

SATURDAY 08 FEBRUARY 2014

SAT 00:00 Arthur C Clarke Stories (b007jv0)

Before Eden

Scientists stationed on Venus battle to find signs of life, but what about the impact of their quest? Read by Tim Pigott-Smith.

SAT 00:30 Simon Bovey - The Voice of God (b007jwh)

Can You Hear That

Can You Hear That: The colonel plans to fire the sonic weapon and risk a global catastrophe. Stars Clare Corbett and Matthew Dyktynski. From February 2006.

SAT 01:00 Miss Marple (b007jnl4)

A Murder Is Announced

Episode 5

A further murder has been committed, but just as Miss Marple is piecing her thoughts together - she disappears...

Conclusion of Agatha Christie's whodunit starring June Whitfield as the deceptively mild sleuth, Miss Jane Marple.

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.

Miss Marple June Whitfield

Inspector Craddock Ian Lavender

Letty Blacklock Sarah Lawson

Colonel Easterbrook Jack Hedley

Laura Easterbrook Joanna McCallum

Bunch Harmon Molly Gaisford

Patrick Simmons Jamie Glover

Mitzi Jenny Funnell

Julia Simmons Angela Sims

Phillipa Haymes Sarah Rice

Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1999

SAT 01:30 Dick Francis (b007nlgf)

Proof

6. Visitors

Wine merchant Tony Beach has to deal with some unwanted visitors to his store.

Nigel Havers stars as Tony Beach.

Dick Francis's thriller dramatised by Ernest Dudley.

Tony Beach Nigel Havers

Flora Jennifer Piercy

Gerard George Parsons

Paul Young Stuart Organ

Charter Jun/P.C. Kim Wall

Sgt. Ridger Stephen Hattersley

Mrs Palissey Sheila Grant

Producer: Matthew Walters

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1987.

SAT 02:00 Millport (b0072cq)

Series 2

The Verdict

The islanders unite to try and save The Cumbræ Bar from closure.

Will Irene stay and fight with them or will she take the last ferry of the day to the mainland to the new life she's always dreamed of?

Bittersweet comedy written by and starring Lynn Ferguson as 30-something island barmaid Irene Bruce.

Irene Lynn Ferguson

Moira/Agnes Janet Brown

Alberto/Robert/Ferryman Lewis McLeod

Ena/Bunty Gabriel Quigley

Bob/Minister Robert Patterson

Dougie Matt Costello

Music arranged by Oly Fox.

Producer: Lucy Bacon

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2001.

SAT 02:30 The Change (b0076cwf)

Series 2

Episode 3

George's desire to move back in with Carol is not reciprocated.

Lynda Bellingham and Chris Ellison star as troubled hormonal wife Carol who kicked out her mechanic husband George when he revealed he's a transvestite.

Sitcom by Gavin Petrie and Jan Etherington.

Carol Lynda Bellingham

George Chris Ellison

Violet Sylvia Syms

Maureen Maureen Beattie

Ken James Vaughan

Sonia Emma Kennedy

Jerry Barnaby Kay

Dave Mark Powley

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Producer: Elizabeth Freestone.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2003.

SAT 03:00 Jill Paton Walsh - A Piece of Justice (b010yvt7)

When Fran gets the chance to take over the biography of the great mathematician Gideon Summerfield, she rapidly discovers there's a mystery over a few days he went missing in August 1978.

Her friend Imogen is the first to realise she may be in danger...

Dramatised by Neville Teller from the novel by Jill Paton Walsh.

Imogen Quy Barbara Flynn

Janet Somerfield Rosemary Leach

Francis Bullion Tracy Wiles

Josh Robert Harper

Dr Mistral James Greene

Lady Buckmote Marlene Sidaway

Sir William Buckmote Geoffrey Whitehead

Professor Maverack Colin Starkey

Meredith Bagadeuce Peter Howell

Pamela Zephyr Di Botcher

David Swann Iwan Thomas

Director: Janet Whitaker

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1998.

SAT 04:00 Pavilion Pieces (b00m175f)

The Prince's Favourite

Written by Emma Barnes. Not long after the death of George IV, a group of visitors are given a tour of the Brighton Pavilion by a servant of the Royal Household. Mr Hodges takes no particular interest in the group until the oldest of the party, a dowdy spinster, drops some remarks which suggest she is less respectable than she seems.

Her sister, she reveals, had a connection with the Prince Regent. As the Prince was a notorious womaniser, Mr Hodges immediately scents the whiff of scandal.

As they proceed through the marvels of the Pavilion, the old lady seems to be searching for something, beyond the many artefacts on display. Mr Hodges is so curious that he allows her access to the private Royal Apartments, in the hope of discovering more about her and her mysterious sister. The revelation, when it comes, takes Mr Hodges completely by surprise.

Read by Claire Skinner

Producer/Director: Celia de Wolff

A Pier Production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 04:15 Paul Mendelson - Fireworks at the Villa Lucia (b0140v3v)

When Pete - a struggling TV writer - and his wife Julie find themselves staying in the same Italian villa as cult movie director David Joe Jakes, he tries to sell his dog-eared screenplay as the true story of how he met his wife.

The fireworks begin when he pressgangs his wife into pretending to be a fiery, psychotic, Venezuelan ex-soap star - while he masquerades as her psychoanalyst.

Paul Mendelson's comedy drama stars Philip Whitechurch as Pete, Samantha Bond as Julie/Julia, Kerry Shale as David, Megg Nicol as Cassie, Flaminia Cinque as Lucia/Mrs Booth and Dan Starkey as Elio/Eric.

Director: David Ian Neville

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2009.

SAT 05:00 Huddwinks (b00fsmzd)

Series 2

The Fall of the House of Slaithwaite

A northern black pudding maker must deal with the consequences of some unexpected ingredients

Roy Hudd stars in Laurie Rowley's comic parodies.

With:

Denise Coffey

Chris Emmett

David Gooderson

Fred Harris

Producer: Jonathan James-Moore

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in July 1988.

SAT 05:30 Smelling of Roses (b007k0v3)

Series 2

Romance Is Dead

Rosie's event management company arranges activities for the partners of conference, delegates for a major finance company. Meanwhile Kate thinks this is her ticket back to a high-flying job....

Prunella Scales stars in the second of four series of Simon Brett's sitcom following the trials and tribulations of Rosie Burns and her event-management company based in Brighton.

With Arabella Weir as Kate, Rebecca Callard as Jo, Duncan Preston as Bob, Annette Badland as Tess, Debbie Norman as Sheila Wilkinson and Alan Cowan as Philip Wilkinson.

Producer: Maria Esposito

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2001.

SAT 06:00 Molly Keane - Good Behaviour (b03tzsh)

The St Charles family hit hard times in this 1920s drama set in Ireland. Short of cash and initiative, their estate is in genteel decline. An overweight daughter, philandering father and a cold mother struggle to maintain an aristocratic façade of Good Behaviour. Stars Frances Tomelty, Annette Crosbie and Ronald Pickup.

Molly Keane's novel was dramatised by Shelagh Stephenson.

Produced by Eoin O'Callaghan.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1996.

SAT 07:30 A Shared Vision (b00xj0hp)

Poet John Hegley visits Zanzibar in East Africa with an old pair of his glasses in the hope that someone might be able to use them. From April 2003.

SAT 08:00 Garrison Keillor's Radio Show (b01bw4ww)

Series 7

Episode 17

From Bemidji, Minnesota, the American funny man welcomes Rhonda Vincent & the Rage, plus jazz guitarist Sam Mitchell. From 2011.

SAT 09:00 Jay Rayner Gets Stuffed (b03tr1fv)

Food writer and restaurant critic, Jay Rayner's known for banging on about the awful - and sometimes lovely - things that cooks do to blameless ingredients. Here, he offers up a few of his own.

From a personal selection of deliciously fat-drenched, gut-busting grub-related radio, get your teeth into the decades of us

mucking around with our food.

On Jay's mouth-watering menu:

* A generous helping of loudmouth chef Anthony Bourdain

* A rare appearance from Elizabeth David on BBC Radio 4's 'The Food Programme'

* Keith Floyd starring as a Roman chef in a late night BBC Radio 4 comedy

* Nina Myskow talking to essayist David Sedaris, children's author Judith Kerr and dancer Carlos Acosta about what they really eat.

* A dash of Miles Jupp as Damien Trench, 'In and Out of The Kitchen'

* A pinch of sarcasm with 'The Sunday Format' on Gastronomy.

* A taste of a Philadelphia deli in award-winning documentary, 'One Big Kitchen Table'

* A mouthful from a BBC Radio 2 phone-in about the chicken shop with Vanessa Feltz

* And to wash it all down: "Hog lard, of course that's what killed my grandfather...at 94" says a pork-loving chef from the American South. Get fired up for the world of competitive American barbecuing with Russell Davies in 'You Is What You Eat'.

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Testbed Productions.

SAT 12:00 Writing the Century - Omnibus (b03tr32y)

Based on the true story of Russian journalist Anna Politkovskaya, who was murdered in 2006. The drama looks at five key events from 1999 leading up to her murder.

SAT 13:15 Petrella (b007jmdg)

Series 2

Heroes and Villains

Confronted with robbery and murder, the detective learns even respected police officers can be suspects. Stars Philip Jackson.

SAT 14:00 Dad's Army (b007jpkw)

Series 3

A Man of Action

When a landmine sparks martial law, a reporter catches Captain Mainwaring in charge.

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 Frazer John Laurie

Private Pike Ian Lavender

Private Godfrey Arnold Ridley

Warden Hodges Bill Pertwee

Private Walker Larry Martyn

Town Clerk Julian Orchard

Mr Norris Jonathan Cecil

Inspector Baker Fraser Kerr

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1976.

SAT 14:30 The Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise Show (b01j9t01)

Series 1

Episode 1

Starting their new series, much loved-comedy Eric and Ernie try to work out when they were last on the radio. But in surprise news, their bachelor flat-share is looking under threat.

Special singing guests: Peters and Lee.

Written by Eddie Braben

With Anne Hamilton, Michael Segal and Arthur Tolcher.

Music by Dennis Wilson & His Orchestra.

Producer: John Browell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 1975.

SAT 15:00 Garrison Keillor's Radio Show (b01bw4ww)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SAT 16:00 Molly Keane - Good Behaviour (b03tzsh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:30 Warhorses of Letters (b03srrdp)

Series 3

Episode 4

The last in the series of the epistolary equine love story starring Stephen Fry as Napoleon's horse Marengo and Daniel Rigby as the Duke of Wellington's mount Copenhagen, with an introduction by Tamsin Greig.

Old age has come to our horses, and Marengo is sick.

Copenhagen is determined that he and his true love will be truly together just once before Marengo quits this earthly life for a new paddock in the sky.

In perhaps the most moving exchange of letters ever sent by one horse to another the final act of this tragic love story unfolds.

Written by Robbie Hudson and Marie Phillips

Produced by Gareth Edwards.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.

SAT 17:45 Political Animals (b03ktz1b)

Series 2

Barney and George

Barney reveals how President George W Bush broke his heart by being unfaithful with a man called Tony.

Another unreliable dog's eye view of the trials and tribulations of living in the White House.

Written by Tony Bagley.

Director: Marc Beeby.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2013.

SAT 18:00 Atomic Tales (b007jx7x)

Night of the Cicadas

Small and usually friendly, chirruping insects suddenly grow

huge - turning nasty and developing a taste for human flesh... 1950s American sci-fi spoof.
 Starring the talents of:
 John Guerriasio
 Jeff Harding
 Allison Warnya
 Lewis McLeod
 Colin Stinton
 Liza Ross
 Written by Adam Tandy and Nat Sones.
 Producer: Adam Bromley.
 Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in August 2006.
SAT 18:30 The Man in Black (b00yng5w)
 Series 3
 The Printed Name by Nicholas Pierpan
 Having your heart's desire offered to you on a plate can be a difficult temptation to resist.
 Jack is a failing writer who stumbles into a devilish pact with a mysterious businessman.
 Mark Gatiss stars as the sinister raconteur, The Man in Black, to introduce Nicholas Pierpan's sinister tale.
 Jack Ewan Bailey
 Rob Ryan Watson
 Thomas Nicholas Boulton
 Hermione Christine Kavanagh
 The Grandfather Sean Baker
 The TV Announcer Claire Harry
 More horrifying tales from The Man in Black. You might meet him at a luggage carousel in an airport, or behind the desk at an employment agency or he might approach you in the corridor of a care home. Wherever you encounter him, he's eager to pass on his stories. Stories to unsettle and horrify. Stories to haunt you.
 Director: Gemma Jenkins
 Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in February 2011.
SAT 19:00 Jay Rayner Gets Stuffed (b03tr1fv)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
SAT 22:00 4 Stands Up (b00jzww8)
 Series 3
 Episode 5
 Chris Addison welcomes three more purveyors of fine comedy - John Gorrillo, Francesca Martinez and Andrew Lawrence. From April 2009.
SAT 22:30 The Lee Mack Show (b00bwzv3)
 Sophie Ellis-Bextor
 Sophie Ellis-Bextor joins the quick-fire comic for stand-up, sketches and music. With Angela McHale. From March 2005.
SAT 23:00 Justin Moorhouse - The Big Am I (b00h34d9)
 About to become a dad for a second time, Manchester's Justin Moorhouse has a nagging doubt he may not have got it right the first time round.
 Mixing stand-up and sketches and aided by a great comedy cast, Justin asks himself a big question - am I a good dad?
 Written and performed by Justin Moorhouse with additional material by Jim Poyser.
 Also featuring John Thomson, Steve Edge and Janice Connolly.
 Producer: Ben Walker
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2009.
SAT 23:30 Isy Suttie: Pearl and Dave (b0196rpe)
 Isy Suttie ('Dobby' from Channel 4's 'Peep Show' & double British Comedy Award nominee.) recounts a moving love story involving a socially awkward childhood neighbour (her first pen pal) and a 'well-bred' girl from Surrey - the titular Pearl and Dave. She interweaves the narrative with her own tales of failed relationships, internet dating and eventual happiness, much of which is told through song. Adapted from her sell out Edinburgh 2011 Edinburgh show of the same name. From BBC Radio Comedy.
 "I'm overjoyed to be doing my Edinburgh show on Radio 4. Having spent a month playing to audiences who'd been rained on all day, some of them dashing in late, I advise listeners to wrap up warm, eat a hearty meal and leave enough time for the journey from the sofa to the radio." Isy Suttie Nov 2011.
 The Producer is John Pockock.

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SUN 00:00 Atomic Tales (b007jx7x)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Saturday]
SUN 00:30 The Man in Black (b00yng5w)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Saturday]
SUN 01:00 Garrison Keillor's Radio Show (b01bw4wv)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Saturday]
SUN 02:00 Writing the Century - Omnibus (b03tr32y)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Saturday]
SUN 03:15 Petrella (b007jmdg)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 13:15 on Saturday]
SUN 04:00 Molly Keane - Good Behaviour (b03tqzsh)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday]
SUN 05:30 Warhorses of Letters (b03srddp)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 17:30 on Saturday]
SUN 05:45 Political Animals (b03ktz1b)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 17:45 on Saturday]
SUN 06:00 Jacqueline Susann - Valley of the Dolls (Omnibus) (b00mp6nc)
 Episode 3
 1956: Neely's Hollywood career has collapsed. Back in New York she and Anne go to see Neely's old rival Helen Lawson in a new show.

Conclusion of Jacqueline Susann's 1960s best seller. Three beautiful young women are best friends carving out careers in the entertainment industry.
 Stars Madeleine Potter, Barbara Barnes, Kerry Shale, Sally Dexter and Coleen Prendergast.
 Omnibus of episodes 11 to 15 of fifteen - dramatised by Yvonne Antrobus.
 Producer: Claire Grove
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2005.
SUN 07:15 Bill Connor - Cassandra's Good Food Guide (b00vcptg)
 Episode 2
 Personal tales about eating and drinking from the cantankerous and comically opinionated Fleet Street legend "Cassandra" - Bill Connor.
 Connor reveals his first food memory: Miss Cowie's uneatable porridge.
 Read by the late Roger Lloyd Pack
 Producer: Neil Cargill
 A Pier production for BBC Radio 4.
SUN 07:30 Clare in the Community (b00hq0nc)
 Series 5
 Too Cool for School
 Control freak and social worker, Clare Barker, likes nothing better than interfering in other people's lives on both a professional and personal basis - so making friends isn't easy. However, in this episode she manages it.
 Clare Sally Phillips
 Brian Alex Lowe
 Helen Liza Tarbuck
 Ray Richard Lumsden
 Megan/Nali Nina Conti
 Irene Ellen Thomas
 Simon Andrew Wincott
 Chloe Alex Tregear
 Mrs Boxer Anna Bengo
 Written by Harry Venning and David Ramsden
 Producer: Katie Tyrrell
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2009.
SUN 08:00 The Burkiss Way (b00jr7fr)
 Series 2
 Commemorate Jubilees the Burkiss Way
 A comedy celebration of the Queen's 25 years on the throne.
 The Burkiss Way to Dynamic Living is radio's limited edition correspondence course.
 With mock-hide instruction from Jo Kendall, Nigel Rees, Chris Emmett and Fred Harris.
 Embossed scrollwork script from Andrew Marshall and David Renwick.
 A genuine leatherette production by Simon Brett (a gift you will treasure for always)
 Cult sketch show first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1977.
SUN 08:30 The Ken Dodd Show (b03tr5pj)
 Doddy's Comic Cuts
 What a wonderful day it is for proving married couples can be genuinely happy! The King of Knotty Ash has his work cut out!
 Starring Ken Dodd.
 With Peter Goodwright, Jo Manning Wilson, Miriam Margolyes, Talryn Thomas, John Graham and Michael McClain.
 Devised and written by Ken Dodd with Denis Berson, Terry Ravenscroft and Maurice Bird.
 Doddy's Diddy Orchestra conducted by Geoff Alderson.
 Producer: Bobby Jaye
 First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in January 1974.
SUN 09:00 Ian Fleming - Chitty Chitty Bang Bang (b00zzwfj)
 Ian Fleming's magical tale of a car saved from the scrapyard that takes the Pott family on a fantastic adventure. Stars Imogen Stubbs.
SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b03tr6kd)
 Animators
 Nick Park
 4 Extra Debut. From Bob Dylan to Neil Young, Wallace and Gromit creator Nick Park shares his castaway choices with Kirsty Young. From December 2010.
SUN 10:45 Bright Young Things (b00pfsqt)
 The Garden Party
 Romola Garai reads the first of two stories celebrating the extravagant, cocktail-swilling party people of the 1920s, the 'Bright Young Things'. In today's story, one of Katherine Mansfield's all-time classics, a tragic death threatens to intrude upon the lavish preparations for a rather extravagant summer party.
 Born in 1888 in New Zealand, Katherine Mansfield is widely considered to be one of the finest short story writers of the early 20th century and was a major influence on the evolution of the modern short story form in Britain and Europe.
 Written by Katherine Mansfield
 Read by Romola Garai
 Abridged by Richard Hamilton
 Produced by Justine Willett.
SUN 11:00 Radio Anarchists (b00828ml)
 Ned Sherrin tells the story of Coyle and Sharpe, the perpetrators of ludicrous street interviews in 1960s America.
 From January 2003.
SUN 11:30 Take It From the Chorus (b007k2rh)
 The Chorus on Screen

Time for your close-up! Caroline Quentin investigates life among the hoofers and the impact of film and TV.
SUN 12:00 Jacqueline Susann - Valley of the Dolls (Omnibus) (b00mp6nc)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
SUN 13:15 Bill Connor - Cassandra's Good Food Guide (b00vcptg)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]
SUN 13:30 Alan Ayckbourn - The Norman Conquests (b007mwg7)
 Living Together
 A weekend of tangled relationships moves to the living room of a country house. Stars Robin Herford and Diane Bull.
SUN 15:00 The Burkiss Way (b00jr7fr)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
SUN 15:30 The Ken Dodd Show (b03tr5pj)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
SUN 16:00 Mel's Mix: The Best of The 4 O'Clock Show (b03tr8lk)
 The pick of the week's 4 O'Clock Show, with Mel Giedroyc.
SUN 17:00 Ian Fleming - Chitty Chitty Bang Bang (b00zzwfj)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
SUN 18:00 Doctor Who (b018jsf5)
 The Pyramids of Mars
 Episode 5
 When the Doctor's plan to destroy Sutekh's missile is foiled, he transports to Egypt to confront his enemy. Fourth Doctor adventure read by Tom Baker.
SUN 18:30 Voices From the Grave (b007jwn1)
 The Lie
 Lisa gives up everything for her lover - and wanders a disused Victorian psychiatric hospital.
 Series of four chilling and intimate dramas inspired by existing ghost stories from around Britain.
 Lynn Ferguson's horror stars Leslie Ash as Angela, Ian Dunn as Colin, Leslie Ash as Angela, Janet Brown as Martha/Lisa's Mother, Geoffrey Beever as the Caretaker and Lynn Ferguson as Lisa.
 Producers: Luke Fresle/Gemma Jenkins
 Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in 2006.
SUN 19:00 Radio Anarchists (b00828ml)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
SUN 19:30 Take It From the Chorus (b007k2rh)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:30 today]
SUN 20:00 The Burkiss Way (b00jr7fr)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
SUN 20:30 The Ken Dodd Show (b03tr5pj)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
SUN 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b03tr6kd)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
SUN 21:45 Bright Young Things (b00pfsqt)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]
SUN 22:00 Clare in the Community (b00hq0nc)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
SUN 23:00 1966 and All That (b010hcwh)
 The 1960s
 Albert Einstein discovers the Beatles, while for the first time, the nation discovers sex.
 Plus a look at the era of "Flour Power"; the World Cup is won by a team of men all called Bobby; and the with-it Royal try barbecuing.
 Craig Brown's satirical history of Britain reaches the 1960s.
 With:
 Joss Ackland
 Eleanor Bron
 Rory Bremner
 Ewan Bailey
 Margaret Cabourn-Smith
 John Humphrys
 Producer: Victoria Lloyd
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2006.
SUN 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b03w0139)
 The best in contemporary comedy. Tonight there's more Celtic gangsta rapping as Arthur Smith is joined by The Rubberbandits.
SUN 23:00 Vent (b01f9xz7)
 Series 3
 Stirrings in the Night
 Ben and Mary's love life is in jeopardy, so Blitz recruits Lord Byron to offer the couple some useful relationship advice.
 Starring Neil Pearson.
 Nigel Smith's dark sitcom about a man in a coma, travelling through the distinctly odd landscape of his own unconscious mind.
 Ben Neil Pearson
 Mary Fiona Allen
 Mum Josie Lawrence
 Blitz Leslie Ash
 Nurse Jo Martin
 Derek Stephen Frost
 Marley/Lord Byron Spencer Brown
 Bea Scarlett Milburn-Smith
 Director: Nigel Smith
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2009.
SUN 23:30 Jon Ronson On (b0076q2k)
 Series 1
 Magical Moments
 Jeremy Dyson's father changed his life with a trip to a

Dr Evadne Hinge Patrick Fyffe
 Producer: John Fawcett Wilson
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1990.
MON 17:30 One Foot in the Grave (b007jmxg)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
MON 18:00 Simon Guerrier - Graceless (b011h2g)
 Series 1
 The Sphere
 Abby and Zara are not real. They were created by pan-dimensional beings to help save space and time. Starring Ciara Janson.
 Abby - Ciara Janson
 Zara - Laura Dodginton
 Marek - Fraser James
 Daniel - David Warner
 Nan - Patricia Brake
 Nicholas - Alex Mallinson
 Written by Simon Guerrier
 Directed by Lisa Bowerman
 A Big Finish Production.
MON 19:00 Round the Horne (b00tb9j7)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
MON 19:30 The Navy Lark (b0178z9)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
MON 20:00 Trueman and Riley (b00j1w35)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 20:30 Dick Francis (b007n9gl)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
MON 21:00 Pavilion Pieces (b00m17ft)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
MON 21:15 Loose Ends (b03tr28x)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]
MON 22:00 The Unbelievable Truth (b03srj01)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 22:30 Bleak Expectations (b00cxvj)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
MON 23:00 The Now Show (b03t3dvv)
 Series 42
 Episode 5
 Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis are joined by Canadian vlogger IISuperwomanII plus Angela Barnes, Mitch Benn and Laura Shavin for a comic run through the week's news.
 Written by the cast with additional material from Andy Wolton and Jon Hunter. Produced by Colin Anderson.
MON 23:30 Genius (b00brvc)
 Series 1
 Neil Innes
 From bunk chairs to helium-filled bubble wrap.
 Dave Gorman asks musical comedian Neil Innes to select the public's best loopy idea.
 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 November 2005.

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 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Monday]
TUE 01:00 Trueman and Riley (b00j1w35)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]
TUE 01:30 Dick Francis (b007n9gl)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]
TUE 02:00 Bleak Expectations (b00cxvj)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Monday]
TUE 02:30 When the Dog Dies (b00s914y)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Monday]
TUE 03:00 Charles Dickens (b0081s0d)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]
TUE 04:00 Pavilion Pieces (b00m17ft)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Monday]
TUE 04:15 Loose Ends (b03tr28x)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Monday]
TUE 05:00 At Home With Hinge and Bracket (b008qq3d)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Monday]
TUE 05:30 One Foot in the Grave (b007jmxg)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]
TUE 06:00 Trueman and Riley (b00j1whb)
 Series 1
 2. Story
 A journalist has fallen from a building while working on a story, but was she pushed?
 Trueman and Riley get a crash course in internet radio, 'citizen journalism' and fat dogs as they seek to find an answer.
 Brian B. Thompson's detective series about the ill-matched duo is set in Leeds.
 CAST:
 D.I. Trueman Robert Daws
 D.S. Riley Duncan Preston
 David Anthony Glennon
 Harriet Jasmine Callan
 Aaron Paul Richard Biggin
 The duo began life on BBC Radio 4 in 2002, with Detective Inspector Trueman called back to work after a nervous breakdown in order to solve a high profile murder case, backed up by Detective Superintendent Riley. This was followed by three new plays in 2005.

Director: Toby Swift
 Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in 2007.
TUE 06:30 Dick Francis (b007new9)
 Proof
 8. Connections
 Tony Beach and his detective chum Gerard MacGregor attempt to unearth the true identity of Paul Young. Stars Nigel Havers. Nigel Havers stars as Tony Beach in the gripping conclusion of Dick Francis's thriller.
 Tony Beach Nigel Havers
 Gerard George Parsons
 Paul Young Stuart Organ
 Chief Sup. Wilson Manning Wilson
 Dramatised by Ernest Dudley
 Producer: Matthew Walters
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1987.
TUE 07:00 Babbewick Hall (b01n2111)
 Series 1
 Episode 2
 Having foiled his servant's attempts to get him back to London, Fenton Babbewick sets about establishing his reputation as a great agricultural reformer - with a radical proposal for the growing of the humble beetroot.
 Starring Nicholas Le Prevost as Fenton Babbewick and Forbes Masson as Augustus Snipe.
 Scott Cherry's six-part sitcom set in the 18th-century.
 Fenton Babbewick Nick Le Prevost
 Augustus Snipe Forbes Masson
 Barney David Antrobus
 Jack Sam Kelly
 Molly Gillian Bevan
 Peck Alex Lowe
 Pickett Christain Rodska
 Grunter Geoff McGiven
 Violin Paul Mottram
 Music by Paul Mottram.
 Producer: Paul Schlesinger
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1996.
TUE 07:30 Dilemma (b03szh9f)
 Series 3
 Episode 1
 Sue Perkins puts Kerry Godliman, John-Luke Roberts, Julia Hartley-Brewer and Clarke Carlisle through the moral and ethical wringer.
 The panellists collectively attempt to resolve dilemmas based around dinosaur bones, injured guinea pigs, and unethical banks.
 They also assert their moral correctness over giving directions and selling state secrets.
 Devised by Danielle Ward.
 Producer: Ed Morrish.
TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b0089j6x)
 Series 6
 The Choking Horror
 Hair-raising events for Neddie Seagoon when London's monuments are sabotaged.
 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 February 1956.
TUE 08:30 The Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise Show (b01j8hs)
 Series 1
 Episode 2
 Can marriage guidance counsellor Ernie help an angry couple? And Eric reckons Ern needs to spruce-up his act - so how about writing a musical?
 Special singing guest: Salena Jones.
 Written by Eddie Braben
 With Anne Hamilton, Michael Segal and Arthur Tolcher.
 Music by Dennis Wilson & His Orchestra.
 Producer: John Browell
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 1975.
TUE 09:00 The Now Show (b03t3dvv)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]
TUE 09:30 Genius (b00brvc)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 23:30 on Monday]
TUE 10:00 Charles Dickens (b0081t1f)
 Hard Times
 Episode 2
 Six years have passed; Tom is now working for Bounderby in his Bank, and he claims Louisa in marriage. Stephen Blackpool runs into trouble with the union men.
 Charles Dickens's 1854 classic about struggles in the industrial north, dramatised by Doug Lucie.
 Thomas Gradgrind Kenneth Cranham
 Josiah Bounderby Philip Jackson
 Mrs Sparsit Eleanor Bron
 Mrs Gradgrind Thelma Barlow

Helen Longworth Louisa
 Rachael Becky Hindley
 Stephen Alan Williams
 Mrs Pegler Marcia Warren
 Slackbridge Ioan Meredith
 Blitzer Declan Wilson
 Tom Richard Firth
 Sissy Lydia Tuckey
 James Harthouse Guy Henry
 Chairman Ben Crowe
 Waiter Damien Lynch
 Music by Nina Perry.
 Director: Janet Whitaker
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2003.
TUE 11:00 Pavilion Pieces (b00m17fx)
 Youthful Folly
 By Sylvestra Le Touzel Teale.
 The breaking of a cherished mirror, seems like an omen to Frances Hughes, fifty, and on tour at the Theatre Royal. Twenty eight years earlier, in Brighton, in love, and about to make her West End debut in a play with a cast three times her age, she had been captivated by her first visit to the Pavilion, which seemed to embody her dreams of glory and romance. Once again she is drawn to the baroque palace, and finds its fading splendour awakens old ghosts.
 Read by Sophie Thompson
 Producer/Director: Celia de Wolff
 A Pier Production for BBC Radio 4.
TUE 11:15 Martyn Wade - Dogged Persistence (b009xytf)
 Recorded on location, this comedy drama centres on the relationship that develops between two women brought together by a troublesome dog.
 All Veronica's experiences as a dog-trainer are needed to curb the vicious beast bequeathed to Maureen by her late husband. Especially written by Martyn Wade for distinguished actresses Joan Sims and Elizabeth Spriggs.
 Maureen Joan Sims
 Veronica Elizabeth Spriggs
 Cab Driver David Thorpe
 Nettie Richenda Carey
 Director: Cheery Cookson
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2000.
TUE 12:00 The Goon Show (b0089j6x)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
TUE 12:30 The Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise Show (b01j8hs)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
TUE 13:00 Trueman and Riley (b00j1whb)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
TUE 13:30 Dick Francis (b007new9)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
TUE 14:00 15 Minute Drama (b00jdjg8)
 AM Homes - This Book Will Save Your Life
 Episode 2
 Penny Leicester's adaptation of the novel by AM Homes.
 Richard Novak's meals were previously prepared for him by a nutritionist, but now he has remembered how tasty donuts are. Is his life falling apart or starting over?
 Narrator Darcy Halsey
 Richard Tony Pasqualini
 Anhil Mueen Jahan Ahmad
 Cecelia Adriana Sevan
 Cynthia Lisa Pelikan
 Dr Lusardi JB Blanc
 Ben Logan Fahey
 Directed by Tim Dee.
TUE 14:15 A Short History of Ireland (b007k45f)
 A Fit House for an Outlaw, a Meet Bed for a Rebel and an Apt Cloak for a Thief; The Capture
 A look at 16th-Century fashion, Irish style and the capture of one of Ireland's most powerful Gaelic chieftains, Hugh O'Donnell.
TUE 14:30 Khaled Hosseini - The Kite Runner (b007zj0d)
 Episode 7
 Amir returns to Kabul to search for his friend's orphaned son. Kulvinder Ghir reads Khaled Hosseini's novel.
TUE 14:45 Someone Like Me by Miles Kington (b00dp6f6)
 Episode 2
 Frog-like Aunt Flo and Uncle Walter's fascination with fig leaves.
 Broadcaster, writer and musician, Miles Kington continues his account of an endearingly eccentric childhood.
 Abridged by Richard Hamilton.
 Producer: Emma Harding
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2005.
TUE 15:00 Charles Dickens (b0081t1f)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
TUE 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b03tryp)
 Mel says Happy Birthday to Dragon's Den star Deborah Meaden, and raises a marmalade sandwich to Paddington Bear. Plus there's the next part of A Greyhound of a Girl by Roddy Doyle.
TUE 17:00 Up the Garden Path (b007w43j)
 Series 1
 New Year, Old Problems
 It's the beginning of a new school term and Izzy is dreading it... Tumbling from one love entanglement to another, 30 something teacher Izzy Comyn has a predilection for inappropriate men. Imelda Staunton stars as Izzy.

Adapted by Sue Limb from her 1984 novel into 3 radio series which ran from 1987 to 1993. Granada also adapted the series for ITV.

Izzy Imelda Staunton
 Maria Marty Cruickshank
 Michael Nicholas Le Prevost
 Dick Mike Grady
 Gwyn Sion Probert
 Class 4C:
 Cheryl Miller
 Sarah Doyle
 Mark Monero
 Sam Smart

Producer: Jonathan James-Moore

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1987.

TUE 17:30 Babbewick Hall (b01n2111)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

TUE 18:00 Simon Guerrier - Graceless (b01111pf)

Series 1

The Fog

Abby and Zara arrive in Compton in 1912, where they sample local beer and get arrested. Stars Ciara Janson and David Warner.

Abby - Ciara Janson
 Zara - Laura Doddington
 Marek - Fraser James
 Daniel - David Warner

Nan - Patricia Brake

Nicholas - Alex Mallinson

Written by Simon Guerrier

Directed by Lisa Bowerman

A Big Finish Production.

TUE 19:00 The Goon Show (b0089j6x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 19:30 The Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise Show (b01j8hs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 20:00 Trueman and Riley (b00j1whb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 20:30 Dick Francis (b007ncw9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 21:00 Pavilion Pieces (b00m17fx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

TUE 21:15 Martyn Wade - Dogged Persistence (b009xyft)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

TUE 22:00 Dilemma (b03szh9f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 22:30 The Castle (b00gs3kv)

Series 2

Pool Party of Doom

Hie ye to "The Castle", a rollicking sitcom set way back then, starring James Fleet ("The Vicar Of Dibley", "Four Weddings & A Funeral") and Neil Dudgeon ("Life Of Riley") In this episode, a heatwave and an archaeological excavation leads to an unexpected swimming pool...

Cast:

Sir John Woodstock James Fleet
 Sir William De Warenne Neil Dudgeon
 Lady Anne Woodstock Montserrat Lombard
 Cardinal Duncan Jonathan Kydd
 Lady Charlotte Ingrid Oliver
 Master Henry Woodstock Steven Kynman
 Merlin Lewis Macleod

Written by Kim Fuller with additional material by Paul Alexander

Music by Guy Jackson

Produced and directed by David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 23:00 Rudy's Rare Records (b00nsfzp)

Series 1

Take Me Home, Country Roads

Three generations of men and their musical tastes collide in this family sitcom set in a Birmingham record shop. Starring Lenny Henry.

Written by Danny Robins and Dan Tetsell from an original idea by Lenny Henry.

Rudy Sharpe owns an old record store in Birmingham - the last bastion of black music in Handsworth. When he suffers a 'heart attack', his neurotic, middle-aged, middle-class, divorcee son Adam and 17 year old grandson Richie come up from London to look after him.

Crammed together, living in the tiny flat above the shop, the three men are set to clash on a daily basis. Whilst Rudy and Richie share a love of reggae and soul music, Adam is the odd one out - thanks to his tastes in classical music.

Adam Sharpe Lenny Henry

Richie Sharp Joe Jacobs

Rudy Sharpe Larrington Walker

Doreen Claire Benedict

Tasha Natasha Godfrey

Clifton Jeffery Kissoon

Alison Tracy-Ann Oberman

Customers Colin Hoult/Doc Brown

Producer: Lucy Armitage.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2008.

TUE 23:30 Dave Podmore (b007r4mh)

Dave Podmore's Cricket Fix

Episode 4

Cricketing legend Dave Podmore tries to gauge the English

team's success in his own murky way...

Christopher Douglas stars as Pod.

Written by Christopher Douglas, Nick Newman and Andrew Nickolds.

Dave Chris Douglas

Andy Andrew Nickolds

With Henry Alan, Keiran Cadweller, William Hicks, David Rogers, Fiona Rowlett and Montanna Thompson.

Producer: Richard Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2001.

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WED 00:00 Simon Guerrier - Graceless (b01111pf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Tuesday]

WED 01:00 Trueman and Riley (b00j1whb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Tuesday]

WED 01:30 Dick Francis (b007ncw9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Tuesday]

WED 02:00 The Now Show (b03t3dvv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]

WED 02:30 Genius (b00brvcn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:30 on Monday]

WED 03:00 Charles Dickens (b00811f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Tuesday]

WED 04:00 Pavilion Pieces (b00m17fx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Tuesday]

WED 04:15 Martyn Wade - Dogged Persistence (b009xyft)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Tuesday]

WED 05:00 Up the Garden Path (b007w43j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Tuesday]

WED 05:30 Babbewick Hall (b01n2111)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]

WED 06:00 Trueman and Riley (b00j2510)

Series 1

3. Bond

Suspicion erupts at a James Bond convention as Trueman and Riley go in search of a stolen ring.

Tracy's ring, as worn by Diana Rigg, in 'On Her Majesty's Secret Service' is the 'holy grail' for collectors, but exactly what are they prepared to do to get it?

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

CAST:

D.I. Trueman Robert Daws

D.S. Riley Duncan Preston

Karen Rachel Bavidge

Bill Paul Rider

Gerard Mark Straker

Jane Christine Kavanagh

The Receptionist Anthony Glennon

The duo began life on BBC Radio 4 in 2002, with Detective

Inspector Trueman called back to work after a nervous breakdown in order to solve a high profile murder case, backed up by Detective Superintendent Riley. This was followed by three new plays in 2005.

Director: Toby Swift

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in 2007.

WED 06:30 Sherlock Holmes (b007jq1v)

The Devil's Foot

Episode 1

As the great Baker Street detective takes a break with Doctor Watson to recuperate in deepest Cornwall, death strikes a local family.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's story read by James Nickerson.

Produced in Manchester by Joanne Reardon.

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in 2003.

WED 07:00 The Leopard in Autumn (b00s5xtl)

Series 2

The Bonfire of the Sanities

Salvatore has returned to Monte Guano with a peasant crowd of brethren and sisters, bent on making his family throw their worldly goods to a Bonfire of the Vanities.

Desperate for him to take his rantings elsewhere, Plethora hatches a devious plan...

Second series of the comedy drama set in Renaissance Italy devised by Neal Anthony.

Written by Roger Danes.

Stars David Swift as Ludovico, Sian Phillips as Plethora,

Graham Crowden as Francesco, Saskia Wickham as Rosalie,

Paul Bigley as Alessandro, Nick Romero as Salvatore, Chris

Kelham as Guido and Kim Wall as Father Ignazio.

Producer: Dawn Ellis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2002.

WED 07:30 Mark Steel's In Town (b03sztxc)

Series 5

Birkenhead

Mark Steel returns to Radio 4 for a fifth series of the award winning show that travels around the country, researching the history, heritage and culture of six towns that have nothing in common but their uniqueness, and does a bespoke evening of comedy in each one.

As every high street slowly morphs into a replica of the next, Mark Steel's In Town celebrates the parochial, the local and the unusual. From Corby's rivalry with Kettering to the word you can't say in Portland, the show has taken in the idiosyncrasies of towns up and down the country, from Kirkwall to Penzance,

from Holyhead to Bungay.

This edition comes from Birkenhead, Wirral, where the landscape may be dominated by the shipyard but the local life has also included monks, a "Bantam Army", one of the quirkiest bands in the country, and a pub inside a barbershop. You will also find out why this edition of Mark Steel's In Town was probably the inspiration for Woody Allen's Manhattan. From February 2014.

Written and performed by ... Mark Steel

Additional material by ... Pete Sinclair

Production co-ordinator ... Trudi Stevens

Producer ... Ed Morrish.

WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jsvk)

Series 5

The Election Candidate

The electioneering lad battles to represent East Cheam in the Houses of Parliament.

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 March 1958.

WED 08:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00h8xkm)

Series 8

Episode 12

Oedipus Rex gets the Radio Prune treatment plus a Whitehall farce with a twist.

Starring Tim Brooke-Taylor, John Cleese, 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 Bill Oddie, Liam Cohen and Dave Lee.

Producer: David Hatch/Peter Titheradge

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in May 1970.

WED 09:00 The Stanley Baxter Playhouse (b00j1n19)

Series 3

The Man in the Garden

Series of three comic plays starring Stanley Baxter.

A lonely lady on a holiday in the remote West Highlands of Scotland finds herself falling in love with two members of the same family, born 60 years apart. By Rona Munro.

Duncan Stanley Baxter

Ellie Penelope Wilton

Receptionist Bill Paterson

Directed by Marilyn Imrie

A Catherine Bailey production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 09:30 All the Way from Memphis (b00mdy19)

Series 2

Episode 4

James Walton and the music quiz for all the young, and not so young, dudes.

Team captains Tracey MacLeod and Andrew Collins are joined by Dave Gorman and Mary Anne Hobbs to be put through their musical paces.

Reader: Beth Chalmers

Written and researched by James Walton

Producer: Dawn Ellis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2006.

WED 10:00 Charles Dickens (b0081vdy)

Hard Times

Episode 3

Stephen has disappeared, blamed for the robbery at

Bounderby's Bank. James Harthouse sets his sights on

Bounderby's wife, Louisa.

Charles Dickens's 1854 classic about struggles in the industrial north, dramatised by Doug Luce.

Thomas Gradgrind Kenneth Cranham

Josiah Bounderby Philip Jackson

Mrs Sparsit Eleanor Bron

Mrs Gradgrind Thelma Barlow

Helen Longworth Louisa

Blitzer Declan Wilson

Tom Richard Firth

Sissy Lydia Tuckey

James Harthouse Guy Henry

Guard Chris Moran

Jane Soumaya Keynes

Music by Nina Perry.

Director: Janet Whitaker

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2003.

WED 11:00 The Heart of Saturday Night (b00mb19q)

Come On Up to the House

'Come On Up to the House', by acclaimed Scottish writer A L Kennedy, is the first in a series of stories inspired by the distinctive world created by the legendary musician Tom Waits - a dark and sometimes sleazy world peopled by down-at-heel characters on the edge of society, or outcasts singing of loss and longing. In this story, inspired by a Waits track of the same name, a man finds himself reaching out to a perfect stranger in the wee small hours of the morning.

The reader is the acclaimed actor, Peter Capaldi, best known for his film roles in Local Hero and more recently In the Loop, in which he reprised his extraordinary creation, spin doctor

FRI 08:30 Yes Minister (b007jnk7)

Series 2

The Death List

A victim of phone tapping, Jim Hacker rebuts state surveillance - until his own life comes under threat.

Starring Paul Eddington, Nigel Hawthorne and Derek Fowlds, Antony Jay and Jonathan Lynn's satirical sitcom centred around the hapless MP 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 Derek Fowlds

Commander Forrester Graeme Garden
Anne Hacker Diana Hoddinot
Walter Fowler Derek Newark
Detective Peter Acre

Detective William Eadle

Head Waiter John Bott

Brian Perkins Himself

Adapted for radio by producer Pete Atkin.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1984.

FRI 09:00 Coming Alive (b00fks6h)

Series 1

Coming Out

Convict Terry is challenged to revive a rundown community centre. Karl Howman stars in Jim Eldridge's sitcom. From January 1999.

FRI 09:30 The Change (b0076czk)

Series 2

Episode 4

George and Carol are trying to find a way to make their marriage work - the answer comes from a most unlikely source. George is pleased but will Carol approve or even find out?

Lynda Bellingham and Chris Ellison star as troubled hormonal wife Carol who kicked out her mechanic husband George when he revealed he's a transvestite.

Sitcom by Gavin Petrie and Jan Etherington.

Carol Lynda Bellingham

George Chris Ellison

Violet Sylvia Syms

Maureen Maureen Beattie

Ken James Vaughan

Sonia Emma Kennedy

Jerry Barnaby Kay

Dave Mark Powley

Linda/Man Andrew Westfield

Amanda Paul Chadhidi

Written by Jan Etherington and Gavin Petrie.

Producer: Elizabeth Freestone.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2003.

FRI 10:00 Roger Hume - The Campden Wonder (b00mrhdm)

The true account of the mysterious disappearance of William Harrison, a rent collector in the service of the Campden family in Chipping Campden in 1660.

Stars Peter Jeffrey as Sir Thomas Overbury, Richard Derrington as John Perry, Nigel Anthony as Dr Shirley, David Holt as Sty/Edward Harrison and Kim Durham as Richard/Nathan.

Written by Richard Derrington and Roger Hume.

Directed at BBC Pebble Mill by Sue Wilson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1994

FRI 11:00 The Heart of Saturday Night (b00mbxdw)

Step Right Up

'Step Right Up' is the next in the series of stories inspired by the distinctive world created by the legendary musician Tom Waits - a sleazy world peopled by down-at-heel characters on the edge of society, outcasts and deadbeats, hobos and grifters. Huge Waits fan and acclaimed Scottish author Ian Rankin has written a powerful tale, packed with intrigue and menace, set in a London market. A young Jack-the-Lad finds himself taken under the wing of a London market trader, known locally as Saviour. Soon he begins to wonder how his mentor got his name.

Reader: Dominic Cooper.

Produced by Justine Willett.

FRI 11:15 Nick Warburton - Purvis (b007k1jy)

A kindly vicar appoints a lonely widower as church safety officer but he proves to be rather accident prone. Stars Peter Sallis. From November 2000.

FRI 12:00 Steptoe and Son (b007k094)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 12:30 Yes Minister (b007jnk7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 13:00 Agatha Raisin (b011ckhy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 13:30 Wimsey (b007jwcn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 14:00 15 Minute Drama (b00jdlb8)

AM Homes - This Book Will Save Your Life

Episode 5

Penny Leicester's adaptation of the novel by AM Homes. Richard's life has changed, but so has the city - it is on fire and seems to be falling into the Pacific Ocean. And Richard's son arrives to see him after years apart.

Narrator Darcy Halsey

Richard Tony Pasqualini

Anhil Mueen Jahan Ahmad

Cecilia Adriana Sevan

Cynthia Lisa Pelikan

Nic JB Blanc

Ben Logan Fahey

Directed by Tim Dee.

FRI 14:15 A Short History of Ireland (b007k48x)

The Battle of the Biscuits; Freeing the Country from the Rod of Tyrannical Evil

The country's rich and turbulent story continues. With Richard Dormer, James Greene and Frances Tomelty.

FRI 14:30 Khaled Hosseini - The Kite Runner (b007znmX)

Episode 10

Help for a traumatised boy emerges high in the sky over a Californian park. Kulvinder Ghir concludes Khaled Hosseini's novel.

FRI 14:45 Someone Like Me by Miles Kington (b00dpspj)

Episode 5

A shock at the age of 18 from his sausage-loving father...

Broadcaster, writer and musician, Miles Kington continues his account of an endearingly eccentric childhood.

Abridged by Richard Hamilton.

Producer: Emma Harding

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2005

FRI 15:00 Roger Hume - The Campden Wonder (b00mrhdm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b03tvfvg)

Mel is guilty of repetition as she re-runs the first episode of recent series Junior Just a Minute. Plus there's the concluding chapter of A Greyhound of a Girl, by Roddy Doyle.

FRI 17:00 Beachcomber... By the Way (b008m24j)

Series 3

Episode 1

The further adventures of Mr Justice Cocklecarrot. Captain Foulenough, Dr Strabismus (whom God preserve) of Utrecht, Big White Carstairs and more...

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

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

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

Adapted by Michael Barfield with Richard Ingrams.

Announcer: the silken tones of Brian Perkins.

Producer: Harry Thompson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1994.

FRI 17:30 Smelling of Roses (b007k131)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 18:00 Simon Guerrier - Graceless (b0112wcw)

Series 2

The Flood

Have Abby and Zara found a safe haven at last? A flood threatens the townspeople, but something's behind it. Stars Ciara Janson.

Abby - Ciara Janson

Zara - Laura Doddington

Brondle - Michael Cochrane

Wing - Joanna Van Gysegem

Nina - Daisy Ashford

Soldier - John Banks

Written by Simon Guerrier

Directed by Lisa Bowerman

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[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

FRI 22:00 Kerry's List (b01s46vd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 22:30 Arthur Smith's Balham Bash (b00lp32n)

Series 1

Episode 3

Arthur Smith invites an audience into his home in Balham, south London, for music and comedy.

With comedians Nat Lurtsema, Seann Walsh and Micky Flanagan.

In the kitchen, Arthur learns a thing or two about rock n' roll from guest band Alabama 3 (responsible for the theme tune to The Sopranos).

Pippa Evans - as singer-songwriter Loretta Maine - lends a hand.

Producers: Sam Michell and Alison Vernon-Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2009.

FRI 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b03w0162)

The best in contemporary comedy. Tonight, Arthur Smith is spending his Valentine's Day with Ivo Graham.

FRI 23:00 On the Hour (b007k3zk)

Series 1

Episode 4

Why cream maybe good for you - and another motorway goes missing...

All the news as it happens, if it happens – and the sport must go on for a bereaved Alan Partridge.

Savagely satirical award-winning comedy starring Chris Morris. With Steve Coogan, David Schneider, Rebecca Front, Patrick Marber and Doon Mackichan.

Written by Chris Morris, Richard Herring, Steven Wells, Andrew Glover, David Quantick and Stewart Lee.

Editor: Armando Iannucci

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1991.

FRI 23:25 The Comedy Club Interviews (b03w0171)

The best in contemporary comedy. Tonight, Arthur Smith is spending his Valentine's Day with Ivo Graham.

FRI 23:30 Goodness Gracious Me (b007jwpj)

Series 2

Episode 2

The Marriage Emporium running low on Indian brides - and "Fifty Ways To Leave Your Mother".

Starring:

Sanjeev Bhaskar

Kulvinder Ghir

Nitin Sawhney

Meera Syal

Nina Wadia

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

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

Script Editor: Sharat Sardana

Producer: Anil Gupta.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1997.