden, David Hatch, Jo Kendall and Bill Oddie.

Sketches 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 Graeme Garden, Liam Cohen and Dave

Lee.

Producer: David Hatch/Peter Titheradge

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in March 1970.

WED 09:00 Winston (b00pbv78)

Winston Back Home

So This Is What Happiness Is All About

The idyllic return of Winston and Nancy to Winterleaf Gunner

proves to be short-lived...

Peter Timmiswood'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.

Director: Shaun MacLoughlin.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1994.

WED 09:30 All the Way from Memphis (b00jnlsm)

Series 1

Episode 6

James Walton's pop music history quiz with Tracey Macleod,

Andrew Collins, Anthony Wilson and Richard Curtis. From

January 2005.

WED 10:00 The Complete Smiley (b07psqzr)

Smiley's People

Episode 2

On the trail of the killer, George is reunited with an old

colleague and thinks of an old enemy. Stars Simon Russell

Beale.

WED 11:00 Penelope Fitzgerald - Human Voices (b03k3flf)

Episode 8

Wartime in Broadcasting House. Down in the concert hall, a

startling event occurs in one of the booths. Read by Penelope

Wilton.

WED 11:15 The Commuters (b007wxhq)

Nigel Williams explores the practicalities of very different

people's daily journeys to work, on planes through to ferries.

WED 11:30 When Pop and Politics Meet (b008xr6r)

Free Nelson Mandela

Annie Lennox offers a tribute to Nelson Mandela and

introduces Muriel Gray's programme 'When Pop and Politics

Meet', about the impact of the 1988 'Free Nelson Mandela'

concert.

WED 12:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007yntz)

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WED 13:30 Trueman and Riley (b01dtrfl)

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WED 14:00 Mary Brunton - Self Control (b011q9gg)

A Request

Laura learns more about Hargrave's conduct and receives a

request from De Courcy. But will she accept?

Mary Brunton's romantic tale set in Perthshire and London -

dramatised by Gerda Stevenson.

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and a dignified but reserved landowner. In a world where polite

society and sexual hypocrisy rub shoulders easily, can she

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Narrated by Maureen Beattie

Laura Gerda Stevenson

Lady Pelham Barbara Leigh-Hunt

De Courcy Tom Goodman Hill

Harriet Tracy-Ann Oberman

Mrs Hargrave Phyllida Law

Producer: Bruce Young

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2003.

WED 14:15 The Invention of Childhood (b00sm4m2)

Cutting the Slum Mind off at the Root

Michael Murguro traces the making of Britain's Welfare State

amid concerns for children.

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Gravel

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and the complicated emotions of normal lives resonate long

after the final page is turned.

Today in Gravel, a woman remembers a life-changing winter

when she was very young and tries to assuage her sense of

complicity.

The reader is Laurel Lefkowitz

The abridger is Sally Marmon

The producer is Di Speirs.

WED 14:45 Jasper Rees - I Found My Horn (b00zmdk5)

Episode 3

The author heads to America to hone his skills, and picks up

some bizarre but sound advice. Read by Nicholas Boulton.

WED 15:00 The Complete Smiley (b07psqzr)

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WED 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b03kkmj7)

Philip Pullman reads the third of his Grimm Tales, and Mel gets

to the bottom of nanotechnology which, among other things,

makes your mobile phone work.

WED 17:00 No Commitments (b00776j7)

Series 13

Age Difference

Can Charlotte make it as a model? And why isn't Victoria

happier about Emily's pregnancy? With Rosemary Leach. From

April 2007.

WED 17:30 Tales From the Mausoleum Club (b007k1w6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

WED 18:00 Robert Easby - Oneira (b007k26v)

A String of Time

As her quest to learn the secrets of the Universe continues,

museum attendant Oneira ends up in the Texan Desert with a

dead American comic - and a 13th century Friar.

Robert Easby's sci-fi comedy serial stars Lyndsey Marshal as

Oneira, Peter Marinker as Nicholai, Chas Early as Bill Hicks,

Jon Glover as Roger Bacon and Christine Kavanagh as

Clock/Alien.

Producer: Liz Webb.

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in 2007.

WED 18:30 Jonathan Aycliffe - The Matrix (b01nm20n)

Morocco

Andrew journeys to Morocco with the sinister Duncan Mylne,

where a shock awaits him...

Jonathan Aycliffe's chilling novel abridged in ten parts by

Rosemary Goring.

Read by Robert Paterson

Producer: David Jackson Young

First broadcast on BBC Radio Scotland in 1997.

WED 18:45 HG Wells (b01mlzcm)

The First Men in the Moon

Episode 3

The intrepid explorers encounter advanced, intelligent beings on

the Moon - but it's a meeting of worlds that proves far from

harmonious...

First published in 1901, HG Wells' novel abridged by Neville

Teller.

Read by Tim Pigott-Smith.

Producer: David Roper

Made by Heavy Entertainment for BBC Radio 4 and first

broadcast in July 2007.

WED 19:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007yntz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 19:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b012r6wt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

WED 20:00 John Creasey - The Toff on the Farm (b007jslv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 20:30 Trueman and Riley (b01dtrfl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 21:

and will Dave choose Milan over Lower Broughton Working Men's Club?

Mike Paul Loughran

Lind Lesley Sharp

Dave Phil Rowson

Alan Parvez Qadir

Simon De Vere James Quinn

Stevie Suranne Jones

Pat the Butcher Andrew Grose.

WED 23:30 Lee and Herring's Fist of Fun (b007k1z6)

Greenwich

Driving instructors, pornography and a surprise from

Supermarket Sweep's TV host, Dale Winton.

From Greenwich University, London.

Stewart Lee and Richard Herring's mix of sharp sketches and situations, stand up topical gags and banter.

With Peter Baynham, Rebecca Front and John Thomson.

Special guest: Dale Winton

Lee and Herring went to write and star in their successful TV transfer to BBC Two in 1995.

Cult BBC Radio 1 series first broadcast in November 1993.

THURSDAY 12 DECEMBER 2013

THU 00:00 Robert Easby - Oneira (b007k26v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Wednesday]

THU 00:30 Jonathan Aycliffe - The Matrix (b01nm20n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Wednesday]

THU 00:45 HG Wells (b01mlzcm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:45 on Wednesday]

THU 01:00 John Creasey - The Toff on the Farm (b007js1v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday]

THU 01:30 Trueman and Riley (b01dtrfl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Wednesday]

THU 02:00 Winston (b00pbv78)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Wednesday]

THU 02:30 All the Way from Memphis (b00jnsm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Wednesday]

THU 03:00 The Complete Smiley (b07psqzr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Wednesday]

THU 04:00 Penelope Fitzgerald - Human Voices (b03k3nif)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Wednesday]

THU 04:15 The Commuters (b007wxhq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Wednesday]

THU 04:30 When Pop and Politics Meet (b008xr6r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:30 on Wednesday]

THU 05:00 No Commitments (b00776j7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Wednesday]

THU 05:30 Tales From the Mausoleum Club (b007k1w6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]

THU 06:00 John Creasey - The Toff on the Farm (b007js4c)

6. The Mystery of Selby Farm

Finding an empty safe at the farmhouse - the Honourable

Richard Rollison edges closer to solving the mystery.

Rural intrigue stalks amateur sleuth - the Honorable Richard

Rollison

The conclusion of John Creasey's thriller stars Terence

Alexander.

The Toff Terence Alexander

Jolly Robert Dorning

Gillian Selby Heather Stoney

Monty Morne Terrence Hardiman

Superintendent Grice Duncan Lamont

Eddie Forbes (alias Red Brandt) Ed Bishop

Bert Ebbutt Douglas Blackwell

William T Brandt Alan White

Other parts played by the cast.

Dramatised by Roy Lomax

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in April 1977.

THU 06:30 Trueman and Riley (b01dtvfi)

Series 3

3. Family Business

Yorkshire's grumpiest detectives are on the trail of a missing

gambler with £98,000 in cash in his pocket. If only they knew

who he was...or where he lived...or anything really.

Time for some old fashioned sleuthing...

Starring Robert Daws as Trueman and Duncan Preston as Riley.

Brian B Thompson's detective series about the ill-matched duo

set in Leeds.

DI Trueman ... Robert Daws

DS Riley Duncan Preston

Bill Gerard McDermott

Charlie David Hargreaves

Dermot James Lailey

Sandra Christine Absalom

Waitress Tracy Wiles

Director: Toby Swift

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in March 2012

THU 07:00 Bookcases (b00svclm)

Series 1

Gone for a Burton

London 1855: Primus's latest publishing coup is the explorer

Richard Burton, but drink and other substances seem to have

destroyed Burton's sense of direction.

Martyn Wade's Victorian era comedy stars Michael Cochrane

and Maggie Steed.

Primus Michael Cochrane

Cordelia Maggie Steed

Edith Elizabeth Spriggs

Gerald David Horovitch

Katie Joiner Frances Jeater

Richard Burton Norman Rodway

Waiter David Antrobus

Director: Cherry Cookson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1998.

THU 07:30 The Secret World (b03k2b9)

Series 4

Episode 2

Sean Connery, Griff Rhys Jones, Pam Ayres, Kirsty Young,

Peter Sallis, all have one thing in common.

They enjoy nothing more than coming together every week or

so for a bit of bare knuckle fighting.

Well, they do in the strange alternative universe that is The

Secret World. The impressions show with a difference.

With

Jon Culshaw

Julian Dutton

Lewis MacLeod

Jess Robinson

Debra Stephenson

Duncan Wisbey

Written by Bill Dare, Julian Dutton and Duncan Wisbey.

Produce and created by: Bill Dare.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2013.

THU 08:00 Dad's Army (b007jntf)

Series 2

Getting the Bird

Lance Corporal Jones is short of meat at his butcher's shop, so

Private Walker arranges a special off-ration supply.

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 Pike Ian Lavender

Private Godfrey Arnold Ridley

Private Walker Larry Martyn

The Vicar Frank Williams

Sergeant Wilson's Daughter Diana Bishop

Announcer John Snagge

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1975.

THU 08:30 Take It From Here (b0110209)

From 12/11/1953

Frank Muir and Denis Norden's classic comedy, with the debut

of the Glums family with Pa, Ron and Eth. Stars Jimmy

Edwards, Dick Bentley and June Whitfield. From November

1953.

THU 09:00 Hazelbeach (b00853kb)

Series 1

Horse-Racing

Ronnie organises a trip to the races and Nick makes a startling

discovery about the true nature of friendship.

Caroline and David Stafford's comedy stars Jamie Forman as

Ronnie Hazelbeach.

Ronnie Jamie Foreman

Nick Paul Bazely

Chloe Tracy Wiles

James John Dougall

Harry Simon Treves

Andrea Liza Sadovy

Producer: Marc Beeby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2007.

THU 09:30 HR (b00tgc1c)

Series 2

Gassing

Sam is battling retirement blues with a part-time job working

for the Saviours, manning telephone lines to help those in

distress. And today's first client is of course Peter, in distress

about their faulty boiler.

Peter Jonathan Pryce

Sam Nicholas Le Prevost

George Sam Dale

Voice Alison Pettitt

Director: Peter Kavanagh.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.

THU 10:00 The Complete Smiley (b07pt0wy)

Smiley's People

Episode 3

George has a chance to take his nemesis down once and for all.

Will he lose himself in the process? Stars Simon Russell Beale.

THU 11:00 The Arts Show - The Soweto Gospel Choir

(b00833q0)

Janice Forsyth examines the success and humanitarian work of

the Soweto Gospel Choir.

THU 12:00 Dad's Army (b007jntf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 12:30 Take It From Here (b0110209)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 13:00 John Creasey - The Toff on the Farm (b007js4c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 13:30 Trueman and Riley (b01dtvfi)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 14:00 Mary Brunton - Self Control (b011qjfr)

Turmoil

Laura has agreed to marry De Courcy, but will Hargrave let

her? Could danger be lurking?

Mary Brunton's romantic tale set in Perthshire and London -

dramatised in ten parts by Gerda Stevenson.

Laura Montreville is loved by two men - a reckless Libertine

and a dignified but reserved landowner. In a world where polite

society and sexual hypocrisy rub shoulders easily, can she

choose wisely between passion and virtue?

Narrated by Maureen Beattie

Laura Gerda Stevenson

Lady Pelham Barbara Leigh-Hunt

De Courcy Tom Goodman Hill

Hargrave Andrew Wincott

Mary Emma Woolliams

Surgeon Stuart McGugan

Producer: Bruce Young

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2003.

THU 14:15 The Invention of Childhood (b00sm5xl)

They'd some Queer Ideas at the Clinic

Michael Morpurgo discovers how behaviourists and Freudians

battled over techniques for bringing up children.

THU 14:30 Alice Munro - Dear Life (b01npb85)

Pride

Alice Munro was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in

2013. She is widely regarded as a doyenne of the short story

form, a writer whose acuity and compassion shines through all

her work. These stories are from her 2012 collection, Dear

Life.

Set mostly in the small towns and quiet domestic surroundings

of her native Canada, Munro, as always, captures the ordinary

and reveals the extraordinary that lies beneath. Life is laid bare,

and the complicated emotions of normal lives resonate long

after the final page is turned.

Today in Pride, an old man remembers his past and a friendship

that might have grown in other circumstances.

The reader is Garrick Hagan

The abridger is Sally Marmion

The producer is Di Speirs.

THU 14:45 Jasper Rees - I Found My Horn (b00zn04d)

Episode 4

The author recalls his school days where his playing skill

developed, before a disastrous performance. Read by Nicholas

Boulton.

THU 15:00 The Complete Smiley (b07pt0wy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

THU 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b03kxkgj)

Mel finds out why swallows sometimes fly high and sometimes

low, and meets the Batman from Brazil - dentist by day and

superhero by night. Plus, freezing eyelashes in the Arctic.

THU 17:00 Ballylenon (b00807h2)

Series 5

Episode 5

Wrangling over the Hoover cottage continues, as Stompy's

protest backfires.

Series set in the sleepy town of Ballylenon, Co Donegal in 1956.

Written by Christopher Fitz-Simon.

Starring TP McKenna as Phonsie Doherty, Margaret D'Arcy as

Muriel McConkey, Stella McCusker as Vera McConkey, Aine

McCartney as Mrs McFinney, Gerard McSorley as Stumpy

Bonnar, Cathy White as Josie Doherty, Charlie Bonnar as Packy

McGoldrick and BJ Hogg as Bohunkus Smith.

Music arranged and performed by Stephanie Hughes.

Director: Eoin O'Callaghan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1998.

THU 17:30 Bookcases (b00svclm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 20:00 John Creasey - The Toff on the Farm (b007js4c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 20:30 Trueman and Riley (b01dvtfj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 21:00 The Arts Show - The Soweto Gospel Choir (b00833q0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

THU 22:00 The Secret World (b03k2bt9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 22:30 Elvenquest (b00w7f23)

Series 2

Episode 3

The Quest for the Sword of Asnagar continues.

Vidar and his team are outside the Citadel of Gondola which is being laid siege to by the amassed hordes of the evil Lord Darkness. But when they get searched on their way into the Citadel - there's been a lot of trouble with 'suicide fairies' - Sam comes across a love potion in Vidar's belongings and his mind unsurprisingly turns from defending the citadel to making his move on Penthiselea.

But the path of true love is never a steady one and Sam's plans for marital bliss soon fall apart when he discovers time with an amorous Penthiselea isn't all it's cracked up to be, and Vidar drinks the love potion by mistake.

Fantasy-based sitcom set in Lower Earth written by Anil Gupta and Richard Pinto.

Sam Stephen Mangar

Lord Darkness Alistair McGowan

The High Priestess of Gondola Christine Kavanagh

Dean/Kreech Kevin Eldon

Vidar Darren Boyd

Amis – The Chosen One Dave Lamb

Penthiselea Sophie Winkleman

Producer: Sam Michell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2010.

THU 23:00 Sarah Millican's Support Group (b010y7bp)

Series 2

2. 'I think I'm addicted to plastic surgery'

"I think I'm addicted to plastic surgery"

"My retired Dad has more of a social life than me - how can I get him to swap stripping for slippers?"

Sarah Millican is a life counsellor and modern-day agony aunt tackling the nation's problems head on, dishing out real advice for real people.

Assisted by her very own team of experts of the heart - man of the people local cabbie Terry, and self qualified counsellor Marion,

Sarah tackles the nation's problems head on and has a solution for everything.

Sarah Sarah Millican

Marion Ruth Bratt

Terry Simon Daye

Rachel Isy Suttie

Ian William Andrews

Jeff Kevin Eldon

Clive Malcolm Tierney.

Written by Sarah Millican.

Producer: Lianne Coop

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2011

THU 23:30 Rubbish (b00770kq)

Series 1

Whistleblower

Martin Christmas is reporter Adam Monk's local government whistleblower, so he's horrified to learn of the existence of a rival mystery whistleblower

This one has told Adam that it was none other than Martin who ordered the notorious "Dalek of Death" compost bins!

Suddenly local government is a very threatening place.

Reece Dinsdale stars as local government officer, cynic and manic-depressive, Martin Christmas in Tony Bagley's sitcom.

Martin Reece Dinsdale

Adam Paul Reynolds

Roger Paul Copley

Scott Kevin Eldon

Sarah Nicola Walker

Alan Mike Walling

Barney James Lance

Speaker 1 Mark Maier

Producer: Claire Bartlett

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2006.

FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER 2013

FRI 00:00 Robert Easby - Oneira (b007k284)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Thursday]

FRI 00:30 Jonathan Aycliffe - The Matrix (b01nm5jd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]

FRI 00:45 HG Wells (b01mm3cf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:45 on Thursday]

FRI 01:00 John Creasey - The Toff on the Farm (b007js4c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]

FRI 01:30 Trueman and Riley (b01dvtfj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]

FRI 02:00 Hazelbeach (b00853kb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]

FRI 02:30 HR (b00tg1c3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]

FRI 03:00 The Complete Smiley (b07pt0wy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:00 The Arts Show - The Soweto Gospel Choir (b00833q0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Thursday]

FRI 05:00 Ballylenon (b00807h2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Thursday]

FRI 05:30 Bookcases (b00svclm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]

FRI 06:00 Inspector Purbright - Charity Ends at Home (b007jsmq)

Episode 1

Kindly Detective Inspector Purbright probes dark deeds in the world of small-time animal charities.

One of Colin Watson's Flaxborough Chronicles dramatised by Christopher Denys in 6 parts.

Stars John Rowe as Inspector Purbright, Robin Polley as Sgt. Malley, Tricia Wilcock as Mrs Hallam, Paul Downing as Love, Russell Dixon as Dr Fergusson and Ann Rye as Lucilla Teatime.

Producer: Tony Cliff

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1992.

FRI 06:30 Trueman and Riley (b01dvdyd)

Series 3

4. Green Machine

Trueman and Riley stumble onto the Crime Squad's patch when they investigate an environmental activist who's been run over.

But they're all on the same side. Aren't they?

Starring Robert Daws as Trueman and Duncan Preston as Riley. Brian B Thompson's detective series about the ill-matched duo set in Leeds.

DI Trueman Robert Daws

DS Riley Duncan Preston

Terry Don Gilet

Jenny Susie Riddell

Tyler Tom Meredith

Mr Eagle James Lailey

Woman Christine Absalom

Director: Marion Nancarrow

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in March 2012

FRI 07:00 Smelling of Roses (b007jr19)

Series 1

Sleeping Partners

Rosie is arranging the activities for partners of delegates to a major finance company's conference.

Kate meanwhile sees it as her ticket back into a high-flying job...

Prunella Scales in Simon Brett's sitcom.

The trials and tribulations of Rosie Burns and her event management company, based in Brighton.

Rosie Prunella Scales

Kate Arabella Weir

Jo Rebecca Callard

Bob Duncan Preston

Tess Annette Badland

Sheila Wilkinson Debbie Norman

Philip Wilkinson Alan Cowan

Producer: Maria Esposito

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2000.

FRI 07:30 Meet David Sedaris (b03kp2kh)

Series 4

Episode 2

One of the world's funniest storytellers is back on BBC Radio 4 doing what he does best.

This week, a story dealing with the guilt he sometimes feels as a result of writing stories about his family in "Repeat After Me" and some more extracts from his hilarious diary.

Producer: Steve Doherty

A Giddy Goat production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 08:00 Steptoe and Son (b007jlg5)

Series 2

Crossed Swords

After a major find out on his rag and bone round, excited

Harold lets greed get the better of him.

Starring Wilfrid Brambell and Harry H Corbett.

Following the conclusion of their hugely successful association with Tony Hancock, writers Ray Galton and Alan Simpson

wrote 10 pilots for the BBC TV's Comedy Playhouse in 1962.

The Offer featured the lives of rag and bone men Albert Steptoe and son Harold - and was the spark for a run of eight

series on TV.

Albert Wilfrid Brambell

Harold Harry H Corbett

Shop Assistant Derek Nimmo

Auctioneer Michael MacLean

Adapted for radio from Galton and Simpson's TV script by Gale Pedrick.

Producer: Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in July 1967.

FRI 08:30 Yes Minister (b007jmpx)

Series 1

The Right to Know

MP Jim Hacker tries to excavate himself from problems with badgers.

Starring Paul Eddington, Nigel Hawthorne and Derek Fowlds. Antony Jay and Jonathan Lynn satirical sitcom ran on BBC TV

between 1980 and 1984. Yes Minister is centred around the hapless Jim Hacker and a collection of civil service underlings

headed by the Machiavellian Sir Humphrey Appleby and obsequious Bernard.

Jim Hacker Paul Eddington

Sir Humphrey Appleby Nigel Hawthorne

Bernard Derek Fowlds

Annie Diana Hoddinott

Lucy Gerry Cowper

Protester Carol Boyd

Sir Frederick Peter Cellier

Adapted for radio by producer Pete Atkin.

First broadcast on Radio 4 in November 1983.

FRI 09:00 Girls Will Be Girls (b0082hd)

From 16/12/1989

The Bobo girls take to the stage with more comedy and music. Starring Rebecca Front and Sioned Wiliam. From December

1989.

FRI 09:30 Electric Ink (b01jtn5)

Series 2

Episode 1

Maddox has lost the job of news editor and now faces being sued.

Alistair Beaton and Tom Mitchelson's comic satire set in the struggling world of newspapers. .

Maddox John Sessions

Oliver Alex Jennings

Freddy Stephen Wright

Carol Polly Frame

Masha Debbie Chazen

Keith Sam Dale

Producer Sally Avens

A group of dysfunctional journalists attempt to cover major news stories at the same time as grappling with the demands of

working in a multi-platform environment, watching circulation figures plummet and the recession causing half the workforce

to be laid off.

At the heart of the comedy is the relationship between Maddox

Bradley, a journalist who mourns the day of proper

investigative journalism, and Freddy, the online editor who will

regurgitate a press release quite happily and call it a story. But

they have a grudging respect for the each other as Freddy helps

Maddox stay afloat in the world of Twitter, Facebook and

podcasting and Maddox shows Freddy how to sniff out the real

story. Both are at the mercy of Oliver, the pragmatic editor

more concerned with keeping his job, and Carol, the news

editor who believes that circulation will increase if they run

pieces on Big Mac eating orang-utans and 'intelligent' skunks

rather than Maddox's moral crusading diatribes. And only

Masha, the Russian head of online communities, who wants to

give away all their content because that is true democracy,

knows Freddy's secret; that he's a posh boy from Eton rather

than a hyper-cool kid from the street; well that's what Freddy

thinks anyway.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2010.

FRI 10:00 The Complete Smiley (b07pt0x4)

The Secret Pilgrim

Episode 1

Recollections of an eventful secret life when a British spy went

missing. John Le Carre thriller stars Simon Russell Beale.

FRI 11:00 Penelope Fitzgerald - Human Voices (b03k3flh)

Episode 9

Wartime in Broadcasting House. Out on a stroll, two BBC staff

make a discovery in Trafalgar Square. Read by Penelope

Wilton.

FRI 11:15 Penelope Fitzgerald - Human Voices (b007zjw5)

Episode 10

Wartime in Broadcasting House. The story draws to an end with

a cautious romance and an unexpected bang. Read by Penelope

Wilton.

FRI 11:30 Songlines (b03nxmnc)

Nkosi Sikelel' iAfrica

Nkosi Sikelel' iAfrica, a hymn written in 1897 was adopted by

the ANC as its anthem of liberation and which, in 1994 became

the national anthem of South Africa.

FRI 12:00 Steptoe and Son (b007jlg5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 12:30 Yes Minister (b007jmpx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 13:00 Inspector Purbright - Charity Ends at Home (b007jsmq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 13:30 Trueman and Riley (b01dvdyd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 14:00 Mary Brunton - Self Control (b011qm90)

Kidnapped

Kidnapped by the love-crazed Hargrave, Laura will inherit a

fortune - if she agrees to marry him...

Conclusion of Mary Brunton's romantic tale set in Perthshire

and London - dramatised by Gerda Stevenson.

In a world where polite society and sexual hypocrisy rub

shoulders easily, can Laura Montreville choose wisely between

passion and virtue?

Narrated by Maureen Beattie

Laura Gerda Stevenson

Mrs Falkland Barbara Leigh-Hunt

Hargrave Andrew Wincott

Mrs Douglas Phyllida Law

Annie Tracy-Ann Oberman

Mary Emma Woolliams

Robert Stuart McGugan

Producer: Bruce Young

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2003.

FRI 14:15 The Invention of Childhood (b00sm8nf)

Charlie Chaplin Went to France to Teach Ladies How to Dance
Michael Morpurgo discovers new forms of entertainment available to children in the first half of the 20th century.

FRI 14:30 Alice Munro - Dear Life (b01nt07t)

To Reach Japan

Alice Munro was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 2013. She is widely regarded as a doyenne of the short story form, a writer whose acuity and compassion shines through all her work. These stories are from her 2012 collection, Dear Life.

Set mostly in the small towns and quiet domestic surroundings of her native Canada, Munro, as always, captures the ordinary and reveals the extraordinary that lies beneath. Life is laid bare, and the complicated emotions of normal lives resonate long after the final page is turned.

Today in To Reach Japan, a young poet sets out across a continent and finds more than she imagined.

The reader is Laurel Lefkow
The abridger is Sally Marmion
The producer is Di Speirs.

FRI 14:45 Jasper Rees - I Found My Horn (b00zn5ch)

Episode 5

The day of the big performance arrives, but is a year of endeavour enough to impress Jasper's peers? Read by Nicholas Boulton.

FRI 15:00 The Complete Smiley (b07pt0x4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b03kl181)

Liar and Spy author Rebecca Stead chooses her Inheritance Books, and Mel hears about the traditional food which became popular in Iceland after the financial crash.

FRI 17:00 Capital Gains (b007qw7j)

Series 1

Stake Capital

Retired gent, Julius Hutch is beset with bills and final demands. Then a sum of £4,601,740.72 is mistakenly paid into his account by an off-shore bank.

So should he return it or not? And whose money is it anyway?

Peter Jones stars as Julius Hutch.

Written by Collin Johnson.

Julius Hutch Peter Jones

Pauline Tone Celestine Randall

Creditor Collin Johnson

Creditor Peter Whitman.

Producer: Andy Jordan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1995.

FRI 17:30 Smelling of Roses (b007jr19)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 18:00 Robert Easby - Oneira (b007k29f)

Mind the Gap

Battling to complete her epic surreal quest, Oneira literally ends up talking to herself - and finds her other self very rude.

Robert Easby's sci-fi comedy serial stars Lyndsey Marshal as Oneira, Peter Marinker as Nicholai, Joseph Kloska as Pete, Gerard McDermott as Elias and Saikat Ahamed as the Courier. Producer: Liz Webb.

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in 2007.

FRI 18:30 Jonathan Aycliffe - The Matrix (b01nmjxb)

Voices

"I reached the door and ran outside, but the voices would not leave me..."

Andrew witnesses a mysterious ceremony in a former church and meets with his friend's widow.

Jonathan Aycliffe's chilling novel abridged in ten parts by Rosemary Goring.

Read by Robert Paterson

Producer: David Jackson Young

First broadcast on BBC Radio Scotland in 1997.

FRI 18:45 HG Wells (b01mmrhh)

The First Men in the Moon

Episode 5

Intrepid explorers Bedford and Cavor's first mission to the moon comes to a surprising and unexpected conclusion.

First published in 1901, HG Wells' novel abridged by Neville Teller.

Concluded by Tim Pigott-Smith.

Producer: David Roper

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 21:00 Penelope Fitzgerald - Human Voices (b03k3flh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 21:15 Penelope Fitzgerald - Human Voices (b007zjw5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

FRI 21:30 Songlines (b03nxmcm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:30 today]

FRI 22:00 Meet David Sedaris (b03kp2kh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 22:30 The Consultants (b008j2v3)

Series 3

Episode 2

Chesney throws a festive party for his colleagues. Cerebral sketch show with Neil Edmond and Justin Edwards. From December 2004.

FRI 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b03pjgh4)

The Comedy Club brings you two hours of comedy. Plus Arthur Smith speaks to the winner of the 2013 BBC Radio New Comedy Award, Steve Bugeja.

FRI 23:00 Old Harry's Game (b007jpf2)

Series 2

Too Far

Satan instructs Scumspawn to perform the most gross and humiliating act of all time.

Has the Prince of Darkness finally gone too far?

Andy Hamilton's comedy series set in Hell.

Satan Andy Hamilton

The Professor James Grout

Thomas Jimmy Mulville

Scumspawn Robert Duncan

Other characters played by Philip Pope, Felicity Montagu and Nick Revell.

Producer Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1998.

FRI 23:30 The Mary Whitehouse Experience (b007jn3d)

Series 3

From 10/03/1990

The Al Fayed purchase of Harrods is mocked. Sketches, stand-up and general ranting from David Baddiel, Rob Newman,

Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis. From March 1990.