

## SATURDAY 28 DECEMBER 2013

**SAT 00:00 Christopher Lee's Fireside Tales (b018js2l)**

The Monkey's Paw

The master of terror shares WW Jacobs' classic tale of a sinister talisman sparking untold horror for a dear old couple.

**SAT 00:15 MR James (b007k1kh)**

MR James: Ghost Stories

Rats

Mr Thompson decides to explore the rooms at the inn where he is staying. Perhaps he shouldn't. Read by Benjamin Whitrow.

**SAT 00:30 Wilkie Collins - Who Killed Zebedee? (b007jq12)**

Episode 2

With just days to live, a Victorian policeman continues his final confession from his death bed.

With mystery still surrounding the brutal murder of John Zebedee, he recalls his determination to solve the case when the rest of the police force had given up.

Detective story by Wilkie Collins, first published in 1881.

Concluded by Ronald Pickup

Producer: Joanne Reddon

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in October 2003.

**SAT 01:00 A Case for Dr Morelle (b007qsk2)**

10. The Wedding Dress

Frightened bride-to-be Audrey Templeton is being spooked by noises in the night. Can the psychiatrist-sleuth uncover what's going on?

Ernest Dudley's Harley Street psychiatrist-turned-detective uses psychology as well as criminology to hunt down lawbreakers by deducing their felonious personalities.

Cecil Parker stars as Dr Morelle with Sheila Sim as his long-suffering assistant, Miss Frayle.

Dr Morelle .... Cecil Parker

Miss Frayle .... Sheila Sim

Audrey Templeton .... Sulwen Morgan

Evelyn Lambert .... Mary Law

Edna Lambert .... Olwyn Brookes

Mrs Vezey .... Peggy Thorpe-Bates

Commercial Traveller/Ames .... Trevor Martin

Director: Leslie Bridgmont

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in February 1957.

**SAT 01:30 John Mortimer - Rumpole (b007jsf6)**

The Man of God

Rumpole recalls the case of a light-fingered vicar.

"The Splendours And Miseries Of An Old Bailey Hack".

Starring Maurice Denham as ageing London barrister-at-law

Horace Rumpole and Margot Boyd as Hilda Rumpole

With Michael Spice as Guthrie Featherstone, John Savident as

Judge Bullingham and Denys Hawthorne as Judge George

Frobisher.

Originally a TV series created by writer and barrister John Mortimer, Rumpole hit the BBC radio airwaves in 1980. Case-by-case, Rumpole recalls his work at the Central Criminal Court of England and Wales.

Director: Ian Cotterell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1980.

**SAT 02:00 Girls Will Be Girls (b00dyb0r)**

From 16/03/1991

Sketches and songs from Rebecca Front and Sioned Wiliam, featuring the Suburban Heritage Audio Tour. From March 1991.

**SAT 02:30 Electric Ink (b01jyq9e)**

Series 2

Episode 3

Struggling print journalist Maddox takes a moral stance with disastrous results.

A comic satire set in the struggling world of newspapers.

A group of dysfunctional journalists attempt to cover major news stories whilst grappling with the demands of a multi-platform environment, as circulation figures plummet as the recession means half the workforce is laid off.

Written by Alistair Beaton and Tom Mitchelson.

Maddox .... John Sessions

Oliver .... Alex Jennings

Freddy .... Stephen Wight

Carol .... Polly Frame

Masha .... Debbie Chazen

With Joanna Monro, Sean Baker, Adeel Akhtar, Henry Devas and Sam Dale.

Producer: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.

**SAT 03:00 Classic Serial (b00mjklh)**

The A-Z of Dr Johnson - Boswell's Life of Johnson

Episode 2

Dramatisation by Robin Brooks of James Boswell's biography of Samuel Johnson, to celebrate the 300th anniversary of Johnson's birth.

Boswell visits Johnson only intermittently, but relies on him more and more. Johnson meets Hester Thrale, who becomes his devoted friend and confidante, and the most important person in his life.

Samuel Johnson ..... Kenneth Cranham

James Boswell ..... Paul Higgins

Hester Thrale ..... Annabelle Dowler

David Garrick ..... David Hargreaves

Mrs Desmoulins ..... Susan Jameson

Joshua Reynolds ..... Matt Addis

Dilly ..... Stephen Hogan

Wilkes ..... Philip Fox

Directed by Claire Grove.

**SAT 04:00 Roshi Fernando - Homesick (b01cww65)**

Test

A day out with his son gives Rohan new understandings of love.

Stories of Sri Lankan immigrants in Britain, read by Paul

Bazely.

**SAT 04:15 Drama (b00jm2nr)**

Shakespeare a la Carte

One of the highlights of the 2008 Brighton Festival was turned

into an Afternoon Play for BBC Radio 4. Shakespeare A La

Carte took the public by storm when it offered audiences the

chance to order up their favourite bits of Shakespeare, together

with coffee and croissant.

Pippa Smith, Head of Education at the Brighton Festival had

the idea after a disappointing encounter at the Edinburgh

Festival. "I saw a flyer advertising Shakespeare for breakfast.

But breakfast turned out to be stewed tea in polystyrene cups

and the Shakespeare was a lame production of 'Love Labour's

Lost.' I came away with an entire show in my head. I knew I

could create something much classier than this - the bards best

bits performed by leading talent from the RSC and National."

Smith approached Richard Hahlo, Jonathan Cullen and Fiona

Dunn, who form the theatre company Hydrocracker. They

devised a show where the actors, masquerading as waiters in a

Pizza Restaurant, take over the performance when they hear

that the real actors have been delayed driving down from

Stratford. For the radio adaptation two extra characters played

by Sian Webber and Richard Atlee, have been created.

Says Richard Hahlo: "They frame the action for those listening

at home. It's good that we will record it live, because what you

get are big chunks of Shakespeare interwoven into the to-ing

and fro-ing of these waiters trying to get these speeches

organised."

Cast:

Peter Quince ..... Richard Hahlo

Nick Bottom ..... Jonathan Cullen

Frances Flute ..... Fiona Dunn

Hermione ..... Sian Webber

Crispin ..... Richard Atlee

Producer: Karen Rose

A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4.

**SAT 05:00 Capital Gains (b007rq8b)**

Series 1

Capital Return

Home at last, how will Julius Hutch come to terms with the

bank that made him rich? Can he set himself up to live happily

ever after?

Peter Jones stars as Julius Hutch.

Written by Collin Johnson.

Julius Hutch ..... Peter Jones

Pauline Tone ..... Celestine Randall

Sexton Lewis ..... Jeffrey Wickham

Peter Fang ..... Peter Whitman

News Reader ..... Collin Johnson

Kate ..... Justine Midda

Producer: Andy Jordan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1995.

**SAT 05:30 Smelling of Roses (b007jrrq)**

Series 1

A Good Cause

Rosie's company is tasked to put together a charity gala concert

in aid of the Afghans.

But there's confusion over whether it's for the people or the

dogs?

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

Ginnie ..... Joanna Munro

Lady Helen ..... Celia Imrie

Producer: Maria Esposito

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2000.

**SAT 06:00 Saturday Drama (b00s7yrb)**

JB Priestley - An Inspector Calls

By J. B. Priestley

The Birlings are celebrating the engagement of their daughter

Sheila when a police Inspector calls. Each member of the

family is questioned about their relationship with a young

woman, Eva Smith. And they each have to face up to their role

in her tragic story.

Inspector Goole ... Toby Jones

Arthur Birling...David Calder

Sibyl Birling...Frances Barber

Sheila Birling ... Morvern Christie

Eric Birling ... Sam Alexander

Gerald Croft ... Geoffrey Streatfeild

Edna... Vineeta Rishi

Directed by Jeremy Mortimer.

**SAT 07:30 The Seeds of Love (b00tvpvc)**

Cecil Sharp collected thousands of songs to try and bring

English folk music to a wider audience. Malcolm Taylor

investigates. From August 2003.

**SAT 07:58 Big Ben's Chimes (b03m78kj)**

Big Ben as an Icon of Britain

Archive recordings and a new poem by Ian McMillan pay

tribute to the chimes of Big Ben, familiar across the globe on

BBC Radio.

**SAT 08:00 Garrison Keillor's Radio Show (b01c6brd)**

Series 7

Episode 18

From a gym in Minnesota, the American funny man welcomes

a University Concert Choir and singing saw master Andy

McCormick. From 2011.

**SAT 09:00 Let's Get Quizzical (b0106ctv)**

Brains, Pickles and Slips

Russell Davies' historical trawl through radio quiz and panel

games includes Have a Go, Many a Slip, The News Quiz pilot

and Twenty Questions, via numerous other classics.

**SAT 11:58 Big Ben's Chimes (b03m78kj)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:58 today]

**SAT 12:00 The Tales of Beatrix Potter (Omnibus) (b0076gm4)**

Five stories from celebrated children's author, Beatrix Potter -

old favourites and some lesser known tales:

1. The Tale of Pigling Bland

Two young pigs embark on an adventure on the way to market.

Starring Johnny Vegas and Morwenna Banks.

2. The Tale of Peter Rabbit

If there's one thing we should all know - it's NOT to go into Mr

McGregor's garden. Starring Chris Addison.

3. The Tale of Jemima Puddleduck

Jemima looks for a quiet place to lay her eggs away from the

farmer's wife. Starring Janine Duvistki.

4. The Tale of Mr Tod

Tommy Brock the Badger and Mr Tod the fox are old enemies.

Stars Seymour Mace and John Henshaw.

5. The Tale of Ginger and Pickles

A terrier and a ginger cat run a shop - mainly on credit. Stars

Reece Shearsmith and John Henshaw.

Potter's love of the British landscape and its inhabitants -

coupled with her world famous ability for storytelling - means

she's been one of our most celebrated children's authors.

The timeless wonders of her stories pit the delight and childlike

innocence of the very human characters against the dark and

dramatic ruthlessness of the food-chain-led underbelly of

Cumbria's fields and hedgerows.

Adapted and directed by Sean Grundy

Produced by Sally Harrison

A Woollyback production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in

2013.

**SAT 13:15 Baldi (b007k085)**

Series 3

The Bookcase

Paolo Baldi helps a librarian investigate the link between her

young lover's death, a shifty Chicago cop and the surprisingly

dangerous, illegal trade in rare books.

David Threlfall stars as the murder-solving priest, Paolo Baldi.

Written by Simon Brett.

With Tina Kellegher as Tina Mahon, Bill Nighy as O'Connor,

TP McKenna as Father Troy, Geraldine James as Maggie, Owen

Roe as Rynne, Gerard McSorley as Dr Virgo, Niall Buggy as

Donal Clare, Luke Griffin as Billy and Collette Proctor as Kitty

Henderson.

Format by Barry Devlin. Developed and produced by BBC

Northern Ireland.

Script Editor: Gemma McMullan

Recorded at RTE's studios in Dublin.

Director: Mark Lambert

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2003.

**SAT 14:00 Dave Sheasby - Shifting the Leaves (b007jtch)**

Episode 5

In her quest to finally come to terms with her Cornish past,

Marjorie gets help from some youngsters.

Written by Dave Sheasby.

Marjorie Beaumont ..... Elizabeth Bradley.

Mrs Nugent ..... June Barrie

Mandy ..... Alison Pettitt

Tilson ..... Tristan Sturrock

Producer: David Hunter

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1998.

**SAT 14:15 Puzzling Passions (b0075yrb)**

Rock Paintings

Marcel Berlins gets his hands dirty when he delves into the

world of tactile puzzles and a famous cube. From October

2000.

**SAT 14:30 Jan Struther - Mrs Miniver (b00nnp65)**

Back From Abroad; Three Stockings

The engaging stories of an English housewife, created in The

Times of 1937 and immortalised on film. Read by Penelope

Wilton.

**SAT 14:45 The Pantomime Life of Joseph Grimaldi (b00xnddx)**

Episode 5

Crippled by his comedy antics, the superstar clown now

out. Kenneth Cranham concludes Andrew McConnell Stott's

account. From December 2009.

**SAT 15:00 Garrison Keillor's Radio Show (b01c6brd)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**SAT 16:00 Saturday Drama (b00s7yrb)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**SAT 17:30 Meet David Sedaris (b03m3nty)**

Series 4

Episode 4

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

This week, the pros and cons of being grown up enough to have a guest room in "Company Man", and some more extracts from his hilarious diary, which he has kept nightly for over 30 years.

Producer: Steve Doherty

A Giddy Goat production for BBC Radio 4.

**SAT 18:00 Fear on 4 (b008816z)**

Series 1

Speciality of the House

Mr Costain is introduced to a fine restaurant by his boss, but what exactly is in the Special? Stars Timothy West and the Man in Black, Edward De Souza.

**SAT 18:30 The Price of Fear (b007jmgf)**

Come as You Are

Horror film legend Vincent Price gets a chilling invitation to a very special costume party.

Co-starring Morris Perry, Betty Huntley-Wright and Peter Williams.

Scripted by Bill Ingram.

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in 1974.

**SAT 18:58 Big Ben's Chimes (b03m78kj)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:58 today]

**SAT 19:00 Let's Get Quizzical (b0106tcv)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**SAT 22:00 The Lawrence Sweeney Mix (b00kpybx)**

Series 1

Episode 4

Something you find in the Attic – and an unusual gathering with the neighbours...

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 (b01g7nry)**

Series 2

Holidays

Award-winning comedian Jason Byrne tackles the stress of going on holiday.

Stand up and sketches with Laurence Howarth and Daisy Haggard.

Producer: Julia McKenzie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2009.

**SAT 23:00 Julie Enfield Investigates (b010nbwj)**

Leaves of the Dead

4. Pyramids In The Spider

Rendered unconscious, detective superintendent Julie Enfield has been injected with a deadly drug.

Are Lawrence Evans and her dad in a position to help?

Conclusion of Nick Fisher's atmospheric thriller starring Imelda Staunton as Julie Enfield.

Julie Enfield ..... Imelda Staunton

Dad ..... Geoffrey Matthews

Lawrence Evans ..... Ross Livingstone

Stephen Arnold ..... Alex Lowe

Amanda Thorne ..... Janet Maw

Melanie Sharp ..... Colleen Prendergast

Dorothy ..... Shirley Dixon

Phil Carter ..... Christopher Scott

Arthur Morton ..... Stephen Thorne

Richard Baker ..... Ioan Meredith

Sal ..... Tracy-Ann Oberman

Terry Faulkner ..... Hugh Dickson

Producer: Richard Wortley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1997.

**SAT 23:30 Jennifer Donnelly - A Gathering Light (b0150pc2)**

Episode 1

In 1906 the body of a drowned woman is found in Big Moose Lake, in upstate New York.

As the story behind Grace Brown's death unfolds, 17 year old Mattie Gokey must choose to between her desire to be a writer, and the excitement of a first romance.

Jennifer Donnelly's debut novel read by Vicki Simon.

Abridged by Penny Leicester.

Producer: Liz Allard

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2004.

**SAT 23:45 The Late Alfred Hitchcock Presents (b00tqlfh)**

The Waxwork

By AM Burrage. In a reprise of the director's celebrated series from beyond the grave, convincing effigies become all too real.

Stars Michael Roberts.

#### SUNDAY 29 DECEMBER 2013

**SUN 00:00 Fear on 4 (b008816z)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Saturday]

**SUN 00:30 The Price of Fear (b007jmgf)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Saturday]

**SUN 01:00 Garrison Keillor's Radio Show (b01c6brd)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Saturday]

**SUN 02:00 The Tales of Beatrix Potter (Omnibus) (b0076gm4)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Saturday]

**SUN 03:15 Baldi (b007k085)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:15 on Saturday]

**SUN 04:00 Saturday Drama (b00s7yrb)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday]

**SUN 05:30 Meet David Sedaris (b03m3nty)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:30 on Saturday]

**SUN 06:00 Dave Sheasby - Shifting the Leaves (Omnibus) (b007jter)**

Returning to Porthant Bay in Cornwall after 60 years, Marjorie Beaumont is coming to terms with her past

Omnibus written by Dave Sheasby.

Marjorie Beaumont ..... Elizabeth Bradley.

Mrs Nugent ..... June Barrie

Mandy ..... Alison Pettitt

Tilson ..... Tristan Sturrock

Producer: David Hunter

First broadcast in five parts on BBC Radio 4 in April 1998.

**SUN 07:15 Could Do Better (b03m7dn7)**

Terence Stamp

Robert Booth summons Terence Stamp to his study for a quiet word about the actor's school reports. From November 1987.

**SUN 07:30 Count Arthur Strong's Radio Show! (b00gllnq)**

Series 4

An Audience With

Spoof reminiscences of a former variety star. Count Arthur Strong is an expert in everything from the world of

entertainment to the origins of the species, all false starts and

nervous fumbling, poorly concealed by a delicate sheen of

bravado and self-assurance.

A timely visit from the vicar interrupts Arthur's artistic flow as he pens a new novel, and reminds him that he needs to organise

entertainment for a fundraiser that night.

The choice of headliner is obvious, but who will he get to support? Surely some auditions in the Shoulder of Mutton will tempt some local talent out of the woodwork.

With Steve Delaney, Mel Giedroyc, Dave Mounfield and

Alastair Kerr.

A Komedija Entertainment/Smooth Operations production for BBC Radio 4.

**SUN 07:58 Big Ben's Chimes (b03m7fq9)**

Big Ben as Beating Heart

Ian McMillan's new poem pays moving tribute to the hope-inspiring chimes of Big Ben on BBC Radio throughout World War II.

**SUN 08:00 The Burkiss Way (b00gs06p)**

Series 2

Influence Friends and Win People...

Helpful hints from the Smarty Pants family and Knickertwist

Copperby.

The Burkiss Way to Dynamic Living from radio's Advanced Correspondence Course

With instruction from Jo Kendall, Nigel Rees, Chris Emmett and Fred Harris.

Learn the Burkiss Way to write a script like Andrew Marshall and David Renwick and the Burkiss Way to produce a

programme like Simon Brett (You'll be amazed at the results!) Cult sketch show first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December

1976.

**SUN 08:30 The Clitheroe Kid (b007jzmn)**

Series 7

A Load of Chinese Junk

Hijinks abound as the cheeky schoolboy performs in a pantomime, with a twist. 50th anniversary broadcast on the

exact day. Stars Jimmy Clitheroe. From December 1963.

**SUN 09:00 The Silver Sword - Ian Serrailier (b010tbkc)**

Episode 1

When the Germans march into Poland in 1939, the Balicki family are suddenly torn apart by war. Stars Sarah McDonald

Hughes.

**SUN 09:30 Herge - The Adventures of Tintin (b009mb9h)**

Series 2

The Red Sea Sharks, part 1

The intrepid boy reporter, Captain Haddock and Snowy try to avert a coup d'etat. Stars Richard Pearce and Andrew Sachs.

**SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b03m7hk6)**

The Good Life

Felicity Kendal

4 Extra Debut. From Bream to A Chorus Line, the Good Life star shares her castaway choices with Roy Plomley. From April

1978.

**SUN 10:45 Short Stories by John Mortimer (b007jzcv)**

The Mysterious Affair

Freddy becomes convinced that his father has played a gruesome part in his grandfather's sudden disappearance

Written by John Mortimer and read by Bernard Cribbins.

Producer: Emma Harding

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2003.

**SUN 11:00 That Reminds Me (b007jn9p)**

Series 2

Maureen Lipman

Actress Maureen Lipman looks back on her career in film, TV and the theatre, as she entertains an audience.

Featuring memories of growing up in Hull and her great heroine, Joyce Grenfell.

Producer: Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2000.

**SUN 11:30 Dad Made Me Laugh (b00mzvw5)**

Anthony Bygraves

Max Bygraves' son chats to Sally Magnusson about growing up with a famous showbiz father.

Producer: Mike Walker

First broadcast on BBC Radio Scotland in September 2006.

**SUN 11:58 Big Ben's Chimes (b03m7fq9)**

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**SUN 12:00 Dave Sheasby - Shifting the Leaves (Omnibus) (b007jter)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**SUN 13:15 Could Do Better (b03m7dn7)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

**SUN 13:30 Alan Garner - The Owl Service (b007jq2t)**

Mysterious events in a house turn frightening in a gripping

reworking of the Welsh Blodeuwedd myth. Stars Siрил Jenkins.

**SUN 15:00 The Burkiss Way (b00gs06p)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**SUN 15:30 The Clitheroe Kid (b007jzmn)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**SUN 16:00 Mel's Mix: The Best of The 4 O'Clock Show (b03m7j1w)**

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

**SUN 17:00 The Silver Sword - Ian Serrailier (b010tbkc)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**SUN 17:30 Herge - The Adventures of Tintin (b009mb9h)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

**SUN 18:00 The Laxian Key (b007k2tx)**

Episode 3

With the planetary decontaminationists on the run, Arnold's apologetic call for melting Earth is traced.

Stephen Hawking once warned us that our species could soon be wiped out by plagues, asteroids and our tendency to destroy

ourselves. The solution, he suggested, was for us to colonise other planets. But Chris Larner and David Gilbert's sci-fi

comedy sees the truth as a little more complicated.

The Laxian Key shows how, as soon as Man steps onto another planet, he promptly fouls it up just as he did earth. The heroes

of this wonderfully wacky tale are two interplanetary

decontaminationists.

CAST:

Arnold .... Chris Larner

Gregor .... Mark Bonner

Evan .... Trevor Cooper

Office .... Alex Lowe

Ferngraum .... Sam Dale

Jo .... Christine Kavanagh

Dolores .... Virge Gilchrist

Virtual Newsreader .... Bethan Walker

with Paul Biggin, Emma Noakes and Joseph Kloska

Music by Mark Stevens and Chris Larner

Producer: Peter Kavanagh

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in February 2007.

**SUN 18:30 A Short History of Vampires (b00yy6vt)**

Isabel By Tanith Lee

The ultimate killing machines.

Natalie Haynes introduces another dark story, as she examines why the vampire - an iconic figure in horror-fiction - continues

to exert such a powerful hold on our imaginations...

Mark Bonnar and Claire Harry read Tanith Lee's tale: A

beautiful vampire hires an artist to paint her portrait, but then he develops a dangerous obsession...

Producer: Gemma Jenkins

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in February 2011.

**SUN 18:58 Big Ben's Chimes (b03m7fq9)**

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**SUN 19:00 That Reminds Me (b007jn9p)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

**SUN 19:30 Dad Made Me Laugh (b00mzvw5)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:30 today]

**SUN 20:00 The Burkiss Way (b00gs06p)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**SUN 20:30 The Clitheroe Kid (b007jzmn)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**SUN 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b03m7hk6)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**SUN 21:45 Short Stories by John Mortimer (b007jzcv)**

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**SUN 22:00 Count Arthur Strong's Radio Show! (b00gllnq)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**SUN 22:30 The Richest Man in Britain (b00nz1bk)**

The African Village

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

Trillionaire rocker Dave Mabbutt contemplates the purchase of an African village to complement his afternoons-only radio

station.

Dave Mabbutt ..... Mark Williams

Dom ..... Russell Tovey

Naomi, the Charity Worker ..... Ayesha Antoine

Dave's Mum ..... Lynda Bellingham

Ken, the Maintenance Man ..... Phil Cornwell.

**SUN 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b03q175m)**

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

Newman.

**SUN 23:00 King Cutler (b008vr1b)**

King Cutler III

Another zesty batch of poems, songs and stories from Phyllis King and Ivor Cutler.

Interrupting from beyond the harmonium are Dylan Edwards, David Lloyd and Craig Murray-Orr.

Producer: Neil Cargill  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in January 1990.  
**SUN 23:30 The Maltby Collection (b00mvr2w)**  
 Series 3  
 Episode 6  
 Walter continues to be suspicious of his wife's attempts at reconciliation, and the Crumb-Looselys' long-distance relationship steers towards the rocks.  
 Geoffrey Palmer and Julian Rhind-Tutt star in series 3 of David Nobbs's 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 Cabourn-Smith  
 Julian Crumb-Loosely ..... Ben Willbond  
 Wilf Arbutnot ..... Geoff McGivern  
 Eva Tattle ..... Juklia Deakin  
 Des Wainwright ..... Michael Smiley  
 Stelios Constantinopoulos ..... Chris Pavlo  
 Gloria Brindle ..... Helen Atkinson-Wood  
 Vicar ..... Stephen K Amos  
 Producer: Colin Anderson  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2009.

#### MONDAY 30 DECEMBER 2013

**MON 00:00 The Laxian Key (b007k2tx)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]  
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**MON 06:00 Agatha Christie (b0081rx2)**  
 The Sittaford Mystery  
 1. The Message  
 A blizzard has hit England.  
 In the tiny village of Sittaford, on the fringes of Dartmoor, a party of six is gathered in Sittaford House, home of Captain Trevelyan. He's rented the house out for the winter and is staying in a nearby village. As evening draws in, a séance is proposed.  
 But it reveals something far more sinister than they'd all anticipated...  
 Starring Geoffrey Whitehead and Barbara Atkinson.  
 First published in 1931, Agatha Christie's whodunit dramatised in five parts.  
 Inspector Narracott .... Geoffrey Whitehead  
 Mrs. Curtis .... Barbara Atkinson  
 Major Burnaby .... Norman Bird  
 Mrs. Willett .... Susan Westerby  
 Violet Willett .... Victoria Carling  
 Mr. Rycroft .... John Moffat  
 Mr. Duke .... Michael Graham Cox  
 Ronnie Garfield .... Nigel Greaves  
 Sergeant Pollock .... Vincent Brimble  
 Doctor Warren .... Michael Kilgariff  
 Evans .... Donald Gee  
 Jim Pearson .... Stephen Garlick  
 Dramatised and directed by Michael Bakewell.  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1990.  
**MON 06:30 John Mortimer - Rumpole (b007k4nk)**  
 The Defence of Guthrie Featherstone  
 Rumpole recalls the tale of a philandering member of chambers.  
 "The Splendours And Miseries Of An Old Bailey Hack".  
 Starring Maurice Denham as ageing London barrister-at-law Horace Rumpole and Margot Boyd as Hilda Rumpole  
 With Michael Spice as Guthrie Featherstone, Angela Thorne as Marigold Featherstone and Michael Elphick as Bertie Timson.  
 Originally a TV series created by writer and barrister John Mortimer, Rumpole hit the BBC radio airwaves in 1980. Case-by-case, Rumpole recalls his work at the Central Criminal Court of England and Wales.  
 Director: Ian Cotterell  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1980.  
**MON 07:00 PG Wodehouse (b00b7b0p)**  
 What Ho! Jeeves: Joy in the Morning  
 Steeple Bumbleigh  
 Forced into a meeting he's been trying to avoid at the cottage, Bertie Wooster gets a warning.  
 PG Wodehouse's romp starring Michael Hordern and Richard Briers.  
 Adapted by Chris Miller.

Jeeves ..... Michael Hordern  
 Bertie Wooster ..... Richard Briers  
 Stilton Cheesewright ..... Michael Kilgariff  
 Boko Fittleworth ..... Jonathan Cecil  
 Edwin the Boy Scout ..... Denise Bryer  
 Producer: Simon Brett  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1978.  
**MON 07:30 Just a Minute (b03m43g1)**  
 Just a Christmas Minute  
 Nicholas Parsons ho-ho-hosts a Christmas edition of the deviously, divine linguistic panel show with Pam Ayres, Stephen Mangan, Gyles Brandreth and Paul Merton being challenged to talk on Christmas themed subjects without hesitation, deviation or repetition for Just a Minute.  
**MON 07:58 Big Ben's Chimes (b03m80vk)**  
 Big Ben - Good News  
 Archive recordings and a new poem by Ian McMillan reflect on Big Ben's chimes on BBC Radio during pivotal moments in history.  
**MON 08:00 Round the Horne (b00svbbs)**  
 Series 4  
 Episode 6  
 Kenneth Horne's in for a shock from sneaky Kenneth Williams in 'Big Broads Don't Squeal' - and bona gifts galore from Julian and Sandy.  
 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.  
 Written by Barry Took, Johnnie Mortimer, Brian Cooke and Donald 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 (b007k188)**  
 Series 9  
 Seeing Red  
 Can the inept crew of HMS Troutbridge manage to carry Sir Willoughby Todhunter-Brown to a secret rendezvous?

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 Caldico  
 Russian Minister ..... Heather Chasen  
 Corps ..... Ronnie Barker  
 Sir Willoughby Todhunter Brown ..... Tenniel Evans  
 Russian Frigate Captain ..... Michael Bates

Written by Lawrie Wyman.

Producer: Alastair Scott Johnston.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in September 1967.

**MON 09:00 2525 (b03m80yd)**

Episode 2

In the year 2525, if man is still alive, if woman can survive... then it may sound something like this. Set 511 years in the future, 2525 invites you to hear more snippets of our future from weight-gain classes to talking pets.

Cast:

Jenny Bede  
 Jamie Demetriou  
 Kieran Hodgson

Catriona Knox  
 Waen Shepherd

Written by Colin Birch, Ali Crockatt and David Scott, Jason Hazeley and Joel Morris, Jon Hunter, Jane Lamcraft, Alex Lowe, Paul Putner, John Luke Roberts and Eddie Robson.  
 Produced by Ashley Blaker.

A John Stanley production for BBC Radio 4.

**MON 09:30 At Home With the Hardys (b00lgn62)**

Vorsprung Durch Picnik

Adverts make the heart grow fonder for the four friends. Stars Jeremy Hardy, Kit Hollerbach and Caroline Leddy. From May 1990.

**MON 10:00 Margaret Oliphant - Phoebe Junior (b03m7vj1)**

The Young Lady in Black

Mrs Oliphant wrote her last chapter of the Chronicles of Carlingford when Lucilla Marjoribanks married Tom. It's now 1875 and Mrs Oliphant returns to the town to focus on Phoebe Beecham's family - with the jealousies and rivalries of Carlingford between the Church and the Dissenters and Society and its shopkeepers.

Stars Elizabeth Spriggs as Mrs Oliphant, Charlotte Attenborough as Phoebe, Junior, Michael Onslow as Clarence

Copperhead, Timothy West as Copperhead, Elizabeth Proud as Mrs Copperhead, Norman Bird as Mr Beecham, Ann Windsor as Phoebe, Snr, John Hollis as Tozer, Cathy Sara as Ursula, Peter Jeffrey as Mr May, Fiona Christie as Janey May, Richard Derrington as Reginald May, David King as Sir Robert Dorset, Sunny Ormonde as Ann Dorset and Oona Beeson as Sophy Dorset.

Music composed and played by Malcolm McKee.

Directed at BBC Pebble Mill by Sue Wilson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1994.

**MON 11:00 Roshi Fernando - Homesick (b01cww65)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:00 on Saturday]

**MON 11:15 Loose Ends (b03mckkx)**

Emma Freud, Arthur Smith, Danny Wallace, Miranda Sawyer, Scottee, Emma Kennedy, Alison Moyet, London Community Gospel Choir

Clive Anderson is joined by regular guest interviewers Emma Freud, Arthur Smith, Danny Wallace, Nikki Bedi, Miranda Sawyer and Scottee for an eclectic, festive mix of conversation, music and comedy at the Loose Ends Christmas party. With Emma Kennedy and music from Alison Moyet and The London Community Gospel Choir.

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**MON 12:00 Round the Horne (b00svbbs)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**MON 12:30 The Navy Lark (b007k188)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**MON 13:00 Agatha Christie (b0081rx2)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**MON 13:30 John Mortimer - Rumpole (b007k4nk)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**MON 14:00 The Churchills - Speaking for Themselves (b007jrdv)**

Episode 1

Winston woos his bride as "Pug" and "Cat" get romantic.

From one of the great romances of the 20th century - the personal letters of Winston and Clementine Churchill, edited by their daughter Mary Soames.

Read by Alex Jennings and Sylvestra le Touzel.

Narrated by Helen Bourne.

Abridged in ten parts by Penny Leicester.

Producer: Di Speirs

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1999.

**MON 14:15 A Short History of Ireland (b007k31m)**

The First Plants, Animals and People; Stone Age Ireland

The country's rich and turbulent story begins in the Ice Age.

Written by Dr Jonathan Bardon, with Frances Tomelty.

**MON 14:30 Eric Lomax - The Railway Man (b008jf5v)**

Episode 1

Eric Lomax's best-selling autobiography, featuring his wartime experiences as a prisoner of the Japanese. Read by Alec Heggie.

**MON 14:45 Sir John Betjeman - Summoned by Bells (b008jdhc)**

Before MCMXIV

4 Extra Debut. The late poet laureate's 'life in verse', from nursery to university. Read by the author. Recorded in 1960.

**MON 15:00 Margaret Oliphant - Phoebe Junior (b03m7vj1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**MON 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b03m8209)**

Join Mel for the first episode of our story, Stig of the Dump, the classic story by Clive King about a boy called Barney who befriends a caveman who lives in a rubbish dump.

**MON 17:00 The World As We Know It (b00fmrkf)**

Around the World in 80 Hours

It's Bank Holiday weekend and Donna, Johnny, Patrick and Abigail see no reason to end their usual habits just because the world has ended.

So they do what they usually do and go away on holiday. But with the choice of anywhere in the world, where will they go?

Sitcom by Luke Sorba.

Donna ..... Meera Syal

Johnny ..... Toby Longworth

Patrick ..... Luke Sorba

Abigail ..... Carla Mendonca

The Stranger ..... Simon Greenall

Producer: Elizabeth Anstee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1999.

**MON 17:30 PG Wodehouse (b00b7b0p)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**MON 18:00 Terry Pratchett (b007j180)**

Wyrd Sisters

1. Surprise Bundle

Three witches meet on a blasted heath while murder is in the air.

Starring Sheila Hancock, Lynda Baron and Deborah Berlin.

Terry Pratchett's popular tale dramatised in four parts by Vince Foxall.

Granny Weatherwax .... Sheila Hancock

Nanny Ogg .... Lynda Baron

Magrat Garlick .... Deborah Berlin

Duke Felmet .... Ian Masters

Lady Felmet .... Kristin Milward

King Verence .... John Hartley

Mrs Vitoller .... Natasha Pyne

Hwel .... Brian Hibbard

Fool .... Andrew Branch

Vitoller .... Gavin Muir

Death was played by himself.

All other parts played by the cast.

Director: Claire Grove

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1995.

**MON 18:30 John Wyndham - The Midwich Cuckoos (b007jmf)**

Episode 1

The mystery deepens when all the residents of the rural village of Midwich suddenly fall into a state of unconsciousness...

The classic 1957 sci-fi novel by John Wyndham (1903-1969) adapted in three-parts by William Ingram.

Colonel Bernard Westcott ..... Charles Kay

Richard Gayford ..... William Gaunt

Gordon Zellaby ..... Manning Wilson

Angela Zellaby ..... Pauline Yates

Janet Gayford ..... Rosalind Adams

Ferrellyn Zellaby ..... Jenny Quayle

Alan Hughes ..... Gordon Dulieu

Doctor Willers ..... Hugh Dickson

Vicar Leebody ..... William Ingram

Colonel Latcher ..... Garard Green

Captain Beamish ..... Martin Bansley

Group Captain Harding ..... Peter Tuddenham

Chief Constable ..... Ronald Baddiley

Pilot ..... Alex Jennings

PC ..... David Peart

Base Controller ..... Edward Cast

Music specially composed by Roger Limb of the BBC

Radiophonic Workshop.

Director: Gordon House

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in December 1982.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:58 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**MON 22:30 2525 (b03m80yd)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**MON 22:55 Pattie Brewster Comedy Club Shorts (b007k3qv)**

Positivity

Tonight, normal, non-creepy and okay girl Pattie Brewster will show you how to become more positive, as being positive can help you live a more positive life.

**MON 23:00 Genius (b008gh65)**

Series 1

Paul Daniels

From the 99p coin to steel drum urinals.

Dave Gorman asks magician Paul Daniels to select the public's best loopy idea.

The first of three radio comedy series where award-winning comedian Dave Gorman and a celebrity guest chew over the ridiculous, unworkable but sometimes genius inventions, schemes and policies of the public.

Producer: Simon Nicholls

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2005.

**MON 23:30 Think the Unthinkable (b007jm2g)**

Series 1

Longley's Bank

Longley's Bank recruits consultants Unthinkable Solutions to transform its image.

Daisy, Sophie and Ryan persuade Longleys to change its name, its logo and even the design of its bank. At least they can say no company they've ever worked with was ever the same again.

James Cary's award-winning sitcom about management consultants.

Sophie Stott ..... Emma Kennedy

Ryan Packer ..... Marcus Brigstocke

Daisy de Vere ..... Catherine Shepherd

John ..... Stephen Moore

Derek ..... Kim Wall

Vanessa ..... Olivia Colman.

Script associates: Paul Mayhew-Archer and Ed Drew.

Music by John Whitehall.

Producer: Adam Bromley.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2001.

## TUESDAY 31 DECEMBER 2013

**TUE 00:00 Terry Pratchett (b007j180)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Monday]

**TUE 00:30 John Wyndham - The Midwich Cuckoos (b007jmf)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Monday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]

**TUE 01:30 John Mortimer - Rumpole (b007k4nk)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]

**TUE 02:00 2525 (b03m80yd)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Monday]

**TUE 02:30 At Home With the Hardys (b00lgn62)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Monday]

**TUE 03:00 Margaret Oliphant - Phoebe Junior (b03m7vj1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]

**TUE 04:00 Roshi Fernando - Homesick (b01cww65)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:00 on Saturday]

**TUE 04:15 Loose Ends (b03mckxx)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Monday]

**TUE 05:00 The World As We Know It (b00fnrkf)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Monday]

**TUE 05:30 PG Wodehouse (b00b7b0p)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

**TUE 06:00 Agatha Christie (b007j1qg)**

The Sittaford Mystery

2. An Arrest for Murder

A seance at the remote Sittaford House has revealed the murder of Captain Trevelyan.

But who could have killed a man who didn't have an enemy in the world...?

Geoffrey Whitehead stars in Agatha Christie's whodunit.

Inspector Narracott .... Geoffrey Whitehead

Evans .... Donald Gee

Mrs. Belling .... Jo Kendall

Major Burnaby .... Norman Bird

Williamson .... David Goudge

Kirkwood .... John Gabriel

Charles Enderby .... Stephen Tompkinson

Beatrice .... Alice Arnold

Mrs. Gardner .... Anna Cropper

Sylvia Dering .... Susan Sheridan

Jim Pearson .... Stephen Garlick

Emily Trefusis .... Melinda Walker

Dramatised and directed by Michael Bakewell.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1990.

**TUE 06:30 John Mortimer - Rumpole (b007jsgf)**

The Show Folk

Rumpole recalls the case of an actress accused of murder.

"The Splendours And Miseries Of An Old Bailey Hack".

Starring Maurice Denham as ageing London barrister-at-law

Horace Rumpole.

With Derek Farr as Mr Justice Skelton, Peter Woodthorpe as

Tommy Pierce and Jonathan Scott as Jarvis Allen.

Originally a TV series created by writer and barrister John

Mortimer, Rumpole hit the BBC radio airwaves in 1980. Case-

by-case, Rumpole recalls his work at the Central Criminal

Court of England and Wales.

Director: Ian Cotterell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1980.

**TUE 07:00 Mr Finchley Takes the Road (b007k1yv)**

Episode 6

Edgar Finchley meets a one-man band, is put in the picture and all is revealed.

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 Peter Vaughan as Turk, Robert Gill as Robert Finchley,

Dinah Sheridan as Mrs Finchley, Richard Ridings as Duffy, Ian

Bartholomew as Jenks, Bill Wallis as Joe Turnbull, Geoffrey

McGivern as James Grimes, Sebastian Brennan as Clarence

Armitage and Jacqueline Tong as Mrs Armitage.

Concluding episode narrated by James Villiers.

Adapted in six parts by Andy and Eric Merriman.

Producer: Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in May 1993.

**TUE 07:30 Chain Reaction (b03m81pm)**

Series 9

Terry Christian talks to Kevin Bridges

Manchester's very own Terry Christian talks to Scotland's

comedy superstar Kevin Bridges.

Chain Reaction is the long-running host-less chat show where

last week's interviewee becomes this week's interviewer.

Producer: Carl Cooper

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2013.

**TUE 07:58 Big Ben's Chimes (b03mj0vc)**

New Year in War Time

Ian McMillan's new poem imagines allied troops in World War

II, listening out for the New Year chimes of Big Ben on BBC

Radio.

**TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b007jmyg)**

Series 6

The Greenslade Story

The amazing story of the rise and fall of BBC Home Service

radio announcer Wallace Greenslade.

Groundbreaking, surreal BBC radio comedy written by Spike

Milligan.

Starring:

Peter Sellers

Harry Secombe

Spike Milligan

First billed as Crazy People, ten series of The Goon Show were

recorded between 1951 and 1960, but sadly many of the earliest

shows weren't kept in the archive.

With the Ray Ellington Quartet and Max Geldray.

Orchestra conducted by Wally Stott.

Announcer: Wallace Greenslade

Producer: Peter Eton

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in December 1955.

**TUE 08:30 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel (b007ww6z)**

Series 1

Episode 2

Shady lawyer Flywheel goes into showbiz, taking over running of the theatre company.

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

Groucho Marx as Waldorf T Flywheel ..... Michael Roberts

Chico Marx as Emmanuel Ravellias ..... Frank Lazarus

With Lorelei King and Graham Hoadly.

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

Music arranged and conducted by David Firman.

Producer: Dirk Maggs

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1990.

**TUE 09:00 Genius (b008gh65)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]

**TUE 09:30 Spread a Little Happiness (b00kjjpp)**

Series 1

Episode 1

Comedy by John Godber and Jane Thornton, set in a Yorkshire sandwich bar.

Today's the day that Jodie opens her own business, a sandwich bar in Beverley, East Yorkshire, and she is excited and a bit anxious. But fortunately for her she has Hope, who has just left her husband and come to live on Jodie's floor, and is very willing to help.

Hope ..... Suranne Jones

Jodie ..... Susan Cookson

Milkman ..... Shaun Prendergast

Dustbinman ..... Ben Crowe

Directed by Chris Wallis.

**TUE 10:00 Margaret Oliphant - Phoebe Junior (b03m7vj3)**

A New Gentleman

Phoebe Beecham has met Clarence Copperhead at a Ball in

London. His wealthy father disapproves of her, and she

fortuitously leaves London to visit her sick Grandmother in

Carlingford but gets a shock on arrival...

Stars Elizabeth Spriggs as Mrs Oliphant, Charlotte

Attenborough as Phoebe, Junior and Peter Jeffrey as Mr May.

Dramatised from Margaret Oliphant's 1876 novel by Elizabeth

Proud.

Producer: Sue Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1994.

**TUE 11:00 Robin Black - If I Loved You, I Would Tell You This (b00sm5bj)**

If I Loved You

'If I Loved You, I Would Tell You This' is the debut collection

by US author Robin Black, whose work has drawn comparisons

with that of Lorrie Moore and Alice Munroe. This week's

selection of stories of loss, love and redemption chart the very

everyday lives of suburban American families with wisdom,

humour and humanity.

A woman struggles to make sense of the insensitivities of a new

neighbour, while she tries to come to terms with her own, very

imminent demise.

Robin Black's stories and essays have appeared in numerous US

magazines and newspapers, where she has also won several

awards, but this is her first published collection. She is currently

teaching creative writing at Bryn Mawr College, Pennsylvania,

and lives with her family in Philadelphia.

Reader: Debora Weston

Abridger: Richard Hamilton

Producer: Justine Willett.

**TUE 11:15 Christopher Reason - The Final Furlong (b0075cwc)**

Series 9

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comedy superstar Kevin Bridges.

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Producer: Carl Cooper

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2013.

**TUE 12:00 The Goon Show (b007jmyg)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**TUE 12:30 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel (b007ww6z)**

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**TUE 13:00 Agatha Christie (b007j1qg)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**TUE 13:30 John Mortimer - Rumpole (b007jsgf)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**TUE 14:00 The Churchills - Speaking for Themselves (b007jr15)**

**TUE 14:45 Sir John Betjeman - Summoned by Bells (b03mj43d)**

The Dawn of Guilt

The late poet laureate's 'life in verse', from nursery to university. Read by the author. Recorded in 1960.

**TUE 15:00 Margaret Oliphant - Phoebe Junior (b03m7vj3)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**TUE 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b03mj43g)**

Mel Giedroyc says Happy Birthday to actor Sir Ben Kingsley, the villain in Iron Man 3. Plus, on the last day of the year, she hears about the traditions of the Scottish Hogmanay.

**TUE 17:00 Flying the Flag (b00dk3vl)**

Series 4

As Unequal as Others

When equal rights for women appears on the agenda, closely followed by the emergence of militant feminists, the ambassador is stuck by the echo of men closing ranks.

Series 4 of Alex Shearer's Eastern bloc embassy sitcom.

Starring Dinsdale Landen as HM Ambassador Mackenzie, Peter Acre as William Frost, Moir Leslie as Helen Watson, Christopher Benjamin as Colonel Surikov and Stephen Greif as US Ambassador Spiro Weinberg.

Producer: Neil Cargill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1992.

**TUE 17:30 Mr Finchley Takes the Road (b007k1yv)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**TUE 18:00 Terry Pratchett (b007lzwz)**

Wyrd Sisters

2. Three Wishes

The new monarch has a troubled conscience and a wife like Lucrezia Borgia.

The three witches have decisions to make...

Starring Sheila Hancock, Lynda Baron and Deborah Berlin.

Terry Pratchett's popular tale dramatised by Vince Foxall.

Granny Weatherwax .... Sheila Hancock

Nanny Ogg .... Lynda Baron

Magrat Garlick .... Deborah Berlin

Duke Felmet .... Ian Masters

Lady Felmet .... Kristin Milward

King Verence .... John Hartley

Mrs Vitoller .... Natasha Pyne

Vitoller .... Gavin Muir

The Fool .... Andrew Branch

Hwel .... Brian Hibbard

Director: Claire Grove

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1995.

**TUE 18:30 John Wyndham - The Midwich Cuckoos (b007jmg5)**

Episode 2

There are moral and security issues when all the women of child-bearing age in the village of Midwich simultaneously become pregnant by an alien force.

The classic 1957 sci-fi novel by John Wyndham dramatised by William Ingram.

Bernard Westcott .... Charles Kay

Gordon Zellaby .... Manning Wilson

Angela Zellaby .... Pauline Yates

Richard Gayford .... William Gaunt

Janet Gayford/Secretary .... Rosalind Adams

Ferrellyn Zellaby .... Jenny Quayle

Alan Hughes .... Gordon Dulieu

Vicar Leebody .... William Ingram

Doctor Willers .... Hugh Dickson

Music specially composed by Roger Limb of the BBC Radiophonic Workshop.

Director: Gordon House.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1982.

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**TUE 22:00 Chain Reaction (b03m81pm)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**TUE 22:30 The Mark Steel Lecture (b007md98)**

Series 2

Che Guevara

The radical comedian profiles the revolutionary leader who became a left-wing hero, despite chronic asthma. From April 2001.

**TUE 22:55 Pattie Brewster Comedy Club Shorts (b03qglp6)**

Confidence

Start 2014 in style by thinking that you are good. Self-esteem guru Pattie Brewster will help find your confidence levels, and give fantastic advice on how to be more confident.

**TUE 23:00 The Museum of Everything (b00899zt)**

Series 1

Welcome to the Museum of Everything

Feel free to wander round our many galleries and experience the history of everything. Learn about the history of everything. Learn about the history of wicker, tour a stately home and discover the real identity of Jack the Ripper.

Written and performed by Marcus Brigstocke, Danny Robins and Dan Tetsell.

With Lucy Montgomery.

Music by Dominic Haslam and Ben Walker.

Producer: Alex Walsh-Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2004.

**TUE 23:30 Mordrin McDonald: 21st Century Wizard (b00yz2hw)**

Series 2

Merlin's Visit

Written by David Kay &amp; Gavin Smith.

Step into the magically mundane world that is the life of 21st century wizard Mordrin McDonald. An isolated 2000-year-old sorcerer with enough power in his small finger to destroy a town, yet not even enough clout to get his bins emptied on time by the local council. Even for such a skilful sorcerer - modern life is rubbish!

Mordrin is deadpan, dry and makes delicious jams. He initially set up as a plc for income tax relief, but has found it a useful vehicle to help him bolster his Wizard skill set and his range of services. (Even a wizard has to diversify). He's been running Fruity Potions from his cave for the past few years, in between completing the odd quest as instructed by the Wizard Council. In the past his services were to help kings in battles of good and evil, or as he prefers to put it, 'assisting with neighbour disputes.'

This week Mordrin has to prepare for the visit of Merlin to Blairlochil, and eyeing an opportunity for a promotion, pulls out all the stops.

Cast:

Mordrin: David Kay

Geoff: Gordon Kennedy

Heather: Hannah Donaldson

Bernard The Blue: Jack Docherty

Lord Cunnock: Michael McKenzie

Policeman: Jonny Austin

Producer/Director: Gus Beattie

A Comedy Unit production for BBC Radio 4.

**TUE 23:45 Mastering the Universe (b00sg6yn)**

Series 1

The Joy of Sulks

Professor Joy Klamp tours the miserable world of relationships. Stars Dawn French and Christopher Douglas. From November 2005.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]

**WED 02:30 Spread a Little Happiness (b00kjypp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Tuesday]

**WED 03:00 Margaret Oliphant - Phoebe Junior (b03m7vj3)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 04:00 Robin Black - If I Loved You, I Would Tell You This (b00sm5bj)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 04:15 Christopher Reason - The Final Furlong (b0075cwc)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Tuesday]

**WED 05:00 Flying the Flag (b00dk3vl)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 05:30 Mr Finchley Takes the Road (b007k1yv)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 06:00 Agatha Christie (b007k07y)**

The Sittaford Mystery

3. Emily Goes to Work

James Pearson has been arrested for the murder of his uncle.

But his fiancée Emily is determined to prove his innocence.

Geoffrey Whitehead stars in Agatha Christie's whodunnit.

Inspector Narracott .... Geoffrey Whitehead

Emily Trefusis .... Melinda Walker

Charles Enderby .... Stephen Tompkinson

Mrs. Belling .... Jo Kendall

Mrs. Willett .... Susan Westerby

Violet Willett .... Victoria Carling

Mrs. Curtis .... Barbara Atkinson

Major Burnaby .... Norman Bird

Maid .... Jane Slavin

Cab Driver .... Vincent Brimble

Dramatised and directed by Michael Bakewell.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1990.

**WED 06:30 John Mortimer - Rumpole (b007jsgq)**

The Fascist Beast

Rumpole takes on a new pupil and defends a racist politician.

"The Splendours And Miseries Of An Old Bailey Hack".

Starring Maurice Denham as ageing London barrister-at-law Horace Rumpole and Margot Boyd as Hilda Rumpole With John Bott as Judge Jameson, Michael Spice as Guthrie Featherstone, Lockwood West as Mr Keith and Saeed Jaffrey as Lutuf Khan.

Originally a TV series created by writer and barrister John Mortimer, Rumpole hit the BBC radio airwaves in 1980. Case-by-case, Rumpole recalls his work at the Central Criminal Court of England and Wales.

Director: Ian Cotterell.

**WED 07:00 Tales From the Mausoleum Club (b007jnlh)**

The Turn of the Knob

Miss Primrose's gruesome story of her time as governess at a country mansion. Stars Miranda Richardson. From January 1987.

**WED 07:30 What Does the K Stand For? (b03m7pzs)**

Series 1

The First Noel

The Amos family plan to fly out to celebrate Christmas in Lagos, Nigeria.

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

Fola ... Kathryn Drysdale

Check-in attendant ... Harry Jardine

Producer: Colin Anderson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2013.

**WED 08:00 Marking Monkhouse (b03mj8xd)**

Fletcher's Fare

Cyril Fletcher mixes monologues and sketches with special guest, film star Herbert Lom (Inspector Dreyfus in the Pink Panther films) in a series of crazy mix-ups.

With Cyril's real wife, Betty Astell and budding comedy duo Bob Monkhouse and Denis Goodwin, who also scripted this series.

Back in the 1950s Cyril was one of radio comedy's pioneers, beginning on Radio Luxembourg before switching to the BBC. Cyril is probably best-remembered for reciting his 'Odd Odes' on BBC TV's That's Life with Esther Rantzen.

Producer: Leslie Bridgmont

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in March 1953.

**WED 08:30 Marking Monkhouse (b03mj8xg)**

Mixed Doubles

Mixed Doubles in Wimbledon Avenue - a lesson in living.

Observed and written by Bob Monkhouse and Denis Goodwin. Starring real-life married duo, Michael Denison and Dulcie Gray on one-side of the fence - and Cyril Fletcher and his sister Janet, played by Billie Whitelaw on the other.

With Pat Coombs and Anthea Askey.

Producer: Leslie Bridgmont

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in September 1957.

**WED 09:00 Winston (b00pkyb2)**

Winston Back Home

Don't Call Me Soams

Bossy Rosie and William irk old rogue Winston whose thoughts turns to 'The Forsyte Saga'.

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

Director: Shaun MacLoughlin.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1994.

**WED 09:30 The Adventures of John and Tony (b009m38r)**

The Quest for the Holy Spectacles

John discovers that Jesus wore glasses, but whatever happened to them? And John and Tony travel to Glastonbury and Loch Ness.

Another comic journey in which John and his best friend Tony search for happiness, love, the meaning of life ... and glasses. Written by John Hegley

Starring John Hegley, Simon Munnery, Terry Malloy, Sunny Ormonde and John Korne.

Original music by Nigel Piper.

Director: Anne Edyvean

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1999.

**WED 10:00 Margaret Oliphant - Phoebe Junior (b03m7vk2)**

An Unmitigated Cub

Phoebe has made the acquaintance of the Mays in Carlingford. Although of opposing religious persuasions, Reginald is strongly attracted to her - and the arrival of Mr Northcote, the new non-conformist minister, causes friction which is not based on purely ecclesiastical differences.

Stars Elizabeth Spriggs as Mrs Oliphant, Charlotte

Attenborough as Phoebe, Junior and Peter Jeffrey as Mr May. Dramatised from Margaret Oliphant's 1876 novel by Elizabeth Proud.

Producer: Sue Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1994.

**WED 11:00 Robin Black - If I Loved You, I Would Tell You This (b00sm5mc)**

The Guide

'If I Loved You, I Would Tell You This' is the debut collection by US author Robin Black, whose work has drawn comparisons with that of Lorrie Moore and Alice Munroe.

A father wrestles with his spirited blind daughter's unexpected independence, and with his own role as her father, as he helps her to prepare for life away at college.

Robin Black's stories and essays have appeared in numerous US magazines and newspapers, where she has also won several awards, but this is her first published collection. She is currently teaching creative writing at Bryn Mawr College, Pennsylvania, and lives with her family in Philadelphia.

Reader: William Hope

Abrider: Richard Hamilton

Producer: Justine Willett.

**WED 11:15 Drama (b0076xbc)**

Nick Leather - The Domino Man of Lancashire

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Nick Leather's witty look at loneliness, romance and record-breaking features a man, a woman and thousands of dominoes.

Arthur ..... Tom Courtenay

Annie ..... Denise Welch

Pete ..... Craig Cheetham

Directed by Polly Thomas.

**WED 12:00 Marking Monkhouse (b03mj8xd)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**WED 12:30 Marking Monkhouse (b03mj8xg)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**WED 13:00 Agatha Christie (b007k07y)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**WED 13:30 John Mortimer - Rumpole (b007jsgq)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**WED 14:00 The Churchills - Speaking for Themselves (b007jrfh)**

Episode 3

The letters of Winston and Clementine Churchill. Tragedy strikes and more loneliness follows. With Sylvestra Le Touzel. From February 1999.

**WED 14:15 A Short History of Ireland (b007k33h)**

Copper, Bronze and Gold; Before the Celts

The country's epic story continues with the artefacts and monuments revealing organised communities. With Richard Dormer.

**WED 14:30 Eric Lomax - The Railway Man (b03mj9t5)**

Episode 3

When Singapore falls in February 1942, the signals officer soon finds himself a prisoner of the Japanese. Read by Alec Heggie.

**WED 14:45 Sir John Betjeman - Summoned by Bells (b03mj9wx)**

Highgate

The late poet laureate's 'life in verse', from nursery to university. Read by the author. Recorded in 1960.

**WED 15:00 Margaret Oliphant - Phoebe Junior (b03m7vk2)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**WED 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b03mj9wz)**

Mel Giedroyc presents episode three of the classic story, Stig of the Dump by Clive King. And actress Maxine Peake, star of Shameless and Silk, chooses her Inheritance Tracks.

**WED 17:00 No Commitments (b007772z)**

Series 13

Model Behaviour

Comedy series by Simon Brett following the fortunes of three fortysomething sisters.

3/6. Model Behaviour

Emily's baby hasn't even arrived yet, but Victoria is already into competitive granny mode. And is it really possible that Eddie the dentist has a girlfriend?

Anna ..... Rosemary Leach

Victoria ..... Angela Thorne

Charlotte ..... Felicity Montagu

Eddie ..... James Greene

George ..... Bruce Alexander

Felicity ..... Susan Jameson.

**WED 17:30 Tales From the Mausoleum Club (b007jnhl)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**WED 18:00 Terry Pratchett (b007m481)**

Wyrd Sisters

3. Hogwatch Night

The old King is dead. The new ruler has a troubled conscience and a wife on the warpath - in pursuit of the three witches...

Starring Sheila Hancock, Lynda Baron and Deborah Berlin.

Terry Pratchett's popular tale dramatised by Vince Foxall.

Granny Weatherwax ..... Sheila Hancock

Nanny Ogg ..... Lynda Baron

Magrat Garlick ..... Deborah Berlin

Duke Felmet ..... Ian Masters

Lady Felmet ..... Kristin Milward

King Verence ..... John Hartley

The Fool ..... Andrew Branch

The Demon ..... Gavin Muir

Shawn ..... Brian Hibbard

Director: Claire Grove

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1995.

**WED 18:30 John Wyndham - The Midwich Cuckoos (b007jmh3)**

Episode 3

The mysterious powers of the alien children start to become destructive...

Conclusion of the classic 1957 sci-fi novel by John Wyndham.

Bernard Westcott .... Charles Kay

Gordon Zellaby .... Manning Wilson

Angela Zellaby .... Pauline Yates

Richard Gayford .... William Gaunt

Chief Constable .... Ronald Baddley

Coroner .... Nigel Graham

Doctor Torrance .... Peter Tuddenham

Mrs Williams .... Katherine Parr

Girl .... Rosalind Adams

Boy .... Jill Lidstone

Man .... Simon Hewitt

Dramatised by William Ingram.

Music specially composed by Roger Limb of the BBC

Radiophonic Workshop.

Director: Gordon House.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1982.

**WED 19:00 Marking Monkhouse (b03mj8xd)**

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[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

**WED 21:15 Drama (b0076xbc)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

**WED 22:00 What Does the K Stand For? (b03m7pzs)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**WED 22:30 Armando Iannucci's Charm Offensive (b007w3c6)**

Series 3

Episode 1

Armando Iannucci offers a heady mix of topical comedy, chat, bluster and kerfuffle with guests Stewart Lee and Mark Watson. From August 2007.

**WED 22:55 Pattie Brewster Comedy Club Shorts (b03qglp8)**

Achieve Your Goals

Happiness impresario Pattie Brewster continues her quest to make you brilliant for 2014 by telling you how to achieve those long-held dreams and ambitions.

**WED 23:00 Giles Wemmbly Hogg Goes Off (b00pf8n)**

Series 4

The Orient Express

He's back! But this time, he's got a computer! Budleigh Salterton's most famous citizen has been grounded by both the Home Office and his father, so he's set up GWH Travel ("2 Ms, 2 Gs, 2 Vs - bit of a mix up at the printers").

Run from his bedroom in Budleigh Salterton, with the help of his long-suffering former Primary School teacher Mr Timmis and the hindrance of his sister Charlotte, it's a one-stop Travel/Advice/Events Management/Website service, where each week his schemes range far and wide - whether it's

roaming the country lecturing would-be overlayers on how to pack a rucksack ("If in doubt, put it in. And double it"), or finding someone a zebra for a corporate promotion ("I'll look in the Phone Book - how hard can it be? Now, "A to D"...), GWH

Travel stays true to its motto - "We do it all, so you won't want to".

In this episode; It's a Merger On The Orient Express as Giles takes four cross ladies and a piece of lead piping on a septuagenarian trans-Balkan hen party. With an Agatha Christie theme.

Mysterious jewels, magnificent moustaches and a set of pink fluffy handcuffs add up to a baffling mystery.

Starring Marcus Brigstocke as Giles.

Giles Wemmbly Hogg ..... Marcus Brigstocke

Lady Flench ..... Alison Steadman

Mrs Hadleigh-Broome ..... Morwenna Banks

Mrs Gunthorne ..... Janet Henfrey

Mr Timmis ..... Adrian Scarborough

Charlotte Wemmbly Hogg ..... Catherine Shepherd

Hugo ..... Ben Willbond

David ..... David Armand

Mehmet ..... Nej Adamson

Written by Marcus Brigstocke & Jeremy Salsby.

Producer: David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4.

**WED 23:30 Absolute Power (b007t3kk)**

Series 2

Episode 1

Prentiss McCabe try to save New Labour from total voter humiliation. Starring Stephen Fry and John Bird. From January 2001.

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**THU 00:00 Terry Pratchett (b007m481)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 00:30 John Wyndham - The Midwich Cuckoos (b007jmh3)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Wednesday]

**THU 01:00 Agatha Christie (b007k07y)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 01:30 John Mortimer - Rumpole (b007jsgq)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Wednesday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Wednesday]

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**THU 05:00 No Commitments (b007772z)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 05:30 Tales From the Mausoleum Club (b007jnhl)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 06:00 Agatha Christie (b007k097)**

The Sittaford Mystery

4. A Recipe for Ginger Cake

Emily suspects that the Willetts, - who've rented Sittaford

House, - are somehow involved in the murder of Captain

Trevelyan.

But how can she get into the house?

Geoffrey Whitehead stars in Agatha Christie's whodunnit.

Inspector Narracott .... Geoffrey Whitehead

Emily Trefusis ..... Melinda Walker

Charles Enderby ..... Stephen Tompkinson

Mrs. Curtis ..... Barbara Atkinson

Mr. Rycroft ..... John Moffat

Ronnie Garfield ..... Nigel Greaves

Caroline Percehouse ..... Margaret Courtenay

Dora ..... Jane

Violet Willett ..... Victoria Carling

Mr. Dacres ..... David King

Beatrice ..... Alice Arnold

Jennifer Gardner ..... Anna Cropper

Brian Pearson ..... Charles Simpson

Dramatised and directed by Michael Bakewell.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1990.

**THU 06:30 John Mortimer - Rumpole (b007jsh4)**

The Case of Identity

Rumpole deals with some dubious alibis in court and in

chambers.

"The Splendours And Miseries Of An Old Bailey Hack".

Starring Maurice Denham as ageing London barrister-at-law

Horace Rumpole.

With Robert Harris as Mr Justice Vosper, Michael Spice as

Guthrie Featherstone, Brian Carroll as Erskine-Brown and

Amanda Murray as Phillida Trant.

Originally a TV series created by writer and barrister John

Mortimer, Rumpole hit the BBC radio airwaves in 1980. Case-

by-case, Rumpole recalls his work at the Central Criminal

Court of England and Wales.

Director: Peter King

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1980.

**THU 07:00 Lenin of the Rovers (b007jvel)**

Series 2

Ghosts and Ghooules

Ricky Lenin decides to write a column in a tabloid newspaper,

but ends up learning a few painful lessons about life, love, truth,

and Gloria Hunniford.

More adventures of communist football club, Felchester Rovers

starring Alexei Sayle.

Ricky Lenin ..... Alexei Sayle

Jeff Frankly ..... John Sessions

Frank Lee Brian ..... Kenneth Wolstenholme

Colonel Brace Cartwright ..... Donald Hewlett

Stevie Stalin ..... Andrew McLean

Terry Trotsky ..... Phil Cornwell

Curvy Corinne ..... Jacqueline Ashman

Announcer ..... John Witty

Written by Marcus Berkmann.

Producer: Harry Thompson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1989.

**THU 07:30 The Secret World (b03m7zb9)**

Series 4

Episode 5

Bishop Rowan Williams gets in deep water after deciding to

celebrate Boxing Day with a game of knock down ginger.

William Hague finds himself stranded in a snowdrift with only

some Belgian truffles for food.

And John Lydon ends up killing Sir Anthony Hopkins.

It can only be the weird goings on in the show that imagines the

private lives of public people:

A seasonal edition of The Secret World with:

Margaret Cabourn-Smith

Jon Culshaw

Julian Dutton

Lewis MacLeod

Jess Robinson

Duncan Wisbey

Written by Bill Dare, Julian Dutton and Duncan Wisbey.

Produced and created by: Bill Dare.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2013.

**THU 08:00 Dad's Army (b007jp3q)**

Series 2

When Did You Last See Your Money?

Corporal Jones panics when he misplaces £500 destined for the

servicemen's canteen.

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 Pike .... Ian Lavender  
Private Walker .... Larry Martyn  
Mr Blewitt .... Timothy Bateson  
Announcer .... John Snagge  
Producer: John Dyas  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1975.

**THU 08:30 Take It From Here (b011klyp)**  
From 03/12/1953  
Listener confusion over June Whitfield and Alma Cogan, and the Glums are hard up. Stars Jimmy Edwards. From December 1953.

**THU 09:00 Hazelbeach (b008crhw)**  
Series 1  
Party  
Ronnie organises a disastrous birthday party and Nick finally finds his father's will.  
Caroline and David Stafford's comedy stars Jamie Forman as Ronnie Hazelbeach.  
Ronnie ..... Jamie Foreman  
Nick ..... Paul Bazely  
Mrs Barlow ..... Tracy Wiles  
James ..... John Douglall  
Andrea ..... Liza Sadovy  
Producer: Marc Beeby  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2007.

**THU 09:30 HR (b00ppbhm)**  
Series 2  
Surfing  
Sam and Peter occupy their retirement time surfing the net. Peter has created a flattering but deeply inaccurate online profile for himself and now has a date.  
Sam is determined to go along.  
Nigel Williams' comedy drama series charting the misfortunes of a middle-aged HR officer and his trouble-making colleague.  
Peter .... Jonathan Pryce  
Sam .... Nicholas Le Prevost  
Janice .... Christine Kavanagh  
Drab Woman .... Sally Orrock  
Madwoman .... Helen Belbin  
Man .... Tony Bell  
Director: Peter Kavanagh.  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2010.

**THU 10:00 Margaret Oliphant - Phoebe Junior (b03m7vkc)**  
A Guilty Bit of Paper  
In the final episode of her Carlingford Chronicles, Mrs Oliphant recounts how Mr May, beset on all sides by debt, is swept towards the conclusion of his deceitful action.  
Amongst the close little coterie of lovers, there is a surprise and a disappointment.  
Stars Elizabeth Spriggs as Mrs Oliphant, Charlotte Attenborough as Phoebe, Junior, Peter Jeffrey as Mr May and Timothy West as Mr Copperhead.  
Dramatised from Margaret Oliphant's 1876 novel by Elizabeth Proud.  
Producer: Sue Wilson  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1994.

**THU 11:00 Robin Black - If I Loved You, I Would Tell You This (b00sm5mf)**  
Harriet Elliot  
'If I Loved You, I Would Tell You This' is the debut collection by US author Robin Black, whose work has drawn comparisons with that of Lorrie Moore and Alice Munroe.  
A new girl at school with a 'strangely adult air' shocks her classmates with an improbable story from her past. But one of the disbelieving children decides she must be telling the truth.  
Robin Black's stories and essays have appeared in numerous US magazines and newspapers, where she has also won several awards, but this is her first published collection. She is currently teaching creative writing at Bryn Mawr College, Pennsylvania, and lives with her family in Philadelphia.  
Reader: Laurel Lefkowitz  
Abridger: Richard Hamilton  
Producer: Justine Willett.

**THU 11:15 Sherlock Holmes (b007jlpz)**  
The Return of Sherlock Holmes - Series 1  
The Empty House  
Three years after his sleuth friend's final encounter with Moriarty, Watson faces more tragedy and murder. With Clive Merrison.  
**THU 12:00 Dad's Army (b007jp3q)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]  
**THU 12:30 Take It From Here (b011klyp)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]  
**THU 13:00 Agatha Christie (b007k097)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]  
**THU 13:30 John Mortimer - Rumpole (b007jsh4)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]  
**THU 14:00 The Churchills - Speaking for Themselves (b007jrfx)**  
Episode 4  
The letters of Winston and Clementine Churchill. Another world war is looming. With Alex Jennings and Sylvestra Le

Touzel. From February 1999.

**THU 14:15 A Short History of Ireland (b007k34d)**  
The Coming of the Celts; Preparing for the Otherworld in Pre-Christian Celtic Ireland  
The country's rich and turbulent story continues with the arrival of foreign invaders. With Frances Tomelty.  
**THU 14:30 Eric Lomax - The Railway Man (b03mjkzh)**  
Episode 4  
The signals officer brands the Burma-Siam railway as 'the last cruel enterprise of the railway age'. Read by Alec Heggie.  
**THU 14:45 Sir John Betjeman - Summoned by Bells (b03mjkzk)**  
Cornwall in Childhood  
The late poet laureate's 'life in verse', from nursery to university. Read by the author. Recorded in 1960.  
**THU 15:00 Margaret Oliphant - Phoebe Junior (b03m7vkc)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]  
**THU 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b03mjkzp)**  
Mel has another tricky teaser from the Questions Questions team: Why do ancient buildings and settlements end up buried underneath the earth, and how is there room for them all?  
**THU 17:00 Ballylenon (b007jpmq)**  
Series 6  
Episode 2  
Phonsie's looking forward to the rich profits Guard Gallagher's singing trip to New York will generate for Ballylenon - and himself...  
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 Vivienne Hawthorne, John Hewitt as Guard Gallagher, Gerard McSorley as Stumpy Bonnar and Charlie Bonnar as Packy McGoldrick.  
Music arranged and performed by Stephanie Hughes.  
Directed at BBC Belfast by Peter Kavanagh.  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1998.

**THU 17:30 Lenin of the Rovers (b007jvcl)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]  
**THU 18:00 Terry Pratchett (b007jmq9)**  
Wyrd Sisters  
4. Degrees of Royalty  
Lancre's new ruler teeters on the edge of madness. The old King will be revenged. The three witches set to work!  
Starring Sheila Hancock, Lynda Baron and Deborah Berlin.  
The conclusion of Terry Pratchett's popular tale.  
Granny Weatherwax .... Sheila Hancock  
Nanny Ogg .... Lynda Baron  
Magrat Garlick .... Deborah Berlin  
Duke Felmet .... Ian Masters  
Lady Felmet .... Kristin Milward  
King Verence .... John Hartley  
The Fool .... Andrew Branch  
Vitoller .... Gavin Muir  
Hwel .... Brian Hibbard  
Tomjon .... Roger May  
Dramatised by Vince Foxall.  
Director: Claire Grove  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1995.

**THU 18:30 Jenny Stephens - Project Raphael (b008p7wl)**  
Episode 1  
British Intelligence, MI7 are working with agents from beyond the grave to gather secrets from the mysterious Nablowski Colony. Agent Raphael volunteers to be transferred, but no-one can contact him.  
Enter local ghost-hunter Malcolm Holmes, and his friend Polly, would-be ace reporter.  
First of a three-part sci-fi thriller by Jenny Stephens.  
Starring Deborah McAndrew and Aineirin Hughes as Agents Finch and Evans, with Dan Hagley as Malcolm Holmes and Emily Chennery as Polly Williams. John Flittercroft is the revenant Raphael, with Sunny Ormonde as Holmes's mum.  
Director: Peter Leslie Wild  
Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in 2008.

**THU 19:00 Dad's Army (b007jp3q)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]  
**THU 19:30 Take It From Here (b011klyp)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]  
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**THU 22:00 The Secret World (b03m7zb9)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]  
**THU 22:30 Elvenquest (b00wqfnn)**  
Series 2  
Episode 6  
The noble band of Questers are in a pub and within touching distance of getting their hands on the Sword of Asnagar.  
Lord Darkness still has a few tricks up his sleeve and he's not about to let the possibility of eternal dominion over Lower Earth slip through his fingers without pulling out all the stops.  
Will the Questers be strong enough to handle the immense power of the Sword? Or, as ever with these things, will they be

tempted over to the Dark Side...?  
Fantasy-based sitcom set in Lower Earth written by Anil Gupta and Richard Pinto.  
Sam .... Stephen Mangano  
Lord Darkness .... Alistair McGowan  
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 22:55 Pattie Brewster Comedy Club Shorts (b03qgtpb)**  
Relationships  
Tonight, improvement specialist/fantastist Pattie Brewster is full of advice on how to attract the right people and how to make a good first impression.  
**THU 23:00 Sarah Millican's Support Group (b011j6lq)**  
Series 2  
5. 'I'm a mother in need of quiet'  
"Sibling Rivalry: The grass is always greener in my brother's massive garden"  
"I'm a mother in need of quiet - do drum kits have a mute button?"  
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  
Melissa ..... Isabel Fay  
Michael ..... Miles Jupp  
Janet ..... Annie Aldington  
Written by Sarah Millican.  
Producer: Lianne Coop  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2011

**THU 23:30 Rubbish (b00770xw)**  
Series 1  
Rage  
Martin is dragged along to Life Editing by its course tutor and on-off girlfriend Sarah.  
The one thing that would improve his life, he decides, would be being able to say no. But this doesn't mean that people won't carry on saying no to him.  
Reece Dinsdale stars as local government officer, cynic and manic-depressive, Martin Christmas in Tony Bagley's sitcom.  
Martin ..... Reece Dinsdale  
Woman ..... Susie Donkin  
Roger ..... Paul Copley  
Peter/Chris ..... Jim North  
Sarah ..... Nicola Walker  
Scott ..... Kevin Eldon  
Barney ..... James Lance  
Producer: Claire Bartlett  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2006.

## FRIDAY 03 JANUARY 2014

**FRI 00:00 Terry Pratchett (b007jmq9)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Thursday]  
**FRI 00:30 Jenny Stephens - Project Raphael (b008p7wl)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]  
**FRI 01:00 Agatha Christie (b007k097)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]  
**FRI 01:30 John Mortimer - Rumpole (b007jsh4)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]  
**FRI 02:00 Hazelbeach (b008crhw)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]  
**FRI 02:30 HR (b00ppbhm)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]  
**FRI 03:00 Margaret Oliphant - Phoebe Junior (b03m7vkc)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]  
**FRI 04:00 Robin Black - If I Loved You, I Would Tell You This (b00sm5mf)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Thursday]  
**FRI 04:15 Sherlock Holmes (b007jlpz)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Thursday]  
**FRI 05:00 Ballylenon (b007jpmq)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Thursday]  
**FRI 05:30 Lenin of the Rovers (b007jvcl)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]  
**FRI 06:00 Agatha Christie (b007k097)**  
The Sittaford Mystery  
5. The Second Seance  
Mr Rycroft decides that only by re-enacting the séance which announced the murder of Captain Trevelyan, will the identity of his killer finally be revealed.  
The conclusion of Agatha Christie's whodunit starring Geoffrey Whitehead as Inspector Narracott.  
Inspector Narracott .... Geoffrey Whitehead  
Emily Trefusis .... Melinda Walker  
Charles Enderby .... Stephen Tompkinson  
Major Burnaby .... Norman Bird  
Ellwood .... Jack May

Martin Dering .... David Goudge  
Mr. Rycroft .... John Moffat  
Ronnie Garfield .... Nigel Greaves  
Mrs. Willett .... Susan Westerby  
Violet Willett .... Victoria Carling  
Brian Pearson .... Charles Simpson  
Caroline Percehouse .... Margaret Courtenay  
Mrs. Curtis .... Barbara Atkinson  
Sergeant Pollock .... Vincent Brimble  
Mr. Dacres .... David King  
Beatrice .... Alice Arnold  
Jennifer Gardner .... Anna Cropper  
Brian Pearson .... Charles Simpson  
Dramatised and directed by Michael Bakewell.  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1990.  
**FRI 06:30 John Mortimer - Rumpole (b007jshh)**  
The Expert Witness  
Rumpole recalls the case of a GP accused of killing his wife.  
"The Splendours And Miseries Of An Old Bailey Hack".  
Starring Maurice Denham as ageing London barrister-at-law  
Horace Rumpole and Margot Boyd as Hilda Rumpole  
With Derek Farr as Mr Justice Skelton and Ellis Dale as Owen  
Munroe,  
Originally a TV series created by writer and barrister John  
Mortimer, Rumpole hit the BBC radio airwaves in 1980. Case-  
by-case, Rumpole recalls his work at the Central Criminal  
Court of England and Wales.  
Director: Peter King  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1980.  
**FRI 07:00 Chambers (b007jttl)**  
Series 1  
QC at Any Cost  
John Fuller-Carp, the Machiavellian head of chambers, is  
determined to become a QC and will perform almost any moral  
contortion to achieve his goal.  
When left-wing Ruth Quirke, rumoured to be the daughter of a  
High Court judge, applies to join chambers at Forecourt  
Buildings, Fuller-Carp's imagination goes into overdrive and a  
hotline to the Lord Chancellor and promotion seems inevitable.  
But will his "New Labour" image amount to anything...?  
Clive Coleman's sitcom about the questionable practices of a  
group of barristers.  
John Fuller Carp ..... John Bird  
Hilary Tripping ..... James Fleet  
Ruth Quirke ..... Lesley Sharp  
Vince ..... Jonathan Kydd  
Judge ..... Gavin Muir  
Suggs ..... John Baddeley  
Brinsley ..... Alex Lowe  
Jen ..... Jane Whittenshaw  
Producer Paul Schlesinger  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1996.  
**FRI 07:30 Meet David Sedaris (b03mclqh)**  
Series 4  
Episode 5  
One of the world's funniest storytellers is back on BBC Radio 4  
doing what he does best.  
This week, he considers his native tongue as if it were a foreign  
language in "English Lesson" and the trouble that taxidermy can  
bring in "Understanding Understanding Owls".  
Producer: Steve Doherty  
A Giddy Goat production for BBC Radio 4.  
**FRI 08:00 Steptoe and Son (b007jlll)**  
Series 3  
Sea For Two  
A famous by-election visitor sparks party wars for the rag and  
bone duo.  
Starring Wilfrid Brambell as Albert and Harry H Corbett as  
Harold. With John Rye and Edward Kelsey.  
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 was set in a house with a yard full of junk, featuring  
the lives of rag and bone men Albert Steptoe and his son Harold  
and it was the spark for a run of 8 series for TV.  
Adapted for radio from Galton and Simpson's TV script by  
Gale Pedrick.  
Produced by Bobby Jaye  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in April 1971.  
**FRI 08:30 Yes Minister (b007jzxt)**  
Series 2  
The Compassionate Society  
A new hospital needs a cure, but does MP Jim Hacker know his  
ACAS from his NALGO?  
Starring Paul Eddington, Nigel Hawthorne and Derek Fowlds.  
Antony Jay and Jonathan Lynn's satirical sitcom centred around  
the hapless Jim Hacker and a collection of civil service  
underlings headed by the Machiavellian Sir Humphrey Appleby  
and obsequious Bernard.  
It first ran on BBC TV between 1980 and 1984.  
Jim Hacker .... Paul Eddington  
Sir Humphrey Appleby .... Nigel Hawthorne  
Bernard Woolley .... Derek Fowlds  
Sir Ian .... Peter Jeffrey  
Brian Baker .... Norman Bird  
George .... Arthur Cox  
Mrs Rogers .... Ellen McIntosh  
Billy Fraser .... Peter Acre  
James Lawford, MP .... John Bott

With Narissa Knights, Bernard Brown and Arnold Diamond  
Featuring Bryan Martin and Moira Stuart as themselves  
Adapted for radio by the producer, Pete Atkin.  
First broadcast on Radio 4 in October 1984.  
**FRI 09:00 Millport (b00761w5)**  
Series 2  
Happy Returns  
It's Irene's 33rd birthday - so the island inhabitants have a few  
surprises in store...  
Bittersweet comedy written by and starring Lynn Ferguson as  
30-something island barmaid Irene Bruce, who hankers after a  
better life on the mainland.  
Irene ..... Lynn Ferguson  
Moira/Agnes ..... Janet Brown  
Alberto/Robert/Bob ..... Lewis McLeod  
Ena/Bunty ..... Gabriel Quigley  
Dougie ..... Matt Costello  
Music arranged by Oily Fox.  
Producer: Lucy Bacon  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2001.  
**FRI 09:30 Electric Ink (b01k68hg)**  
Series 2  
Episode 4  
Can struggling journalist Maddox make a splash with a tip-off  
over political corruption that could unseat the coalition?  
A comic satire set in the struggling world of newspapers.  
A group of dysfunctional journalists attempt to cover major  
news stories whilst grappling with the demands of a multi-  
platform environment, as circulation figures plummet as the  
recession means half the workforce is laid off.  
Written by Alistair Beaton and Tom Mitchelson.  
Maddox ..... John Sessions  
Oliver ..... Alex Jennings  
Freddy ..... Stephen Wight  
Carol ..... Polly Frame  
Masha ..... Debbie Chazen  
Julie Compton ..... Joanna Monro  
Producer: Sally Avens  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010..  
**FRI 10:00 Saturday Drama (b00g8n5s)**  
Melissa Murray - Theremin  
Theremin by Melissa Murray  
Leon Theremin, gifted inventor and reluctant spy, is forced to  
find a way to bug the US Embassy in London. Now he has to  
save himself and his former lover from both the CIA and the  
KGB.  
Theremin: Tom Hollander  
Alex: Kate Ashfield  
Olga: Ania Sowinski  
Will: Trystan Gravelle  
Sergei/Ambassador: Stephen Critchlow  
Boss: Malcolm Tierney  
Ambassador's wife/Waitress: Janice Acquah  
Bart: Jonathan Tafler  
News seller/Man 2: Chris Pavlo  
Bellboy/Man 1: Dan Starkey  
Directed by Marc Beeby.  
**FRI 11:00 Rose Tremain (b00rpvvg)**  
The Crossing of Herald Mountjoy  
A tale of public and private anguish, based around the Battle of  
Agincourt. Trevor Nicholls reads Rose Tremain's short story.  
**FRI 11:15 Sherlock Holmes (b007jp4j)**  
The Return of Sherlock Holmes - Series 1  
The Norwood Builder  
The Baker Street sleuth probes the case of a young solicitor  
accused of murder. Stars Clive Merrison and Michael Williams.  
**FRI 12:00 Steptoe and Son (b007jlll)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]  
**FRI 12:30 Yes Minister (b007jzxt)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]  
**FRI 13:00 Agatha Christie (b007k0bk)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]  
**FRI 13:30 John Mortimer - Rumpole (b007jshh)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]  
**FRI 14:00 The Churchills - Speaking for Themselves (b007jrg7)**  
Episode 5  
The letters of Winston and Clementine Churchill. The reality of  
war strikes home. With Alex Jennings and Sylvestra Le Touzel.  
From February 1999.  
**FRI 14:15 A Short History of Ireland (b007k357)**  
Kings and Champions; Agricola Plans to Conquer Ireland  
The country's epic story continues with Celtic life and legend,  
and the advent of the Romans. With Frances Tomelty.  
**FRI 14:30 Eric Lomax - The Railway Man (b007jwyt)**  
Episode 5  
The guards discover the prisoners' home-made radio set. The  
autobiography of a prisoner of the Japanese, read by Alec  
Heggie.  
**FRI 14:45 Sir John Betjeman - Summoned by Bells (b03mk04b)**  
Private School  
The late poet laureate's 'life in verse', from nursery to  
university. Read by the author. Recorded in 1960.  
**FRI 15:00 Saturday Drama (b00g8n5s)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]  
**FRI 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b03mk092)**  
What board games do you like to play during the Christmas  
holiday? Scrabble? Monopoly? Any good at jigsaws? There's

plenty of fun and games with Mel Giedroyc on today's show.  
**FRI 17:00 Huddwinks (b00b1p9r)**  
Series 2  
The Curse of the Smollett's Curse!  
Melissa and Compton win a holiday, but spurn Herne Bay for  
an adventure in ancient Egypt. Stars Roy Hudd. From June  
1988.  
**FRI 17:30 Chambers (b007jttl)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]  
**FRI 18:00 Daphne Du Maurier (b007jq6k)**  
The Birds  
Episode 1  
The birds are "never satisfied, never still". Charlie Barnecut  
reads Daphne du Maurier's chilling classic in three parts.  
The novel was famously filmed for the cinema by Alfred  
Hitchcock in 1963. But don't expect anything like what was on  
the big screen here. This is Du Maurier's original story. In fact,  
the author disliked what Hitchcock did to her tale; particularly  
his translation of her setting from Cornwall - with its small  
fields and stone hedges - to small-town America.  
As this original story opens, with the colder winter weather  
drawing in, Nat and his family notice the hungry birds are  
gathering in the village...  
Producer: Gemma Jenkins  
Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in 2003.  
**FRI 18:30 Jenny Stephens - Project Raphael (b008p9wx)**  
2. Truths  
As MI7 recruits Malcolm Holmes to contact Agent Raphael,  
some uncomfortable truths are uncovered. Stars Deborah  
McAndrew.  
**FRI 19:00 Steptoe and Son (b007jlll)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]  
**FRI 19:30 Yes Minister (b007jzxt)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]  
**FRI 20:00 Agatha Christie (b007k0bk)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]  
**FRI 20:30 John Mortimer - Rumpole (b007jshh)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]  
**FRI 21:00 Rose Tremain (b00rpvvg)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]  
**FRI 21:15 Sherlock Holmes (b007jp4j)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]  
**FRI 22:00 Meet David Sedaris (b03mclqh)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]  
**FRI 22:30 I've Never Seen Star Wars (b014r5qh)**  
Series 4  
Alan Davies  
Marcus Brigstocke invites reluctant vocalist, actor Alan Davies  
to sing in public for the first time.  
Whether the experiences are banal or profound, the show is  
about embracing the new and getting out of our comfort zones.  
The title comes from the fact that the show's producer and  
creator Bill Dare had never seen the film Star Wars.  
Producer: Bill Dare  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2011.  
**FRI 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b03q178t)**  
For two hours, six nights a week, the Comedy Club offers the  
best laughs around. Tonight, Arthur Smith chats to Andy  
Parsons.  
**FRI 23:00 Little Britain (b008h569)**  
Series 1  
Episode 3  
Back where it started out - Matt Lucas and David Walliams'  
oddball TV smash hit, without the cameras. From March 2001.  
**FRI 23:30 The Simon Day Show (b01jhj3s)**  
Series 2  
Billy Bleach  
Simon Day and his characters welcome listeners to The  
Mallard, a small provincial theatre somewhere in the UK. Each  
week one of Simon's comic characters come to perform at The  
Mallard while the staff struggle with rivalries, self-doubt and  
the new owner's vision for the theatre's future.  
This week popular, Fast Show favourite Billy Bleach returns to  
The Mallard, the theatre that last series gave him his first big  
break.  
Cast list:  
Billy Bleach .... Simon Day  
Emanuel Akinyemi .... Felix Dexter  
Pat Bennet ... Morwenna Banks  
Ron Bone .... Simon Greenall  
Written by Simon Day  
Produced by Colin Anderson.