

Producers: Paul Dodgson & Sean Grundy
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2000.
TUE 23:45 Gus Murdoch's Sacred Cows (b00fcbgm)
 1. Pubs
 Is the concept of the pub is dead?
 Inquisive reporter Gus Murdoch investigates Britain's public houses.
 Written by and starring Stephen Carlin.
 With:
 Rachel Atkins
 Christopher Douglas
 Chris Pavlo
 Renton Skinner
 Dan Tetsall
 Producer: Tilusha Ghelani
 Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in November 2008.

WEDNESDAY 21 MAY 2014

WED 00:00 Jane Austen (b0076h1r)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Tuesday]
WED 00:15 A Short History of Ireland (b007v202)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Tuesday]
WED 00:30 Inspector Resnick (b00mbbfh)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Tuesday]
WED 01:00 Chain Reaction (b00tmfjp)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Tuesday]
WED 01:30 That Reminds Me (b007jp1h)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Tuesday]
WED 02:00 Nikolai Gogol - The Government Inspector (b00fv6gc)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Tuesday]
WED 02:30 Dicing with Dragons (b0076mwd)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Tuesday]
WED 03:00 Inspector Resnick (b043x38k)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Tuesday]
WED 04:00 Dylan Thomas (b043xjy5)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Tuesday]
WED 04:15 Drama (b00n8b3n)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Tuesday]
WED 05:00 Up the Garden Path (b00803k9)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Tuesday]
WED 05:30 The Mitch Benn Music Show (b007v1p5)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]
WED 06:00 Nikolai Gogol - The Government Inspector (b00fv6gf)
 Episode 2
 The "Inspector" becomes plied with cash and love.
 A two-part adaptation by Rene Basilico of Gogol's classic comedy - a picture of municipal 'sleaze' and corruption in 19th century Russia.
 Stars Julian Rhind-Tutt as Khelestakov, Trevor Peacock as Osp, Bill Wallis as The Mayor and David Gant as The Judge.
 Music by Max Harris.
 Producer: John Fawcett Wilson
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002.
WED 06:30 Classic Toys (b0075fz2)
 What makes Lego more popular than ordinary building blocks?
 Why was Sindy taken off the market?
 Emma Freud delves into her toy cupboard to discover which playthings have stood the test of time and why.
 Producer: Penelope Gibbs.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1998.
WED 07:00 The Attractive Young Rabbi (b00cfxgs)
 Series 3
 A Very Nice Girl
 A difficult and testing time as Rabbi Abraham struggles after his collapse and Rabbi Su meets a hospital doctor.
 Barry Grossman's comedy-drama about the collision between the old and the new in the Jewish community of Hillfield.
 Rabbi Abraham Fine David De Keyser
 Rabbi Su Jacobs Tracy-Ann Oberman
 Sadie Fine Doreen Mantle
 Melvin Henry Goodman
 Brian Jonathan Kydd
 Rabbi Gerald Nathan Kerry Shale
 Dr Mark Gluckstein Ben Crowe
 Music: Max Harris.
 Producer: John Fawcett Wilson
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2002.
WED 07:30 Isy Suttie's Love Letters (b0435hrn)
 Series 2
 The Crank
 Isy Suttie recounts the tale of the Crank, a Matlock oddball who Isy's mother has roped into helping Isy study the Welsh language. Along the way, Isy picks up a bit of morse code.
 Isy Suttie's Sony Award Winning show, recounting a series of love stories affecting people she's known throughout her life, told partly through song.
 Sometimes Isy has merely observed other people's love lives; quite often she's intervened, changing the action dramatically - for better or worse. Intertwined within these stories are related real life anecdotes from Isy's own, often disastrous, love life.
 With her multi-character and vocal skills, and accompanied by her guitar, Isy creates a hilarious and deeply moving world, sharing with us her lessons in life and love.
 "A voice you want to swim in" The Independent
 Producer: Lyndsay Femmer.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2014.
WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jph6)
 Series 6
 The Gourmet
 The lad thinks he's a connoisseur of food, so Sid enters him in an eating competition.
 Starring Tony Hancock.
 With Sidney James, Bill Kerr, Warren Mitchell and Hugh Morton.
 Special guest star: BBC sports commentator, Ray Glendenning.
 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 October 1959.
WED 08:30 Albert and Me (b007jzwr)
 Series 1
 Where There's a Will
 With a trip to hospital looming, single dad Bryan must make contingency plans.
 Stars Richard Beckinsale as Bryan Archer, Pat Coombs as Mum/Albert and John Comer as Dad. With John Arnatt as the Bank Manager.
 Written by Jim Eldridge.
 Producer: John Fawcett Wilson
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in December 1977.
WED 09:00 Legal, Decent, Honest and Truthful (b00cc0qv)
 Series 1
 Episode 6
 Angry Ken Handley looks set to quit the ad agency. Stars Martin Jarvis, Sheila Stefael and Wendy Richard. From February 1982.
WED 09:30 1835 (b0129v0m)
 Haircut Sir?
 Aristocrat Belpport and his servant Ned join the police force, and are called upon to solve some murders in the city of London.
 But first, to meet police regulations, they must both have hair cuts - and as luck would have it, there's a barber's on Fleet Street, run by a Mr Sweeney Todd...
 Comic saga of an aristocrat and his servant who struggle to find things to do in the mid- 1830s.
 Belpport Paul Rider
 Ned Jason Done
 Peel Roy Barraclough
 Trollope Simon Greenall
 Sweeney Todd Jonathan Keeble
 Written and directed at BBC Manchester by Jim Poysor.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2004.
WED 10:00 Inspector Resnick (b043x39r)
 Cutting Edge
 Episode 3
 The brutal death of a ward sister intensifies DI Charlie Resnick's search for the hospital assailant.
 Tom Georgeson stars as jazz-loving Detective Inspector Charlie Resnick in John Harvey's 3-part dramatisation of his own novel.
 CAST:
 DI Charlie Resnick Tom Georgeson
 Millington Sean Baker
 Lynn Kate Eaton
 Kevin Ben Porter
 Dipak Paul Bazeley
 Silver Don McCorkindale
 Carew Nicholas Boulton
 Sarah Gillian Bevan
 Dr Fletcher John Simm
 Groves Peter Kenny
 Debbie Colleen Prendergast
 Mr Salt Denys Hawthorne
 Calvin Philip Weaver
 Delia Ann Beach
 Suzanne Olds Patience Tomlinson
 Lynn Kate Eaton
 Elaine Jennie Stoller
 Karl Adrian Scarborough
 Producer: David Hunter
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1996.
WED 11:00 Dylan Thomas (b043xqc1)
 Reminiscences of Childhood
 4 Extra Debut. The memories of childhood have no order and no end'. Dylan Thomas relives his school, streets, friends and dreams. From 1953.
WED 11:15 Drama (b00n5vjs)
 Stephen Wakelam - A Dose of Fame
 By Stephen Wakelam
 In the final stages of writing Howards End, and nervous of success, E.M. Forster grapples with a mysterious death, his own sexuality and the seed of an idea for his next novel Maurice.
 Morgan.....Stephen Campbell Moore
 Lily.....Diana Quick
 Masood.....Navin Chowdhry
 Malcolm.....Matt Addis
 Ernest.....Benjamin Askew
 Unwin.....Sam Dale
 Edward Arnold.Philip Fox
 Roger Fry.....Malcolm Tierney
 Hilda.....Caroline Guthrie
 Director: David Hunter.
WED 12:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jph6)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

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WED 13:00 Nikolai Gogol - The Government Inspector (b00fv6gf)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
WED 13:30 Classic Toys (b0075fz2)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
WED 14:00 Jane Austen (b0076h27)
 Mansfield Park
 Episode 8
 Sir Thomas is determined that Fanny will see the error of her ways in rejecting Henry Crawford. Stars Felicity Jones, Benedict Cumberbatch, James Callis and Tim Pigott-Smith.
WED 14:15 A Short History of Ireland (b007v2sw)
 The Country Is Bleeding to Death; Killing Home Rule With Kindness
 The country's rich and turbulent story continues. With Richard Dormer, James Greene and Frances Tomelty.
WED 14:30 Inspector Resnick (b00mbfm9)
 Wasted Years
 Episode 3
 The armed robbers are planning a return visit, but this time they vow not to fail. Philip Jackson reads John Harvey's thriller.
WED 15:00 Inspector Resnick (b043x39r)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
WED 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b0440mvf)
 Dick and Dom explore the science of travelling by water, astronaut Chris Hadfield offers up his Inheritance Tracks, and more of the Top 50 stories from the 500 WORDS competition.
WED 17:00 After Henry (b007k18q)
 Series 1
 Gossip
 Rumours abound - as Sarah and her mother unwittingly conspire together.
 Simon Brett's comedy about three generations of women - struggling to cope after the death of Sarah's GP husband - who never quite manage to see eye to eye.
 Starring Prunella Scales as Sarah, Joan Sanderson as Eleanor, Benjamin Whitrow as Russell, Gerry Cowper as Clare and John Nettleton as the Vicar.
 Four radio series were made, but instead of moving to BBC TV - Thames Television produced 'After Henry' for the ITV network.
 Producer: Pete Atkin
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1985.
WED 17:30 The Attractive Young Rabbi (b00cfxgs)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
WED 18:00 Legal, Decent, Honest and Truthful (b00cc0qv)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
WED 18:30 Off the Page (b00766h6)
 Siblings
 Misha Glennie, Martin Newell and Elizabeth Bond join Chris Bigsby to explore family ties and blood relation.
 In each programme, Professor Bigsby introduces a duo of writers of fact and fiction: new talent and established names. In the context of a discussion of one of the ideas and pre-occupations of our times, each presents a piece on this week's topic.
 The best new writing and the freshest conversation from 2002.
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WED 22:00 Isy Suttie's Love Letters (b0435hrn)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
WED 22:30 Genius (b0081vcq)
 Series 3
 Simon Munnery
 Garments made of human dust fragments? Speaking parrots for people?
 Dave Gorman asks comedian Simon Munnery 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 October 2007.
WED 23:00 The Harpoon (b007m747)
 Series 2
 Episode 1
 Yes, Madam! The Empire's favourite weekly is back on the shelves!
 Nostalgia galore in the first of four lovingly hand-tooled issues of this acclaimed comedy series awaits your collection - this one a bumper summer edition.
 With Susie Brann, Alistair McGowan , Mary Elliot-Nelson, Julian Dutton and Peter Baynham.
 Producer: Sarah Smith
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1992.
WED 23:30 The Sofa of Time (b00hxnfl)

Where the Brave Go Shopping
 Parker discovers that drinking in gravy makes you shrink. Milford gets rich quick as he changes his **£1.40** for 7,000,000 Gravis francs at Papa Mbomba's bureau de change, and Marmite takes the boys to get tooliped up at Bravemart for the battle against Raemen Bod.
 Continuing the epic and timeless tale of two men and their quest to find "The Sofa of Time", the most magical and powerful item of furniture in the entire universe.
 It is said that those who sit on the sofa can be transported to anywhere and anytime.
 Fantasy sitcom written by Nick Frost and Matt King.
 Milford Matt King.
 Parker Nick Frost
 Marmite Mark Heap
 Raamen Bod Peter Serafinowicz
 With Kevin Eldon, Julia Deakin, Janei Anderson, Joseph Marcell, Daisy Jones and Andrew Maxwell.
 Producer: Mario Stylianides
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2002.

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 [Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Wednesday]
THU 05:30 The Attractive Young Rabbi (b00cfxs)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]
THU 06:00 Wimsey (b007jwgj)
 Busman's Honeymoon
 1. The Mysteries of Married Life
 Honeymooners Lord Peter Wimsey and his wife soon find their marital bliss disturbed - by something nasty in the cellar. Ian Carmichael stars as Lord Peter Wimsey – the British gentleman detective created by Dorothy L Sayers.
 First published in 1937 and adapted in six episodes by Alistair Beaton.
 Classy and sharp-witted, aristocratic amateur sleuth Lord Peter Bredon Wimsey was born in 1890 and educated at Eton and Oxford, before serving in the military during the First World War.
 Ian Carmichael appeared as Lord Peter Wimsey for BBC Radio from 1973 to 1983, in addition to the BBC TV adaptations that were broadcast between 1972 and 1975.
 Lord Peter Wimsey Ian Carmichael
 Lady Wimsey Sarah Badel
 Bunter Peter Jones
 Miss Twitterton Rosemary Leach
 Mrs Ruddle Pearl Hackney
 Mr Puffett Michael Ripper
 The Rev Goodacre Gerald Sim
 MacBride Roger Lloyd Pack
 Frank Crutchley Kenneth Cranham
 Narrator John Westbrook
 Producer: Martin Fisher.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1983.
THU 06:30 The World's a Stage (b00763w1)
 The Ascent of the Director
 4 Extra Debut. Do actors resent a director's power? What if they direct instead? With Henry Goodman, Steven Berkoff and Meera Syal. From September 2001.
THU 07:00 Semi Circles (b007jtv2)
 Series 2
 A Liberal Education
 Ben would like to swap his daughter for a Porsche. Or is private education the answer?
 The improving story of life and improving times in an improving neighbourhood.
 Starring Paula Wilcox as Helen and David Wood as Ben
 Written by Simon Brett
 Helen Paula Wilcox
 Ben David Wood
 Mrs Kelly Pay Heywood
 Alastair Tony Millan
 Producer: Pete Atkin
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1982
THU 07:30 Simon Evans Goes to Market (b0435p0k)
 Series 1

Land
 How do you make economics funny? How do you put the comedy in commodity?
 Simon Evans has the answer in this series which asks us to get involved in investment.
 Uncowed by an apparently complicated and overwhelming system, Simon focuses on four commodities so intrinsic to our lives they have an almost elemental significance - land, gold, oil and grain.
 Yet, despite us encountering them everywhere we look, very few people have been able to build a fortune on them. But that's set to change as, Simon enlists help from the experts - Tim Harford, Meryn Somerset Webb and a guest specialist as they examine the chequered social and economic histories of these commodities.
 By looking at four such fundamental products, Simon brings us to a closer understanding of how global economic forces have a far-reaching and often surprising impact on our lives.
 In this first episode, Simon looks at Land. How did it come to be traded, why we think bricks and mortar are a safe investment and who really owns the land we buy?
 Performed by Simon Evans, with regular guests Tim Harford and Meryn Somerset-Webb, and Land expert Kevin Cahill
 Written by Simon Evans with Benjamin Partridge, Guy Venables and Andy Wolton.
 Producer: Tilusha Ghelani.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2014.
THU 08:00 Dad's Army (b007jqvj)
 Series 3
 A Question of Reference
 Corporal Jones and Private Godfrey blunder on a Home Guard platoon exercise using live ammunition.
 (The original TV episode has a very visual plot and is called 'The Desperate Drive of Corporal Jones', so changes were made to make it more meaningful for listeners).
 Starring Arthur Lowe as Captain Mainwaring, John Le Mesurier as Sergeant Wilson, Clive Dunn as Corporal Jones, John Laurie as Private Frazer, Arnold Ridley as Private Godfrey, Ian Lavender as Private Pike and Larry Martyn as Private Walker.
 Adapted for radio from Jimmy Perry and David Croft's TV scripts by Harold Snoad and Michael Knowles.
 Producer: John Dyas
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1976.
THU 08:30 Take It From Here (b015p5xn)
 From 17/03/1955
 Plane capers in South America, and Eth is shocked at Ron's criminal record. Frank Muir and Denis Norden's classic comedy stars Jimmy Edwards and June Whitfield. From March 1955.
THU 09:00 Heresy (b00sipy6)
 Series 7
 Episode 3
 Victoria Coren presents the programme which attempts to prove our most deeply held beliefs, the assumptions on which we base our view of the world, are all plain wrong. Helping Victoria commit heresy are comedians David Baddiel and Dave Gorman and style journalist and celebrity interviewer Polly Vernon.
 They'll be challenging, among other things, the received wisdom that British comedy is more offensive than ever.
 Producer: Brian King
 An Avalon production for BBC Radio 4.
THU 09:30 Bristow (b00cbcp)
 Series 1
 Fair Shares
 Takeover tangles as Bristow learns that Chester Perry is making a takeover bid for the firm across the street.
 He thinks that if he surreptitiously invests in rivals Miles and Rudge, he can make a mint...
 Michael Williams stars as Bristow, the Chester-Perry buying clerk. He is but a small cog in a gigantic wheel... and he knows it.
 Adapted from by Frank Dickens from his famous newspaper cartoon strip. Syndicated internationally, it ran for 51 years from 1961.
 Bristow Michael Williams
 Jones Rodney Bewes
 Mrs Purdy Dora Bryan
 Hewitt Owen Brenman
 Fudge Jon Glover
 Miss Sunman Katy Odey
 Prunella Peach Carol Starks
 Fred Stokes David Batley
 Post Boy Simon Schatzberger
 Music: John Whitehall
 Producer: Neil Cargill
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1999.
THU 10:00 Inspector Resnick (b00755r7)
 Slow Burn
 1/2 Burning Jazz
 When Jimmy Nolan's Nottingham jazz club burns down, it looks initially like an insurance job.
 But for jazz-loving Detective Inspector Charlie Resnick and his team, this is just the start of a more sinister and deadly chain of events.
 Slow Burn is one of John Harvey series of police thrillers set in the industrial wasteland of Nottingham in the 1980s and 1990s.
 Charlie Resnick Philip Jackson
 Graham Millington Sean Baker

Lynn Kellogg Kate Eaton
 Jimmy Nolan John Rowe
 Joanne Hubble Alison Pettitt
 Stuart Hubble Gerard McDermott
 Nicola Venner Rachel Atkins
 Russell Venner John Hartley
 Fire Officer Alistair Danson
 Clarice Jenny Lee
 Mrs Wealdstone Carolyn Jones
 Producer: David Hunter
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1998.
THU 11:00 Dylan Thomas (b0440wd8)
 Return Journey to Swansea
 4 Extra Debut. Dylan Thomas is back in the town of his birth in search of his younger self. Locals vividly describe his childhood. From June 1947.
THU 11:30 Israel Horovitz - Phone Tag (b007jwb2)
 A transatlantic love affair is played out on the telephone as calls are missed, messages left and confusion reigns. Stars Elizabeth Mansfield.
THU 12:00 Dad's Army (b007jqvj)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
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THU 13:00 Wimsey (b007jwgj)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
THU 13:30 The World's a Stage (b00763w1)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
THU 14:00 Jane Austen (b0076h2q)
 Mansfield Park
 Episode 9
 Fanny's stay with her family in Portsmouth is not the happy occasion she might have been expecting. Stars Felicity Jones, James Callis and Benedict Cumberbatch.
THU 14:15 A Short History of Ireland (b007v194)
 De-Anglicising the Irish People: Two Nations?
 The country's rich and turbulent story continues. With Richard Dormer, James Greene and Frances Tomelty.
THU 14:30 Inspector Resnick (b00mb13m)
 Wasted Years
 Episode 4
 Inspired by the success of another gang, Darren decides it's time to get serious. Philip Jackson reads John Harvey's thriller.
THU 15:00 Inspector Resnick (b00755r7)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
THU 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b0440y6w)
 Mel Giedroyc hears about the origins of modern manners, part four of Whizziwig by Malorie Blackman, and some more of the 500 WORDS Top 50 stories.
THU 17:00 King Street Junior Revisited (b007jxdd)
 Series 1
 Jour de Fete
 A dilemma for the Head, the search for a truant - and a surprise at the School Fete.
 School comedy created and written by Jim Eldridge. Ten series of this King Street Junior ran between 1985 and 1998. King Street Junior Revisited ran from 2002 to 2005.
 Stars Carolyn Pickles as Mrs Devon, Marlene Sidaway as Miss Lewis, Michael Cochrane as Mr Maxwell, Paul Copley as Mr Long, Teresa Gallagher as Miss Featherstone, Jacqueline Beatty as Miss Reid, Janice Acquah as Mrs Khan, James Grout as Mr Beeston, Jordan Calvert as Mark Walker, Gregg Chillin as Jo-Jo and Jessica Hill as Sandy.
 Producer: John Fawcett Wilson
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2002.
THU 17:30 Semi Circles (b007jtv2)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
THU 18:00 Heresy (b00sipy6)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
THU 18:30 Great Lives (b00763vw)
 Series 1
 Michelin Brothers
 Sir Terence Conran nominates the Michelin brothers, makers of the detachable pneumatic tyre. With Joan Bakewell. From 2001.
 The biographical series in which a distinguished guest chooses someone who's inspired their life. Will their hero stand up to intensive scrutiny and merit the description of having led a great life?
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 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
THU 22:30 Laura Solon - Talking and Not Talking (b00y9xdg)
 Series 1
 Episode 6
 Revelations about hats, tents and some disturbing tales from Beatrix Potter.

Award-winning comedian Laura Solon's sketch and character comedy series
 With Ben Moor, Katherine Parkinson and Ben Willbond.
 Written by Laura Solon. With additional material by the cast, Carl Cooper, Tony Roche and Andy Marlatt.
 Producer: Colin Anderson
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2007.
THU 23:00 The Museum of Everything (b007k498)
 Series 2
 Under New Management
 Discover the secret of computer techniques in film, experience the history of rock'n'roll and meet the Museum's curious new curator.
 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 2005.
THU 23:30 The Skivers (b00j5l87)
 Series 3
 Peter Stringfellow
 Nightclubbing in London, courtesy of Peter Stringfellow.
 Sketch show with Nick Golsen and Tim de Jongh. From January 1997.

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FRI 06:00 Wimsey (b007jwg2)
 Busman's Honeymoon
 2. Credit Where Credit's Due
 With William Noakes dead, Superintendent Kirk has his suspicions, but upper crust sleuth, Lord Peter Wimsey is not so sure...
 Ian Carmichael stars as Lord Peter Wimsey – the British gentleman detective created by Dorothy L Sayers.
 Classy and sharp-witted, aristocratic amateur sleuth Lord Peter Bredon Wimsey was born in 1890 and educated at Eton and Oxford, before serving in the military during the First World War.
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 Bunter Peter Jones
 Mrs Ruddle Pearl Hackney
 Mr Puffett Michael Ripper
 MacBride Roger Lloyd Pack
 Frank Crutchley Kenneth Cranham
 Narrator John Westbrook
 Superintendent Kirk Peter Vaughan
 Constable Sellon Christopher Beeny
 Dramatised by Alistair Beaton.
 Producer: Martin Fisher
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1983.
FRI 06:30 The World's a Stage (b00763zg)
 Merely Players?
 Henry Goodman looks at the actor's role in casting, characterisation and 'resting'. With Geraldine James and Pam St Clement. From September 2001.
FRI 07:00 Smelling of Roses (b00d1042)
 Series 3
 A Cheeky Little Number
 Jo's relationship with Robert is looking a bit rocky, and the situation isn't helped when she meets a charming young wine shipper for whom Rosie's organising a tasting...
 Another assignment for Rosie Burns and the event management company, where the clients are only part of the problem...
 Written by Simon Brett.
 Rosie Prunella Scales
 Jo Rebecca Callard
 Bob Duncan Preston
 Tess Annette Badland

Harry Butt Gideon Turner
 Emma Bryson Rebecca Front
 Producer: Maria Esposito
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2002.
FRI 07:30 Bird Island (b043wk17)
 Series 2
 Episode 3
 Graham teaches Ben to abseil and the bathroom lock in the Unit base is broken.
 Ben Reece Shearsmith
 Graham Julian Rhind-Tutt
 Mother Alison Steadman
 Jane Katy Wix
 Atmospheric comedy about a cheery scientist based in Sub-Antarctica by Katy Wix.
 It's Ben's trip of a lifetime, but in a vast icy landscape with dodgy internet. Feeling lonely, he shares his thoughts via an audio 'log' on his dictaphone.
 Graham is a fellow nerdy scientist so their exchanges are mumbled. Ben's even more awkward around new arrival Jane, though he's not entirely sure why.
 Producer: Tilusha Ghelan
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2014.
FRI 07:45 Don't Start (b01mwvld)
 Series 2
 Pillow Talk
 A potential burglary brings out Frank's inner hero.
 What do long term partners really argue about? Sharp new comedy from Frank Skinner returns for a second series.
 Starring Frank Skinner and Katherine Parkinson.
 The first series of Don't Start met with instant critical and audience acclaim:
 "That he can deliver such a heavy premise for a series with such a lightness of touch is testament to his skills as a writer and, given that the protagonists are both bookworms, he's also permitted to use a flourish of fine words that would be lost in his stand-up routines" - Jane Anderson, Radio Times.
 "Writing and starring in the four-parter Don't Start (Radio 4) Frank Skinner gives full rein to his sharp but splenic comedy. He and his co-star Katherine Parkinson play a bickering couple exchanging acerbic ripostes in a cruelly precise dissection of a relationship" - Daily Mail.
 "a lesson in relationship ping-pong"... - Miranda Sawyer, The Observer.
 Series 2 follows hard on its heels. Well observed, clever and funny, Don't Start is a scripted comedy with a deceptively simple premise - an argument. Each week, our couple fall out over another apparently trivial flashpoint - the Krankies, toenail trimming and semantics. Each week, the stakes mount as Neil and Kim battle with words. But these are no ordinary arguments. The two outdo each other with increasingly absurd images, unexpected literary references (the Old Testament, Jack Spratt and the first Mrs Rochester, to name a few) and razor sharp analysis of their beloved's weaknesses. Underneath the cutting wit, however, there is an unmistakable tenderness.
 Frank says:
 "Having established, in the first series, that Neil and Kim are a childless academic couple who, during their numerous arguments, luxuriate in their own, and each other's, learning and wit, I've tried, in the second series, to dig a little deeper into their relationship. Love and affection, occasionally splutter into view, like a Higgs boson in a big tunnel-thing, but can such emotions ever prevail in a relationship where the couple prefers to wear their brains, rather than their hearts, on their sleeves? Is that too much of aal imagery?"
 Directed and Produced by Polly Thomas
 Executive Producer: Jon Thoday
 An Avalon Production for BBC Radio 4.
FRI 08:00 Steptoe and Son (b007jnjq)
 Series 6
 Loathe Story
 Sleepwalking Harold gives dad Albert a fright.
 Starring Wilfrid Brambell and Harry H Corbett as Steptoe and Son.
 Written for TV and adapted for radio by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.
 Albert Wilfrid Brambell
 Harold Harry H Corbett
 Psychiatrist Graham Stark
 Bunty Jo Manning Wilson
 Mrs Kennington-Stroud Margot Boyd
 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 man Albert Steptoe and his son Harold and it was the spark for a run of 8 series for TV later adapted for radio.
 Producer: Bobby Jaye
 First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in February 1976.
FRI 08:30 The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter (b007jtc1)
 Series 1
 The Pick Up
 When Gerald reveals he's happy to pick up hitchhikers in his car, Diana is not impressed...
 The convoluted chronicle of an optimistic crime writer written by Basil Boothroyd.
 Starring Ian Carmichael as Gerald C Potter and Charlotte

Mitchell as his wife and more successful writer, Diana.
 With Jo Manning Wilson.
 The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter ran from 1976 to 1981.
 Producer: Bobby Jaye
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1976.
FRI 09:00 Life, Death and Sex with Mike and Sue (b01m6yj7)
 Series 2
 Relationships
 Sofa-bound TV presenters Mike and Sue ponder the future and grapple with relationships.
 Series 2 of Bill Dare's sitcom stars Robert Duncan and Jan Ravens.
 Mike Robert Duncan
 Sue Jan Ravens
 With Roger Blake, Bill Dare, Alistair McGowan and Sally Philips.
 Music by Mark Burton.
 Producer: Jo Clegg
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1997.
FRI 09:30 Coming Alive (b00gkwhq)
 Series 2
 Committed
 With the council and Sandra both upset, Terry has his work cut out for him. Stars Karl Howman and Phyllis Logan. From August 2000.
FRI 10:00 Inspector Resnick (b00755wt)
 Slow Burn
 2/2 Deadly Rhythm
 A charred body has been found in the remains of Jimmy Nolan's city-centre jazz club.
 Inspector Resnick's team are called to the scene of another deadly conflagration. Is there a link?
 Conclusion of John Harvey's thriller.
 Charlie Resnick Philip Jackson
 Graham Millington Sean Baker
 Lynn Kellogg Kate Eaton
 Jimmy Nolan John Rowe
 Joanne Hubble Alison Pettitt
 Stuart Hubble Gerard McDermott
 Nicola Venner Rachel Atkins
 Fire Officer Alistair Danson
 Clarice Jenny Lee
 Simmonds Iwan Thomas
 Producer: David Hunter
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1998.
FRI 11:00 Dylan Thomas (b04412c9)
 Holiday Memory
 4 Extra Debut. 'A tuck of dresses, a rolling of trousers'. Poet Dylan Thomas vividly recalls an evocative August Bank Holiday. From January 1946.
FRI 11:15 Martyn Wade - The Other Constance Chatterley (b007k017)
 Mrs Chatterley of Gravesend reveals similar interests to her famous namesake.
 Martyn Wade's comedy set in the 1930s starring Felicity Montagu and Rachel Atkins.
 A failing firm of solicitors is saved from ruin by the prospect of a literary libel case. But it may involve the rather buttoned up partner of the firm going way beyond the call of duty.
 Constance Chatterley Rachel Atkins
 Miss Priestley Felicity Montagu
 David Horovitch Mr Greene
 Mr Chatterley Jon Glover
 Director: Cherry Cookson
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2004.
FRI 12:00 Steptoe and Son (b007jnjq)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
FRI 12:30 The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter (b007jtc1)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
FRI 13:00 Wimsey (b007jwg2)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
FRI 13:30 The World's a Stage (b00763zg)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
FRI 14:00 Jane Austen (b0076h34)
 Mansfield Park
 Episode 10
 Fanny returns to Mansfield Park to claim her rightful place in the household. Stars Felicity Jones, Benedict Cumberbatch and David Tennant.
FRI 14:15 A Short History of Ireland (b007v073)
 Cultural Revival; Home Rule Promised
 The country's rich and turbulent story continues. With Richard Dormer, James Greene and Frances Tomelty.
FRI 14:30 Inspector Resnick (b00mbmh4)
 Wasted Years
 Episode 5
 A spate of armed robberies has DI Charlie Resnick recalling his 1980s nemesis, the soon-to-be-paroled John Prior. Philip Jackson reads John Harvey's thriller.
FRI 15:00 Inspector Resnick (b00755wt)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
FRI 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b04412tr)
 Mel Giedroyc introduces the final chapter of Whizziwig by Malorie Blackman, and hears about the American university teams inspired by Harry Potter to play competitive Quidditch.
FRI 17:00 Second Holmes (b016px9c)

The Case of the Missing Link
The grandsons of Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson meet a member of the Moriarty family.
Six light-hearted adventures involving the grandsons of Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson written by Grant Eustace
Starring Peter Egan as Stamford Holmes, Jeremy Nicholas as Dr Watson, Simon Hewitt as James Macpherson, David Gooderson as Inspector Winter, Lolly Cockerell as Mrs Pettifer and John Dunn as himself.
Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1983.
FRI 17:30 Smelling of Roses (b00d042)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
FRI 18:00 Life, Death and Sex with Mike and Sue (b01n6y7)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
FRI 18:30 Humphrey Lyttelton - Play As I Please (b01ghlgr)
Gigging Around
Humphrey Lyttelton tells June Knox-Mawer about forming his first band and all-time hero, Louis Armstrong. From December 1993.
FRI 19:00 Steptoe and Son (b007jnjq)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
FRI 19:30 The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter (b007jtcl)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
FRI 20:00 Wimsey (b007jwgz)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
FRI 20:30 The World's a Stage (b00763zg)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
FRI 21:00 Dylan Thomas (b04412c9)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
FRI 21:15 Martyn Wade - The Other Constance Chatterley (b007k07)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]
FRI 22:00 Bird Island (b043wk17)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
FRI 22:15 Don't Start (b01mwvld)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:45 today]
FRI 22:30 My Teenage Diary (b00x95hr)
Series 2
Meera Syal
Rufus Hound invites Meera Syal to read embarrassing extracts from her teenage diary and read it out in public for the very first time.
Producer: Victoria Payne
A TalkbackThames production for BBC Radio 4.
FRI 23:00 The Mary Whitehouse Experience (b044153k)
Series 4
Episode 2
The pernicious evil of shampoo and conditioner.
Starring the double double-acts of David Baddiel and Rob Newman and Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis.
With Mark Hurst.
BBC Radio 1's alternative comedy with sketches, stand-up and the odd spot of audience participation.
Starting in 1989, the foursome's popularity sparked a BBC TV-transfer of the same name.
Producer: Armando Iannucci
First broadcast on BBC Radio 1 in October 1990
FRI 23:30 Lionel Nimrod's Inexplicable World (b007r4mj)
Series 1
Death and the Afterlife
The sci-fi star and inventor explains life's big mysteries. Stars Richard Herring, Stewart Lee and Tom Baker. From October 1992.